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Dear all,

Attached is the Southwest Region's contribution for the Department's Weekly Report. Also in the attachment are suggestions for FishBites along with recent significant media contacts. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Matt - please see updates in the attached file.

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FishBites Report

FWS hosts Second Resilience Nature Retreat for Cancer Survivors

- Topic: It is said that a triumph over cancer is a joyous feat, and that following the long, hard battle comes the opportunity for new life and new challenges. It takes resilience. To aid in the healing process, the FWS Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, in Oklahoma is hosting the second annual Resilience Nature Retreat for cancer survivors. This retreat provides a beautiful, peaceful setting in nature that will provide the much needed healing support as participants continue their journey and growth process. The event is taking place October 12 - 15, in recognition of National Cancer Awareness Month. Several women at different stages of their cancer journeys will participate in the four-day retreat to face a series of outdoor challenges, as they meet new friends and experience the healing power of nature. During this outdoor adventure, these tenacious fighters will try their hand at archery, rappelling, kayaking, and fishing. Take a look at coverage from the 2016 event and listen to their touching and inspirational testimonies at: http://www.kswo.com/story/33510482/breast-cancer-survivor-empowerment-at-retreat (R2 – Southwest Region)
- Supportive Stakeholders: Partners, Friends of the Refuge, cancer well-being coaches and support groups, cancer survivors, and their families.
- Impacted Location: Oklahoma

Mexican wolf Relocated to Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest

- **Topic**: On Oct. 5, the Navajo Nation requested the assistance of the Arizona Game and Fish Department to relocate a young Mexican wolf that dispersed from the Diamond Pack in Arizona and was detected on the Navajo Nation north of Interstate 40. The capture and relocation of the wolf was done in consultation with Navajo Nation, FWS, Arizona Game and Fish Department, and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. The Arizona State agency had the best logistical capability and biological expertise to capture the wolf within the requested timeframe. Using satellite telemetry, the wolf was tracked, safely sedated, and captured. It was examined by a veterinarian on site and found to be in good health before being transported and released back to its historical range within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, as required by law under the 2015 10 (j) rule of the ESA. The wolf was produced by the Diamond Pack in spring of 2016 on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. It dispersed from the pack in September and was tracked by its collar as it moved northward from the pack territory, largely through grasslands, west of U.S. Highway 191 in Arizona. The dispersal behavior by this young male is not unusual, as males of this age typically move long distances in search of a mate. After its capture, the wolf was released in a location that optimizes the potential to encounter a female wolf and potentially establish a new wolf pack. (R2 – Southwest Region)
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Navajo Nation, Arizona Game and Fish Department, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and FWS
- **Impacted Location:** Arizona

Twenty-first Release Celebrated as Condors Take Flight

- **Topic**: FWS, The Peregrine Fund and cooperating agencies released to the wild two California condors in Vermilion Cliffs National Monument in northern Arizona on September 30. (A third condor had self-released days earlier after its crate was chewed through by a suspected coyote.) This was the 21st release of condors to the wild and despite the fact that it occurs in a remote setting (and is considered by some to be a destination event), the release continues to be very popular and well attended. Supporters, partners, and members of the public came from all over to view the impressive sight as the released condors spread their magnificent wings – with a span of 10 feet – and soar through the sky. A series of scopes are set up in key locations to aid in viewing opportunities. There are now 77 condors in the wild in the canyon country of northern Arizona and southern Utah. (R2 – Southwest Region)
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Arizona Game and Fish Department, The Peregrine Fund and FWS and others

Impacted Location: Arizona and Utah

Media Contact Report

Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
KUNM Wolf	Oct 12 8a to 9a MT	Update on KUNM live call-in show. The call took place Oct. 12. Sherry Barrett and John Oakleaf were in studio for the KUNM live call-in show. KUNM also invited Mike Phillips, executive director of the Turner Endangered Species Fund & Ladder Ranch (by phone), Karen Cowen from the New Mexico Cattlegrowers Association (in studio), Craig Miller from Defenders of Wildlife (by phone), and Sisto Hernandez, of the Mexican Wolf Livestock Council (by phone) to participate.
Multiple expected wolf	Oct 14	Mexican wolf relocation. See Fishbites above for details.
E&E Owl	Oct 10	March 29, 2017 court ruling being reviewed. "The cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl is at the center of a court fight over the meaning of an ambiguous phrase in the Endangered Species Act." Read the story at: https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2017/10/10/stories/1060062939

Weekly Report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Hurricane Impacts in Texas - Updates are posted on the FWS Southwest webpage at: https://www.fws.gov/southwest/hurricaneinfo/index.htmnews

In October - FWS will be sent out for external, independent scientific peer review a draft species status assessment for the Bone Cave harvestman. See ES Items of Note. (R2 – Southwest Region)

In October - FWS anticipates publishing a Notice of Availability for a draft Habitat Conservation Plan request from the San Antonio Water Systems. See ES Items of Note for details. (R2 – Southwest Region)

In October – FWS anticipates receipt of peer-reviewed comments on the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Species Status Assessment. See ESA Listing Actions for details. (R2 – Southwest Region)

October 8-14 - FWS celebrates National Wildlife Refuge Week. See list of events below for activities in the Southwest.

October 14 - FWS is hosting the annual Rio Reforestation event on the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Texas. See Refuges for details. (R2 – Southwest Region)

October 15 – FWS Havasu NWR will close the public comment period on the draft Environmental Assessment for the Sacramento Wash Improvements Project. See Refuges for details. (R2 – Southwest Region)

October 16 through December – RD will participate in introductory calls and/ or meet-and-greet meetings with Members within the Southwest Region. (R2 – Southwest Region)

October 18 – Consultation meeting with the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Tribal Council in Arizona to discuss Statement of Relations with incoming Regional Director. Proposed discussion will include existing Statement of Relations and updates on shared interests. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Oct 21 - FWS San Marcos Aquatic Resource Center hosts a kids fishing day in Texas.

Oct 23 - FWS Southwest Regional Director planning to travel to Texas to meet with CARE Group and tour areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey on the gulf coast. (Potentially the Acting Director planning to attend as well.) (R2 – Southwest Region)

Oct 24 - FWS announces grants from the Bats for the Future Fund, which will be used to help defeat WNS. FWS is working with NFWF and Shell Oil Company on this media announcement in Houston, Texas. (HQ, R4 lead, R2)

Hot Topics - Week Ahead Announcements and Actions

Nov 1 – FWS is tentatively proposing to co-host a Mussel 101 Congressional briefing for District staffers with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Office of the Texas Comptroller. The event will be held at the Office of the Texas Comptroller in Austin, Texas. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings

October 21 – A media conference regarding the proposed border wall is tentatively being planned by the local community at or near FWS Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge. See Border-related Activities for details. (R2 – Southwest Region)

October, November and December – Meet and Greet meetings, or introductory phone calls will be arranged between incoming Regional Director and Members of the Congressional Delegation within the Southwest Region, when possible. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

UPDATED: Twenty-first release of California condors in the wild - FWS, The Peregrine Fund and cooperating agencies released to the wild two California condors in Vermilion Cliffs National Monument in northern Arizona on September 20. (A third condor had self-released days earlier after its crate was chewed through by a suspected coyote.) This was the 21st annual public release and despite the fact that the release occurs in a remote setting and is considered a destination event, it continues to be very popular and well attended. Supporters, partners, and members of the public came from all over to view the impressive sight from a series of spotting scopes. The release coincided with National Public Lands Day. There are now 77 condors in the wild in the canyon country of northern Arizona and southern Utah. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: The Center for Biological Diversity filed a lawsuit (Federal District Court – Tucson) on September 25, regarding a biological opinion (BO) issued on the proposed Rosemont copper mine project in the Santa Rita Mountains, south of Tucson, Arizona, and potential impacts to jaguar (one had been extensively monitored on the project area) and other endangered and threatened species. (To learn more about the lawsuit, visit the Center for Biological Diversity's website) The document in question is the Final Reinitiated BO requested by the U.S. Forest Service (Action Agency) by submittal of the Supplemental Biological Assessment on May 25, 2015. The non-jeopardy BO provides information on the potential incidental take, and as applicable destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat, of the following species: the endangered desert pupfish, Gila chub, Gila topminnow, jaguar, ocelot, lesser long-nosed bat, southwestern willow flycatcher, Huachuca water umbel, and Pima pineapple cactus as well as the threatened western yellow-billed cuckoo, Chiricahua leopard frog and northern Mexican gartersnake. FWS completed its initial BO in Oct. 2013, and reinitiated consultation after receiving new hydrological modeling information, additional species listings, and confirmation of ocelot presence in the area. The reinitiated BO was completed on April 16, 2016, and later amended on April 28, 2016. The Amended BO issued by the FWS' website. (R2 - Southwest Region)

REPEAT: In late October, or early November, FWS will publish a 12-month finding on the listing status of the southwestern willow flycatcher. Pacific Legal Foundation petitioned FWS to

delist the flycatcher and in March 2016 we published a 90-day finding that the petition included substantial information, primarily regarding the subspecies' taxonomy. Upon robust consideration of the petition and the flycatchers' classification, the Southwest Region is completing a 12-month finding that delisting of the southwestern willow flycatcher is not warranted. Outreach is being planned – including a news release and Congressional notifications via email. Interest expected to be moderate. No controversy anticipated. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: American Burying Beetle Species Status Assessment and 12-month finding – FWS anticipates a Species Status Assessment (SSA) for the American Burying Beetle (ABB) will be completed prior to the issuance of a 12-month finding which is expected at the end of 2017. In June 2015, FWS initiated the SSA to support future conservation decisions and recovery planning for the ABB under the Endangered Species Act. FWS is using the SSA to evaluate all available information related to the current and potential threats to the species. The SSA was peer reviewed. State fish and game agencies and affected Tribes within the current ABB range reviewed the document following review of the formal peer review process. On February 22, 2017, the American Stewards of Liberty and the Independent Petroleum Association of America filed a Notice of Intent based on FWS' failure to make a 12-month finding on the petition to delist the ABB. (R2, R3, R4, R5 & R6)

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

REPEAT: Lesser Prairie-Chicken Species Status Assessment – FWS anticipates a Species Status Assessment (SSA) for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed by the end of the calendar year. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. USGS, through its Open File Report (OFR), made available the population model it prepared for FWS. The population model represents one component of the SSA and will be considered alongside of all other available information. On August 25, the draft SSA report was sent to an external Working Group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) that FWS has been coordinating with throughout development of the SSA. On August 29, the draft report was sent out for external, independent scientific peer review through a third-party contractor. Comments are due back on October 10, 2017. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the lesser prairie-chicken. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the States, and others to plan a face-to-face coordination meeting. WAFWA finalized permanent conservation agreements with three private landowners to conserve 3,682 acres of lesser prairie-chicken habitat in the shortgrass ecoregion of northwestern Kansas. The parcels are located near the 17,290-acre Smoky Valley Ranch, which is owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy. (R2 Southwest Region & R6 Mountain-Prairie Region)

REPEAT: DELISTING - FWS plans to remove the endangered Gila chub and its critical habitat from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife due to taxonomic change. Gila chub was listed with critical habitat in Arizona in 2005. In April 2017, FWS withdrew a proposal to list the headwater and roundtail chubs as a result of new taxonomic information that

the two former species and the Gila chub are a single species (identified as the roundtail chub). (Conducting section 7 consultation and ongoing recovery efforts for Gila chub – a taxon that is no longer recognized – is problematic.) Following proposing to delist the Gila chub, FWS will conduct a status assessment of the now larger taxon of roundtail chub throughout its five-state range. Objection from some taxonomists, desert fishes professionals and environmental groups is anticipated. Communications planning is under development. (Delisitng: R2-Southwest Region. SSA: Regions 2 and 6)

Other Ecological Services Items of Note

UPDATED: Leander Independent School District (LISD) ITP – FWS will announce in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent to prepare a draft National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas after consultation efforts are completed. LISD submitted a draft habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit (ITP). The HCP and ITP, if issued by FWS, will provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. One of the species identified in the application is the endangered black-capped vireo. FWS continues to meet with the applicant and other vested parties. A follow up meeting occurred on October 3. FWS is now working landowners to arrange a site visit to the properties identified in the application. Local interest anticipated. It has significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties. In support, DOI received a Congressional Inquiry dated June 16 from Texas Representatives McCaul, Carter, Flores, Smith and Williams and a September 25, letter from Senators Cornyn and Cruz. Congressional briefings are being proposed. Additional outreach, including issuing a news bulletin, will occur at time of publication in the Federal Register. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: San Antonio HCP, Texas – FWS anticipates publishing a Notice of Availability in in October for a draft Habitat Conservation Plan and Incidental Take Permit request from the San Antonio Water Systems for the incidental take of five federally-listed karst invertebrates (collectively the Covered Karst Invertebrates): Madla's Cave meshweaver; Robber Baron Cave meshweaver; Braken Bat Cave meshweaver; and two species of ground beetles with no common names (Rhadine infernalis and Rhadine exilis). The Covered Karst Invertebrates are associated with the construction of two water pipelines in Bexar County, Texas. Once issued, the permit would be in place for 15 years. Controversy anticipated being low. Minimal outreach, including issuing a news bulletin locally is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. Congressional Offices will be notified via email, a news release will be issued as well as web postings. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: On October 16 or 23, FWS anticipates The Outdoor Channel will be airing a program titled "Wild Ops," which will feature the USFWS Mexican wolf recovery team during their 2016 (Jan - Feb 2017) annual count and survey. PROGRAM SYNOPSIS: "On Wild Ops, a crack team of veterinarians, muggers and pilots attempt to capture, study and relocate wild animals. Utilizing helicopters, snowmobiles, ATVs, radio-collars, dart guns, ropes, nets, hobbles and mobile ER units, these wildlife wranglers chase a wide variety of wildlife: deer, moose, elk, wolves, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep, to name a few. Once captured, the Wild Ops team

administers necessary medicines and tracking devices to ensure the health of the individual animal and the entire species for generations to come. The host of the Wild Ops program is Dr. Peter "Ole" Alcumbrac. He's the Director of Wildlife Health Services, which specializes in immobilization and capture of native and exotic species. He provides clinical and consultation services for private and public collections." As a Consulting Veterinarian for the Arizona Game and Fish Department, The White Mountain Apache Tribe and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Dr. Alcumbrac has been a key member of the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program, the Sonoran Pronghorn Antelope Recovery Team and Bighorn Sheep disease studies. Since 1992, Dr. Alcumbrac has owned and operated a mixed animal and exotic practice in Arizona with Staff of five veterinarians, providing treatment to more than 15,000 animals. He is a recipient of the Award of Excellence from the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Since November 2016, BLM motion activated cameras in southern Arizona's Dos Cabezas Mountains and Chiricahua Mountains area have captured four photo images of what is believed to be the same male jaguar. The Center for Biological Diversity obtained video of a jaguar in the Chiricahua area and issued a press announcement. The Arizona Game and Fish Department specialists have since determined that the video and still photos are indeed of the same animal by utilizing spot recognition. (FWS – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Bone Cave Harvestman Species Status Assessment – FWS Austin Ecological Services Office completed a draft species status assessment for the Bone Cave harvestman. The assessment was sent out for external, independent scientific peer review in late September. Concurrently with peer review of the species status assessment, FWS will host representatives from the City of Austin, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Travis County, and Williamson County to detail the methodology used to analyze ecological conditions at sites occupied by the Bone Cave harvestman. Comments and information provided by the peer review and site analysis meeting will be incorporated into the species status assessment. The final species status assessment will inform a 5-year review to be completed for the Bone Cave harvestman in fiscal year 2018. (R2-Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS participating in the Texas Monarch Summit. Taking place November 1-2, this event will serve as a technical working meeting to develop quantitative goals for monarch conservation across the state. Participation is by invitation only. FWS participants include Katie Boyer (on the planning committee), Cyndee Watson (Texas PFW Program Coordinator), Chris Best (Texas State Botanist), and Leah Murray (SMARC Botanist). (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Monarch Joint Venture annual meeting takes place November 7-9, in San Antonio, Texas on the UT-San Antonio campus. These meetings provide an opportunity for all Monarch Joint Venture partners to collaborate on the annual Monarch Conservation Implementation Plan which guides national and international priorities. (All FWS)

REPEAT: FWS will join the Southern Core States for the monarch meeting taking place in Oklahoma City November 29 and December 1. This is a ~12 person working meeting with representatives from the state fish and game agencies to develop similar quantitative goals for the entire southern core geography. Kelly Meyers and Katie Boyer are the FWS representatives attending this meeting. (All FWS)

REPEAT: Black-capped vireo draft Post-delisting Monitoring Plan – FWS anticipates publishing a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (PDMP) for the black-capped vireo for public review this Fall. The draft PDMP has been developed in coordination with partners and will guide how the species population is monitored for a minimum of five years if it is delisted. The plan will describe monitoring methods, reporting procedures and agency responsibilities. Multiple monitoring strategies will be used in order to assure that population trends and habitat status will be captured at various time periods and scales, respectively. The final delisting determination will likely occur in December 2017. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. (R2-Southwest)

REPEAT: In October – FWS anticipates publishing a notice announcing the receipt of application and consideration of an amendment to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and permit to add the recently listed Mexican gartersnake. Outreach will consist of notifying stakeholders. (R2-Southwest Region)

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

UPDATED: Impact of Fever Ticks to Cattle Industry in South Texas – FWS continues to work with Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) regarding fever tick treatment at the FWS Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. Currently, FWS has made a decision to move forward with evaluating, through the NEPA process, the best mechanism for chemically treating white-tailed deer on Laguna Atascosa NWR. This will include mitigation measures to reduce impacts to non-target species, such as the Texas tortoise. The FWS is committed to continuing discussions and proactive actions in cooperation with the USDA-APHIS, the Texas Animal Health Commission, private ranchers and others to aid in the battle to combat the fever tick. The fever tick can be spread by cattle, deer, and nilgai, an exotic Asian antelope that was introduced by private landowners in South Texas for hunting. The FWS Laguna Atascosa NWR remains under temporary quarantine at this time. The FWS Laguna Atascosa NWR has invested significant time and resources to support USDA-APHIS/TAHC in fever tick control efforts including nilgai reductions, increased bag limits for white-tailed deer, and prescribed fire. Additionally, FWS, in consultation with the USDA-APHIS, issued a biological opinion (BO) in January 2016 for use of Ivermectin-laced corn on private lands. The BO discusses potential effects to ocelots, jaguarundis, and aplomado falcons from use of Ivermectin-laced corn in deer feeders to treat ticks on deer on private property. Local media interest remains high. High Congressional interest from Senator Cornyn (R TX), Rep. Conaway, Rep. Vela (D TX Dist. 34), and the House Agriculture Committee. Members have requested periodic updates. (Background previously reported in August 2016 and earlier.) (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: The FWS Havasu National Wildlife Refuge will close the public comment period for the draft Environmental Assessment on the proposed Sacramento Wash Right-of-way (ROW) improvement Project on October 15. The draft EA was opened for public review on September 15. The purpose of the proposed action is to consider issuance of a ROW permit to Mohave County, Arizona. The objective of the County's project is to restore Sacramento Wash to its historical drainage patterns to reduce the significant sediment transported and deposited on

Oatman Highway and at Sacramento Wash outfall in Topock Bay, within the FWS Havasu National Wildlife Refuge. The location of the proposed project is in Mohave County, Arizona, on lands administered by FWS and adjacent to Oatman Highway. Potential local controversy and of Congressional interest. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS celebrates the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge through a series of Ten Minute Talks on a variety of subjects, including reduction of prairie dogs, bats: nature's unsung heroes, and a turtle's tale: staying cool in a hot world. The informal talks will be held on the north patio on October 21. Tours of the Sevilleta Field Station, operated by the University of New Mexico in collaboration with FWS' Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, will take place immediately after the informal talks. Also taking place during the celebratory event are birding walks along the Rio Grande, hikes, exhibitions with live animals, and live music. This family-friendly, fun-filled day is open to the public and media. Most activities are free, however some events require early registration and may require a fee. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS is hosting the annual Rio Reforestation event on October 14, on the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Texas. This event is open to all individuals interested in restoring natural habitats, with special invitations being extended to teachers, students, parents, scouting organizations as well as the general public. FWS is seeking 1,000 volunteers to plant seedlings for 32 species of trees and shrubs on 17 acres of refuge land on the La Sal Del Rey tract. Visit on line for more information on the Rio Reforestation 2017 event.

REPEAT: National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act Celebrates 20 Years – FWS Southwest Region joins the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act on October 12-13, 2017. Friends of the New Mexico's National Wildlife Refuges are gathering at Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge for the start of the two-day celebration. In the afternoon, the event moves to Sevilleta NWR. On Day 2, the festivities continue at Bosque del Apache NWR on October 13. Congressional representatives, other dignitaries, and FWS Refuge managers are invited to speak the morning of Day 1. Open to the media and the public. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS Southwest Region Celebrates Refuge Week. See table at end of document with a list of upcoming public events. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Border-Related Activities

REPEAT: A media conference regarding the proposed border wall is tentatively being planned by the local community on Saturday, October 21, 2017. The event is proposed to occur at or near the FWS Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge (FWS is not a participant). If the event takes place, it is estimated that 50 to 65 individuals could be in attendance, including 18 Mayors from local towns of the Rio Grande Valley (the nearest City to the Refuge is Alamo, Texas). It is anticipated the local community will have signed resolutions against the proposed project. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Suppling water to USACE – FWS is currently in discussions with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regarding access to water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge for a Baboquivari Road Repair Project scheduled to begin in January 2018. Part of the project will require transporting water

from the refuge to the Sasabe Forward Operating Base (FOB) to sustain approximately 60 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) members, who will reside at the FOB throughout the construction phase of the project. CBP plans to inspect the FWS-owned well and upgrade / replace pump and water delivery components to facilitate optimum functionality during the project's period of performance. This will ensure both the CBP national security mission and FWS objectives are met. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Road Construction - On March 20, FWS was contacted by the U.S. Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO) to coordinate an upcoming road construction project for a 5.9-mile portion of the Presumido Canyon Road through the Baboquivari Mountains, scheduled to begin in January 2018. The project will require water for the construction, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will perform maintenance of an FWS pump and water well in return for increased use of the FWS-owned well. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Communication Towers - On April 18, FWS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) discussed advance planning for Block-1 Replacement (B1R) of existing infrastructure with integrated fixed towers located on and adjacent to the Buenos Aries National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A total of two communication towers and four surveillance towers on the refuge would be affected, with the goal of upgrading technology and providing a more robust foundation – all within the original impact areas. Work is proposed to begin in January 2018 dependent upon completion of planning, engineering, and permitting. Follow-up conversations with FWS have occurred to determine the necessary special use permitting process. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

REPEAT: FWS San Marcos Aquatic Resource Center will host a kids fishing day on October 21 in Texas.

Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation

REPEAT: Inter-Tribal ESA Training - FWS hosted the first of two Tribal Wildlife ESA training events to be offered in the Southwest Region in Arizona (October 3-5). The second ESA training event will occur in New Mexico (November 7-9). These Tribal training events include aspects of all FWS Divisions, including the Endangered Species Act, with a portion of the summit devoted to law enforcement training to assist Tribal Game Wardens and other Tribal agents. International Game Warden magazine, Spring 2017, published a story on the FWS law enforcement training for Native American conservation officers. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: October 18 – FWS is tentatively proposing to co-host a Mussel 101 Congressional briefing for District staffers with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Final date and location in Texas TBD. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona is planning a November meeting and is interested in discussing the revised Native American Policy and implementation in the Southwest Region. Date and location in Arizona TBD.

REPEAT: FWS grant supports the Tribal Alliance for Pollinators Inaugural Event in Sulphur, Oklahoma on September 28, 2017. The Learning Center at the Euchee Butterfly Farm, Monarch Watch, and the Chickasaw Nation will host the Inaugural Event of the Tribal Alliance for Pollinators (TAP). The TAP is envisioned as an innovative consortium whose goal is to provide technical support to Tribes in Oklahoma and throughout North America seeking to restore native plants to their Tribal lands. This new initiative will unite native peoples in promoting habitat restoration for monarchs, pollinators, and native grassland ecosystems, which will also benefit cultural traditions. The Inaugural Event will take place at the Chickasaw Nation's Cultural Center and will celebrate the success of Tribes already completing monarch habitat restoration projects through the Tribal Environmental Action for Monarchs as well as formally announce the creation of the TAP. FWS Southwest Region completed a grant agreement to assist in establishment and facilitation of the TAP and will present an award to the Chickasaw Nation at the event. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS and the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) are hosting a workshop for tribes on pollinators and monarch butterflies at the GRIC's Huhugam Heritage Center, Chandler, Arizona (Southeast of Phoenix) on October 31 and November 1, 2017. On day two, there will be a hands-on planting of monarch and pollinator plants in a pollinator garden. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
National Wildlife Refuge Week Family fun day	October 10, 2017	Friends and Family Fun Day at Catfish Paradise Havasu NWR & partners	Details: https://www.billwilliamsriver-havasufriends.org/calendar.html
National Wildlife Refuge Week (Oct. 8-15)	October 14, 2017 (Saturday)	Balcones Canyonlands NWR, Texas	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	October 14, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	October 14, 2017 (Saturday)	Trinity River NWR, Texas	View Details
National Wildlife Refuge Week (Oct. 8-15)	October 14, 2017 (Saturday)	Salt Plains NWR, Okla	View Details

Other Special Event	October 19, 2017 (Thursday)	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Okla	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	October 21, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Pollinator Events	October 21, 2017 (Saturday)	Trinity River NWR, Texas	View Details
Clean up event	October 28, 2017	Bill Williams River NWR Adopt-a-Highway Litter Pick-up Event	Details: https://www.billwilliamsriver-havasufriends.org/calendar.html
Birding Festival	November 05, 2017 (Sunday)	Las Vegas NWR, New Mexico	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	November 11, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	November 14-19, 2017	Bosque del Apache NWR, New Mexico	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	November 18, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	November 25, 2017 (Saturday)	Bitter Lake NWR, Roswell, NM	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	December 09, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Other Special Event	December 21, 2017 (Thursday)	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Okla	View Details
Birding Festival	December 28, 2017 (Thursday)	Trinity River NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	April 14-15, 2018 (Saturday)	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, TX	View Details

From: Gary Frazer
To: Sellars, Roslyn
Cc: Cynthia T Martinez; Shaun Sanchez; Wellman, Lois A; Xiomara Labiosa; Thomas Irwin; Steve Guertin
Subject: Re: Border Barrier briefing for Jason Larrabee
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 1:51:33 PM

Roslyn — I'm out at an ARD meeting this week. Regardless, I would suggest that you schedule R2 and R8 to carry the discussion. I don't think that there's been any "barrier" proposed anywhere other than the southern border, and ES in HQ has had no meaningful involvement in the review or interactions with DHS on that matter. — GDF

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 12, 2017, at 3:36 PM, Sellars, Roslyn <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov> wrote:

> Cynthia/Gary
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> I spoke with Steve Guertin and he indicates that your program would be the most appropriate to brief Jason on border barriers. Once we figure out a date or time we will add the briefing to Greg, Jim and Steve's calendars. One of them will attend.
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> Roslyn
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> On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 2:53 PM, Sellars, Roslyn <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov> wrote:
>> Tasha
>>
>> I'll need to check who from FWS needs to be at this meeting. I should have an answer for you later today or tomorrow morning.
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>> Roslyn Sellars
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>> 1849 C Street NW | Room 3356 | Washington, DC| (202) 208-4545|roslyn_sellars@fws.gov
>> **Please copy Thomas Irwin (thomas_irwin@fws.gov) on future emails related to scheduling.**
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>> On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 2:20 PM, Robbins, Tasha <tasha_l_robbins@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
>>> Afternoon,
>>>
>>> I need to setup a 30 minute briefing for Jason to discuss the border barrier. Please let me know if you can make 30 minutes work on Tuesday, October 17 between 1pm-3pm and please let me know who all will be in attendance.
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>>> Thanks,

Tasha

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From:	Tincher, Chris
To:	Charisa Morris; Matthew Trott; Chris Tollefson
Cc:	Gavin Shire; Alyssa Hausman; Laury Parramore; Joy Nicholopoulos; Brian Hires; Marian Howe; Amy Lueders; Beth Ullenberg; John Bradley
Subject:	R2 - Southwest Region Weekly Report Submission - November 3, 2017
Date:	Friday, October 20, 2017 8:39:48 AM
Attachments:	FWS R2 Weekly Report FishBites 03Nov2017.docx

Attached is the Southwest Region's contribution for the Department's Weekly Report. Also in the attachment are suggestions for FishBites along with recent significant media contacts. There was significant interest in the impacts from the Frye Fire to the Mount Graham Red Squirrel.

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

Best,
Chris

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FishBites Report

Three Hundred+ Join FWS to Celebrate Balcones 25th Anniversary

- **Topic:** FWS celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge with a Family-Friendly Round-Up Event. Adults and children of all ages were invited to join in the celebration on October 14, 2017. And the invitation was accepted! More than 300 attended the event and experienced the wonder and beauty of the FWS Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge. Many of these visitors participated in a number of outdoor activities including archery, fishing, hiking, as well as art activities. They were also treated to a birds of prey show, nature photography, and a live reptile display. There were also youth activities that gave school-age attendees a chance to be a junior firefighter and crime scene investigator. The Friends of Balcones group rewarded youth completing the "refuge passport" activities with a highly sought after snow cone. The theme of this celebratory event was focused on the FWS Big Six priority public uses on refuges. (R2 – Southwest Region)
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Partners and supporters included the Friends of Balcones, FWS Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery, FWS San Marcos Aquatic Resource Office, FWS Austin Ecological Services Office, Lago Vista Boy Scouts, American Bird Conservancy, National Wild Turkey Federation, Travis Audubon, Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Texas Master Naturalists, Lower Colorado River Authority, Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Good Water Master Naturalists and others.
- **Impacted Location:** Forty-five minutes northwest of Austin, Texas

Bison Donated to Osage Nation in Oklahoma

- **Topic:** The FWS Southwest Region's National Wildlife Refuge System and the FWS Wildlife Health Office and worked with the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council on an agreement to donate 25 percent of the Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge's surplus bison to the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. In order to manage the bison population on Refuge lands, FWS rounds up its herd annually to collect genetic information and electronically tag individual animals. During the round-up, FWS culls out surplus animals to be sold or donated. This year, 20 of the bison gathered were donated to the Osage Nation as seed stock for a Tribal bison herd. (R2 – Southwest Region)
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Osage Nation, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry Animal Industry Services, Livestock community participating in annual auctions of surplus bison
- **Impacted Location:** Oklahoma and other locations

FWS Gathers Important Data and More to Further Conservation of Aquatic Specie

- **Topic**: FWS gathers important data, conducts environmental education outreach and stocks waters to further aquatic species conservation and management in Oklahoma. A few examples occurring in September include, 150 alligator snapping turtles (from the 2012 and 2013 year classes) were stocked in the Neosho River in the northeast corner of Oklahoma. These turtles will be monitored by the Missouri State and Oklahoma State

universities' research departments to track growth and migration data. To learn more about the alligator snapping turtle culture and paddlefish, the Oklahoma Federal Executive Board toured the FWS Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery as part of their Leadership Development Training. Snapping turtle presentations were given to the Master Gardener Club in Ardmore, Oklahoma. This conservation activity earned participants a continuing education credit as a Master Gardener. FWS participates in the annual Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Expo, Oklahoma City. This year, the 3-day event attracted more than 50,000 visitors from all across the state, where all forms of outdoor activities and wildlife were on display. To engage native youth in fishing, FWS stocked 500 derby-sized channel catfish for the Seminole Nation's Children's Fishing Day. Each child received their own fishing pole to use during the derby and to keep. (R2 – Southwest Region)

- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Universities, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, the general public, local schools and others.
- **Impacted Location:** Oklahoma

Relict Leopard Frog - What was lost is...restored

- **Topic:** FWS Arizona Ecological Services Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Brian Wooldridge, monitors a population of relict leopard frogs, once believed to be absent from Arizona. Brian led an effort to establish this population in a canyon near Kingman six years ago. Since then, these frogs have successfully reproduced and wild-born individuals now inhabit the canyon. Brian humbly adds, "I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that this was the result of a HUGE group effort from the Relict Leopard Frog Conservation Team. I am but a small cog in the wheel and work with great people with this species!" (Image of Brian Wooldridge at relict leopard frog site courtesy of Dave Partridge/AGFD)
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** The conservation team includes Arizona Game and Fish Department, Nevada Department of Wildlife, University of Nevada, National Park Service Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Southern Nevada Water Authority, Bureau of Land Management and others
- **Impacted Location:** Arizona and Nevada

Media Contact Report

Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
Treesource and NPR Mexican	Oct 27	Matt Blois, reporter for treesource.org, an on-line publication, contacted FWS regarding the effects of fire on the Mexican spotted owl and how fuels reduction treatments have affected its recovery. Follow up conversations planned to occur following the prescribed

Spotted Owl & wildfire		burn at Roundup and Gash Mountain in Coconino County this week. NPR (KNAU) was on site at the prescribed burn and conducted interviews with FWS and FS staff on the Mexican Spotted Owl and fire management in northern Arizona
Multiple Resiliency nature camp	Oct 16	Resiliency Nature Camp for Cancer Survivors held at Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge gained media interest. See Refuges below for details and one of the published stories at: http://www.swoknews.com/local/cancer-survivors-attend-camp-refuge
Multiple Mt Graham red squirrel decline due to fire	Oct 18-19	Radio and newspaper interviews were provided for two days following issuance of a joint news release regarding the status of the endangered squirrel following the Frye Fire in southeast Arizona which burned through much of the subspecies habitat this summer. Media included: KJZZ (NPR), Arizona Daily Star, NY Times, E&E News and others

Weekly Report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel
Hurricane Impacts in Texas are posted on the FWS Southwest webpage at: https://www.fws.gov/southwest/hurricaneinfo/

Oct 21 - FWS San Marcos Aquatic Resource Center hosts a kids fishing day in Texas.

Oct 21 – FWS Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge holds event featuring Ten Minute Talks on a variety of subjects and nature birding hikes. Details in Refuges below. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Oct 23 - FWS Southwest Regional Director planning to travel to Texas to meet with the Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement (CARE) Group and tour areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey on the gulf coast. See details under Refuges. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Oct 24 - FWS announces grants from the Bats for the Future Fund, which will be used to help defeat White-nose Syndrome. FWS is working with NFWF and Shell Oil Company on this media announcement in Houston, Texas. (HQ, R4, 5, lead, R2)

Oct 31 to Nov 1 – FWS and Gila River Indian Community co-host pollinator workshop for Tribal members. See Tribal consultation below for details. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 1 – FWS is co-hosting a Mussel 101 Congressional briefing for District staffers with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Office of the Texas Comptroller. The event will be held at the Office of the Texas Comptroller in Austin, Texas. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 1 & 2 – FWS participating in the Texas Monarch Summit. See details in ES Items of note.

Hot Topics - Week Ahead Announcements and Actions
See ESA actions below

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings
November and December – Meet and Greet meetings and introductory phone calls continue between incoming Regional Director and Members of the Congressional Delegation within the Southwest Region. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 5 – FWS hosts Birding Festival at Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge, New Mexico (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 7-9 – FWS hosts the second Tribal ESA training event in New Mexico. See Tribal Consultation below. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 11 – FWS host Connecting People with Nature event at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge in Texas. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 14-15 – FWS Southwest Regional Director travels to Texas and provides opening remarks at Texas Freshwater Mussel Conservation and Stakeholder Summit in Austin, Texas (R2 – Southwest Region)

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions
NEW: On October 10, 2017, Arizona Game and Fish biologists captured a 1.5 year-old male Mexican wolf (m1517) that had dispersed north of I-40 and onto Navajo Nation. (The operation was conducted in cooperation with and under permit from FWS, at the request of the Navajo Nation, and permission of New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and private land owners.) The wolf was released in northern Greenlee County on the same day it was capture. The wolf had dispersed alone from the Diamond Pack on Fort Apache Indian Reservation beginning September 31 and was tracked using a satellite (GPS) transmitter collar as it moved northward, largely through grasslands, west of U.S. Highway 191 in Arizona. On the evening of October 4, m1517 crossed I-40 on Navajo Nation high desert land near Chambers, Arizona. The wolf moved further northeast October 5-9, crossing the Arizona/New Mexico state line. Wolf m1571 had dispersed north of the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area (10(j) area), where it would be classified as fully endangered and was translocated under a FWS recovery permit. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: In late November, FWS may publish a 12-month finding on the listing status of the southwestern willow flycatcher. Pacific Legal Foundation petitioned FWS to delist the flycatcher and in March 2016, we published a 90-day finding that the petition included substantial information, primarily regarding the subspecies' taxonomy. Upon robust consideration of the petition and the flycatchers' classification, the Southwest Region is completing a 12-month finding that delisting of the southwestern willow flycatcher is not warranted. Outreach is being planned – including a news release and Congressional notifications via email. Interest expected to be moderate. No controversy anticipated. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: American Burying Beetle Species Status Assessment and 12-month finding – FWS anticipates a Species Status Assessment (SSA) for the American Burying Beetle (ABB) will be completed prior to the issuance of a 12-month finding which is expected to occur this winter. In

June 2015, FWS initiated the SSA to support future conservation decisions and recovery planning for the ABB under the Endangered Species Act. FWS is using the SSA to evaluate all available information related to the current and potential threats to the species. The SSA was peer reviewed. State fish and game agencies and affected Tribes within the current ABB range reviewed the document following review of the formal peer review process. On February 22, 2017, the American Stewards of Liberty and the Independent Petroleum Association of America filed a Notice of Intent based on FWS' failure to make a 12-month finding on the petition to delist the ABB. (R2, R3, R4, R5 & R6)

REPEAT: The Center for Biological Diversity filed a lawsuit (Federal District Court – Tucson) on September 25, regarding a biological opinion (BO) issued on the proposed Rosemont copper mine project in the Santa Rita Mountains, south of Tucson, Arizona, and potential impacts to jaguar (one had been extensively monitored on the project area) and other endangered and threatened species. (To learn more about the lawsuit, visit the Center for Biological Diversity's website) The document in question is the Final Reinitiated BO requested by the U.S. Forest Service (Action Agency) by submittal of the Supplemental Biological Assessment on May 25, 2015. The non-jeopardy BO provides information on the potential incidental take, and as applicable destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat, of the following species: the endangered desert pupfish, Gila chub, Gila topminnow, jaguar, ocelot, lesser long-nosed bat, southwestern willow flycatcher, Huachuca water umbel, and Pima pineapple cactus as well as the threatened western yellow-billed cuckoo, Chiricahua leopard frog and northern Mexican gartersnake. FWS completed its initial BO in Oct. 2013, and reinitiated consultation after receiving new hydrological modeling information, additional species listings, and confirmation of ocelot presence in the area. The reinitiated BO was completed on April 16, 2016, and later amended on April 28, 2016. The Amended BO issued by the FWS' website. (R2 - Southwest Region)

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

UPDATED: FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed by the end of the calendar year. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. USGS, through its Open File Report (OFR), made available the population model it prepared for FWS. The population model represents one component of the SSA and will be considered alongside of all other available information. On August 25, the draft SSA report was sent to an external Working Group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) that FWS has been coordinating with throughout development of the SSA. On August 29, the draft report was sent out for external, independent scientific peer review through a third-party contractor. We have received comments from the working group and peer reviewers and FWS technical staff are currently working to review, organize, and respond to all comments. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the lesser prairie-chicken. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the States, and others to plan a face-to-face coordination meeting. WAFWA recently finalized permanent conservation agreements with three private landowners to conserve 3,682 acres of lesser prairie-chicken habitat in the

shortgrass ecoregion of northwestern Kansas. The parcels are located near the 17,290-acre Smoky Valley Ranch, which is owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy. (R2 Southwest Region & R6 Mountain-Prairie Region)

Other Ecological Services Items of Note

NEW: Texas Freshwater Mussel Conservation and Stakeholder Summit in Austin, Texas, Nov 14-15 – The purpose of the summit is to create a forum for sharing information on current mussel science and conservation programs throughout the nation. The symposium will bring together scientists and other professionals with expertise in mussel science and in the design and implementation of mussel conservation programs along with other stakeholders and interested parties. FWS is currently evaluating the status of four species of freshwater mussels in Texas, and will evaluate the status of another seven species over the next five years. Hosted by FWS, in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Comptroller's Office, the summit will be held in Austin, Texas. FWS Southwest Regional Director will provide opening remarks. Guest speakers are from the following: Ecological Specialists, Inc., O'Fallon, Missouri, EnviroScience, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, Alabama Biodiversity Center Director, Marion, Alabama, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, Austin Water Environmental & Regulatory Services, City of Austin, Texas, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, Texas A&M University, Dallas, Texas, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, San Antonio River Authority, San Antonio, Texas, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin, Texas, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, U.S. Geological Survey, Kearneysville, West Virginia, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Temple, Texas, as well as private landowners. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED – FWS is co-hosting with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Comptroller's office a Central Texas Mussel 101 Congressional briefing for District staffers. The briefing is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. at the Texas Comptroller's office in Austin, TX. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: FWS, Coronado National Forest (CNF), Arizona Game and Fish Department, and the Phoenix Zoo conducted an annual census of the Mount Graham red squirrel (MGRS) and their winter-store food caches (called middens) Sept. 18-20. Results estimate only 35 sqirrels survived the now-extinguished Frye Fire that began earlier this summer. The MGRS occurs only on (is endemic to) Mt. Graham in the Pinaleño Mountains, CNF, in southeastern Arizona. The MGRS population was estimated to be only 252 animals in Fall 2016. The Frye Fire encompassed approximately 48,443 acres of the Pinaleño Mountains, and included an estimated 78% of the MGRS's occupied range within its perimeter, with another 18% within the 2004 Nuttall-Gibson Fire perimeter. Portions of the MGRS's habitat were destroyed by high-severity burn, although even in areas of low- to moderate-severity burn, some middens were partially or completely destroyed. The Forest Service is developing a Biological Assessment of their fire response efforts to conduct an emergency section 7 consultation. MGRS experts and partners are working together to determine the path forward. Significant resources will likely be required to move forward with the subspecies' conservation and recovery. A joint news release (USDA Forest Service, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Phoenix Zoo, and FWS) on the census

results was issued October 17. (Information submitted in previous reports.) (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Bone Cave Harvestman Species Status Assessment – FWS Austin Ecological Services Office completed a draft species status assessment for the Bone Cave harvestman. The assessment was sent out for external, independent scientific peer review in late September, comments are due back to FWS by October 27, 2017. Concurrently with peer review of the species status assessment, FWS will host representatives from the City of Austin, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Travis County, and Williamson County to detail the methodology used to analyze ecological conditions at sites occupied by the Bone Cave harvestman. Comments and information provided by the peer review and site analysis meeting will be incorporated into the species status assessment. The final species status assessment will inform a 5-year review to be completed for the Bone Cave harvestman in fiscal year 2018. (R2-Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Texas Hornshell Candidate Conservation Agreement and two Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances – On October 9, FWS signed a Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA), draft Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances (CCAAs), and environmental assessment for the Texas hornshell (proposed for listing) and other covered species (Rio Grande River cooter, gray redhorse, blue sucker and Pecos springsnail), and an enhancement of survival permit under the Endangered Species Act. (Application was submitted by the Center of Excellence and New Mexico State Land Office on July 6.) The covered area includes portions of Eddy County, New Mexico, and Culberson County, Texas. The CCA, CCAAs, and the associated section 10(a)(1)(A) enhancement of survival permits will have duration of 30 years. FWS's New Mexico Ecological Field Office has been working for several years with the applicants to develop the CCAAs on non-Federal lands; and the Bureau of Land Management to develop the CCA on Federal lands. (The proposed listing of the Texas hornshell may be controversial in both Texas and southern New Mexico. A six month extension on the final listing determination was published on August 10, 2017.) Substantial local stakeholder outreach has been conducted for CCA / CCAAs. A news release and FAQs will be shared with the states, partners, congressional staff and media. (A *Federal Register* notice is not published with the final CCA/As.) (R2-Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Black-capped vireo draft Post-delisting Monitoring Plan – FWS anticipates publishing a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (PDMP) for the black-capped vireo for public review by the end of the year. The draft PDMP has been developed in coordination with partners and will guide how the species population is monitored for a minimum of five years if it is delisted. The plan will describe monitoring methods, reporting procedures and agency responsibilities. Multiple monitoring strategies will be used in order to assure that population trends and habitat status will be captured at various time periods and scales, respectively. The final delisting determination will likely occur in December 2017. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. (R2-Southwest)

REPEAT: Leander Independent School District (LISD) ITP – FWS will announce in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent to prepare a draft National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint

Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. LISD submitted a draft habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit (ITP). The HCP and ITP, if issued by FWS, will provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. One of the species identified in the application is the endangered black-capped vireo. FWS continues to meet with the applicant and other vested parties. A follow up meeting occurred on October 3. FWS is now working with landowners to arrange a site visit in the near future to the properties identified in the application. Local interest anticipated. It has significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties. In support, DOI received a Congressional Inquiry dated June 16 from Texas Representatives McCaul, Carter, Flores, Smith and Williams and a September 25, letter from Senators Cornyn and Cruz. Congressional briefings are being proposed. Additional outreach, including issuing a news bulletin, will occur at time of publication in the Federal Register. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: On October 23, FWS anticipates The Outdoor Channel will be airing a program titled "Wild Ops," which will feature the USFWS Mexican wolf recovery team during their 2016 (Jan - Feb 2017) annual count and survey. PROGRAM SYNOPSIS: "On Wild Ops, a crack team of veterinarians, muggers and pilots attempt to capture, study and relocate wild animals. Utilizing helicopters, snowmobiles, ATVs, radio-collars, dart guns, ropes, nets, hobbles and mobile ER units, these wildlife wranglers chase a wide variety of wildlife: deer, moose, elk, wolves, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep, to name a few. Once captured, the Wild Ops team administers necessary medicines and tracking devices to ensure the health of the individual animal and the entire species for generations to come. The host of the Wild Ops program is Dr. Peter "Ole" Alcumbrac. He's the Director of Wildlife Health Services, which specializes in immobilization and capture of native and exotic species. He provides clinical and consultation services for private and public collections." As a Consulting Veterinarian for the Arizona Game and Fish Department, The White Mountain Apache Tribe and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Dr. Alcumbrac has been a key member of the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program, the Sonoran Pronghorn Antelope Recovery Team and Bighorn Sheep disease studies. Since 1992, Dr. Alcumbrac has owned and operated a mixed animal and exotic practice in Arizona with Staff of five veterinarians, providing treatment to more than 15,000 animals. He is a recipient of the Award of Excellence from the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS participating in the Texas Monarch Summit. Taking place November 1-2, this event will serve as a technical working meeting to develop quantitative goals for monarch conservation across the state. Participation is by invitation only. FWS participants include Katie Boyer (on the planning committee), Cyndee Watson (Texas PFW Program Coordinator), Chris Best (Texas State Botanist), and Leah Murray (SMARC Botanist). (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Monarch Joint Venture annual meeting takes place November 7-9, in San Antonio, Texas on the UT-San Antonio campus. These meetings provide an opportunity for all Monarch Joint Venture partners to collaborate on the annual Monarch Conservation Implementation Plan which guides national and international priorities. (All FWS)

REPEAT: FWS will join the Southern Core States for the monarch meeting taking place in Oklahoma City November 29 and December 1. This is a ~12 person working meeting with representatives from the state fish and game agencies to develop similar quantitative goals for the entire southern core geography. Kelly Meyers and Katie Boyer are the FWS representatives attending this meeting. (All FWS)

REPEAT: In October – FWS anticipates publishing a notice announcing the receipt of application and consideration of an amendment to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and permit to add the recently listed Mexican gartersnake. Outreach will consist of notifying stakeholders. (R2-Southwest Region)

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

NEW: FWS Southwest Regional Director planning to travel to Texas on October 23, to meet with members of the Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement (CARE) Group and tour areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey on the gulf coast. CARE is a national coalition of 22 wildlife, sporting, conservation, and scientific organizations. Working together, and with the support of more than 200 refuge Friends groups, CARE's mission is to provide education on the National Wildlife Refuge System. The group is comprised of Non-government organizations ranging from the Defenders of Wildlife to the National Rifle Association. Anticipated attendees on tour include, Greg Sheehan, FWS Acting Director, and Scott Johnson, Department of Transportation. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: FWS hosts Second Resilience Nature Retreat for Cancer Survivors - To aid in the healing process of cancer survivors, the FWS Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, in Oklahoma hosted the second annual Resilience Nature Retreat October 12-15. With a beautiful, peaceful setting in nature, the retreat provided a much needed healing support as participants continue their journey and growth process. The award-winning camp took place in October in recognition of National Cancer Awareness Month. Eleven women at different stages of their cancer journeys participated in the four-day retreat to face a series of outdoor challenges. During the retreat, they met new friends and enjoyed the healing power of nature. Adding to the outdoor experience, these tenacious fighters tried their hand at archery, rappelling and fishing. There were also times for quiet reflection as the participants wrote in journals about their experience, or picked up paint brushes to capture the beauty in front of them on canvas. Rhonda "Roe" Spinks, FWS Youth Coordinator, and a cancer survivor herself, helped organize the two events and was quoted as saying, "I know that's one of the things that helped me when I was getting back to trying to live in my new normal after cancer, was being out in nature and seeing the beautiful creation." Read more at: http://www.swoknews.com/local/cancer-survivors-attend-camp-refuge (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Impact of Fever Ticks to Cattle Industry in South Texas – FWS continues to work with Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) regarding fever tick treatment at the FWS Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. Currently, FWS has made a decision to move forward with evaluating, through the NEPA process, the best mechanism for chemically treating white-tailed deer on Laguna Atascosa NWR. This will include mitigation measures to reduce impacts to non-target species, such as the Texas tortoise. The FWS is committed to continuing

discussions and proactive actions in cooperation with the USDA-APHIS, the Texas Animal Health Commission, private ranchers and others to aid in the battle to combat the fever tick. The fever tick can be spread by cattle, deer, and nilgai, an exotic Asian antelope that was introduced by private landowners in South Texas for hunting. The FWS Laguna Atascosa NWR remains under temporary quarantine at this time. The FWS Laguna Atascosa NWR has invested significant time and resources to support USDA-APHIS/TAHC in fever tick control efforts including nilgai reductions, increased bag limits for white-tailed deer, and prescribed fire. Additionally, FWS, in consultation with the USDA-APHIS, issued a biological opinion (BO) in January 2016 for use of Ivermectin-laced corn on private lands. The BO discusses potential effects to ocelots, jaguarundis, and aplomado falcons from use of Ivermectin-laced corn in deer feeders to treat ticks on deer on private property. Local media interest remains high. High Congressional interest from Senator Cornyn (R TX), Rep. Conaway, Rep. Vela (D TX Dist. 34), and the House Agriculture Committee. Members have requested periodic updates. Congressional updates planned (Background previously reported in August 2016 and earlier.) (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS celebrates the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge through a series of Ten Minute Talks on a variety of subjects, including reduction of prairie dogs, bats: nature's unsung heroes, and a turtle's tale: staying cool in a hot world. The informal talks will be held on the north patio on October 21. Tours of the Sevilleta Field Station, operated by the University of New Mexico in collaboration with FWS' Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, will take place immediately after the informal talks. Also taking place during the celebratory event are birding walks along the Rio Grande, hikes, exhibitions with live animals, and live music. This family-friendly, fun-filled day is open to the public and media. Most activities are free, however some events require early registration and may require a fee. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS Southwest Region Celebrates Refuge Week. See table at end of document with a list of upcoming public events. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Border-Related Activities

UPDATED: **CANCELED** - Proposed media conference regarding the proposed border wall that was tentatively proposed to occur on October 21, by the local community has been canceled. The event was proposed to occur at or near the FWS Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge (FWS is not a participant). If the event is rescheduled at a future date, it is estimated that 50 to 65 individuals could be in attendance, including 18 Mayors from local towns of the Rio Grande Valley (the nearest City to the Refuge is Alamo, Texas). (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Suppling water to USACE – FWS is currently in discussions with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regarding access to water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge for a Baboquivari Road Repair Project scheduled to begin in January 2018. Part of the project will require transporting water from the refuge to the Sasabe Forward Operating Base (FOB) to sustain approximately 60 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) members, who will reside at the FOB throughout the construction phase of the project. CBP plans to inspect the FWS-owned well and upgrade / replace pump and water delivery components to facilitate optimum functionality during the

project's period of performance. This will ensure both the CBP national security mission and FWS objectives are met. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Road Construction - On March 20, FWS was contacted by the U.S. Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO) to coordinate an upcoming road construction project for a 5.9-mile portion of the Presumido Canyon Road through the Baboquivari Mountains, scheduled to begin in January 2018. The project will require water for the construction, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will perform maintenance of an FWS pump and water well in return for increased use of the FWS-owned well. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Communication Towers - On April 18, FWS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) discussed advance planning for Block-1 Replacement (B1R) of existing infrastructure with integrated fixed towers located on and adjacent to the Buenos Aries National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A total of two communication towers and four surveillance towers on the refuge would be affected, with the goal of upgrading technology and providing a more robust foundation – all within the original impact areas. Work is proposed to begin in January 2018 dependent upon completion of planning, engineering, and permitting. Follow-up conversations with FWS have occurred to determine the necessary special use permitting process. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

NEW: See FishBites feature on September efforts to gather data, conduct outreach and stock waters in Oklahoma. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS San Marcos Aquatic Resource Center will host a kids fishing day on October 21 in Texas. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation

NEW: The FWS Southwest Region's National Wildlife Refuge System and the FWS Wildlife Health Office and worked with the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council on an agreement to donate 25 percent of the Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge's surplus bison to the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. In order to manage the bison population on Refuge lands, FWS rounds up its herd annually to collect genetic information and electronically tag individual animals. During the round up, FWS culls out surplus animals to be sold or donated. This year, 20 bison gathered were donated to the Osage Nation as seed stock for a Tribal bison herd. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: October 18 – Consultation meeting was held with the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Tribal Council in Arizona to discuss Statement of Relations with incoming Regional Director. Discussions included existing Statement of Relations and updates on shared interests. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona is planning a December 1 meeting and is interested in discussing the revised Native American Policy and implementation in the Southwest Region. Location in Arizona TBD.

REPEAT: Inter-Tribal ESA Training - FWS hosted the first of two Tribal Wildlife ESA training events to be offered in the Southwest Region in Arizona (October 3-5). The second ESA training event will occur in New Mexico (November 7-9). These Tribal training events include aspects of all FWS Divisions, including the Endangered Species Act, with a portion of the summit devoted to law enforcement training to assist Tribal Game Wardens and other Tribal agents. International Game Warden magazine, Spring 2017, published a story on the FWS law enforcement training for Native American conservation officers. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS and the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) are hosting a workshop for tribes on pollinators and monarch butterflies at the GRIC's Huhugam Heritage Center, Chandler, Arizona (Southeast of Phoenix) on October 31 and November 1, 2017. On day two, there will be a hands-on planting of monarch and pollinator plants in a pollinator garden. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
Other Special Event	October 19, 2017 (Thursday)	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Okla	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	October 21, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Pollinator Events	October 21, 2017 (Saturday)	Trinity River NWR, Texas	View Details
Clean up event	October 28, 2017	Bill Williams River NWR Adopt-a-Highway Litter Pick-up Event	Details: https://www.billwilliamsriver-havasufriends.org/calendar.html
Birding Festival	November 05, 2017 (Sunday)	Las Vegas NWR, New Mexico	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	November 11, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	November 14-19, 2017	Bosque del Apache NWR, New Mexico	View Details

Connecting People with Nature	November 18, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	November 25, 2017 (Saturday)	Bitter Lake NWR, Roswell, NM	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	December 09, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Other Special Event	December 21, 2017 (Thursday)	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Okla	View Details
Birding Festival	December 28, 2017 (Thursday)	Trinity River NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	April 14-15, 2018 (Saturday)	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, TX	View Details

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FishBites Report

Three Hundred+ Join FWS to Celebrate Balcones 25th Anniversary

- **Topic:** FWS celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge with a Family-Friendly Round-Up Event. Adults and children of all ages were invited to join in the celebration on October 14, 2017. And the invitation was accepted! More than 300 attended the event and experienced the wonder and beauty of the FWS Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge. Many of these visitors participated in a number of outdoor activities including archery, fishing, hiking, as well as art activities. They were also treated to a birds of prey show, nature photography, and a live reptile display. There were also youth activities that gave school-age attendees a chance to be a junior firefighter and crime scene investigator. The Friends of Balcones group rewarded youth completing the "refuge passport" activities with a highly sought after snow cone. The theme of this celebratory event was focused on the FWS Big Six priority public uses on refuges. (R2 – Southwest Region)
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Partners and supporters included the Friends of Balcones, FWS Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery, FWS San Marcos Aquatic Resource Office, FWS Austin Ecological Services Office, Lago Vista Boy Scouts, American Bird Conservancy, National Wild Turkey Federation, Travis Audubon, Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Texas Master Naturalists, Lower Colorado River Authority, Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Good Water Master Naturalists and others.
- **Impacted Location:** Forty-five minutes northwest of Austin, Texas

Bison Donated to Osage Nation in Oklahoma

- **Topic:** The FWS Southwest Region's National Wildlife Refuge System and the FWS Wildlife Health Office and worked with the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council on an agreement to donate 25 percent of the Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge's surplus bison to the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. In order to manage the bison population on Refuge lands, FWS rounds up its herd annually to collect genetic information and electronically tag individual animals. During the round-up, FWS culls out surplus animals to be sold or donated. This year, 20 of the bison gathered were donated to the Osage Nation as seed stock for a Tribal bison herd. (R2 – Southwest Region)
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Osage Nation, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry Animal Industry Services, Livestock community participating in annual auctions of surplus bison
- **Impacted Location:** Oklahoma and other locations

FWS Gathers Important Data and More to Further Conservation of Aquatic Specie

- **Topic**: FWS gathers important data, conducts environmental education outreach and stocks waters to further aquatic species conservation and management in Oklahoma. A few examples occurring in September include, 150 alligator snapping turtles (from the 2012 and 2013 year classes) were stocked in the Neosho River in the northeast corner of Oklahoma. These turtles will be monitored by the Missouri State and Oklahoma State

universities' research departments to track growth and migration data. To learn more about the alligator snapping turtle culture and paddlefish, the Oklahoma Federal Executive Board toured the FWS Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery as part of their Leadership Development Training. Snapping turtle presentations were given to the Master Gardener Club in Ardmore, Oklahoma. This conservation activity earned participants a continuing education credit as a Master Gardener. FWS participates in the annual Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Expo, Oklahoma City. This year, the 3-day event attracted more than 50,000 visitors from all across the state, where all forms of outdoor activities and wildlife were on display. To engage native youth in fishing, FWS stocked 500 derby-sized channel catfish for the Seminole Nation's Children's Fishing Day. Each child received their own fishing pole to use during the derby and to keep. (R2 – Southwest Region)

- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Universities, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, the general public, local schools and others.
- **Impacted Location:** Oklahoma

Relict Leopard Frog - What was lost is...restored

- **Topic:** FWS Arizona Ecological Services Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Brian Wooldridge, monitors a population of relict leopard frogs, once believed to be absent from Arizona. Brian led an effort to establish this population in a canyon near Kingman six years ago. Since then, these frogs have successfully reproduced and wild-born individuals now inhabit the canyon. Brian humbly adds, "I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that this was the result of a HUGE group effort from the Relict Leopard Frog Conservation Team. I am but a small cog in the wheel and work with great people with this species!" (Image of Brian Wooldridge at relict leopard frog site courtesy of Dave Partridge/AGFD)
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** The conservation team includes Arizona Game and Fish Department, Nevada Department of Wildlife, University of Nevada, National Park Service Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Southern Nevada Water Authority, Bureau of Land Management and others
- **Impacted Location:** Arizona and Nevada

Media Contact Report

Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
Treesource and NPR Mexican	Oct 27	Matt Blois, reporter for treesource.org, an on-line publication, contacted FWS regarding the effects of fire on the Mexican spotted owl and how fuels reduction treatments have affected its recovery. Follow up conversations planned to occur following the prescribed

Spotted Owl & wildfire		burn at Roundup and Gash Mountain in Coconino County this week. NPR (KNAU) was on site at the prescribed burn and conducted interviews with FWS and FS staff on the Mexican Spotted Owl and fire management in northern Arizona
Multiple Resiliency nature camp	Oct 16	Resiliency Nature Camp for Cancer Survivors held at Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge gained media interest. See Refuges below for details and one of the published stories at: http://www.swoknews.com/local/cancer-survivors-attend-camp-refuge
Multiple Mt Graham red squirrel decline due to fire	Oct 18-19	Radio and newspaper interviews were provided for two days following issuance of a joint news release regarding the status of the endangered squirrel following the Frye Fire in southeast Arizona which burned through much of the subspecies habitat this summer. Media included: KJZZ (NPR), Arizona Daily Star, NY Times, E&E News and others

Weekly Report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel
Hurricane Impacts in Texas are posted on the FWS Southwest webpage at: https://www.fws.gov/southwest/hurricaneinfo/

Oct 21 - FWS San Marcos Aquatic Resource Center hosts a kids fishing day in Texas.

Oct 21 – FWS Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge holds event featuring Ten Minute Talks on a variety of subjects and nature birding hikes. Details in Refuges below. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Oct 23 - FWS Southwest Regional Director planning to travel to Texas to meet with the Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement (CARE) Group and tour areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey on the gulf coast. See details under Refuges. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Oct 24 - FWS announces grants from the Bats for the Future Fund, which will be used to help defeat White-nose Syndrome. FWS is working with NFWF and Shell Oil Company on this media announcement in Houston, Texas. (HQ, R4, 5, lead, R2)

Oct 31 to Nov 1 – FWS and Gila River Indian Community co-host pollinator workshop for Tribal members. See Tribal consultation below for details. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 1 – FWS is co-hosting a Mussel 101 Congressional briefing for District staffers with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Office of the Texas Comptroller. The event will be held at the Office of the Texas Comptroller in Austin, Texas. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 1 & 2 – FWS participating in the Texas Monarch Summit. See details in ES Items of note.

Hot Topics - Week Ahead Announcements and Actions
See ESA actions below

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings
November and December – Meet and Greet meetings and introductory phone calls continue between incoming Regional Director and Members of the Congressional Delegation within the Southwest Region. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 5 – FWS hosts Birding Festival at Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge, New Mexico (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 7-9 – FWS hosts the second Tribal ESA training event in New Mexico. See Tribal Consultation below. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 11 – FWS host Connecting People with Nature event at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge in Texas. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 14-15 – FWS Southwest Regional Director travels to Texas and provides opening remarks at Texas Freshwater Mussel Conservation and Stakeholder Summit in Austin, Texas (R2 – Southwest Region)

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions
NEW: On October 10, 2017, Arizona Game and Fish biologists captured a 1.5 year-old male Mexican wolf (m1517) that had dispersed north of I-40 and onto Navajo Nation. (The operation was conducted in cooperation with and under permit from FWS, at the request of the Navajo Nation, and permission of New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and private land owners.) The wolf was released in northern Greenlee County on the same day it was capture. The wolf had dispersed alone from the Diamond Pack on Fort Apache Indian Reservation beginning September 31 and was tracked using a satellite (GPS) transmitter collar as it moved northward, largely through grasslands, west of U.S. Highway 191 in Arizona. On the evening of October 4, m1517 crossed I-40 on Navajo Nation high desert land near Chambers, Arizona. The wolf moved further northeast October 5-9, crossing the Arizona/New Mexico state line. Wolf m1571 had dispersed north of the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area (10(j) area), where it would be classified as fully endangered and was translocated under a FWS recovery permit. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: In late November, FWS may publish a 12-month finding on the listing status of the southwestern willow flycatcher. Pacific Legal Foundation petitioned FWS to delist the flycatcher and in March 2016, we published a 90-day finding that the petition included substantial information, primarily regarding the subspecies' taxonomy. Upon robust consideration of the petition and the flycatchers' classification, the Southwest Region is completing a 12-month finding that delisting of the southwestern willow flycatcher is not warranted. Outreach is being planned – including a news release and Congressional notifications via email. Interest expected to be moderate. No controversy anticipated. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: American Burying Beetle Species Status Assessment and 12-month finding – FWS anticipates a Species Status Assessment (SSA) for the American Burying Beetle (ABB) will be completed prior to the issuance of a 12-month finding which is expected to occur this winter. In

June 2015, FWS initiated the SSA to support future conservation decisions and recovery planning for the ABB under the Endangered Species Act. FWS is using the SSA to evaluate all available information related to the current and potential threats to the species. The SSA was peer reviewed. State fish and game agencies and affected Tribes within the current ABB range reviewed the document following review of the formal peer review process. On February 22, 2017, the American Stewards of Liberty and the Independent Petroleum Association of America filed a Notice of Intent based on FWS' failure to make a 12-month finding on the petition to delist the ABB. (R2, R3, R4, R5 & R6)

REPEAT: The Center for Biological Diversity filed a lawsuit (Federal District Court – Tucson) on September 25, regarding a biological opinion (BO) issued on the proposed Rosemont copper mine project in the Santa Rita Mountains, south of Tucson, Arizona, and potential impacts to jaguar (one had been extensively monitored on the project area) and other endangered and threatened species. (To learn more about the lawsuit, visit the Center for Biological Diversity's website) The document in question is the Final Reinitiated BO requested by the U.S. Forest Service (Action Agency) by submittal of the Supplemental Biological Assessment on May 25, 2015. The non-jeopardy BO provides information on the potential incidental take, and as applicable destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat, of the following species: the endangered desert pupfish, Gila chub, Gila topminnow, jaguar, ocelot, lesser long-nosed bat, southwestern willow flycatcher, Huachuca water umbel, and Pima pineapple cactus as well as the threatened western yellow-billed cuckoo, Chiricahua leopard frog and northern Mexican gartersnake. FWS completed its initial BO in Oct. 2013, and reinitiated consultation after receiving new hydrological modeling information, additional species listings, and confirmation of ocelot presence in the area. The reinitiated BO was completed on April 16, 2016, and later amended on April 28, 2016. The Amended BO issued by the FWS' website. (R2 - Southwest Region)

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

UPDATED: FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed by the end of the calendar year. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. USGS, through its Open File Report (OFR), made available the population model it prepared for FWS. The population model represents one component of the SSA and will be considered alongside of all other available information. On August 25, the draft SSA report was sent to an external Working Group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) that FWS has been coordinating with throughout development of the SSA. On August 29, the draft report was sent out for external, independent scientific peer review through a third-party contractor. We have received comments from the working group and peer reviewers and FWS technical staff are currently working to review, organize, and respond to all comments. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the lesser prairie-chicken. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the States, and others to plan a face-to-face coordination meeting. WAFWA recently finalized permanent conservation agreements with three private landowners to conserve 3,682 acres of lesser prairie-chicken habitat in the

shortgrass ecoregion of northwestern Kansas. The parcels are located near the 17,290-acre Smoky Valley Ranch, which is owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy. (R2 Southwest Region & R6 Mountain-Prairie Region)

Other Ecological Services Items of Note

NEW: Texas Freshwater Mussel Conservation and Stakeholder Summit in Austin, Texas, Nov 14-15 – The purpose of the summit is to create a forum for sharing information on current mussel science and conservation programs throughout the nation. The symposium will bring together scientists and other professionals with expertise in mussel science and in the design and implementation of mussel conservation programs along with other stakeholders and interested parties. FWS is currently evaluating the status of four species of freshwater mussels in Texas, and will evaluate the status of another seven species over the next five years. Hosted by FWS, in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Comptroller's Office, the summit will be held in Austin, Texas. FWS Southwest Regional Director will provide opening remarks. Guest speakers are from the following: Ecological Specialists, Inc., O'Fallon, Missouri, EnviroScience, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, Alabama Biodiversity Center Director, Marion, Alabama, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, Austin Water Environmental & Regulatory Services, City of Austin, Texas, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, Texas A&M University, Dallas, Texas, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, San Antonio River Authority, San Antonio, Texas, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin, Texas, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, U.S. Geological Survey, Kearneysville, West Virginia, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Temple, Texas, as well as private landowners. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED – FWS is co-hosting with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Comptroller's office a Central Texas Mussel 101 Congressional briefing for District staffers. The briefing is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. at the Texas Comptroller's office in Austin, TX. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: FWS, Coronado National Forest (CNF), Arizona Game and Fish Department, and the Phoenix Zoo conducted an annual census of the Mount Graham red squirrel (MGRS) and their winter-store food caches (called middens) Sept. 18-20. Results estimate only 35 sqirrels survived the now-extinguished Frye Fire that began earlier this summer. The MGRS occurs only on (is endemic to) Mt. Graham in the Pinaleño Mountains, CNF, in southeastern Arizona. The MGRS population was estimated to be only 252 animals in Fall 2016. The Frye Fire encompassed approximately 48,443 acres of the Pinaleño Mountains, and included an estimated 78% of the MGRS's occupied range within its perimeter, with another 18% within the 2004 Nuttall-Gibson Fire perimeter. Portions of the MGRS's habitat were destroyed by high-severity burn, although even in areas of low- to moderate-severity burn, some middens were partially or completely destroyed. The Forest Service is developing a Biological Assessment of their fire response efforts to conduct an emergency section 7 consultation. MGRS experts and partners are working together to determine the path forward. Significant resources will likely be required to move forward with the subspecies' conservation and recovery. A joint news release (USDA Forest Service, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Phoenix Zoo, and FWS) on the census

results was issued October 17. (Information submitted in previous reports.) (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Bone Cave Harvestman Species Status Assessment – FWS Austin Ecological Services Office completed a draft species status assessment for the Bone Cave harvestman. The assessment was sent out for external, independent scientific peer review in late September, comments are due back to FWS by October 27, 2017. Concurrently with peer review of the species status assessment, FWS will host representatives from the City of Austin, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Travis County, and Williamson County to detail the methodology used to analyze ecological conditions at sites occupied by the Bone Cave harvestman. Comments and information provided by the peer review and site analysis meeting will be incorporated into the species status assessment. The final species status assessment will inform a 5-year review to be completed for the Bone Cave harvestman in fiscal year 2018. (R2-Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Texas Hornshell Candidate Conservation Agreement and two Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances – On October 9, FWS signed a Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA), draft Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances (CCAAs), and environmental assessment for the Texas hornshell (proposed for listing) and other covered species (Rio Grande River cooter, gray redhorse, blue sucker and Pecos springsnail), and an enhancement of survival permit under the Endangered Species Act. (Application was submitted by the Center of Excellence and New Mexico State Land Office on July 6.) The covered area includes portions of Eddy County, New Mexico, and Culberson County, Texas. The CCA, CCAAs, and the associated section 10(a)(1)(A) enhancement of survival permits will have duration of 30 years. FWS's New Mexico Ecological Field Office has been working for several years with the applicants to develop the CCAAs on non-Federal lands; and the Bureau of Land Management to develop the CCA on Federal lands. (The proposed listing of the Texas hornshell may be controversial in both Texas and southern New Mexico. A six month extension on the final listing determination was published on August 10, 2017.) Substantial local stakeholder outreach has been conducted for CCA / CCAAs. A news release and FAQs will be shared with the states, partners, congressional staff and media. (A *Federal Register* notice is not published with the final CCA/As.) (R2-Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Black-capped vireo draft Post-delisting Monitoring Plan – FWS anticipates publishing a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (PDMP) for the black-capped vireo for public review by the end of the year. The draft PDMP has been developed in coordination with partners and will guide how the species population is monitored for a minimum of five years if it is delisted. The plan will describe monitoring methods, reporting procedures and agency responsibilities. Multiple monitoring strategies will be used in order to assure that population trends and habitat status will be captured at various time periods and scales, respectively. The final delisting determination will likely occur in December 2017. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. (R2-Southwest)

REPEAT: Leander Independent School District (LISD) ITP – FWS will announce in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent to prepare a draft National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint

Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. LISD submitted a draft habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit (ITP). The HCP and ITP, if issued by FWS, will provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. One of the species identified in the application is the endangered black-capped vireo. FWS continues to meet with the applicant and other vested parties. A follow up meeting occurred on October 3. FWS is now working with landowners to arrange a site visit in the near future to the properties identified in the application. Local interest anticipated. It has significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties. In support, DOI received a Congressional Inquiry dated June 16 from Texas Representatives McCaul, Carter, Flores, Smith and Williams and a September 25, letter from Senators Cornyn and Cruz. Congressional briefings are being proposed. Additional outreach, including issuing a news bulletin, will occur at time of publication in the Federal Register. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: On October 23, FWS anticipates The Outdoor Channel will be airing a program titled "Wild Ops," which will feature the USFWS Mexican wolf recovery team during their 2016 (Jan - Feb 2017) annual count and survey. PROGRAM SYNOPSIS: "On Wild Ops, a crack team of veterinarians, muggers and pilots attempt to capture, study and relocate wild animals. Utilizing helicopters, snowmobiles, ATVs, radio-collars, dart guns, ropes, nets, hobbles and mobile ER units, these wildlife wranglers chase a wide variety of wildlife: deer, moose, elk, wolves, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep, to name a few. Once captured, the Wild Ops team administers necessary medicines and tracking devices to ensure the health of the individual animal and the entire species for generations to come. The host of the Wild Ops program is Dr. Peter "Ole" Alcumbrac. He's the Director of Wildlife Health Services, which specializes in immobilization and capture of native and exotic species. He provides clinical and consultation services for private and public collections." As a Consulting Veterinarian for the Arizona Game and Fish Department, The White Mountain Apache Tribe and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Dr. Alcumbrac has been a key member of the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program, the Sonoran Pronghorn Antelope Recovery Team and Bighorn Sheep disease studies. Since 1992, Dr. Alcumbrac has owned and operated a mixed animal and exotic practice in Arizona with Staff of five veterinarians, providing treatment to more than 15,000 animals. He is a recipient of the Award of Excellence from the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS participating in the Texas Monarch Summit. Taking place November 1-2, this event will serve as a technical working meeting to develop quantitative goals for monarch conservation across the state. Participation is by invitation only. FWS participants include Katie Boyer (on the planning committee), Cyndee Watson (Texas PFW Program Coordinator), Chris Best (Texas State Botanist), and Leah Murray (SMARC Botanist). (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Monarch Joint Venture annual meeting takes place November 7-9, in San Antonio, Texas on the UT-San Antonio campus. These meetings provide an opportunity for all Monarch Joint Venture partners to collaborate on the annual Monarch Conservation Implementation Plan which guides national and international priorities. (All FWS)

REPEAT: FWS will join the Southern Core States for the monarch meeting taking place in Oklahoma City November 29 and December 1. This is a ~12 person working meeting with representatives from the state fish and game agencies to develop similar quantitative goals for the entire southern core geography. Kelly Meyers and Katie Boyer are the FWS representatives attending this meeting. (All FWS)

REPEAT: In October – FWS anticipates publishing a notice announcing the receipt of application and consideration of an amendment to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and permit to add the recently listed Mexican gartersnake. Outreach will consist of notifying stakeholders. (R2-Southwest Region)

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

NEW: FWS Southwest Regional Director planning to travel to Texas on October 23, to meet with members of the Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement (CARE) Group and tour areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey on the gulf coast. CARE is a national coalition of 22 wildlife, sporting, conservation, and scientific organizations. Working together, and with the support of more than 200 refuge Friends groups, CARE's mission is to provide education on the National Wildlife Refuge System. The group is comprised of Non-government organizations ranging from the Defenders of Wildlife to the National Rifle Association. Anticipated attendees on tour include, Greg Sheehan, FWS Acting Director, and Scott Johnson, Department of Transportation. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: FWS hosts Second Resilience Nature Retreat for Cancer Survivors - To aid in the healing process of cancer survivors, the FWS Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, in Oklahoma hosted the second annual Resilience Nature Retreat October 12-15. With a beautiful, peaceful setting in nature, the retreat provided a much needed healing support as participants continue their journey and growth process. The award-winning camp took place in October in recognition of National Cancer Awareness Month. Eleven women at different stages of their cancer journeys participated in the four-day retreat to face a series of outdoor challenges. During the retreat, they met new friends and enjoyed the healing power of nature. Adding to the outdoor experience, these tenacious fighters tried their hand at archery, rappelling and fishing. There were also times for quiet reflection as the participants wrote in journals about their experience, or picked up paint brushes to capture the beauty in front of them on canvas. Rhonda "Roe" Spinks, FWS Youth Coordinator, and a cancer survivor herself, helped organize the two events and was quoted as saying, "I know that's one of the things that helped me when I was getting back to trying to live in my new normal after cancer, was being out in nature and seeing the beautiful creation." Read more at: http://www.swoknews.com/local/cancer-survivors-attend-camp-refuge (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Impact of Fever Ticks to Cattle Industry in South Texas – FWS continues to work with Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) regarding fever tick treatment at the FWS Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. Currently, FWS has made a decision to move forward with evaluating, through the NEPA process, the best mechanism for chemically treating white-tailed deer on Laguna Atascosa NWR. This will include mitigation measures to reduce impacts to non-target species, such as the Texas tortoise. The FWS is committed to continuing

discussions and proactive actions in cooperation with the USDA-APHIS, the Texas Animal Health Commission, private ranchers and others to aid in the battle to combat the fever tick. The fever tick can be spread by cattle, deer, and nilgai, an exotic Asian antelope that was introduced by private landowners in South Texas for hunting. The FWS Laguna Atascosa NWR remains under temporary quarantine at this time. The FWS Laguna Atascosa NWR has invested significant time and resources to support USDA-APHIS/TAHC in fever tick control efforts including nilgai reductions, increased bag limits for white-tailed deer, and prescribed fire. Additionally, FWS, in consultation with the USDA-APHIS, issued a biological opinion (BO) in January 2016 for use of Ivermectin-laced corn on private lands. The BO discusses potential effects to ocelots, jaguarundis, and aplomado falcons from use of Ivermectin-laced corn in deer feeders to treat ticks on deer on private property. Local media interest remains high. High Congressional interest from Senator Cornyn (R TX), Rep. Conaway, Rep. Vela (D TX Dist. 34), and the House Agriculture Committee. Members have requested periodic updates. Congressional updates planned (Background previously reported in August 2016 and earlier.) (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS celebrates the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge through a series of Ten Minute Talks on a variety of subjects, including reduction of prairie dogs, bats: nature's unsung heroes, and a turtle's tale: staying cool in a hot world. The informal talks will be held on the north patio on October 21. Tours of the Sevilleta Field Station, operated by the University of New Mexico in collaboration with FWS' Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge, will take place immediately after the informal talks. Also taking place during the celebratory event are birding walks along the Rio Grande, hikes, exhibitions with live animals, and live music. This family-friendly, fun-filled day is open to the public and media. Most activities are free, however some events require early registration and may require a fee. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS Southwest Region Celebrates Refuge Week. See table at end of document with a list of upcoming public events. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Border-Related Activities

UPDATED: **CANCELED** - Proposed media conference regarding the proposed border wall that was tentatively proposed to occur on October 21, by the local community has been canceled. The event was proposed to occur at or near the FWS Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge (FWS is not a participant). If the event is rescheduled at a future date, it is estimated that 50 to 65 individuals could be in attendance, including 18 Mayors from local towns of the Rio Grande Valley (the nearest City to the Refuge is Alamo, Texas). (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Suppling water to USACE – FWS is currently in discussions with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regarding access to water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge for a Baboquivari Road Repair Project scheduled to begin in January 2018. Part of the project will require transporting water from the refuge to the Sasabe Forward Operating Base (FOB) to sustain approximately 60 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) members, who will reside at the FOB throughout the construction phase of the project. CBP plans to inspect the FWS-owned well and upgrade / replace pump and water delivery components to facilitate optimum functionality during the

project's period of performance. This will ensure both the CBP national security mission and FWS objectives are met. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Road Construction - On March 20, FWS was contacted by the U.S. Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO) to coordinate an upcoming road construction project for a 5.9-mile portion of the Presumido Canyon Road through the Baboquivari Mountains, scheduled to begin in January 2018. The project will require water for the construction, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will perform maintenance of an FWS pump and water well in return for increased use of the FWS-owned well. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Communication Towers - On April 18, FWS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) discussed advance planning for Block-1 Replacement (B1R) of existing infrastructure with integrated fixed towers located on and adjacent to the Buenos Aries National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A total of two communication towers and four surveillance towers on the refuge would be affected, with the goal of upgrading technology and providing a more robust foundation – all within the original impact areas. Work is proposed to begin in January 2018 dependent upon completion of planning, engineering, and permitting. Follow-up conversations with FWS have occurred to determine the necessary special use permitting process. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

NEW: See FishBites feature on September efforts to gather data, conduct outreach and stock waters in Oklahoma. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS San Marcos Aquatic Resource Center will host a kids fishing day on October 21 in Texas. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation

NEW: The FWS Southwest Region's National Wildlife Refuge System and the FWS Wildlife Health Office and worked with the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council on an agreement to donate 25 percent of the Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge's surplus bison to the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. In order to manage the bison population on Refuge lands, FWS rounds up its herd annually to collect genetic information and electronically tag individual animals. During the round up, FWS culls out surplus animals to be sold or donated. This year, 20 bison gathered were donated to the Osage Nation as seed stock for a Tribal bison herd. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: October 18 – Consultation meeting was held with the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Tribal Council in Arizona to discuss Statement of Relations with incoming Regional Director. Discussions included existing Statement of Relations and updates on shared interests. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona is planning a December 1 meeting and is interested in discussing the revised Native American Policy and implementation in the Southwest Region. Location in Arizona TBD.

REPEAT: Inter-Tribal ESA Training - FWS hosted the first of two Tribal Wildlife ESA training events to be offered in the Southwest Region in Arizona (October 3-5). The second ESA training event will occur in New Mexico (November 7-9). These Tribal training events include aspects of all FWS Divisions, including the Endangered Species Act, with a portion of the summit devoted to law enforcement training to assist Tribal Game Wardens and other Tribal agents. International Game Warden magazine, Spring 2017, published a story on the FWS law enforcement training for Native American conservation officers. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS and the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) are hosting a workshop for tribes on pollinators and monarch butterflies at the GRIC's Huhugam Heritage Center, Chandler, Arizona (Southeast of Phoenix) on October 31 and November 1, 2017. On day two, there will be a hands-on planting of monarch and pollinator plants in a pollinator garden. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
Other Special Event	October 19, 2017 (Thursday)	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Okla	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	October 21, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Pollinator Events	October 21, 2017 (Saturday)	Trinity River NWR, Texas	View Details
Clean up event	October 28, 2017	Bill Williams River NWR Adopt-a-Highway Litter Pick-up Event	Details: https://www.billwilliamsriver-havasufriends.org/calendar.html
Birding Festival	November 05, 2017 (Sunday)	Las Vegas NWR, New Mexico	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	November 11, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	November 14-19, 2017	Bosque del Apache NWR, New Mexico	View Details

Connecting People with Nature	November 18, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	November 25, 2017 (Saturday)	Bitter Lake NWR, Roswell, NM	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	December 09, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Other Special Event	December 21, 2017 (Thursday)	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Okla	View Details
Birding Festival	December 28, 2017 (Thursday)	Trinity River NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	April 14-15, 2018 (Saturday)	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, TX	View Details

From:	Gilbert, Parks
To:	Craig Aubrey; Patrice Ashfield; Ben Thatcher; John Morse; Bridget Fahey; Carey Galst; Ellen McBride; Joan Goldfarb; Nancy Brown-Kobil; Floom, Kristen (ENRD); Clinedinst, Paula (ENRD); Don Morgan; Jeff Newman; Kelly Hornaday
Cc:	Joseph Sedlak; Melanie Ikenson; Frank Lupo
Subject:	NOI: Border Wall Prototypes and Border Barrier Projects in CA / Sec. 7
Date:	Wednesday, October 25, 2017 8:58:57 AM
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All, please see below. The NOI is attached, as is the state of CA's original complaint. Thanks, Joe!

Copying Frank and Melanie because this is a border wall issue, even if it is in CA. Copying Don, Jeff, and Kelly because there is a line in the NOI alleging possible take.

Parks

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From: **Sedlak, Joseph** <joseph_sedlak@fws.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 9:03 AM
Subject: Re: DTS Assignment--Notice of Violations of the Endangered Species Act in Relation to Border Wall Prototypes and Border Barrier Projects in California
To: "Gilbert, Parks" <parks_gilbert@fws.gov>

Hey Parks,

So this NOI appears to be an addendum to a complaint by the CA AG I summarized a while ago that covered pretty much every potential violation for the border wall except ESA.

A summary of that complaint:

- DHS violated NEPA and APA by failing to prepare an EIS for the effects of the wall's construction
- DHS violated CZMA, California Coastal Act, and California Coastal Management Program by failing to provide a consistency determination
- DHS's actions, along with the individual waivers of many federal statutes including NEPA, ESA, and MBTA, are not authorized by IIRIRA Section 102, as assessments to the wall's effectiveness were not conducted, and the statute only allows for the construction of new barriers, not replacing old ones
- DHS was required to include the areas used for the border wall, including the San Diego and Calexico areas, by IIRIRA's original deadline of Dec. 31, 2008
- Jurisdiction requirements of IIRIRA Section 102(c) violate Art. III of the Constitution and the Due Process Clause
- Several other separation of powers arguments, including violations of Art. I Sections 3 and 7
- DHS violated Tenth Amendment by infringing on CA's right to promulgate and enforce its own laws

Key facts from the NOI are:

- We are still not a party, only DHS/CBP are
- California alleges DHS/CBP violated ESA by failing to consult with FWS regarding impacts of various border wall projects in San Diego and Imperial Counties on endangered/threatened species, and by failing to make any environmental analyses publicly available
- California also alleges that take/Sec. 9 violations might result from these activities
- If DHS/CBP do not address the ESA issues in 60 days, the original complaint will be amended to include the ESA issues

Thanks,
-Joe

On Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 7:16 AM, Gilbert, Parks <parks_gilbert@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hey Joe,
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> Can you please look at this and see if it's one we've gotten before, and if not, please do a summary. Thanks,
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RE: **Notice of Violations of the Endangered Species Act in Relation to Border Wall Prototypes and Border Barrier Projects in California**

Dear Acting Secretary Duke, Secretary Zinke, Acting Commissioner McAleenan and Acting Director Kurth:

On behalf of the People of the State of California, by and through Xavier Becerra, Attorney General ("People"), a plaintiff in the lawsuit entitled *People of the State of California, CA Coastal Commission v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al.* (Border Wall Litigation), United States District Court, Southern District of California, Case No. 17-cv-0125-GPC-WVG (Border Wall Litigation), this letter addresses ongoing and potential future violations of the federal Endangered Species Act ("ESA") (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.).

Pursuant to Section 11(g) of the (ESA) (16 U.S.C. § 1540(g)), the People hereby provide notice that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its component agency U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), are in violation of Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. § 11536(a)(2)) for their failure to formally consult, in a public manner, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("FWS") regarding the impacts on threatened or endangered species of the construction of the following projects along the United States-Mexico border: (1) the ongoing

construction of border wall prototypes in the Otay Mesa area of San Diego County, California, approximately fifteen miles from the Pacific Ocean ; (2) the planned replacement of the primary fencing with a new border barrier in San Diego County generally in the 14-mile segment of the border area beginning at the Pacific Ocean and extending eastward; the planned replacement of the secondary fencing with a new border barrier in the same 14-mile segment of the border; and (4) the planned replacement of primary fencing along the border in Imperial County, California, starting near the Calexico West Land Port Entry and extending three miles to the west.

The prototype border wall construction activities are located within or in close proximity to vernal pool locations, as well as designated critical habitat for several threatened or endangered species, including the Quino checkerspot butterfly, San Diego fairy shrimp, Riverside fairy shrimp, California coastal gnatcatcher, and Otay tar plant.

The location of the proposed construction of a replacement border barrier for the primary fencing and a replacement border barrier for the secondary fencing in San Diego County, which is generally along the 14-mile segment of the border area beginning at the Pacific Ocean and extending eastward, is an area where numerous federally-listed endangered and threatened species potentially occur in close proximity to the border. Such endangered species include the following: least Bell's vireo, salt marsh bird's-beak, California Orcutt grass; Otay Mesa mint; San Diego button-celery; San Diego fairy shrimp; Riverside fairy shrimp; and Quino checkerspot butterfly. Relevant threatened species include the following: Otay tarplant; coastal California gnatcatcher; and spreading navarretia.

Other endangered or threatened species that potentially exist in somewhat close proximity to the replacement border barrier projects planned for San Diego County include the light-footed Ridgway's rail, California least tern and western snowy plover.

The Yuma Clapper Rail, an endangered species listed under the ESA, is an inhabitant of Imperial County. The potential for this species to occur in the area of the proposed border fencing near the Calexico West Land Port of Entry should be considered by DHS and CBP, in a public manner consistent with the ESA.

In addition to the lack of formal consultation with FWS regarding the projects discussed above, DHS and CBP apparently have failed to conduct any publicly-available environmental analyses for the prototype walls and fence replacement/new border barrier projects described in this letter. This lack of public environmental analyses by DHS and CBP, or the agencies' lack of public disclosure of such analyses and related consultation in a timely manner, undermines the specific requirements of the ESA. The recent inclusion of a CBP memorandum dated September 25, 2017, as an exhibit to a court pleading filed by DHS and CBP in a federal lawsuit in San Diego on October 6, 2017, is not legally sufficient.

Also, it is possible that DHS and CBP will be in further violation of Section 9(a)(1)(B) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. § 1538(a)(1)(b)) for the likely "take" of threatened or endangered species caused by these construction projects and related activities.

The violations of the ESA described in this letter are serious and unwarranted. If DHS and CBP fail to fully address these violations within 60 days, the complaint in the above-referenced civil case filed by the People and the California Coastal Commission on September 20, 2017, will be amended to address these and related violations.

Thank you for considering the information provided in this notice letter. If DHS or CBP would like to discuss this matter, please request your counsel in the above-referenced case to contact me or Supervising Deputy Attorney General Michael Cayaban at our office in San Diego. My office number is (619) 738-9341. Mr. Cayaban can be reached at (619) 738-9313.

Sincerely,

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From: Martinez, Cynthia
To: Frazer, Gary
Cc: Gina Shultz
Subject: Re: Border barrier call next week
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 3:41:34 PM

I'll be fine. If he wants more specifics about ES stuff then we will set up another briefing.

Thanks
Cynthia

On Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 3:40 PM, Frazer, Gary <gary_frazer@fws.gov> wrote:

> ES in HQ has nothing to offer beyond what the Regions may put forward. We have not had any recent substantive engagement with DHS/CBP on border wall coordination at HQ.
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> Do you want to handle this one yourself, or would you like me to come with? -- GDF
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> On Tue, Oct 24, 2017 at 3:24 PM, Martinez, Cynthia <cynthia_martinez@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > All,
> >
> > In looking into this briefing, including a discussion with (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), since the briefing is scheduled for only 30 minutes, we are going to start at a very high level and then follow up as Acting AS Larrabee requests. Through that lens, we do not require participation from the Regions at this time. However, we are requesting Briefing Papers on Border Wall Coordination with U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Customs and Border Protection by Wednesday, October 25th at 10am Eastern. These should be high level BPs regarding coordination with Homeland Security and CBP.
> >
> > Good news for Region 2 is that we can use your September 8, 2017 BP. You are done and you don't have to call in.
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> > Region 1, let me know if you have any questions on the BP. You don't have to call in.
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> > ES, let me know if you would like to discuss.
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> > With regard to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), Inter-agency Borderland Coordinator for the Department, we are going to encourage Acting AS Larrabee to receive a briefing directly from (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) so that he can cover Parks as well. We will follow up with (b)(6) after the briefing with Acting AS.
> >
> > Likewise, we will follow up with each Region and let you know whether or not Acting AS would like a more in-depth briefing from you.
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> > Please let me know if you would like to discuss.
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> > Thanks

Cynthia

On Fri, Oct 20, 2017 at 4:13 PM, Gale, Michael <michael_gale@fws.gov> wrote:

+ Other meeting participants and staff

We are checking with FWP to see if there is an agenda for this meeting or more details on expectations. It's likely that the context is merely that's it's a high profile issue that Jason, who is new to the Department, would like to know more about.

I'm assuming that Refuges (Cynthia Martinez) would serve as the lead for this briefing and would work with the Regions and Programs involved (R2, R8, Refuges, ES) to coordinate briefing prep. We can circle back on Monday if there needs to be any adjustment to that approach.

We will need a briefing paper to provide to FWP, preferably by 12:00p.m. Wednesday, October 25.

For Roslyn and Thomas - please add (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to the meeting invite for Thursday, October 26 at 3:30p.m. "Border Barrier Briefing."

cheers,

Michael

On Fri, Oct 20, 2017 at 1:26 PM, Lueders, Amy <amy_lueders@fws.gov> wrote:

Michael-
Hope you are having a great Friday. Wanted to check in with you regarding next week's (10/26 at 1:30 mtn) call on Border Barrier with DAS Larrabee. Do you have an agenda? I want to make sure we are prepared from Region 2 if we are expected to make a presentation. Also, I would recommend we invite (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), Inter-agency Borderland Coordinator for the Department to participate in the call. Let me know what you think
Thanks
Amy

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Michael Gale

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Subject:	R2 - Southwest Region Weekly Report Submission - November 17, 2017
Date:	Thursday, November 2, 2017 3:32:18 PM
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Attached is the Southwest Region's contribution for the Department's Weekly Report.

Also in the attachment are suggestions for FishBites along with recent significant media contacts.

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

Best,
Chris

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FishBites Report

Virtually Wild! Program Provides Nature Therapy to Brave Children Undergoing Treatment

- **Topic:** Ecotherapy (also known as nature therapy), is thought to have regenerative powers improving mood and easing anxiety, as well as aiding in the ability to cope with stress and depression according to WebMD, LLC. Through the Houston Urban Partnership, FWS is bringing nature's healing powers indoors to benefit several brave youth undergoing cancer treatments. Two *Virtually Wild!* events were developed specifically for the UT MD Anderson Cancer Center and the Texas Medical Center in Texas. Not only does this program provide healing benefits, it shares teachable moments including how we benefit from the species and the importance of protecting their habitats. As part of the program, a biologist from the Katy Prairie Conservancy will bring a live monarch, caterpillar and chrysalis. FWS and partners host these virtual experiences with the intent of introducing the youth to pollinators, and enabling them to experience an urban prairie (surrounded by high rises). The program meets TEKS requirements, and in addition to events hosted at the Treatment centers, it is shared with students throughout the Houston area. The partnership hosts one conservation-related program a month during the school year. Last year, more than 1,000 students enjoyed experiencing the *Virtually Wild!* Program. These virtual events are held on a refuge or on partner lands/facilities, including at the Houston Zoo, in Texas. In December, FWS will host another Virtually Wild program at FWS Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge. The topic will be focused on the benefits of Rx Burns. Wildland firefighters will share with students the importance of fire as a land management tool that benefits threatened and endangered species, as well as discussing firefighting as a career opportunity. Check out some of the Houston Urban's videos to learn more about this virtual educational program on nature conservation at: https://www.facebook.com/pg/HoustonWild/videos/
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Houston Urban Partnership – Audubon, NFWF, National Wildlife Refuge Association, The Trust for Public Lands, TTANDEM – Skills+Motion, Soul River Runs Deep, as well as Members of the Texas Delegation, City and State agency support, local schools, and cancer centers treating youth, many more
- **Impacted Location:** Texas

Sandhill Cranes – Arizona's and New Mexico's "snowbirds" – are making their way south

- **Topic:** Every year Sandhill Cranes travel thousands of miles as they make their way to Arizona and New Mexico. "Trumpeting" their arrival, the cranes begin to arrive in early October picking out sunny spots to settle in for the winter. The peak times to view the cranes are from mid-November though the end of December. The cranes will begin to leave again in early March. Experienced bird watchers know the best time to see the birds is the first hour after sunrise, as they leave the roost to feed for the morning. The cranes usually return later in the morning (before noon) where they remain for the rest of the day. The birds often fly out again to feed in the afternoon, creating quite an evening show as they return at dusk. In Arizona, the FWS Cibola NWR is currently seeing about 250 sandhill cranes. At this Refuge, FWS staff cut crops (corn) starting the day before

Thanksgiving and then every two weeks after that. This draws around 1,750 cranes and about 4,000 geese (Canada, snow, and blue) as well as 10,000 ducks of various species (mostly pintail. mallards, and wigeon). Visitors to the FWS Cibola NWR enjoy the spectacular view the visiting birds make as they take the "goose loop drive." In New Mexico, FWS hosts the Festival of the Cranes annually at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. If you are not able to visit a Refuge in Arizona or in New Mexico to see the cranes, view a live stream by the Arizona Game and Fish Department at: www.azgfd.gov/sandhillcranes. Learn more about the Festival of the Cranes event held on the FWS Bosque del Apache NWR November 14-19 at: http://www.friendsofthebosque.org/festival-of-the-cranes.aspx.

- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Local City and State agencies, bird watchers, outdoor recreationists, and many others (considered an ecotourism draw)
- **Impacted Location:** Arizona and New Mexico

"Conservation and education bloom in the Texas panhandle"

- **Topic:** Expanding on an existing educational program, Friends of the High Plains are planning to promote the importance of wildflowers through a demonstration garden project on FWS National Wildlife Refuges in Texas. Gardens are being planted at the FWS Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, in Bailey County, and FWS Buffalo Lake NWR, in Randall County. These gardens will be instrumental in building on the group's existing educational outreach around native flora and grasslands—which includes onsite wildflower workshops, field trips for regional students, and other refuge visitors. The wildflower demonstration gardens are expected to be fully established by fall 2018. To learn more, visit: http://www.enbridge.com/stories/2017/october/friends-of-the-high-plains-nwr-texas-wildflower-gardens
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Partners Enbridge became the first corporate partner for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's National Wildlife Refuge Friends program
- **Impacted Location:** State

Media Contact Report

Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
ABQ Journal Outdoor Wire Youth hunting	Oct 26	FWS pitched a hunting-related story to news media related to youth hunts– After a young girl loses her grandmother she writes an essay in her memory. In the essay, she discusses how hunting is a conservation tool, and how the experience draws her into nature. Six weeks later, she was chosen by the National Wild Turkey Foundation as the 2017 JAKES Essay Contest Winner, earning a spot in the annual Kansas Governor's One Shot Turkey Hunt. Read more on the whirlwind set of events that happened next and exciting end of this youth hunt at: http://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/232137

PBS, KNME-TV, NM Urban Refuge, NM	Nov 1	PBS filmed on FWS Valle de Oro NWR Nov 1. The refuge will be featured in the PBS show "Our Land." Focus filming project: How the refuge was created (former dairy farm in the South Valley); What an urban refuge is and why it's cool that Abq has the first one in the Southwest; What do people do when they come here; What wildlife are here at different times of the year; significance of a protected bosque and river; and the future plans for the refuge (build a visitors center, habitat restoration which will be done by youth corps). Link to other "Our Land" programs: http://www.newmexicopbs.org/productions/newmexicoinfocus/our-land/
KNAU & Treesource Rx Burns and impacts to habitat	Nov 1	Morning Edition or All Things Considered aired a story about the prescribed burns that took place on the Coconino National Forest in Mexican Spotted Owl habitat. FWS biologists looked at owls in places treated with fire and not treated with fire. The Treesource also published a feature. Previously recorded interviews took place Oct. 16-20 https://cpa.ds.npr.org/knau/audio/2017/11/OWL-1101-web.mp3 https://treesource.org/news/biodiversity/mexican-spotted-owls-forests/#more-1558
San Antonio Express News Fever Tick South Texas	Nov 2	On Nov 1, U.S. Reps. Vicente Gonzalez and Jodey Arrington, of Texas, sent a letter to Secretary Zinke requesting help to combat the spread of cattle fever ticks on lands near the Texas-Mexico border. Letter generating renewed media interest. See Refuges for information on fever tick situation in south Texas.
American Way Magazine Jaguars in Arizona	Unknown	Writer is researching a story on Jaguars in Arizona: how they were first sited, how often, how the proposed border wall and canal that will cut through Nicaragua will affect them. Interview regarding natural history and recovery is being arranged. Border wall content will consist of providing DOI-approved statement and referral to CBP Office of Public Affairs
Arizona Daily Star (Tucson), *Arizona Highways* magazine, Arizona Republic Mount Graham Red Squirrel	Weekend edition, Thanksgiving week & in December	This is a follow-up piece on Senator John McCain's support/efforts to expand Mount Graham red squirrel captive breeding research program (following substantial population due to the Frye Fire). Arizona Highways is prepping an information and photo piece as well. Arizona Republic is preparing an expanded piece on the subject, including trips to The Phoenix Zoo cative research facility and a field ride-along with UofA squirrel monitoring crew. FWS has been interviewed.
Mohave Daily News (Arizona)	Nov 2	Bullhead City, Arizona, along the Colorado River is experiencing a large influx of immerging caddisflies. City leaders and property owners are vocally campaigning to

Caddisflies – intro of increased number of rainbow trout		increase the stocking of the recreational rainbow trout fishery to help consume the flies. These waters also support endangered bonytail chub and razorback suckers. They too consume caddisflies. Subject is locally contentious. (See entry below.)
Broken Bow news Youth Hunt on NWR	Nov 1	Coverage of the Oct 27-29 Cooperative Youth Hunt between the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and the FWS Little River National Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma. "Youth hunters harvest 8 deer"

Weekly Report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel
Hurricane Impacts in Texas are posted on the FWS Southwest webpage at:
https://www.fws.gov/southwest/hurricaneinfo/

Nov 1&2 – FWS SW Regional Director Amy Lueders traveling to Arizona to meet with AZG&FD, local landowners and FWS staff in Arizona. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 1 to 7 – FWS hosts International visitors from The Nature Conservancy of Mongolia. The group is interested in learning about conservation management strategies at Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge. See Refuges. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 2 – FWS SW Regional Director Amy Lueders meet and greet call with Rep Vela (D Texas 34) (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 4 – FWS setting up a booth at the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Wildlife Fair at the Hon-Dah Conference Center east of Pinetop, Arizona. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 5 – FWS hosts Birding Festival at Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge, New Mexico (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 6 – FWS joins Rogers State University and The Conservation Fund at a dedication ceremony for the RSU Scientific Field Research Station. See details in ES items of note. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 6 – Trustees (including DOI) holding public meeting on draft Restoration Plan and EA for Chevron Mining Inc. Questa Mine in Northern New Mexico. See ES Items of Note. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 7 to 9 – FWS participating in the Monarch Joint Venture annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas. See ES Items of Note. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 7 to 9 – FWS hosts the second Tribal ESA training event in New Mexico. See Tribal Consultation below. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 11 – FWS host Connecting People with Nature event at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge in Texas. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 13 – FWS closes solicitation for bids regarding the design of a visitor center at Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge. See Refuges. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 13 to 18 – FWS participating in the Department of Interior's Inland Oil Spill Response Training Course. See details in ES Items of Note. (R2-Southwest Region)

Nov 14&15 – FWS Southwest Regional Director travels to Texas and provides opening remarks at Texas Freshwater Mussel Conservation and Stakeholder Summit in Austin, Texas (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 16 – FWS meeting with Leander School District in Texas. See ES Items of Note. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Hot Topics - Week Ahead Announcements and Actions
See ESA actions below

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings
November and December – Meet and Greet meetings and introductory phone calls continue between incoming Regional Director and Members of the Congressional Delegation within the Southwest Region. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 29 – FWS and Forest Service meeting on November 29, in Cloudcroft, New Mexico with private allottee and DC staffer from Rep Pearce's Office. Discussions to include development of a framework to address long-term land management practices that will benefit the New Mexico Meadow jumping mouse while meeting the needs of the allottee. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions
UPDATED: As early as December 20, FWS will publish a 12-month finding on the listing status of the southwestern willow flycatcher. Pacific Legal Foundation petitioned FWS to delist the flycatcher and in March 2016, we published a 90-day finding that the petition included substantial information, primarily regarding the subspecies' taxonomy. Upon robust consideration of the petition and the flycatchers' classification, FWS is completing a 12-month finding that delisting of the southwestern willow flycatcher is not warranted. Outreach is being planned – including a news release and Congressional notifications via email. Interest expected to be moderate. No controversy anticipated. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: American Burying Beetle Species Status Assessment and 12-month finding – FWS anticipates a Species Status Assessment (SSA) for the American Burying Beetle (ABB) will be completed prior to the issuance of a 12-month finding which is expected to occur this winter (2018). In June 2015, FWS initiated the SSA to support future conservation decisions and recovery planning for the ABB under the Endangered Species Act. FWS is using the SSA to evaluate all available information related to the current and potential threats to the species. The SSA was peer reviewed. State fish and game agencies and affected Tribes within the current

ABB range reviewed the document following review of the formal peer review process. On February 22, 2017, the American Stewards of Liberty and the Independent Petroleum Association of America filed a Notice of Intent based on FWS' failure to make a 12-month finding on the petition to delist the ABB. (R2, R3, R4, R5 & R6)

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

REPEAT: FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed by the end of the calendar year. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. USGS, through its Open File Report (OFR), made available the population model it prepared for FWS. The population model represents one component of the SSA and will be considered alongside of all other available information. On August 25, the draft SSA report was sent to an external Working Group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) that FWS has been coordinating with throughout development of the SSA. On August 29, the draft report was sent out for external, independent scientific peer review through a third-party contractor. FWS received comments from the working group and peer reviewers. FWS technical staff are currently working to review, organize, and respond to more than 400 comments. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the lesser prairie-chicken. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the States, and others to plan a face-to-face coordination meeting. A follow up meeting between the Congressman and FWS Acting Director Greg Sheehan on Oct. 26. FWS responded to follow up questions related to the cost of administering existing Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA)(R2 Southwest Region & R6 Mountain-Prairie Region)

Other Ecological Services Items of Note

NEW: The Department of the Interior, Office of Policy and Environmental Compliance is sponsoring the Inland Oil Spill Response Training Course in Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 13 – 18, 2017. The FWS Southwest Region will assist with presentations. The purpose of the training course is to prepare DOI agencies to plan and respond to inland oil spills. Participants include DOI, FWS, state and tribal. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Mussel 101 briefing –FWS co-hosted with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Comptroller's office, a Central Texas Mussel 101 Congressional briefing for District staffers. The briefing took place on November 1, at the Texas Comptroller's office in Austin, Texas. Staffers from Senators Cornyn and Cruz as well as Rep. Hurd's Office attended. After the briefing there were discussions about setting up a site visits this spring to one of the hatcheries working propagation or one of the streams/rivers where research is taking place. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan, First Revision – By the end of November, FWS plans to complete the final plan. The comment period for the draft revision of the Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan closed August 29, 2017. FWS received more than 101,009 comments (this number includes signed petitions). On August 23, the New Mexico State Game Commission (NMSGC) voted to support the recovery plan (6 to 1). The Arizona Game and Fish Department

and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish are seeking clarification on the role the States will play in recovery and release of wolves. FWS met with the Chairman of the New Mexico State Game Commission and the Director of New Mexico Department of Game and Fish on September 7, to discuss moving forward with Mexican wolf recovery, including releases of Mexican wolves in New Mexico. The State is considering rejoining as a partner agency in Mexican wolf recovery. The Chairman requested a presentation to the Commission on permits for importation and release of Mexican wolves on December 20, 2017. Due to the high level of visibility and controversy on Mexican wolf recovery in general, extensive outreach is on-going, including personal phone calls, email reminders and updated web postings. Wolf update briefings include the following: the FWS SW Regional Director had government-government consultation with the White Mountain Apache Tribe in Arizona on October 18. The Regional Director, ARD-ES, and Mexican Wolf Recovery Coordinator briefed the Department on the Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan on October 30. Additionally, the FWS SW Regional Director convened a conference call with the Mexican Wolf Tribal Working Group on October 30, to discuss the Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan and made calls to Chairmen and Governors of Tribes and Pueblos most affected by Mexican Wolf Recovery on October 31. Additional follow up briefings with Members are being planned in mid-November. FWS is under a Court settlement agreement to complete the final plan by the end of November 2017. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Leander Independent School District (LISD) ITP – FWS will announce in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent to prepare a draft National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. LISD submitted a draft habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit (ITP). The HCP and ITP, if issued by FWS, will provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. One of the species identified in the application is the endangered black-capped vireo. FWS continues to meet with the applicant and other vested parties. A follow up meeting with the applicant occurred on October 3. FWS also met with the landowners on Oct. 26. FWS is in the process of working with landowners to arrange a site visit to the properties identified in the application with all interested parties in the near future. The next meeting with the applicant and FWS is planned to occur on Nov. 16. The applicant may invite Congressional staffers to the meeting. Local interest anticipated. It has significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties. In support, DOI received a Congressional Inquiry dated June 16 from Texas Representatives McCaul, Carter, Flores, Smith and Williams and a September 25, letter from Senators Cornyn and Cruz. Congressional briefings are being proposed. Additional outreach, including issuing a news bulletin, will occur at time of publication in the Federal Register. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: In mid-November – FWS anticipates publishing a notice announcing the receipt of application and consideration of an amendment to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and permit to add the recently listed Mexican gartersnake. Outreach will consist of notifying stakeholders. (R2-Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Bone Cave Harvestman Species Status Assessment – FWS Austin Ecological Services Office completed a draft species status assessment for the Bone Cave harvestman. The

assessment was sent out for external, independent scientific peer review in late September, comments were due back to FWS on October 27, 2017. Concurrently with peer review of the species status assessment, FWS will host representatives from the City of Austin, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Travis County, and Williamson County to detail the methodology used to analyze ecological conditions at sites occupied by the Bone Cave harvestman. Comments and information provided by the peer review and site analysis meeting will be incorporated into the species status assessment. The final species status assessment will inform a 5-year review to be completed for the Bone Cave harvestman in fiscal year 2018. (R2-Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Dedication of Research Station at Rogers State University (Oklahoma) - FWS will join Rogers State University and The Conservation Fund for a dedication ceremony for the RSU Scientific Field Research Station on November 6. FWS and Rogers State University collaborated on the creation of the long-term scientific research station for the university. The Scientific Field Research Station mission is to collect and share the scientific knowledge needed to make significant contributions to our understanding of, and to protect the native upland/wetland woodlands of northeastern Oklahoma. The dedication ceremony will be held at the RSU Scientific Field Research Station. Media is invited. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: The New Mexico Office of Natural Resources Trustee (ONRT), the Department of Agriculture (represented by the Forest Service), and the Department of the Interior (represented by FWS and Bureau of Land Management), (collectively, the "Trustees") finalized the Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Chevron Mining Inc, Questa Mine in northern New Mexico. The Trustees will host a public meeting on November 6, to answer questions regarding the document. The Site is located five miles east of the town of Questa, adjacent to the Red River and also includes mine tailing ponds located approximately nine miles west of the mine. The Site is the location of a large groundwater contamination that will require treatment in perpetuity to mitigate human health risks. That treatment will use natural resource damages settlement funds ($4,000,000) for the restoration, rehabilitation, replacement, or acquisition of equivalent natural resources and services that were injured by the release of hazardous substances from the Site. (R2 Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS, Coronado National Forest (CNF), Arizona Game and Fish Department, and the Phoenix Zoo conducted an annual census of the Mount Graham red squirrel (MGRS) and their winter-store food caches (called middens) September 18-20. Results estimate only 35 squirrels survived the now-extinguished Frye Fire that began earlier this summer. The MGRS occurs only on (is endemic to) Mt. Graham in the Pinaleño Mountains, CNF, in southeastern Arizona. The MGRS population was estimated to be only 252 animals in Fall 2016. The Frye Fire encompassed approximately 48,443 acres of the Pinaleño Mountains, and included an estimated 78% of the MGRS's occupied range within its perimeter, with another 18% within the 2004 Nuttall-Gibson Fire perimeter. Portions of the MGRS's habitat were destroyed by high-severity burn, although even in areas of low- to moderate-severity burn, some middens were partially or completely destroyed. The Forest Service is developing a Biological Assessment of their fire response efforts to conduct an emergency section 7 consultation. MGRS experts and partners are working together to determine the path forward. Significant resources will likely be required to move forward with the subspecies' conservation and recovery. A joint news release (USDA Forest Service, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Phoenix Zoo, and FWS) on the census

results was issued Oct 17. Following extensive news coverage, Senator McCain's Office contacted FWS expressing interest in finding ways to support recovery of this species on Oct 22, and is expected to send a letter seeking options to expand the captive breeding program. (Information submitted in previous reports.) (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Texas Freshwater Mussel Conservation and Stakeholder Summit in Austin, Texas, Nov 14-15 – The purpose of the summit is to create a forum for sharing information on current mussel science and conservation programs throughout the nation. The symposium will bring together scientists and other professionals with expertise in mussel science and in the design and implementation of mussel conservation programs along with other stakeholders and interested parties. FWS is currently evaluating the status of four species of freshwater mussels in Texas, and will evaluate the status of another seven species over the next five years. Hosted by FWS, in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Comptroller's Office, the summit will be held in Austin, Texas. FWS Southwest Regional Director will provide opening remarks. The following organizations will have guest speakers at the Summit: Ecological Specialists, Inc., O'Fallon, Missouri, EnviroScience, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, Alabama Biodiversity Center Director, Marion, Alabama, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, Austin Water Environmental & Regulatory Services, City of Austin, Texas, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, Texas A&M University, Dallas, Texas, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, San Antonio River Authority, San Antonio, Texas, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin, Texas, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, U.S. Geological Survey, Kearneysville, West Virginia, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Temple, Texas, as well as private landowners. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Black-capped vireo draft Post-delisting Monitoring Plan – FWS anticipates publishing a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (PDMP) for the black-capped vireo for public review by the end of the year. The draft PDMP has been developed in coordination with partners and will guide how the species population is monitored for a minimum of five years if it is delisted. The plan will describe monitoring methods, reporting procedures and agency responsibilities. Multiple monitoring strategies will be used in order to assure that population trends and habitat status will be captured at various time periods and scales, respectively. The final delisting determination will likely occur in December 2017. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. (R2-Southwest)

REPEAT: FWS participating in the Texas Monarch Summit. Taking place November 1-2, this event will serve as a technical working meeting to develop quantitative goals for monarch conservation across the state. Participation is by invitation only. FWS participants include Katie Boyer (on the planning committee), Cyndee Watson (Texas PFW Program Coordinator), Chris Best (Texas State Botanist), and Leah Murray (SMARC Botanist). (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Monarch Joint Venture annual meeting takes place November 7-9, in San Antonio, Texas on the UT-San Antonio campus. These meetings provide an opportunity for all Monarch Joint Venture partners to collaborate on the annual Monarch Conservation Implementation Plan which guides national and international priorities. (All FWS)

REPEAT: FWS will join the Southern Core States for the monarch meeting taking place in Oklahoma City November 29 and December 1. This is a ~12 person working meeting with representatives from the state fish and game agencies to develop similar quantitative goals for the entire southern core geography. Kelly Meyers and Katie Boyer are the FWS representatives attending this meeting. (All FWS)

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

NEW: FWS McFaddin Beach and Dune Restoration Awarded $15.8 Million – Deepwater Horizon coastal habitat restoration efforts are accelerating in Jefferson County, Texas. The Texas Trustee Implementation Group in charge of Deepwater Horizon coastal restoration formally adopted its first plan for allocating Natural Resource Damages Act funds to restore natural resources injured by the 2010 oil spill. The plan contains a $15.8 million grant for the McFaddin Beach and Dune restoration along Jefferson County's Gulf of Mexico coast. The Texas TIG's Final 2017 Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment evaluated more than 800 project ideas from the public, state and federal agencies, and stakeholders. From this range of restoration alternatives the Texas TIG selected 13 projects for implementation. The total estimated cost of all 13 projects is $45,761,000. Two phases of the Salt Bayou project are already completed with the Keith Lake Fish Pass underwater barrier and a beach berm located behind the McFaddin Beach all the way into Chambers County. A third phase involving construction of two fresh water siphons under the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway is in the preconstruction phase with nearly all needed funds identified. This year, the Texas General Land Office and FWS built over three miles of the McFaddin Beach and Dune system. The Texas TIG's new grant award is expected to help toward completing the entire 20 miles which is the vital last phase in the Salt Bayou Project. More information on the Texas TIG funding announcement is available at: http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/2017/10/texas-trustee-implementation-group-releases-first-restoration-plan (R2 – Southwest Region)

NEW: FWS Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge EA is complete – The final Environmental Assessment for the FWS Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge was released to the cooperating agencies and public on October 26. FWS is now in the process of seeking bids for the design build of visitor center for the urban refuge. Solicitation of bids closes November 13. More information can be found at:
https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Valle_de_Oro/Environmental_Assessment.html
(R2 – Southwest Region)

NEW: Virtually Wild! Program Provides Nature Therapy to Brave Children Undergoing Treatment – Through the Houston Urban Partnership, FWS is bringing the healing powers found in nature indoors. Two *Virtually Wild!* events are planned specially for brave youth undergoing treatment at the UT MD Anderson Cancer Center and the Texas Medical Center. FWS and partners will host virtual experiences to introduce the youth to pollinators, and enable them to experience an urban prairie (surrounded by high rises). Not only does this program provide healing benefits, it shares teachable moments on the importance of the species and their habitats. As part of the program, a biologist from the Katy Prairie Conservancy will bring a live monarch, caterpillar and chrysalis. The program is geared to meet TEKS requirements and in addition to the Treatment centers, it is shared with students throughout the Houston area. Last year, more

than 1,000 students enjoyed experiencing the *Virtually Wild!* Program. The partnership hosts one conservation-related program a month during the school year. Programs are held on a refuge or partner lands/facilities, such as the Houston Zoo. In December, FWS will host another Virtually Wild program at FWS Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge. The topic will be fire. Wildland firefighters will share with students the importance of fire to managing prairie for endangered and protected species, as well as discussing firefighting as a career opportunity. The Houston Urban Partnership includes the Audubon, NFWF, National Wildlife Refuge Association, The Trust for Public Lands, TTANDEM – Skills+Motion, Soul River Runs Deep. Additional support from Members of the Texas Delegation, City and State agency support, local schools. Check out some of the Houston Urban's videos to learn more: https://www.facebook.com/pg/HoustonWild/videos/

NEW: The Nature Conservancy of Mongolia leadership is visiting the FWS Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area. FWS, The Nature Conservancy (U.S.) and the Denver Zoo will host International visitors from The Nature Conservancy of Mongolia at FWS Rio Mora NWR and Conservation Area in New Mexico, Nov 1 through 7. The purpose of the visit is to expose Mongolian decision makers to lands managed for conservation and to share management strategies used in the United States. This group comes from the eastern Mongolia steppes in Toson Hustai Nature Reserve. Learn more at the following websites:

- https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/asiaandthepacific/mongolia/index.htm
- https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/asiaandthepacific/mongolia/explore/lands/mongolias-amazing-grasslands.xml
- https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/asiaandthepacific/mongolia/explore/steppe-ing-out.xml

(R2 – Southwest Region)

NEW: Every year Sandhill Cranes travel thousands of miles as they make their way to Arizona and New Mexico. "Trumpeting" their arrival, the cranes begin to arrive in early October picking out sunny spots to settle in for the winter. The peak times to view the cranes are from mid-November though the end of December. The cranes will begin to leave again in early March. Experienced bird watchers know the best time to see the birds is the first hour after sunrise, as they leave the roost to feed for the morning. The cranes usually return later in the morning (before noon) where they remain for the rest of the day. The birds often fly out again to feed in the afternoon, creating quite an evening show as they return at dusk. In Arizona, the FWS Cibola NWR is currently seeing about 250 sandhill cranes. At this Refuge, FWS staff cut crops (corn) starting the day before Thanksgiving and then every two weeks after that. This draws around 1,750 cranes and about 4,000 geese (Canada, snow, and blue) as well as 10,000 ducks of various species (mostly pintail. mallards, and wigeon). Visitors to the FWS Cibola NWR enjoy the spectacular view the visiting birds make as they take the "goose loop drive." In New Mexico, FWS hosts the Festival of the Cranes annually at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, November 14-19. Learn more about the 30th Annual Festival of the Cranes event at: http://www.friendsofthebosque.org/festival-of-the-cranes.aspx.

UPDATED: Impact of Fever Ticks to Cattle Industry in South Texas – FWS continues to work with Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) regarding fever tick treatment at the FWS

Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. Currently, FWS has made a decision to move forward with evaluating, through the NEPA process, the best mechanism for chemically treating white-tailed deer on Laguna Atascosa NWR. This will include mitigation measures to reduce impacts to non-target species, such as the Texas tortoise. The FWS is committed to continuing discussions and proactive actions in cooperation with the USDA-APHIS, the Texas Animal Health Commission, private ranchers and others to aid in the battle to combat the fever tick. The fever tick can be spread by cattle, deer, and nilgai, an exotic Asian antelope that was introduced by private landowners in South Texas for hunting. The FWS Laguna Atascosa NWR remains under temporary quarantine at this time. The FWS Laguna Atascosa NWR has invested significant time and resources to support USDA-APHIS/TAHC in fever tick control efforts including nilgai reductions, increased bag limits for white-tailed deer, and prescribed fire. Additionally, FWS, in consultation with the USDA-APHIS, issued a biological opinion (BO) in January 2016 for use of Ivermectin-laced corn on private lands. The BO discusses potential effects to ocelots, jaguarundis, and aplomado falcons from use of Ivermectin-laced corn in deer feeders to treat ticks on deer on private property. Local media interest remains high. High Congressional interest from Senator Cornyn (R TX), Rep. Conaway, Rep. Vela (D TX Dist. 34), and the House Agriculture Committee. Members have requested periodic updates. Congressional updates planned (Background previously reported in August 2016 and earlier.) Senator Cruz contacted FWS regarding the fever tick in October and was provided a briefing update. FWS SW Regional Director will participate in the call, along with FWS Acting Director Sheehan. On November 1, FWS learned that of another Congressional letter from Representatives Gonzalez (D Texas 15) and Arrington (R Texas 19) to the Department seeking assistance in combating the spread of fever ticks on FWS managed lands. This letter has renewed media interest. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS Southwest Region Celebrates Refuge Week. See table at end of document with a list of upcoming public events. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Border-Related Activities

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Suppling water to USACE – FWS is currently in discussions with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regarding access to water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge for a Baboquivari Road Repair Project scheduled to begin in January 2018. Part of the project will require transporting water from the refuge to the Sasabe Forward Operating Base (FOB) to sustain approximately 60 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) members, who will reside at the FOB throughout the construction phase of the project. CBP plans to inspect the FWS-owned well and upgrade / replace pump and water delivery components to facilitate optimum functionality during the project's period of performance. This will ensure both the CBP national security mission and FWS objectives are met. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Road Construction - On March 20, FWS was contacted by the U.S. Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO) to coordinate an upcoming road construction project for a 5.9-mile portion of the Presumido Canyon Road through the Baboquivari Mountains, scheduled to begin in January 2018. The project will require water for the construction, and U.S. Customs and Border

Protection (CBP) will perform maintenance of an FWS pump and water well in return for increased use of the FWS-owned well. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Communication Towers - On April 18, FWS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) discussed advance planning for Block-1 Replacement (B1R) of existing infrastructure with integrated fixed towers located on and adjacent to the Buenos Aries National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A total of two communication towers and four surveillance towers on the refuge would be affected, with the goal of upgrading technology and providing a more robust foundation – all within the original impact areas. Work is proposed to begin in January 2018 dependent upon completion of planning, engineering, and permitting. Follow-up conversations with FWS have occurred to determine the necessary special use permitting process. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

UPDATED: The City of Bullhead, Arizona, along the Colorado River is experiencing a large influx of immerging caddisflies. City leaders and property owners are vocally campaigning to increase the stocking of the recreational rainbow trout fishery to help consume the flies. Following a three year closure of the Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery, this year's stocking has resumed. These waters also support endangered bonytail chub and razorback suckers. They too consume caddisflies. FWS is in discussions with local officials and coordinating with Arizona Game and Fish Department. The city is planning to hold a public meeting on this issue Nov 1. Subject is locally contentious and is gaining media interest. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: FWS Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery, in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department, announced the beginning of the annual rainbow trout sportfish stocking season in the lower Colorado River immediately below Lake Mohave/Davis Dam in late October. Neighboring communities include Laughlin, Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona. FWS will stock about 1, 750 trout every week from early October through March 2018. Stocking sites include Davis Camp, Community Park, and Rotary Park for October-December. From January 2018 through March 2018, stocking sites will be Davis Camp and Community Park. In addition to the annual stocking season below Davis Dam, FWS Willow Beach NFH continues to stock rainbow every week, year round, at Willow Beach Marina, Arizona. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation

NEW: FWS Southwest Regional Director participated in government-government consultation with the White Mountain Apache Tribe on the Mexican wolf and several other species on October 18. On October 30, the FWS SW Regional Director convened a call with the Mexican Wolf Tribal Working Group to discuss Tribal perspectives on Mexican wolf recovery. The FWS SW Regional Director also contacted the Chairmen and Governors of Tribes and Pueblos most

affected by Mexican Wolf Recovery on October 31 to discuss concerns, process and communication needs. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS and the White Mountain Apache Tribe successfully transferred 100 wild Apache trout to a holding facility at the Williams Creek Hatchery. Recently those wild fish being held in captivity are starting to feed on a mixed diet of live feed and commercial fish feed. The intent of this endeavor is to improve the genetics of the East Fork Whiteriver Apache trout broodstock being held at FWS Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery. The last time wild fish were brought onto this station from the East Fork drainage was in 1983 and 1984, when the Apache trout broodstock program originated. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona is planning a December 1 meeting and is interested in discussing the revised Native American Policy and implementation in the Southwest Region. Location in Arizona TBD. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Inter-Tribal ESA Training - FWS hosted the first of two Tribal Wildlife ESA training events to be offered in the Southwest Region in Arizona (October 3-5). The second ESA training event will occur in New Mexico (November 7-9). These Tribal training events include aspects of all FWS Divisions, including the Endangered Species Act, with a portion of the summit devoted to law enforcement training to assist Tribal Game Wardens and other Tribal agents. International Game Warden magazine, Spring 2017, published a story on the FWS law enforcement training for Native American conservation officers. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: FWS and the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) hosted a workshop for tribes on pollinators and monarch butterflies at the GRIC's Huhugam Heritage Center, Chandler, Arizona (Southeast of Phoenix) on October 31 and November 1, 2017. On day two, there was a hands-on planting of monarch and pollinator plants in a pollinator garden. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
Birding Festival	November 05, 2017 (Sunday)	Las Vegas NWR, New Mexico	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	November 11, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Event - Festival of the Cranes	November 14-19, 2017	Bosque del Apache NWR, New Mexico	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	November 18, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	November 25, 2017 (Saturday)	Bitter Lake NWR, Roswell, NM	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	December 09, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details

Other Special Event	December 21, 2017 (Thursday)	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Okla	View Details
Birding Festival	December 28, 2017 (Thursday)	Trinity River NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	April 14-15, 2018 (Saturday)	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, TX	View Details

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Attached is the Southwest Region's contribution for the Department's Weekly Report.

Also in the attachment are suggestions for FishBites along with recent significant media contacts.

We are excited about a number of happenings and accomplishments highlighted in this week's report including the increased number of California Condors and a recent Urban Partnership recognition (LGRV Learning Landscapes) and much more.

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

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FishBites Report

Condor Numbers on the Rise – Four More Birds Recently Released

- **Topic:** On November 3, four more young condors were released into the wild in northern Arizona (Vermilion Cliffs). This follows the public release of three condors on September 30. The three initial birds are doing well and have successfully integrated into the flock, perfecting the art of flight, feeding and roosting. These two recent releases bring the southwest population to 82 birds. (See Items of Note for details on first release.)
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** The Peregrine Fund, FWS, BLM, NPS and Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona Delegation (Senator McCain)
- **Impacted Location:** Northern Arizona and Southern Utah

FWS Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge Home to Abundant Wildlife is Also Popular Hunting Site in Oklahoma

- **Topic:** Established in 1930, the 32,197-acre FWS Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge is said to contain the largest saline flat in the central lowlands of North America. Found nowhere else for hundreds of miles around, the salt plains provide essential shelter, foraging, and breeding habitat attracting multitudes of migrating waterfowl, breeding birds, and big game such as bison and deer. In addition to the salt flats, the refuge's grasslands and woodlands produce an extremely productive environment where white-tailed deer and other wildlife thrive. Today, this unique assemblage of habitat is one of the most important colonial nesting bird areas in the State of Oklahoma. The abundance of wildlife found on the Refuge also makes it a popular place to hunt. Deer hunts at the FWS Salt Plains NWR remain one of the top 3-5 applied for hunts within Oklahoma, with more than 7,000 applicants last year. This Fall FWS is hosting five controlled hunts on the refuge for white-tailed deer. Twenty-three youth, accompanied by a mentor, will participate in the first November hunt. This will be followed by a primitive firearms (muzzleloader) hunt with 32 hunters and one non-ambulatory hunter. The next two November hunts are rifle, with 67 hunters and four non-ambulatory hunters signed up. The fifth hunt is an archery hunt in early December, with 28 hunters. Success across the board for all of the refuge hunts typically runs about 50 percent. All hunts are conducted in cooperation with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Hunting Community, and others
- **Impacted Location:** Oklahoma

FWS Looking Across Programs for Ways to Expand Hunting Opportunities in Oklahoma

- **Topic:** FWS is in the process of looking at options to expand hunting on National Wildlife Refuge and other lands in Oklahoma. This includes completing consultations for threatened and endangered species to promote habitat management and hunting and fishing activities both within the agency and externally (formal). FWS' American burying beetle (ABB) conservation strategy for the establishment, management, and operations of mitigation lands (conservation banks) allows for hunting, fishing and other recreational

activities, provided these activities do not negatively impact habitat areas. Actions like prescribed burning enhance habitat for ABBs and other wildlife and can be addressed through consultations. With this consideration, FWS issued a programmatic Biological Opinion covering wildlife habitat management on Corps of Engineers managed lands and Wildlife Management Areas, enabling wildlife habitat improvements that enhance management for game species and hunting opportunities. FWS is also consulting on wetland restoration actions for the Grand River Dam Authority's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission licensed Pensacola Project. This mitigation is anticipated to restore and enhance 550 acres of wetland and riparian habitat that will be open for fishing and hunting in Oklahoma.

- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Hunting Community, Corps of Engineers, Grand River Dam Authority, outdoor recreationists and others
- **Impacted Location:** Oklahoma – Refuges and other lands

Media Contact Report

Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
Arizona Republic Desert Sun Border Wall	Nov 1	FWS not contacted for interview. Title of news coverage: "The government asked citizens which laws it should 'deviate from' for Trump's border wall" http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/politics/immigration/2017/11/01/government-asked-citizens-which-laws-should-deviate-from-trumps-border-wall/770499001/
High Country News Villages at Vigneto	Week of Nov. 13	Inquiry re: Villages at Vigneto ESA Consultation - Reporter (Elizabeth Shogren) contacted FWS to ask if a response to Army Corps of Engineers' determination that the substantial real-estate could proceed without a Clean Water Act permit and ESA consultation was completed. Interview scheduled. HCN submitted a FOIA request for FWS' response letter to ACE. (For summary, see following entry.)
Texas publications LRGV Urban Partnerships	Nov 8 Oct 27	FWS Urban Partner Lower Rio Grande Valley Learning Landscapes event named "Conservation Wrangler" by Texan by Nature – see event under Refuges. Brownsville Herald, The Monitor and more. http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/valley/former-first-lady-visits-valley/article c751102c-c501-11e7-918d-63d994d4d8e7.html http://www.themonitor.com/news/local/article 278ebf10-bc48-11e7-9ca1-bfadf21334d4.html

Weekly Report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Nov 7 to 9 – FWS participating in the Monarch Joint Venture annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas. See ES Items of Note. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 7 to 9 – FWS hosts the second Tribal ESA training event in New Mexico. See Tribal Consultation below. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 8 – FWS hosts Urban Partnership recognition event for Lower Rio Grande Valley Learning Landscapes at the FWS South Texas National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Former First Lady Laura Bush keynote speaker. See Refuges for details. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 8 – Senator James Lankford's (R Okla) District Staffer, Caleb Cochran, stopped by the FWS Little River National Wildlife River in Oklahoma on November 8. He was visiting the area and wanted to get information (acreage, maps, hunting opportunities, etc.) about the refuge. A future tour of the refuge is tentatively planned. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 11 – FWS host Connecting People with Nature event at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge in Texas. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 13 – FWS closes solicitation for bids regarding the design of a visitor center at Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge. See Refuges. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 13 – FWS Acting Director planning to meet with Texas Oil and Gas Industry regarding the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Texas Conservation Plan (DTS BP034363)

Nov 13 to 18 – FWS participating in the Department of Interior's Inland Oil Spill Response Training Course. See details in ES Items of Note. (R2-Southwest Region)

Nov 14 &15 – FWS Southwest Regional Director travels to Texas and provides opening remarks at Texas Freshwater Mussel Conservation and Stakeholder Summit in Austin, Texas (R2 – Southwest Region)

Nov 16 – FWS meeting with Leander School District in Texas. See ES Items of Note. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Hot Topics - Week Ahead Announcements and Actions

See ESA actions below

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings

November and December – Meet and Greet meetings and introductory phone calls continue between incoming Regional Director and Members of the Congressional Delegation within the Southwest Region. (R2 – Southwest Region)

By end of Nov – Final Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan, First Revision will be available for public review. See ESA section for details. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Dec (Date TBD) – FWS and Forest Service meeting with private allottee and DC staffer from Rep Pearce's Office in Cloudcroft, New Mexico. See Items of Note for details. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

REPEAT: As early as December 20, FWS will publish a 12-month finding on the listing status of the southwestern willow flycatcher. Pacific Legal Foundation petitioned FWS to delist the flycatcher and in March 2016, we published a 90-day finding that the petition included substantial information, primarily regarding the subspecies' taxonomy. Upon robust consideration of the petition and the flycatchers' classification, FWS is completing a 12-month finding that delisting of the southwestern willow flycatcher is not warranted. Outreach is being planned – including a news release and Congressional notifications via email. Interest expected to be moderate. No controversy anticipated. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: American Burying Beetle Species Status Assessment and 12-month finding – FWS anticipates a Species Status Assessment (SSA) for the American Burying Beetle (ABB) will be completed prior to the issuance of a 12-month finding which is expected to occur this winter (2018). In June 2015, FWS initiated the SSA to support future conservation decisions and recovery planning for the ABB under the Endangered Species Act. FWS is using the SSA to evaluate all available information related to the current and potential threats to the species. The SSA was peer reviewed. State fish and game agencies and affected Tribes within the current ABB range reviewed the document following review of the formal peer review process. On February 22, 2017, the American Stewards of Liberty and the Independent Petroleum Association of America filed a Notice of Intent based on FWS' failure to make a 12-month finding on the petition to delist the ABB. (R2, R3, R4, R5 & R6)

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

UPDATED: FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed by the end of the calendar year. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS technical staff are currently working to review, organize, and respond to more than 400 comments received from the external Working Group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) and peer reviewers. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the lesser prairie-chicken. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the States, and others to plan a face-to-face coordination meeting. (R2 Southwest Region & R6 Mountain-Prairie Region)

Other Ecological Services Items of Note

NEW: Western Travis County Public Utility Agency Draft Habitat Conservation Plan – FWS anticipates publishing in the Federal Register a Notice of Availability for the Western Travis County Public Utility Agency's (WTCPUA) Habitat Conservation Plan (DHCP) and their application for an incidental take permit (ITP). WTCPUA is preparing to construct a 2.2 mile secondary water pipeline near its existing water transmission main for redundancy and parallel

capacity. Construction, operations and maintenance of the Raw Water Transmission Main could impact the federally listed endangered golden-cheeked warbler. If approved the term of the dHCP and ITP would be 30 years. A news bulletin will be prepared and shared with local congressionals, partners and media. (R2-Southwest Region)

UPDATED: The FWS and Forest Service meeting with private allottee and DC staffer from Rep Pearce's Office in Cloudcroft, New Mexico (Lincoln National Forest) has been postponed following a recent court decision. The proposed meeting is intended to continue discussions on the development of a framework to address long-term land management practices that will benefit the New Mexico Meadow jumping mouse while meeting the needs of the permittee and the mission of the Forest Service. The meeting is now tentatively proposed to occur in December after the Forest Service participates in a court-ordered conference call with the Sacramento Grazing Association on November 30. The final ruling may potentially influence future FS land management efforts in the Lincoln National Forest and implementation of a recently issued biological opinion. To learn more about the court case (Sacramento Grazing Association, Inc., et al., v The United States (Department of Agriculture - Forest Service)), visit: https://ecf.cofc.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/show_public_doc?2004cv0786-204-0 (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Increased Number of California Condors Soar in the Southwestern Skies – FWS, The Peregrine Fund and cooperating agencies released to the wild two California condors in Vermilion Cliffs National Monument in northern Arizona on September 30, 2017. (A third condor had self-released days earlier after its crate was chewed through by a suspected coyote.) All three birds are reported to be doing well and have successfully integrated into the flock, perfecting the art of flight, feeding and roosting. This was the 21st public release of condors to the wild and despite the fact that it occurs in a remote setting, the release continues to be very popular, with 450 people in attendance. Supporters, partners, and members of the public came from all over to view the impressive sight as the released condors spread their magnificent wings – with a span of 10 feet – and soar through the sky. A series of scopes were set up in key locations to aid in viewing opportunities. On November 3, four more young condors were released into the wild in northern Arizona (Vermilion Cliffs). These two recent releases bring the southwest population to 82 birds (Arizona and Utah). Supportive Stakeholders: Arizona Game and Fish Department, The Peregrine Fund and FWS, the Arizona Delegation (Senator McCain) and others. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Villages at Vigneto Development Endangered Species Act Consultation [Arizona] – FWS Arizona Ecological Services issued a concurrence with the Army Corps of Engineers' determination that the Clean Water Act mitigation parcel for the Villages at Vigneto Development is "not likely to adversely affect" three listed species. Army Corps of Engineers had initiated formal ESA section 7 consultation regarding a planned 12,200-acre, 28,000-home development near the San Pedro River in southern Arizona and a 141-acre off-site mitigation project on the river. The FWS and Corps disagreed on the scope of effects (which the Corps insisted includes only the fill of Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) and limited indirect impacts at the development site; FWS believed the ESA regulations' require consultation on all areas to be directly and indirectly affected by the action, including interdependent and interrelated actions (including the development's water use)). The applicant (El Dorado Holdings, Inc.) and the

Corps subsequently submitted documentation demonstrating that the Villages at Vigneto can be feasibly developed without affecting WOTUS and that the development will occur even without a Clean Water Act permit. FWS has deferred to the Corps' determination and redirected its consultation to an informal concurrence of effects on the off-site mitigation parcel, WOTUS, and limited, indirectly affected areas. Six plaintiffs have filed still-pending litigation against the Corps on this project/issue. Local and regional media have covered the story and High Country News is investigating; additional national media interest is anticipated. (Updated from previous submission reported the week of September 15) (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Dedication of Research Station at Rogers State University (Oklahoma) – On November 6, FWS joined Rogers State University and The Conservation Fund for a dedication ceremony for the RSU Scientific Field Research Station. FWS and Rogers State University collaborated on the creation of the long-term scientific research station for the university. The Scientific Field Research Station's mission is to collect and share the scientific knowledge needed to make significant contributions to our understanding of, and to protect the native upland/wetland woodlands of northeastern Oklahoma. The dedication ceremony was held at the RSU Scientific Field Research Station. Anita Barstow, FWS Biologist and an RSU alumnus, spoke on the positive conservation benefits achieved through partnerships with RSU and The Conservation Fund and others. Also attending the event were Cherokee Nation Councilor Keith Austin, Rogers County Commissioner Ron Burrows, alumni from RSU's environmental conservation program, and nearby landowners. Read more at: http://www.rsu.edu/rsu-partners-dedicate-scientific-research-station/ (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: The New Mexico Office of Natural Resources Trustee (ONRT), the Department of Agriculture (represented by the Forest Service), and the Department of the Interior (represented by FWS and Bureau of Land Management), (collectively, the "Trustees") finalized the Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Chevron Mining Inc, Questa Mine in northern New Mexico. The Trustees are planning to hold a public meeting in late November, to answer questions regarding the document. The Site is located five miles east of the town of Questa, adjacent to the Red River and also includes mine tailing ponds located approximately nine miles west of the mine. The Site is the location of a large groundwater contamination that will require treatment in perpetuity to mitigate human health risks. That treatment will use natural resource damages settlement funds ($4,000,000) for the restoration, rehabilitation, replacement, or acquisition of equivalent natural resources and services that were injured by the release of hazardous substances from the Site. (R2 Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Texas Freshwater Mussel Conservation and Stakeholder Summit in Austin, Texas, Nov 14-15 – Hosted by FWS, in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Comptroller's Office, the Texas Freshwater Mussel Conservation and Stakeholder Summit will be held in Austin, Texas. The purpose of the summit is to create a forum for sharing information on current mussel science and conservation programs throughout the nation. The symposium will bring together scientists and other professionals with expertise in mussel science and in the design and implementation of mussel conservation programs along with other stakeholders and interested parties. FWS is currently evaluating the status of four species of freshwater mussels in Texas, and will evaluate the status of another seven species over the next five years. FWS Southwest Regional Director will provide opening remarks. The following

organizations will have guest speakers at the Summit: Ecological Specialists, Inc., O'Fallon, Missouri, EnviroScience, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, Alabama Biodiversity Center Director, Marion, Alabama, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, Austin Water Environmental & Regulatory Services, City of Austin, Texas, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, Texas A&M University, Dallas, Texas, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, San Antonio River Authority, San Antonio, Texas, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin, Texas, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, U.S. Geological Survey, Kearneysville, West Virginia, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Temple, Texas, as well as private landowners. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: In mid-November – FWS anticipates publishing a notice announcing the receipt of application and consideration of an amendment to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and permit to add the recently listed Mexican gartersnake. Outreach will consist of notifying stakeholders, including tribes. (R2-Southwest Region)

REPEAT: The Department of the Interior, Office of Policy and Environmental Compliance is sponsoring the Inland Oil Spill Response Training Course in Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 13 – 18, 2017. The FWS Southwest Region will assist with presentations. The purpose of the training course is to prepare DOI agencies to plan and respond to inland oil spills. Participants include DOI, FWS, state and tribal. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan, First Revision – By the end of November, FWS plans to complete the final plan. The comment period for the draft revision of the Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan closed August 29, 2017. FWS received more than 101,009 comments (this number includes signed petitions). On August 23, the New Mexico State Game Commission (NMSGC) voted to support the recovery plan (6 to 1). The Arizona Game and Fish Department and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish are seeking clarification on the role the States will play in recovery and release of wolves. FWS met with the Chairman of the New Mexico State Game Commission and the Director of New Mexico Department of Game and Fish on September 7, to discuss moving forward with Mexican wolf recovery, including releases of Mexican wolves in New Mexico. The State is considering rejoining as a partner agency in Mexican wolf recovery. The Chairman requested a presentation to the Commission on permits for importation and release of Mexican wolves on December 20, 2017. Due to the high level of visibility and controversy on Mexican wolf recovery in general, extensive outreach is on-going, including personal phone calls, email reminders and updated web postings. Wolf update briefings include the following: the FWS SW Regional Director had government-government consultation with the White Mountain Apache Tribe in Arizona on October 18. The Regional Director, ARD-ES, and Mexican Wolf Recovery Coordinator briefed the Department on the Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan on October 30. Additionally, the FWS SW Regional Director convened a conference call with the Mexican Wolf Tribal Working Group on October 30, to discuss the Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan and made calls to Chairmen and Governors of Tribes and Pueblos most affected by Mexican Wolf Recovery on October 31. Additional follow up briefings with Members are being planned in mid-November. FWS is under a Court settlement agreement to complete the final plan by the end of November 2017. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Leander Independent School District (LISD) ITP – FWS will announce in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent to prepare a draft National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. LISD submitted a draft habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit (ITP). The HCP and ITP, if issued by FWS, will provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. One of the species identified in the application is the endangered black-capped vireo. FWS continues to meet with the applicant and other vested parties. A follow up meeting with the applicant occurred on October 3. FWS also met with the landowners on Oct. 26. FWS is in the process of working with landowners to arrange a site visit to the properties identified in the application with all interested parties in the near future. The next meeting with the applicant and FWS is planned to occur on Nov. 16. The applicant may invite Congressional staffers to the meeting. Local interest anticipated. It has significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties. In support, DOI received a Congressional Inquiry dated June 16 from Texas Representatives McCaul, Carter, Flores, Smith and Williams and a September 25, letter from Senators Cornyn and Cruz. Congressional briefings are being proposed. Additional outreach, including issuing a news bulletin, will occur at time of publication in the Federal Register. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Bone Cave Harvestman Species Status Assessment – FWS Austin Ecological Services Office completed a draft species status assessment for the Bone Cave harvestman. The assessment was sent out for external, independent scientific peer review in late September, comments were due back to FWS on October 27, 2017. Concurrently with peer review of the species status assessment, FWS will host representatives from the City of Austin, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Travis County, and Williamson County to detail the methodology used to analyze ecological conditions at sites occupied by the Bone Cave harvestman. Comments and information provided by the peer review and site analysis meeting will be incorporated into the species status assessment. The final species status assessment will inform a 5-year review to be completed for the Bone Cave harvestman in fiscal year 2018. (R2-Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS, Coronado National Forest (CNF), Arizona Game and Fish Department, and the Phoenix Zoo conducted an annual census of the Mount Graham red squirrel (MGRS) and their winter-store food caches (called middens) September 18-20. Results estimate only 35 squirrels survived the now-extinguished Frye Fire that began earlier this summer. The MGRS occurs only on (is endemic to) Mt. Graham in the Pinaleño Mountains, CNF, in southeastern Arizona. The MGRS population was estimated to be only 252 animals in Fall 2016. The Frye Fire encompassed approximately 48,443 acres of the Pinaleño Mountains, and included an estimated 78% of the MGRS's occupied range within its perimeter, with another 18% within the 2004 Nuttall-Gibson Fire perimeter. Portions of the MGRS's habitat were destroyed by high-severity burn, although even in areas of low- to moderate-severity burn, some middens were partially or completely destroyed. The Forest Service is developing a Biological Assessment of their fire response efforts to conduct an emergency section 7 consultation. MGRS experts and partners are working together to determine the path forward. Significant resources will likely be required to move forward with the subspecies' conservation and recovery. A joint news release (USDA Forest Service, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Phoenix Zoo, and FWS) on the census

results was issued Oct 17. Following extensive news coverage, Senator McCain's Office contacted FWS expressing interest in finding ways to support recovery of this species and has sent letters to FWS and AGFD seeking options to expand the captive breeding program. (Information submitted in previous reports.) (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Black-capped vireo draft Post-delisting Monitoring Plan – FWS anticipates publishing a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (PDMP) for the black-capped vireo for public review by the end of the year. The draft PDMP has been developed in coordination with partners and will guide how the species population is monitored for a minimum of five years if it is delisted. The plan will describe monitoring methods, reporting procedures and agency responsibilities. Multiple monitoring strategies will be used in order to assure that population trends and habitat status will be captured at various time periods and scales, respectively. The final delisting determination will likely occur in December 2017. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Monarch Joint Venture annual meeting takes place November 7-9, in San Antonio, Texas on the UT-San Antonio campus. These meetings provide an opportunity for all Monarch Joint Venture partners to collaborate on the annual Monarch Conservation Implementation Plan which guides national and international priorities. (All FWS)

REPEAT: FWS will join the Southern Core States for the monarch meeting taking place in Oklahoma City November 29 and December 1. This is a ~12 person working meeting with representatives from the state fish and game agencies to develop similar quantitative goals for the entire southern core geography. Kelly Meyers and Katie Boyer are the FWS representatives attending this meeting. (All FWS)

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

NEW: FWS Urban Partner named "Conservation Wrangler" on Nov 8. FWS hosts a Lower Rio Grande Valley Learning Landscapes event at the South Texas National Wildlife Refuge Complex to recognize one of FWS' Urban Refuge partner and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Learning Landscapes project (PSJA School District). The LRGV Learning Landscapes project is a collaborative effort to inspire a deep appreciation of the natural resources of the LRGV, and to incite cultural pride in the many natural wonders of the Lower Rio Grande Valley (LRGV) for local youth and members of the community. Texan by Nature, a new partner, announced the PSJA school district as a new "Conservation Wrangler" for its district-wide efforts to not only preserve the natural habitat of the Rio Grande Valley within its campuses and vision for using these areas as outdoor classrooms where students can learn the importance of maintaining the unique ecosystem of the region. LRGV Learning Landscapes is designed to provide hands-on learning experiences and creative instruction, and to restore habitat for native wildlife. Guests at the celebration include former First Lady Laura Bush, representing Texan by Nature and keynote speaker. Amy Lueders Regional Director and Cynthia Martinez are also participating. (R2 – Southwest Region)

NEW: Roadside Work May Impact Visitation – FWS Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge is now in the process of removing trees, brush and debris along Highway 49. This work is expected to

conclude on November 17. In order to reduce potential safety hazards associated with the roadside work, the Refuge will intermittently hold traffic and reduce traffic to one-lane flow between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. The work area is located between the Refuge's east entrance near Medicine Park and the intersection of Highways 115 and 49 near Holy City (Meers T Intersection). Expect intermittent traffic delays are anticipated until work is completed. However, the Refuge will suspend work on weekends and the November 10 Holiday to avoid traffic delays. Maps and additional information on road delays or closures will be available on the Refuge website at www.fws.gov/refuge/wichita_mountains (R2 – Southwest Region)

NEW: Fall Foliage Walks in Oklahoma – FWS Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge and the Association of Friends of the Wichitas are planning to host the "Fall Foliage Walks" November 11, 18 and 25. Interpreters take participants for a one mile walk through a forested canyon. Participants will enjoy the chance to view the autumn colors of red, yellow, orange and brown as leaves begin to change with the season. Reservations are required and are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Wheelchair access is available. Family event. Open to media. For details, contact the FWS Refuge Visitor Center at (580) 429-2197 (R2 – Southwest Region)

NEW: Stars over the Wichitas – FWS Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge invites family and friends to join in an evening with the *stars*. The refuge will be holding "Stars over the Wichitas" interpretive programs November 17 and 18. Guests to the Refuge will be able to study major constellations and other heavenly bodies. Star-gazing is enhanced at the Refuge because of its lack of major light pollution. An interpreter for the Friends of the Wichitas will discuss the history of astronomy, its practical uses and goals, and will help visitors identify images found in the night sky. Visitors may bring their own optics, or view the night skies through a 13" Dobsonian telescope. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Binoculars and a lawn chair are recommended. The program will be canceled if it is raining or if the sky is overcast. Family-friendly event. Open to the public and the media. Reservations must be made by calling the FWS Refuge Visitor Center at: (580) 429-2197. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Every year Sandhill Cranes travel thousands of miles as they make their way to Arizona and New Mexico. "Trumpeting" their arrival, the cranes begin to arrive in early October picking out sunny spots to settle in for the winter. The peak times to view the cranes are from mid-November though the end of December. The cranes will begin to leave again in early March. Experienced bird watchers know the best time to see the birds is the first hour after sunrise, as they leave the roost to feed for the morning. The cranes usually return later in the morning (before noon) where they remain for the rest of the day. The birds often fly out again to feed in the afternoon, creating quite an evening show as they return at dusk. In Arizona, the FWS Cibola NWR is currently seeing about 250 sandhill cranes. At this Refuge, FWS staff cut crops (corn) starting the day before Thanksgiving and then every two weeks after that. This draws around 1,750 cranes and about 4,000 geese (Canada, snow, and blue) as well as 10,000 ducks of various species (mostly pintail. mallards, and wigeon). Visitors to the FWS Cibola NWR enjoy the spectacular view the visiting birds make as they take the "goose loop drive." In New Mexico, FWS hosts the Festival of the Cranes annually at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, November 14-19. On Nov2, the first fall waterfowl survey was conducted on FWS Bosque NWR, resulting in a count of 1,500 sandhills. Learn more about the 30th Annual Festival of the Cranes event at: http://www.friendsofthebosque.org/festival-of-the-cranes.aspx.

REPEAT: FWS McFaddin Beach and Dune Restoration Awarded $15.8 Million – Deepwater Horizon coastal habitat restoration efforts are accelerating in Jefferson County, Texas. The Texas Trustee Implementation Group in charge of Deepwater Horizon coastal restoration formally adopted its first plan for allocating Natural Resource Damages Act funds to restore natural resources injured by the 2010 oil spill. The plan contains a $15.8 million grant for the McFaddin Beach and Dune restoration along Jefferson County's Gulf of Mexico coast. The Texas TIG's Final 2017 Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment evaluated more than 800 project ideas from the public, state and federal agencies, and stakeholders. From this range of restoration alternatives the Texas TIG selected 13 projects for implementation. The total estimated cost of all 13 projects is $45,761,000. Two phases of the Salt Bayou project are already completed with the Keith Lake Fish Pass underwater barrier and a beach berm located behind the McFaddin Beach all the way into Chambers County. A third phase involving construction of two fresh water siphons under the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway is in the preconstruction phase with nearly all needed funds identified. This year, the Texas General Land Office and FWS built over three miles of the McFaddin Beach and Dune system. The Texas TIG's new grant award is expected to help toward completing the entire 20 miles which is the vital last phase in the Salt Bayou Project. More information on the Texas TIG funding announcement is available at: http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/2017/10/texas-trustee-implementation-group-releases-first-restoration-plan (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge EA is complete – The final Environmental Assessment for the FWS Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge was released to the cooperating agencies and public on October 26. FWS is now in the process of seeking bids for the design build of visitor center for the urban refuge. Solicitation of bids closes November 13. More information can be found at:
https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Valle_de_Oro/Environmental_Assessment.html
(R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Virtually Wild! Program Provides Nature Therapy to Brave Children Undergoing Treatment – Through the Houston Urban Partnership, FWS is bringing the healing powers found in nature indoors. Two *Virtually Wild!* events are planned specially for brave youth undergoing treatment at the UT MD Anderson Cancer Center and the Texas Medical Center. FWS and partners will host virtual experiences to introduce the youth to pollinators, and enable them to experience an urban prairie (surrounded by high rises). Not only does this program provide healing benefits, it shares teachable moments on the importance of the species and their habitats. As part of the program, a biologist from the Katy Prairie Conservancy will bring a live monarch, caterpillar and chrysalis. The program is geared to meet TEKS requirements and in addition to the Treatment centers, it is shared with students throughout the Houston area. Last year, more than 1,000 students enjoyed experiencing the *Virtually Wild!* Program. The partnership hosts one conservation-related program a month during the school year. Programs are held on a refuge or partner lands/facilities, such as the Houston Zoo. In December, FWS will host another Virtually Wild program at FWS Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge. The topic will be fire. Wildland firefighters will share with students the importance of fire to managing prairie for endangered and protected species, as well as discussing firefighting as a career opportunity. The Houston Urban Partnership includes the Houston Parks and Recreation, Houston Wilderness,

The Student Conservation Association, Katy Prairie Conservancy and Furr High School. Additional partners include from NFWF, National Wildlife Refuge Association, Audubon, The Trust for Public Lands, TTANDEM – Skills+Motion, Soul River Runs Deep. Members of the Texas Delegation, City and State agency support, local schools also support this urban partnership. Check out some of the Houston Urban's videos to learn more: https://www.facebook.com/pg/HoustonWild/videos/

REPEAT: Impact of Fever Ticks to Cattle Industry in South Texas – FWS continues to work with Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) regarding fever tick treatment at the FWS Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. Currently, FWS has made a decision to move forward with evaluating, through the NEPA process, the best mechanism for chemically treating white-tailed deer on Laguna Atascosa NWR. This will include mitigation measures to reduce impacts to non-target species, such as the Texas tortoise. The FWS is committed to continuing discussions and proactive actions in cooperation with the USDA-APHIS, the Texas Animal Health Commission, private ranchers and others to aid in the battle to combat the fever tick. The fever tick can be spread by cattle, deer, and nilgai, an exotic Asian antelope that was introduced by private landowners in South Texas for hunting. The FWS Laguna Atascosa NWR remains under temporary quarantine at this time. The FWS Laguna Atascosa NWR has invested significant time and resources to support USDA-APHIS/TAHC in fever tick control efforts including nilgai reductions, increased bag limits for white-tailed deer, and prescribed fire. Additionally, FWS, in consultation with the USDA-APHIS, issued a biological opinion (BO) in January 2016 for use of Ivermectin-laced corn on private lands. The BO discusses potential effects to ocelots, jaguarundis, and aplomado falcons from use of Ivermectin-laced corn in deer feeders to treat ticks on deer on private property. Local media interest remains high. High Congressional interest from Senator Cornyn (R TX), Rep. Conaway, Rep. Vela (D TX Dist. 34), and the House Agriculture Committee. Members have requested periodic updates. Congressional updates planned (Background previously reported in August 2016 and earlier.) Senator Cruz contacted FWS regarding the fever tick in October and was provided a briefing update. FWS SW Regional Director will participate in the call, along with FWS Acting Director Sheehan. On November 1, FWS learned that of another Congressional letter from Representatives Gonzalez (D Texas 15) and Arrington (R Texas 19) to the Department seeking assistance in combating the spread of fever ticks on FWS managed lands. This letter has renewed media interest. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Border-Related Activities

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Suppling water to USACE – FWS is currently in discussions with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regarding access to water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge for a Baboquivari Road Repair Project scheduled to begin in January 2018. Part of the project will require transporting water from the refuge to the Sasabe Forward Operating Base (FOB) to sustain approximately 60 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) members, who will reside at the FOB throughout the construction phase of the project. CBP plans to inspect the FWS-owned well and upgrade / replace pump and water delivery components to facilitate optimum functionality during the project's period of performance. This will ensure both the CBP national security mission and FWS objectives are met. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Road Construction - On March 20, FWS was contacted by the U.S. Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO) to coordinate an upcoming road construction project for a 5.9-mile portion of the Presumido Canyon Road through the Baboquivari Mountains, scheduled to begin in January 2018. The project will require water for the construction, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will perform maintenance of an FWS pump and water well in return for increased use of the FWS-owned well. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 - Border Coordination: Communication Towers - On April 18, FWS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) discussed advance planning for Block-1 Replacement (B1R) of existing infrastructure with integrated fixed towers located on and adjacent to the Buenos Aries National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A total of two communication towers and four surveillance towers on the refuge would be affected, with the goal of upgrading technology and providing a more robust foundation – all within the original impact areas. Work is proposed to begin in January 2018 dependent upon completion of planning, engineering, and permitting. Follow-up conversations with FWS have occurred to determine the necessary special use permitting process. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

UPDATED: The City of Bullhead, Arizona, along the Colorado River is experiencing a large influx of immerging caddisflies. City leaders and property owners are vocally campaigning to increase the stocking of the recreational rainbow trout fishery to help consume the flies. Following a three year closure of the Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery, this year's stocking has resumed. These waters also support endangered bonytail chub and razorback suckers. They too consume caddisflies. FWS is in discussions with local officials and coordinating with Arizona Game and Fish Department. The city held a public meeting on this issue Nov 1; 200 people, including local and county leaders attended. Subject is locally contentious and continues to hold media interest. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery, in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department, announced the beginning of the annual rainbow trout sportfish stocking season in the lower Colorado River immediately below Lake Mohave/Davis Dam in late October. Neighboring communities include Laughlin, Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona. FWS will stock about 1, 750 trout every week from early October through March 2018. Stocking sites include Davis Camp, Community Park, and Rotary Park for October-December. From January 2018 through March 2018, stocking sites will be Davis Camp and Community Park. In addition to the annual stocking season below Davis Dam, FWS Willow Beach NFH continues to stock rainbow every week, year round, at Willow Beach Marina, Arizona. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation

REPEAT: FWS and the White Mountain Apache Tribe successfully transferred 100 wild Apache trout to a holding facility at the Williams Creek Hatchery. Recently those wild fish being held in captivity are starting to feed on a mixed diet of live feed and commercial fish feed. The intent of this endeavor is to improve the genetics of the East Fork Whiteriver Apache trout broodstock being held at FWS Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery. The last time wild fish were brought onto this station from the East Fork drainage was in 1983 and 1984, when the Apache trout broodstock program originated. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona is planning a December 1 meeting and is interested in discussing the revised Native American Policy and implementation in the Southwest Region. Location in Arizona TBD. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Inter-Tribal ESA Training - FWS hosted the first of two Tribal Wildlife ESA training events to be offered in the Southwest Region in Arizona (October 3-5). The second ESA training event will occur in New Mexico (November 7-9). These Tribal training events include aspects of all FWS Divisions, including the Endangered Species Act, with a portion of the summit devoted to law enforcement training to assist Tribal Game Wardens and other Tribal agents. International Game Warden magazine, Spring 2017, published a story on the FWS law enforcement training for Native American conservation officers. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
Controlled Hunts – youth hunt with mentors	Nov 3-5	Salt Plains NWR, Okla	White-tailed deer in Oklahoma. The first hunt is for 23 youth (with a mentor) November 3-5.
Controlled Hunts – Primitive firearms	Nov 6-8	Salt Plains NWR, Okla	White-tailed deer in Oklahoma. Primitive firearms hunt (muzzleloader) will have 32 hunters and one non-ambulatory hunter.
Controlled Hunts – Rifle Hunt	Nov 13-15	Salt Plains NWR, Okla	White-tailed deer in Oklahoma. The two rifle hunts will have 67 hunters plus four non-ambulatory hunters.
Controlled Hunts – Rifle Hunt	Nov 27-29	Salt Plains NWR, Okla	White-tailed deer in Oklahoma. The two November rifle hunts will have 67 hunters plus four non-ambulatory hunters.
Youth Hunt	Dec 2&3	Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Texas	FWS hosts first youth deer hunt on Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Texas

Controlled Hunts – Archery Hunt	Dec 4-7	Salt Plains NWR, Okla	White-tailed deer in Oklahoma. The final hunt is an archery hunt held December 4-7 with 28 hunters.
Connecting People with Nature	November 11, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Event - Festival of the Cranes	November 14-19, 2017	Bosque del Apache NWR, New Mexico	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	November 18, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	November 25, 2017 (Saturday)	Bitter Lake NWR, Roswell, NM	View Details
Connecting People with Nature	December 09, 2017 (Saturday)	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Other Special Event	December 21, 2017 (Thursday)	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Okla	View Details
Birding Festival	December 28, 2017 (Thursday)	Trinity River NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	April 14-15, 2018 (Saturday)	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, TX	View Details

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Dear all,

Attached is the submission from Region 2 for consideration in the Department's Weekly Report. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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FishBites Report

Snake Once Thought Lost, Has Been Found

- **Topic:** After a one hundred-year absence, the threatened northern Mexican gartersnake is making an appearance – or reappearance – in Arizona, along the Colorado River! The snake was rediscovered in its historical range in 2015 and seen again more recently. It may well-be the habitat improvements accomplished by the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (LCR-MSCP) aided in the return of the snake. Beal Lake, Arizona, location of the discovery, is on the FWS Havasu National Wildlife Refuge along the Colorado River. The lake, managed by FWS, is a vital marsh habitat that contributes to the conservation goals of the LCR-MSCP – a river restoration partnership between agencies, water and electricity providers, conservation organizations and tribes. This long-term program created in 2005 is designed to minimize and mitigate potential impacts on 26 fish and wildlife species that may occur from water delivery and power generation along the lower Colorado River. The list of species includes six protected under the Endangered Species Act. (See Items of Note for more info.)
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Partners, Arizona Tribes, Bureau of Reclamation, Arizona Game and Fish Department and other participants in the LCR-MSCP, including private industry
- **Impacted Location:** Arizona

Man Pays Price for Trafficking Box Turtles to Corpus Christi, Texas

- **Topic:** FWS law enforcement agents successfully conducted an investigation that led to the conviction of a 34-year-old Louisiana man for violating the Lacey Act. During a November 21 hearing, the court heard that in February 2017, Byron Paul Pitre sold and shipped three wild Louisiana box turtles (Terrapene Carolina) to an undercover agent in Corpus Christi, Texas. The sale and transportation of wild box turtles from Louisiana to Texas is illegal under Louisiana state law. In May 2017, agents executed a search warrant at Pitre's residence in Louisiana. At that time, he admitted to obtaining turtles that were unlawfully caught in the wild and selling them to individuals in Texas, Nevada and New Jersey. During the search, agents seized more than 230 box turtles, 119 map turtles, 45 leopard tortoises, 20 Sulcata tortoises and 88 tortoise eggs. Pitre pleaded guilty before Senior U.S. District Judge John D. Rainey. The court then ordered him to serve three years of probation and pay a $2,500 fine. "Our wildlife and environment are a precious natural resource that we need to protect," said Judge Rainey. Read the Department of Justice's news release for details at: https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/man-pays-price-trafficking-box-turtles-corpus-christi
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Partners, State and Federal wildlife law enforcement agents, Department of Justice, environmental groups and others
- **Impacted Location:** States of Louisiana and Texas

Media Contact Report

Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
AZ Rep & other Border / Ocelot	Nov 21	Ocelot and potential border impacts https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-environment/2017/11/21/ocelots-try-survive-world-barely-knows-they-exist/824032001/ https://www.earthtouchnews.com/conservation/human-impact/wildlife-in-the-borderlands-isolated-ocelots-face-a-new-danger
AZ Rep Nat Geo Border / jaguar	Nov 21 Late Dec	AZ Rep - "How a border wall could drive the jaguar extinct in America" https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-environment/2017/11/21/border-wall-could-drive-jaguar-extinct-america/480883001/ National Geographic Explorer contacted FWS for interview. FWS is only providing background information on jaguar. Anticipate Dec publication.
AZ Daily Star Villages at Vigneto	Nov 26	Villages at Vigneto – Reporter inquired about FWS' position on development project - water use and a large increase of the human population in the area. Title, "Wildlife service reversal bodes well for massive Benson development" (see previous Weekly Report) http://tucson.com/news/local/wildlife-service-reversal-bodes-well-for-massive-benson-development/article_02db1b48-5a77-5cb4-ba9a-05a583f73e09 html?utm medium=social&utm source=email&utm campaign=user-share
Archery Trade Youth Hunts	Nov 28	FWS Buffalo Lake NWR Youth Hunt. https://www fws.gov/southwest/stories/2017/hagermandeer.html http://www.archerywire.com/features/232206
Multiple Calif Condor	Nov 26	Southwest California Condor Program Reviewed Associated Press: https://www.scpr.org/news/2017/11/26/78167/effort-to-conserve-california-condor-expands/ Flagstaff NPR: http://knau.org/post/condor-group-wants-get-more-hunters-avoid-lead-bullets
Current Argus Texas hornshell	Nov 26	Blight on the banks: Officials hope saving a rare mussel could restore the Black River. http://www.currentargus.com/story/news/local/2017/11/26/saving-rare-mussel-could-restore-black-river/876694001/
Multiple media Garter Snake	Nov 28-30 Dec 1&3	Arizona Republic, Havasu News and others - Northern Mexican Garter Snake rediscovered. Las Vegas Review - Journal 29 Nov 2017 https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/arizona/articles/2017-11-29/threatened-snake-long-gone-from-colorado-river-re-appears See entry below for more information.
Multiple media Mexican wolf	Nov 29	Mexican wolf recovery plan first revision published on Nov. 29 APNewsBreak: US adopts recovery plan for **Mexican wolves** https://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2017-11-29/apnewsbreak-us-adopts-recovery-plan-for-mexican-wolves Response from enviros: https://mexicanwolves.org/index.php/news/1831/51/Press-Release-Trump-Administration-Finalizes-Deeply-Flawed-Mexican-Wolf-Recovery-Plan

Weekly Report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Dec 1 – FWS Southwest Regional Director to present at Inter Tribal Council of Arizona meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Council interested in hearing update on the FWS revised Native American Policy and proposed implementation in the Southwest Region.

Dec 1&2 – The Arizona Game and Fish Commission holding a meeting at the AZGFD headquarters at 5000 W. Carefree Highway in Phoenix, Arizona. Open to the public. Meeting can be viewed on a webcast at: https://livestream.com/azgameandfish. Field Supervisor, or Acting, for the FWS Arizona Ecological Services Office will attend the meeting.

Dec 4 – FWS invited to participate in stakeholder meeting hosted by Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to discuss potential state assumption of the Clean Water Act section 404 and its applicability in Arizona. The meeting will be held in Phoenix, Arizona. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Hot Topics - Week Ahead Announcements and Actions

See ESA actions below

Nov 29 – Final Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan, First Revision, published. Advance calls took place Nov. 28. See ESA section for details. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Dec. 2 – HBO news program indicated interest in participating in a Dec. 2 ride-along with a humanitarian search-and-rescue group called Armadillos (possibly an off-shoot of Eagles of the Desert). May occur on Wilderness within the FWS Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge or National Parks Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. Seeking additional information. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Dec. 4 to 7 – FWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and Coastal Program hosting an Agreements Training & FY18 Planning Meeting in Camp Victory, Cartwright, Oklahoma.

Dec 18 – Comment period closes for the Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Chevron Mining Inc, Questa Mine in northern New Mexico. See Items of Note below for details (R2 – Southwest Region)

Dec. 19 – FWS Southwest Regional Director recognizes the Regional Monarch Team with the Southwest Regional Director's 2017 One-Service Award. A recognition ceremony will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. See ES Items of Note. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings

December – Meet and Greet meetings and introductory phone calls continue between incoming Regional Director and Members of the Congressional Delegation within the Southwest Region. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Dec. 13 – FWS asked to attend meeting with Forest Service and private grazing allottee by Rep Pearce's Office (R NM 02). The meeting is anticipated to occur in mid-Dec in Cloudcroft, New Mexico. See Items of Note for more. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

REPEAT: Gypsum wild-buckwheat – In January, 2018, FWS will withdraw its January 6, 2017, proposal to delist of the Gypsum wild-buckwheat (a threatened plant that occurs in New Mexico). The proposed rule to delist gypsum wild-buckwheat was predicated upon the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) ability to incorporate specific land use restrictions for the plant into their revised Resource Management Plan (RMP), which would alleviate the threat of surface disturbance activities in occupied gypsum wild-buckwheat habitat. However, the RMP revision is not complete, and current land management practices are not sufficient to support removing the species from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants. Therefore, the gypsum wild-buckwheat still warrants protection as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. News bulletin under preparation. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: California condor reintroduction program – A review of the 2012-2016 period of the California condor reintroduction program in northern Arizona and southern Utah is completed. This is the fourth 5-year review of the program. The review provides updates on the biological and field management aspects of the program, lead reduction efforts, and administration of the recovery effort. It provides recommendations to improve the program over the next five years and recommends continuing the reintroduction program, but continues to identify lead contamination as the major factor hindering condor recovery. Document posted and joint news release distributed. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Southwestern willow flycatcher – As early as December 20, FWS will publish a 12-month finding on the listing status of the southwestern willow flycatcher. Pacific Legal Foundation petitioned FWS to delist the flycatcher and in March 2016, we published a 90-day finding that the petition included substantial information, primarily regarding the subspecies' taxonomy. Upon robust consideration of the petition and the flycatchers' classification, FWS is completing a 12-month finding that delisting of the southwestern willow flycatcher is not warranted. Outreach is being planned – including a news release and Congressional notifications via email. Interest expected to be moderate. No controversy anticipated. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: American Burying Beetle Species Status Assessment and 12-month finding – FWS anticipates a Species Status Assessment (SSA) for the American Burying Beetle (ABB) will be completed prior to the issuance of a 12-month finding which is expected to occur this winter (2018). In June 2015, FWS initiated the SSA to support future conservation decisions and recovery planning for the ABB under the Endangered Species Act. FWS is using the SSA to evaluate all available information related to the current and potential threats to the species. The SSA was peer reviewed. State fish and game agencies and affected Tribes within the current ABB range reviewed the document following review of the formal peer review process. On February 22, 2017, the American Stewards of Liberty and the Independent Petroleum Association of America filed a Notice of Intent based on FWS' failure to make a 12-month finding on the petition to delist the ABB. (R2, R3, R4, R5 & R6)

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

NEW: Tobusch fishhook cactus downlisting notice – In the coming weeks, FWS will publish a final downlisting notice for the Tobusch fishhook cactus, a small cactus, with curved "fishhook" spines, that is endemic to the Edwards Plateau of Texas. FWS received a petition in 2013 to down list the Tobusch fishhook cactus based on the findings of our 2010 5-year review. A substantial 90-day finding on the petitions was published on September 9, 2013. In November 2015, one of the petitioners filed a complaint on the lack of a 12-month finding and on December 29, 2016, FWS published a proposal to downlist the species from endangered to threatened. Local interest is anticipated. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. (R2 – Southwest Region)

NEW: Kuenzler hedgehog cactus – As early as January 2018, FWS will publish a final rule downlisting of the Kuenzler hedgehog cactus from endangered to threatened. This plant (in New Mexico) has shown significant recovery due primarily to identification of additional populations and collaborative conservation efforts with partners. Outreach will be planned. (R2 - Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed by the end of the calendar year. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS technical staff are currently working to review, organize, and respond to more than 400 comments received from the external Working Group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) and peer reviewers. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the lesser prairie-chicken. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the States, and others to plan a face-to-face coordination meeting. (R2 Southwest Region & R6 Mountain-Prairie Region)

Other Ecological Services Items of Note

NEW: Lesser Prairie-Chicken Conservation Partners Forum – FWS is working to set up a meeting with representatives from the five range state fish and game agencies, the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and other partners to discuss coordination on lesser prairie-chicken issues. The meeting is currently planned to occur January 17-18, 2018, in Arcadia, Oklahoma. (R2-Southwest Region and R6-Mountain Prairie Region)

UPDATED: Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan, First Revision – On November 29, FWS published the final Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan, First Revision. The comment period for the draft revision of the Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan closed August 29, 2017. FWS received more than 101,000 comments (this number includes signed petitions). Due to the high level of visibility and controversy on Mexican wolf recovery in general, extensive outreach was conducted, including personal phone calls to State partners, Members of Congress and Tribal Leaders, in addition to numerous meetings and interactions with other interested parties. FWS was under a Court

settlement agreement to complete the final plan by the end of November 2017. On Wednesday, November 29, FWS received two Notices of Intent to sue from environmental groups – One on behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife, and others and a second on behalf of the WildEarth Guardians and Western Watersheds project. See previous reports for additional background. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan – On November 28, FWS published a notice announcing the receipt of application and consideration of an amendment to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and permit to add the recently listed Mexican gartersnake. Outreach included notifying stakeholders and tribes. FWS issued a news release announcing the amendment (rediscovery of the snake) and it is gaining significant coverage. FWS, along with the Bureau of Reclamation, are seeking to add the northern Mexican gartersnake as a species covered under the LCR-MSCP and its ESA permit. The LCR-MSCP is a long-term program created in 2005 to minimize and mitigate impacts that water delivery and power generation along the lower Colorado River may have on 26 fish and wildlife species, including six species protected under the Endangered Species Act. LCR-MSCP is responsible for creating, replacing, and managing habitat for these species and operates under an ESA permit. However, in the early 2000s, when the LCR-MSCP was conceived, the largely aquatic, northern Mexican gartersnake was long-thought to have been extirpated from the lower Colorado River. In 2014, the subspecies was added to the list of threatened animals protected under the ESA. A public comment on the draft environmental assessment is now open through December 28, 2017. For more information, visit: https://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/ (R2 – Southwest Region)

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The final restoration plan is anticipated to be available in mid-February 2018. (R2 Southwest Region)

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REPEAT: FWS Southwest Regional Director will recognize the Regional Monarch Team with the Southwest Regional Director's 2017 One-Service Award on December 19, 2016. A recognition ceremony will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The FWS Monarch program is a great success because it embodies the "one service" approach to conservation. Through excellent cross program coordination, the monarch program in the Southwest Region continues to make significant strides in achieving conservation outcomes in four key areas: partnerships, habitat, science and people. See details in previous report. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Leander Independent School District (LISD) ITP – FWS will announce in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent to prepare a draft National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Assessment on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. LISD submitted a draft habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit (ITP). The HCP and ITP, if issued by FWS, will provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. One of the species identified in the application is the endangered black-capped vireo. FWS continues to meet with the applicant and other vested parties. Significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties. Planned outreach when NOI is published includes issuing a news bulletin. More details available in past reports. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Western Travis County Public Utility Agency Draft Habitat Conservation Plan – FWS anticipates publishing in the Federal Register in the next 45-60 days, a Notice of Availability for the Western Travis County Public Utility Agency's (WTCPUA) Habitat Conservation Plan (DHCP) and their application for an incidental take permit (ITP) in Texas. WTCPUA is preparing to construct a 2.2 mile secondary water pipeline near its existing water transmission main for redundancy and parallel capacity. Construction, operations and maintenance of the Raw Water Transmission Main could impact the federally listed endangered golden-cheeked warbler. If approved the term of the dHCP and ITP would be 30 years. A news bulletin will be prepared and shared with local congressionals, partners and media. (R2-Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Villages at Vigneto Development Endangered Species Act Consultation [Arizona] – FWS Arizona Ecological Services issued a concurrence with the Army Corps of Engineers'

determination that the Clean Water Act mitigation parcel for the Villages at Vigneto Development is "not likely to adversely affect" three listed species. Army Corps of Engineers had initiated formal ESA section 7 consultation regarding a planned 12,200-acre, 28,000-home development near the San Pedro River in southern Arizona and a 141-acre off-site mitigation project on the river. FWS has deferred to the Corps' determination and redirected its consultation to an informal concurrence of effects on the off-site mitigation parcel, WOTUS, and limited, indirectly affected areas. Six plaintiffs have filed still-pending litigation against the Corps on this project/issue. Media interest continues. More details in past reports. (R2 – Southwest Region)

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National Wildlife Refuge Actions

NEW: Urban Youth Gaining Outdoor Work Experience – FWS as part of an urban partnership, is bringing students from Furr High School in Houston, Texas to the FWS Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge to enable them to gain back country experience. On December 10, ten to 15 students will work alongside FWS to continue construction of a boardwalk with the Refuge during their camping/backpacking experience. The experience is meant to introduce students to careers in conservation and will emphasize land management issues, developing public use opportunities (including hunting, fishing and wildlife watching), team building and leadership skills. The desired outcome is that the students will take learned skills back to their school, which is adjacent to Houston Parks and Recreation's Herman Brown Park, a 900-acre park that the school uses as an outdoor classroom. The urban partnership plans to build on this experience on other FWS/TPWD led programs on hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching conducted in classroom and on the city park. (R2 – Southwest Region)

NEW: Renewed Congressional interest anticipated (Senators McCain and Flake and Rep Gosar) on access restrictions within the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A private landowner with an in-holding (lands within the Refuge) has gated the Castle Dome/McPherson Pass Road where the main access road crosses his property. The private landowner has indicated intent to install locked gates on two additional roads. All three roads have been used for decades for refuge access. FWS is in the process of reviewing alternative routes outside of the in-holdings to accommodate hunters and other visitors to the Refuge. Congressional briefings are proposed to occur following meetings with the County and private landowner. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Impact of Fever Ticks to Cattle Industry in South Texas – FWS continues to work with Texas Animal Health Commission and U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) regarding fever tick treatment at the FWS Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. The FWS Laguna Atascosa NWR remains under quarantine at this time. Currently, FWS has made a decision to move forward with evaluating, through the NEPA process, the best mechanism for chemically treating white-tailed deer on the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Laguna Atascosa NWRs. This will include mitigation measures to reduce impacts to non-target species, such as the Texas tortoise. The FWS is committed to continuing

discussions and proactive actions in cooperation with the USDA-APHIS, the Texas Animal Health Commission, private ranchers and others to aid in the battle to combat the fever tick. Of media interest. Significant Congressional interest in efforts to combat fever tick. More details available in past reports. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS Southwest Leadership are in discussions with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation regarding increased hunting opportunities on National Wildlife Refuges in Oklahoma. A follow up meeting is planned for January 2018.

Border-Related Activities

REPEAT: Jan 2018 – Border Coordination: Suppling water to USACE – FWS is currently in discussions with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regarding access to water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge for a Baboquivari Road Repair Project scheduled to begin in January 2018. Part of the project will require transporting water from the refuge to the Sasabe Forward Operating Base (FOB) to sustain approximately 60 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) members, who will reside at the FOB throughout the construction phase of the project. CBP plans to inspect the FWS-owned well and upgrade / replace pump and water delivery components to facilitate optimum functionality during the project's period of performance. This will ensure both the CBP national security mission and FWS objectives are met. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 – Border Coordination: Road Construction - On March 20, FWS was contacted by the U.S. Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO) to coordinate an upcoming road construction project for a 5.9-mile portion of the Presumido Canyon Road through the Baboquivari Mountains, scheduled to begin in January 2018. The project will require water for the construction, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will perform maintenance of an FWS pump and water well in return for increased use of the FWS-owned well. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 – Border Coordination: Communication Towers - On April 18, FWS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) discussed advance planning for Block-1 Replacement (B1R) of existing infrastructure with integrated fixed towers located on and adjacent to the Buenos Aries National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A total of two communication towers and four surveillance towers on the refuge would be affected, with the goal of upgrading technology and providing a more robust foundation – all within the original impact areas. Work is proposed to begin in January 2018 dependent upon completion of planning, engineering, and permitting. Follow-up conversations with FWS have occurred to determine the necessary special use permitting process. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

REPEAT: FWS Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery, in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department, announced the beginning of the annual rainbow trout sportfish stocking season in the lower Colorado River immediately below Lake Mohave/Davis Dam in late October. Neighboring communities include Laughlin, Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona. FWS will stock about 1, 750 trout every week from early October through March 2018. Stocking sites include Davis Camp, Community Park, and Rotary Park for October-December. From January 2018 through March 2018, stocking sites will be Davis Camp and Community Park. In addition

to the annual stocking season below Davis Dam, FWS Willow Beach NFH continues to stock rainbow every week, year round, at Willow Beach Marina, Arizona. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Migratory Birds
Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications
Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation
REPEAT: The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona is planning a December 1 meeting and is interested in discussing the revised Native American Policy and implementation in the Southwest Region. FWS Southwest Regional Director attending and presenting at the meeting. The meeting will take place downtown Phoenix, Arizona. (R2 – Southwest Region)

NEW: FWS is in the process of consulting with Arizona Tribes regarding Sonoran Desert Tortoise Incidental Take Permit and Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances. See Items of Note above. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
Youth Hunt	Dec 2&3	Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Texas	FWS hosts first youth deer hunt on Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Texas
Controlled Hunts – Archery Hunt	Dec 4-7	Salt Plains NWR, Okla	White-tailed deer in Oklahoma. The final hunt is an archery hunt held December 4-7 with 28 hunters.
Elk Hunt	Dec 12-14, 2017	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Oklahoma	The Oklahoma Dept of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) and FWS Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge will conduct elk hunt on the Refuge. 100 permits were issued for this extremely popular hunt through a lottery system administered by ODWC.
Connecting People with Nature	Dec 09, 2017	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Other Special Event	Dec 21, 2017	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge,	View Details

		Oklahoma	
Birding Festival	Dec 28, 2017	Trinity River NWR, Texas	View Details
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Birding Festival	April 14-15, 2018	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, Texas	View Details

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Apologies for the delay. Attached is the Southwest Region's submission for consideration in the reports to the Department.

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

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FishBites Report

FWS Partners With YCC to Engage and Employ Youth

- **Topic:** Passing the torch to youth eager to spend time in the great outdoors will ensure continued conservation of natural resources. FWS is always searching for young men and women interested in rolling up their sleeves and feeling the Earth between their fingers. To reach the brightest and best, FWS is committed to working with the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program. FWS recognizes the importance of engaging these future leaders early and for a number of years has actively participated in developing a meaningful program designed to provide real work experience that will potentially prepare them for a future career in natural resources. This effort has sparked media interest and led to the coverage of a YCC crew working at two FWS National Wildlife Refuges in Oklahoma. Four Sequoyah County youth – Kristel Willard, Lindsey Rider and Jamie Pool of Sallisaw, and Robert Lamb of Vian, along with Trent Holt serving as adult team leader – were interviewed after they took on a number of projects on FWS Sequoyah and Ozark Plateau National Wildlife Refuges. The work projects included maintenance work on hiking trails and all public use areas, installing signs, painting fences as well as repair work on shelters for wetland water pumps. The crew also cleaned storm debris from roads to enable public access and installed a new deck. None of these projects were easy, as all of the participants gladly share, but completing them left the YCC crew with a feeling of accomplishment and pride. During the interview with a local reporter, each YCC participant shared their experience and talked about how they now have a much greater appreciation and understanding of natural resources. Read the coverage and the student interviews in the Vian Tenkiller News newspaper published in Sequoyah County, by Amie Remer.
- **Supportive Stakeholders:** Partners, YCC, local communities and others
- **Impacted Location:** Oklahoma and other locations

Media Contact Report

Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
NatGeo Border wall / jaguar	Filming to occur in Jan 2018	National Geographic producer Dan Ruetenik is making arrangements for a piece on jaguar and The Wall. FWS declined on-camera interviews regarding the subject, however, background (recovery plan, research that's been conducted under the DHS funded grants, etc.) has been provided. Nat Geo plans to send a film crew out in 10 days or after the first of the year.
HBO Border related / search & rescue	Jan 2018	Producer of VICE News Tonight on HBO participated in a humanitarian search-and-rescue effort with group called Armadillos (possibly an off-shoot of Eagles of the Desert) Dec. 2 & 3. Occurred on Wilderness within the FWS Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. Twelve people participated in this event, including one reporter and a cameraman. Entrance in wilderness was by foot. FWS is not being interviewed or participating in this event. CBP and Pima County Sheriff's Office monitored activities. No incidents reported.

Multiple media Wolf rec plan	Dec & Jan	Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan First Revision continues to receive media interest. National Geographic, contacted FWS seeking interviews the week of Dec 4. On Dec. 8, Janess Vartanian, a Mexican wolf biologist, will be interviewed on-camera with independent film maker Josh Adler. During the interview, Vartanian will discuss her role. No discussion on the recovery plan or DOI/FWS policy. Published stories: AZ Central - Mexican gray wolf recovery plan criticized for doing too much, too little Mother Nature Network (blog) - The US just revealed its recovery plan for Mexican gray wolves Courthouse News Service - Hackles Are Up Over 'Sham' Wolf Recovery Plan White Mountain Independent - Mexican wolf recovery plan meets opposition Jackson Hole News&Guide - US adopts recovery plan for Mexican wolves Outdoornews - After decades, Mexican wolf recovery plan finally a reality Arizona Daily Star – http://tucson.com/news/local/good-news-for-mexican-wolf-us-thinks-so/article_ace86737-797f-5d98-8b63-6b6de47fd361 html Chron – Hearst Newspapers – http://www.chron.com/news/nation-world/nation/article/U-S-adopts-recovery-plan-for-Mexican-wolves-12400917.php Sierra Magazine - https://sierraclub.org/sierra/trump-administration-finalizes-flawed-mexican-wolf-recovery-plan Phoenix Business Journal - First jaguars, now **wolves**: Trump plans criticized (and their economic impact) Eastern Arizona Courier - Revisions completed on **Mexican Wolf** Recovery Plan
Santa Fe New Mexican wolf	Dec 5	FWS Southwest Region's proposal for translocation of Mexican wolves in New Mexico Santa Fe New Mexican - Fish and Wildlife Service plan calls for release of 12 newborn wolf pups U.S. News & World Report – 2018 Plan for Mexican Wolves Calls for Fostering of Pups Grand Canyon News - Feds release final revisions to Mexican wolf recovery plan, detail species' road to recovery KOB 4 - 2018 plan for Mexican wolves calls for fostering of pups Albuquerque Journal – Cross-fostering focus of 2018 wolf release plan KUNM - Federal wildlife officials have a plan for fostering as many as a dozen captive Mexican gray wolf Artesian News - http://www.artesianews.com/1528068/2018-plan-for-mexican-wolves-calls-for-fostering-of-pups.html Arizona Daily Sun – http://azdailysun.com/news/local/mexican-wolf-plan-favors-release-of-captive-pups/article_94d7dd5b-34b3-5fc2-8d43-27556277f13f html
PBS Ch6 Tucson & KJZZ Mt Ghrm Red Squirrel	Dec 8 and later	On Dec 5 – Marit Alanen participated in interviews related to the Mount Graham Red Squirrel in the Coronado National Forest. Christopher Conover with the local public TV station in Tucson, Arizona is putting together a story on the supplemental feeding program being done for MGRS. Along with taping the interviews in the Forest, he filmed FWS and FS staff working together to fill the feeders. The show is expected to air at 6:30 pm on Dec 8 on PBS ch 6 in Tucson, and also be on the website. On Dec 6 – Alanen participated in an interview with Mark Brodie of The Show (KJZZ 91.5 FM) on the MGRS.
Multiple media Mexican Garter Snake	Dec	FWS issued a NR on the rediscovery of the threatened northern Mexican gartersnake in Arizona, along the Colorado River after a long absence. This announcement continues to generate media interest. AZ Rep, Mohave Valley News, NPR, and others.

Weekly Report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Dec 4 to 7 – FWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and Coastal Program hosted an Agreements Training & FY18 Planning Meeting in Camp Victory, Cartwright, Oklahoma. Significant Congressional interest. See Items of Note. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Dec 4 – FWS Southwest Regional Director attending FWS Directorate meeting in DC. (Agency-wide)

Dec 5 – Senator Lankford's (R Okla) District staffer Caleb Cochran participated in a courtesy visit to the Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma. See Refuges for details. (R2 – Southwest Region)

TBD: Tentatively planned to occur Dec 18 or 19 – FWS asked to attend meeting with Forest Service and private grazing allottee by Rep Pearce's Office (R NM 02). The meeting is anticipated to occur in mid- to late-Dec in Cloudcroft, New Mexico. Field Supervisor for FWS New Mexico ES Office participating in the meeting. See Items of Note for more. (R2 – Southwest Region)

TBD: Tentatively planned to occur in mid-December – FWS asked by Senator Cornyn's Office for an update on the Leander HCP application (See Items of Note). A conference call is being planned. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Hot Topics - Week Ahead Announcements and Actions

See ESA actions below

Dec 18 – Comment period closes for the Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Chevron Mining Inc., Questa Mine in northern New Mexico. See Items of Note below for details (R2 – Southwest Region)

Dec 19 – FWS Southwest Regional Director recognizes the Regional Monarch Team with the Southwest Regional Director's 2017 One-Service Award. A recognition ceremony will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. See ES Items of Note. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Dec 20 – FWS anticipating publication of a 12-month finding on the listing status of the southwestern willow flycatcher. See ES Recovery Actions for details. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings

Dec – Meet and Greet meetings and introductory phone calls continue between incoming Regional Director and Members of the Congressional Delegation within the Southwest Region. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

NEW: Draft Recovery Plan for Four Aquatic Invertebrates – FWS will make available and seek comment on a draft recovery plan for four aquatic invertebrates found in desert grasslands in southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas in late January 2018. Noel's amphipod, Pecos assiminea, Koster's springsnail, and Roswell springsnail were listed as endangered in 2005. The primary threats to all four species are threats to the quantity and quality of water. Activities, such as oil and gas drilling, water withdrawls from the aquifer and contamination are the greatest threats. Most occupied sites are on FWS Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico and The Nature Conservancy holdings in Texas. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Kuenzler hedgehog cactus downlisting – FWS will finalize the downlisting of Kuenzler hedgehog cactus on January 31, 2018. When first listed, only one population of 200 plants was known. The discovery of additional populations, together with efforts to conserve the plant and its habitat, indicate the cactus is no longer at risk of extinction. Today, there are 3,300 individual cacti in 11 known populations within its southern New Mexico range. Additionally, the permitting of captive propagation and sale of the plant has relieved much of the threat from collection of the species in the wild. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Southwestern willow flycatcher – As early as December 13, FWS will send to the Federal Register a 12-month finding on the listing status of the southwestern willow flycatcher. Pacific Legal Foundation petitioned FWS to delist the flycatcher and in March 2016, we published a 90-day finding that the petition included substantial information, primarily regarding the subspecies' taxonomy. Upon robust consideration of the petition and the flycatchers' classification, FWS is completing a 12-month finding that delisting of the southwestern willow flycatcher is not warranted. Outreach planned – including a news release and Congressional notifications via email. Interest expected to be moderate. No controversy anticipated. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Gypsum wild-buckwheat – In January, 2018, FWS will withdraw its January 6, 2017, proposal to delist of the Gypsum wild-buckwheat (a threatened plant that occurs in New Mexico). The proposed rule to delist gypsum wild-buckwheat was predicated upon the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) ability to incorporate specific land use restrictions for the plant into their revised Resource Management Plan (RMP), which would alleviate the threat of surface disturbance activities in occupied gypsum wild-buckwheat habitat. However, the RMP revision is not complete, and current land management practices are not sufficient to support removing the species from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants. Therefore, the gypsum wild-buckwheat still warrants protection as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. News bulletin under preparation. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: American Burying Beetle Species Status Assessment and 12-month finding – FWS anticipates a Species Status Assessment (SSA) for the American Burying Beetle (ABB) will be completed prior to the issuance of a 12-month finding which is expected to occur in winter 2018. In June 2015, FWS initiated the SSA to support future conservation decisions and recovery planning for the ABB under the Endangered Species Act. FWS is using the SSA to evaluate all available information related to the current and potential threats to the species. The SSA was peer reviewed. State fish and game agencies and affected Tribes within the current ABB range

reviewed the document following review of the formal peer review process. On February 22, 2017, the American Stewards of Liberty and the Independent Petroleum Association of America filed a Notice of Intent based on FWS' failure to make a 12-month finding on the petition to delist the ABB. (R2, R3, R4, R5 & R6)

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

NEW: Texas hornshell final listing determination – In mid-February, the FWS expects to publish a final rule listing the Texas hornshell as endangered. Historically, the Texas hornshell occurred in New Mexico, Texas and Mexico, however, the population has declined notably throughout its range and it currently occupies about 15% of its historical range in the U.S. A six month extension on the final listing determination was published on August 10, 2017. The Candidate Conservation Agreement and Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances covering the Texas hornshell and four other species in the northern portion of its range (primarily New Mexico) were signed in October 2017. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Tobusch fishhook cactus downlisting notice –In mid-January, FWS will publish a final downlisting notice for the Tobusch fishhook cactus, a small cactus, with curved "fishhook" spines, that is endemic to the Edwards Plateau of Texas. FWS received a petition in 2013 to down list the Tobusch fishhook cactus based on the findings of our 2010 5-year review. A substantial 90-day finding on the petitions was published on September 9, 2013. In November 2015, one of the petitioners filed a complaint on the lack of a 12-month finding and on December 29, 2016, FWS published a proposal to downlist the species from endangered to threatened. Local interest is anticipated. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed by the end of the calendar year. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS technical staff are currently working to review, organize, and respond to more than 400 comments received from the external Working Group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) and peer reviewers. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the lesser prairie-chicken. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the States, and others to plan a face-to-face coordination meeting. (R2 Southwest Region & R6 Mountain-Prairie Region)

Other Ecological Services Items of Note

NEW: Mexican Wolf Initial Release and Translocation Proposal for 2018 – On December 26, FWS will close the public comment period on the Mexican wolf "Initial Release and Translocation Proposal for 2018." On December 4, FWS made the proposal available for public review and comment. This document was developed by the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field

Team (IFT) and outlines management options for initial release(s) and translocation(s) of Mexican wolves into the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area (MWEPA) in Arizona and New Mexico in 2018. The initial releases and translocations outlined in this document are consistent with: (1) the 2014 Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Revision to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf (Canis lupus baileyi), (2) the 2015 Record of Decision for the Proposed Revision to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf (Canis lupus baileyi), (3) the 2015 Final Rule - Revisions to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf. From 1998-October of 2017, the IFT has conducted 31 initial release events (108 wolves) and 69 translocations events (121 wolves). Following completion of this comment period, FWS will submit permit applications along with the public comments to New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. The Proposal is currently available at: https://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/mexicanwolf/WRPOC.cfm (R2 – Southwest Region)

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UPDATED: Dec 4 to 7 – FWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and Coastal Program hosting an Agreements Training & FY18 Planning Meeting in Camp Victory, Cartwright, Oklahoma. Several staffers from the Oklahoma Delegation plan to join the tour of private lands on Dec. 6 and learn more about the Partners Program (Senators Inhofe (R) and Lankford (R) and Rep Mullin (R 02) and Cole (R 04)) (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Lesser Prairie-Chicken Conservation Partners Forum – FWS is working to set up a meeting with representatives from the five range state fish and game agencies, the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and other partners to discuss coordination on lesser prairie-chicken issues. The meeting is currently planned to occur January 17-18, 2018, in Arcadia, Oklahoma. (R2-Southwest Region and R6-Mountain Prairie Region)

REPEAT: Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan – On November 28, FWS published a notice announcing the receipt of application and consideration of an amendment to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and permit to add the recently listed Mexican gartersnake. Outreach included notifying stakeholders and tribes. FWS issued a news release announcing the amendment (rediscovery of the snake) and it is gaining significant coverage. FWS, along with the Bureau of Reclamation, are seeking to add the northern Mexican gartersnake as a species covered under the LCR-MSCP and its ESA permit. The LCR-MSCP is a long-term program created in 2005 to minimize and mitigate impacts that water delivery and power generation along the lower Colorado River may have on 26 fish and wildlife species, including six species protected under the Endangered Species Act. LCR-MSCP is responsible for creating, replacing, and managing habitat for these species and operates under an ESA permit. However, in the early 2000s, when the LCR-MSCP was conceived, the largely aquatic, northern Mexican gartersnake was long-thought to have been extirpated from the lower Colorado River. In 2014, the subspecies was added to the list of threatened animals protected under the ESA. A public comment on the draft environmental assessment is open through December 28, 2017. For more information, visit: https://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/ (R2 – Southwest Region)

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REPEAT: The New Mexico Office of Natural Resources Trustee (ONRT), the Department of Agriculture (represented by the Forest Service), and the Department of the Interior (represented by FWS and the Bureau of Land Management) (collectively, the "Trustees"), finalized the Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Chevron Mining Inc, Questa Mine in northern New Mexico. The Trustees hosted a public meeting on November 29, 2017, in Questa (Taos County), New Mexico. Twenty individuals attended the meeting. The majority of questions were related to water quality (EPA). The leaders of the Village of Questa were briefed in advance of the public meeting. The comment period for the draft EA will close December 18, 2017. The Site is located five miles east of the Village of Questa, adjacent to the Red River and also includes mine tailing ponds located approximately nine miles west of the mine. The Site is the location of a large groundwater contamination that will require treatment in perpetuity to mitigate human health risks. That treatment will use natural resource damages settlement funds ($4,000,000) for the restoration, rehabilitation, replacement, or acquisition of equivalent natural resources and services that were injured by the release of hazardous substances from the Site. The final restoration plan is anticipated to be available in mid-February 2018. (R2 Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Black-capped vireo draft Post-delisting Monitoring Plan – FWS anticipates publishing a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (PDMP) for the black-capped vireo for public

review by the end of the year. The draft PDMP has been developed in coordination with partners and will guide how the species population is monitored for a minimum of five years if it is delisted. The plan will describe monitoring methods, reporting procedures and agency responsibilities. Multiple monitoring strategies will be used in order to assure that population trends and habitat status will be captured at various time periods and scales, respectively. The final delisting determination will likely occur in early 2018. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS Southwest Regional Director will recognize the Regional Monarch Team with the Southwest Regional Director's 2017 One-Service Award on December 19, 2016. A recognition ceremony will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The FWS Monarch program is a great success because it embodies the "one service" approach to conservation. Through excellent cross program coordination, the monarch program in the Southwest Region continues to make significant strides in achieving conservation outcomes in four key areas: partnerships, habitat, science and people. See details in previous report. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Leander Independent School District (LISD) ITP – FWS will announce in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent to prepare a draft National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Assessment on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. LISD submitted a draft habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit (ITP). The HCP and ITP, if issued by FWS, will provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. One of the species identified in the application is the endangered black-capped vireo. FWS continues to meet with the applicant and other vested parties. Significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties. Planned outreach when NOI is published includes issuing a news bulletin. More details available in past reports. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Western Travis County Public Utility Agency Draft Habitat Conservation Plan – FWS anticipates publishing in the Federal Register in the next 45-60 days, a Notice of Availability for the Western Travis County Public Utility Agency's (WTCPUA) Habitat Conservation Plan (DHCP) and their application for an incidental take permit (ITP) in Texas. WTCPUA is preparing to construct a 2.2 mile secondary water pipeline near its existing water transmission main for redundancy and parallel capacity. Construction, operations and maintenance of the Raw Water Transmission Main could impact the federally listed endangered golden-cheeked warbler. If approved the term of the dHCP and ITP would be 30 years. A news bulletin will be prepared and shared with local congressionals, partners and media. (R2-Southwest Region)

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

NEW: FWS New Mexico National Wildlife Refuges Awarded Restoration Grant – FWS Bosque del Apache and Valle de Oro NWRs along with other federal and non-federal partners were recently awarded a $1 million North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant for restoration and enhancement of nearly 1,100 acres in the Middle Rio Grande Valley in New Mexico. NAWCA grants increase bird populations and wetland habitat, while supporting local economies and American traditions such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, family

farming, and cattle ranching. In recognition of this grant, Ducks Unlimited is arranging for a field visit to the FWS Bosque del Apache NWR and has invited Senator Udall (D NM) and Rep Pearce (R NM 02) to attend. The field visit is tentatively set for January 15, 2018. (R2 – Southwest Region)

NEW: Congressional interest in Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma. Senator Lankford's (R Okla) District staffer Caleb Cochran visited the Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge on December 5. Caleb was one of the three staffers that took an airboat tour at the Refuge last summer. One of the interests of the Senator's Office is the youth programs in place on the Refuge (see FishBites). FWS recently had four YCC students working on the Refuge. This YCC program gained positive news coverage locally. Darrin Unruh, Refuge Manager met with the staffer and shared more about the Refuge and the YCC program. (R2 – Southwest Region)

NEW: FWS Announces Access Changes to Meet Safely Needs and Accommodate Visitation to Popular Site - The FWS Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma is implementing changes to the hours and operations for access to Mount Scott. The narrow and curvy 3- mile scenic road to the summit of Mt. Scott was completed by the WPA (Works Progress Association) and CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) in 1938. The road twists and turns as it climbs roughly 1,000 feet to the mountain summit. Though it has been repaved several times, it remains a narrow two lane road with no shoulders. The area's popularity has grown exponentially since the road was constructed almost 80 years ago. More than 2.2 million visitors now visit the scenic Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge every year and the scenic Mount Scott remains one of the most popular destinations. The access route to the site not only receives heavy and increasing motorized vehicle traffic, it has become an increasingly popular place for pedestrians and bicyclists. In order to reduce safety hazards associated with pedestrian/bicyclist users and motor vehicles on the narrow two lane road, the following changes have been implemented: The Mount Scott road will be open only to foot-traffic (pedestrians/bicyclists) from 6a.m. to 9:30 a.m. daily. Group size is restricted to 8 persons or less. All visitors must remain on pavement until sunrise. From 9:30a.m. to sunset, the road will open for motorized traffic. Pedestrians and bicyclists will not be permitted to walk/bike the road after the road is open for motorized traffic. FWS anticipates the new changes will reduce risks of serious or possibly fatal incidents, but reducing potential conflicts involving pedestrians/bicyclists and motorized vehicles. Information about the change in hours can be found on the Refuge website at www.fws.gov/refuge/wichita_mountains or by contacting the Visitor Center at 580-429-2197.

UPDATED: FWS Little River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) hosted two controlled deer hunts during the month of November. The hunts are coordinated with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, and the hunters selected for the hunts are drawn through the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's Controlled Hunt Program. The refuge issues 30 permits for each of the hunts, and hunters are allowed to harvest either an antlered or antlerless deer. The deer harvested on these hunts are a bonus, and do not count toward a hunters combined season limit. The refuge had twenty-four (24) hunters participate in the November 3-5 hunt, and they harvested ten (10) deer (5 antlered and 5 antlerless) for a 42% harvest rate. The refuge had twenty-three (23) hunters participate in the November 10-12 hunt, and they harvested 12 deer (8

antlered and 4 antlerless) for a 52% harvest success rate. The hunters also harvested 8 feral hogs on the hunt. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Urban Youth Gaining Outdoor Work Experience – FWS as part of an urban partnership, is bringing students from Furr High School in Houston, Texas to the FWS Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge to enable them to gain back country experience. In January (date TBD), several Furr High School students (10 to 15 expected) will work alongside FWS to continue construction of a trail within the Refuge during their camping/backpacking experience. The experience is meant to introduce students to careers in conservation and will emphasize land management issues, developing public use opportunities (including hunting, fishing and wildlife watching), team building and leadership skills. The desired outcome is that the students will take learned skills back to their school, which is adjacent to Houston Parks and Recreation's Herman Brown Park, a 900-acre park that the school uses as an outdoor classroom. The urban partnership plans to build on this experience on other FWS/TPWD led programs on hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching conducted in classroom and on the city park. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Renewed Congressional interest anticipated (Senators McCain and Flake and Rep Gosar) on access restrictions within the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A private landowner with an in-holding (lands within the Refuge) has gated the Castle Dome/McPherson Pass Road where the main access road crosses his property. The private landowner has indicated intent to install locked gates on two additional roads. All three roads have been used for decades for refuge access. FWS is in the process of reviewing alternative routes outside of the in-holdings to accommodate hunters and other visitors to the Refuge. Congressional briefings are proposed to occur following meetings with the County and private landowner. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Impact of Fever Ticks to Cattle Industry in South Texas – FWS continues to work with Texas Animal Health Commission and U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) regarding fever tick treatment at the FWS Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. The FWS Laguna Atascosa NWR remains under quarantine at this time. Currently, FWS has made a decision to move forward with evaluating, through the NEPA process, the best mechanism for chemically treating white-tailed deer on the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Laguna Atascosa NWRs. This will include mitigation measures to reduce impacts to non-target species, such as the Texas tortoise. The FWS is committed to continuing discussions and proactive actions in cooperation with the USDA-APHIS, the Texas Animal Health Commission, private ranchers and others to aid in the battle to combat the fever tick. Of media interest. Significant Congressional interest in efforts to combat fever tick. More details available in past reports. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS Southwest Leadership are in discussions with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation regarding increased hunting opportunities on National Wildlife Refuges in Oklahoma. A follow up meeting is planned for January 2018.

Border-Related Activities

UPDATED: Feb 2018 – Border Coordination: Communication Towers - FWS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) are continuing discussions and plans to advance Block-1 Replacement (B1R) of existing infrastructure with integrated fixed towers located on and adjacent to the Buenos Aries National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A total of two communication towers and four surveillance towers on the refuge would be affected, with the goal of upgrading technology and providing a more robust foundation within the existing footprint. Design work is in progress. Construction activities are anticipated to begin in February 2018 dependent upon completion of planning, engineering, and permitting requirements. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 – Border Coordination: Suppling water to USACE – FWS is currently in discussions with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regarding access to water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge for a Baboquivari Road Repair Project scheduled to begin in January 2018. Part of the project will require transporting water from the refuge to the Sasabe Forward Operating Base (FOB) to sustain approximately 60 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) members, who will reside at the FOB throughout the construction phase of the project. CBP plans to inspect the FWS-owned well and upgrade / replace pump and water delivery components to facilitate optimum functionality during the project's period of performance. This will ensure both the CBP national security mission and FWS objectives are met. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Jan 2018 – Border Coordination: Road Construction - On March 20, FWS was contacted by the U.S. Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO) to coordinate an upcoming road construction project for a 5.9-mile portion of the Presumido Canyon Road through the Baboquivari Mountains, scheduled to begin in January 2018. The project will require water for the construction, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will perform maintenance of an FWS pump and water well in return for increased use of the FWS-owned well. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

REPEAT: FWS Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery, in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department, announced the beginning of the annual rainbow trout sportfish stocking season in the lower Colorado River immediately below Lake Mohave/Davis Dam in late October. Neighboring communities include Laughlin, Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona. FWS will stock about 1, 750 trout every week from early October through March 2018. Stocking sites include Davis Camp, Community Park, and Rotary Park for October-December. From January 2018 through March 2018, stocking sites will be Davis Camp and Community Park. In addition to the annual stocking season below Davis Dam, FWS Willow Beach NFH continues to stock rainbow every week, year round, at Willow Beach Marina, Arizona. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation

UPDATED: FWS attended the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona's December 1, 2017 meeting. The Council requested FWS Southwest Regional Director Amy Lueders provide an update at the meeting. Topics of interest included the revised Native American Policy and implementation in the Southwest Region, Tribal Wildlife Grants, and the National Eagle Repository. The meeting took place in downtown Phoenix, Arizona and was well attended. Fourteen Tribes were represented by 26 Tribal Leaders at the Council meeting. During the open session,Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairwoman Jane Russell-Winiecki encouraged Lueders to return to Arizona soon to meet with individual tribes. Following the Council meeting, the Hopi Tribe requested a meeting with new Chairman Tim Nuvangyaoma. These meeting requests are being scheduled. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS is in the process of consulting with Arizona Tribes regarding Sonoran Desert Tortoise Incidental Take Permit and Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances. See Items of Note above. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
Controlled Hunts – Archery Hunt	Dec 4-7	Salt Plains NWR, Okla	White-tailed deer in Oklahoma. The final hunt is an archery hunt held December 4-7 with 28 hunters.
Elk Hunt	Dec 12-14, 2017	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Oklahoma	The Oklahoma Dept of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) and FWS Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge will conduct elk hunt on the Refuge. 100 permits were issued for this extremely popular hunt through a lottery system administered by ODWC.
Connecting People with Nature	Dec 09, 2017	Hagerman NWR, Texas	View Details
Other Special Event	Dec 21, 2017	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Oklahoma	View Details
Birding Festival	Dec 28, 2017	Trinity River NWR, Texas	View Details
Elk Hunt	Jan 9-11, 2018	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Oklahoma	The Oklahoma Dept of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) and FWS Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge will conduct second elk hunt on the Refuge. 100 permits were issued for this

			extremely popular hunt through a lottery system administered by ODWC.
Birding Festival	April 14-15, 2018	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, Texas	View Details

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Greetings, Please see attached.
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Media Contact Report

Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
Cronkite News regarding return of Gila topminnow to Santa Cruz River.	Week of Jan 22	Journalist (Angel Mendoza) seeking interview with FWS fish biologist, primarily to understand from where and how Gila topminnow have returned to the Santa Cruz River in the Tucson area.
Southwest Fly Fishing Magazine	TBD	Professional writer Wayne Snyder seeks information on Gila trout, anticipating writing a feature story on fishing for the native Southwestern trout.
Airline travel mag Valle de Oro	Jan 2018	Alaska Airlines publishing a small mention of FWS Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge in their article about things to do and see in Albuquerque for the in-flight magazine in January 2018.
Fishing Tackle Retailer magazine Aquatic Invasive Species	January	Published. This trade publication of the marine and tackle industry commenced a monthly conservation column that will solely be contributed to by Ext Aff staff. http://fishingtackleretailer.com/common-carp-brussel-sprouts-fisheries/

Weekly Report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Jan 16-18, LPC conservation partners meeting

Hot Topics - Week Ahead Announcements and Actions

See ESA actions below

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings

Jan.-Feb. – Meet and Greet meetings and introductory phone calls continue between incoming Regional Director and Members of the Congressional Delegation within the Southwest Region. A Meet and Greet with staff for Sen. Udall (NM) and Sen. Heinrich (NM) is scheduled for Feb. 2nd at the Regional Office. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Jan 11 - Ted Koch, Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services the Southwest Regional Office met with the New Mexico Catron County Commissioner and the other Catron County Commissioners in a January 11, 2018, Executive Session meeting to explore avenues to improve communication and collaboration in reference to the Mexican wolf recovery program.

Jan 17/18 – FWS co-hosted, with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, a partner forum on Lesser Prairie-Chicken Conservation in Edmond, Oklahoma. FWS and WAFWA held a pre-meeting on January 16, 2018. These are invitation-only meetings.

Jan TBD – FWS asked to attend meeting with Forest Service and private grazing allottee by Rep Pearce's Office (R NM 02). The meeting will take place in Cloudcroft, New Mexico, and by conference call. Field Supervisor for FWS New Mexico ES Office participating in the meeting. See Items of Note for more. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

UPDATED: Draft Recovery Plan for Four Aquatic Invertebrates – FWS will make available and seek comment on a draft recovery plan for four aquatic invertebrates found in desert grasslands in southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas in February 2018. Noel's amphipod, Pecos assiminea, Koster's springsnail, and Roswell springsnail were listed as endangered in 2005. The primary threats to all four species are threats to the quantity and quality of water. Activities, such as oil and gas drilling, water withdrawls from the aquifer and contamination are the greatest threats. Most occupied sites are on FWS Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico and The Nature Conservancy holdings in Texas. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Kuenzler hedgehog cactus downlisting – FWS will finalize the downlisting of Kuenzler hedgehog cactus on February 28, 2018. When first listed, only one population of 200 plants was known. The discovery of additional populations, together with efforts to conserve the plant and its habitat, indicate the cactus is no longer at risk of extinction. Today, there are 3,300 individual cacti in 11 known populations within its southern New Mexico range. Additionally, the permitting of captive propagation and sale of the plant has relieved much of the threat from collection of the species in the wild. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Gypsum wild-buckwheat – In early 2018, FWS will withdraw its January 6, 2017, proposal to delist of the Gypsum wild-buckwheat (a threatened plant that occurs in New Mexico). The proposed rule to delist gypsum wild-buckwheat was predicated upon the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) ability to incorporate specific land use restrictions for the plant into their revised Resource Management Plan (RMP), which would alleviate the threat of surface disturbance activities in occupied gypsum wild-buckwheat habitat. However, the RMP revision is not complete, and current land management practices are not sufficient to support removing the species from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants. Therefore, the gypsum

wild-buckwheat still warrants protection as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. News bulletin under preparation. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: American Burying Beetle Species Status Assessment and 12-month finding – FWS anticipates a Species Status Assessment (SSA) for the American Burying Beetle (ABB) will be completed prior to the issuance of a 12-month finding which is expected to occur in winter 2018. In June 2015, FWS initiated the SSA to support future conservation decisions and recovery planning for the ABB under the Endangered Species Act. FWS is using the SSA to evaluate all available information related to the current and potential threats to the species. The SSA was peer reviewed. State fish and game agencies and affected Tribes within the current ABB range reviewed the document following review of the formal peer review process. On February 22, 2017, the American Stewards of Liberty and the Independent Petroleum Association of America filed a Notice of Intent based on FWS' failure to make a 12-month finding on the petition to delist the ABB. (R2, R3, R4, R5 & R6)

Jan 23 – Amy Lueders, Regional Director, Ted Koch, Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, and Sherry Barrett, Mexican Wolf Recovery Coordinator, Southwest Regional Office, will meet with the Chairman of the New Mexico State Game Commission and the Director of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to discuss recovery of the Mexican wolf in New Mexico and the status of Mexican wolf recovery in Mexico.

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

UPDATED: Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed in early 2018. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS technical staff are currently working to review, organize, and respond to comments received from the external Working Group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) and peer reviewers. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the lesser prairie-chicken. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the States, and others. (R2 Southwest Region & R6 Mountain-Prairie Region)

REPEAT: Texas hornshell final listing determination – In mid-February, the FWS expects to publish a final rule listing the Texas hornshell as endangered. The Texas hornshell naturally occurred in New Mexico, Texas and Mexico. The population has declined notably and currently occupies approximately 15 percent of its historical range. A six-month extension on the final listing determination was published on August 10, 2017. The Candidate Conservation Agreement and Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances covering the Texas hornshell and four other species in the northern portion of its range (primarily New Mexico) were signed in October 2017. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: Tobusch fishhook cactus downlisting notice – In late February, FWS will publish a

final downlisting notice for the Tobusch fishhook cactus, a small cactus, with curved "fishhook" spines, that is endemic to the Edwards Plateau of Texas. FWS received a petition in 2013 to down list the Tobusch fishhook cactus based on the findings of our 2010 5-year review. A substantial 90-day finding on the petitions was published on September 9, 2013. In November 2015, one of the petitioners filed a complaint on the lack of a 12-month finding and on December 29, 2016, FWS published a proposal to downlist the species from endangered to threatened. Local interest is anticipated. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the Federal Register. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Other Items of Note

NEW: American Electric Power (AEP) draft Habitat Conservation Plan – In late February FWS anticipates sending a Notice of Availability of AEP's Incidental Take Permit application, including a draft Habitat Conservation Plan and draft Environmental Impact Statement to the *Federal Register* for publication. American Electric Power developed a Habitat Conservation Plan to address impacts to the endangered American burying beetle that may result from the construction, operation and/or maintenance of electric transmission and distribution lines or other associated infrastructure in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. FWS is planning on holding public meetings during the 60-day public comment period. Controversy level is low. Outreach planned. (R2 Southwest Region and R4 Southeast Region)

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Border-Related Activities

NEW: Jan. 27 — National Wildlife Refuge staff has received notice of an independently organized rally to "Save Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge" taking place Saturday, January 27 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Sierra Club is organizing the rally, which will take place in a field east of the refuge. Congressman Vela is expected to attend, and representatives from the 19 cities/counties that passed resolutions opposing the proposed border wall have been invited. The event coincides with a FWS-organized 75th anniversary event at the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge. The FWS event is being coordinated to have guest speakers, guided walks, interpretive exhibits and displays, games and activities, and refreshments. The FWS will have increased law enforcement as well as External Affairs support onsite to help as needed.

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Fish and Aquatic Conservation

REPEAT: FWS Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery, in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department, announced the beginning of the annual rainbow trout sportfish stocking season in the lower Colorado River immediately below Lake Mohave/Davis Dam in late October. Neighboring communities include Laughlin, Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona. FWS will stock about 1, 750 trout every week from early October through March 2018. Stocking sites include Davis Camp, Community Park, and Rotary Park for October-December. From January 2018 through March 2018, stocking sites will be Davis Camp and Community Park. In addition to the annual stocking season below Davis Dam, FWS Willow Beach NFH continues to stock rainbow every week, year round, at Willow Beach Marina, Arizona. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation

REPEAT: FWS attended the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona's December 1, 2017 meeting. The Council requested FWS Southwest Regional Director Amy Lueders provide an update at the meeting. Topics of interest included the revised Native American Policy and implementation in the Southwest Region, Tribal Wildlife Grants, and the National Eagle Repository. The meeting took place in downtown Phoenix, Arizona and was well attended. Fourteen Tribes were represented by 26 Tribal Leaders at the Council meeting. During the open session,Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairwoman Jane Russell-Winiecki encouraged Lueders to return to Arizona soon to meet with individual tribes. Following the Council meeting, the Hopi Tribe requested a meeting with new Chairman Tim Nuvangyaoma. These meeting requests are being scheduled. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
Youth Deer Hunt	Jan 19-21,	Hagerman NWR,	See Refuges above

	2018	Texas	
Birding Festival	April 14-15, 2018	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, Texas	View Details
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Supportive Stakeholders: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Impacted Location: North Texas and southern Oklahoma

Media Contact Report

Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
Arizona Daily Star (Tucson) Wildlife losses due to SE Arizona windfarm	Under reporter investigation. Publication date uncertain	Tony Davis (Ariz Daily Star) contacted FWS to follow up on results of 3-year-old SE Arizona windfarm (in advance of permit application for an additional facility). He is finding that a golden eagle and endangered lesser long-nosed bats have perished, reporting is delayed and wildlife permitting of the operation is incomplete. (There may be LE ramifications). Reporter investigation ongoing
Hatchery International Saving the Apache Trout	Feb 2018	This industry publication covers the work of conservation and commercial hatcheries worldwide. The story penned by Ext. Aff. staff communicates the work of Southwest Region field stations to recover threatened Apache trout in concert with Native Americans. hatcheryinternational.com
Southwest Fly Fishing Magazine	TBD	Professional writer Wayne Snyder seeks information on Gila trout, anticipating writing a feature story on fishing for the native Southwestern trout.

Weekly Report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel
None

Hot Topics - Week Ahead Announcements and Actions
See ESA actions below

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings

Feb. – Meet and Greet meetings and introductory phone calls continue between incoming Regional Director and Members of the Congressional Delegation within the Southwest Region. A Meet and Greet with staff for Sen. Udall (NM) and Sen. Heinrich (NM) is scheduled for Feb. 2nd at the Regional Office. (R2 – Southwest Region)

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Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

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Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

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Fish and Aquatic Conservation

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Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation

Nothing significant to report

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
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FishBites Report

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Supportive Stakeholders: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Impacted Location: North Texas and southern Oklahoma

Media Contact Report

Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
Arizona Daily Star (Tucson) Range News (Willcox, AZ) Wildlife losses due to SE Arizona windfarm	Jan 27, 2018	Tony Davis (Ariz Daily Star) contacted FWS to follow up on results of 3-year-old southeast Arizona windfarm (in advance of permit application for an additional facility). A golden eagle and endangered lesser long-nosed bats have perished. Developers have only recently initiated efforts to reduce mortality and seek permitting. (There are law enforcement ramifications). http://tucson.com/news/local/willcox-area-wind-farm-under-investigation-for-bat-eagle-deaths/article_e82c4621-ecec-57c1-8b1c-7e59bf4770db html
Roosevelt's Game Preserve *Sporting Classics*	Feb 1, 2018	Consumer publication covering hunting and fishing and conservation: story covers elk hunting and conservation at Wichita Mtns Wildlife Refuge. http://sportingclassicsdaily.com/roosevelts-game-preserve/
Hatchery International Saving the Apache Trout	Feb 2018	This industry publication covers the work of conservation and commercial hatcheries worldwide. The story penned by Ext. Aff. staff communicates the work of Southwest Region field stations to recover threatened Apache trout in concert with Native Americans. hatcheryinternational.com

Weekly Report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel
None

Hot Topics - Week Ahead Announcements and Actions
See ESA actions below

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings
Feb. – Meet and Greet meetings and introductory phone calls continue between incoming Regional Director and Members of the Congressional Delegation within the Southwest Region. A Meet and Greet with staff for Sen. Udall (NM) and Sen. Heinrich (NM) is scheduled for Feb. 2nd at the Regional Office. (R2 – Southwest Region)

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Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

NEW: Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Delisting and Notice of Availability of Draft Post-Delisting Monitoring – In two separate, but associated announcements, FWS will announce the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (and comment period) for the delisting of the lesser long-nosed bat and the final delisting of the LLNB. Target date for submitting to the Federal Register is March 30, 2018. This action is not expected to be opposed. Stakeholders are the petitioners, Pacific Legal Foundation and the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association. Proactive conservation stakeholders include Pima County MSCP and hundreds of citizen scientists monitor bats each summer and fall when this migratory species returns to roosts in the U.S. A communications strategy and news release will be prepared (but hasn't been drafted yet). (R2 – Southwest Region)

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Partnership MOU, the 2017 count and capture operations, status of recovery and funding for Mexico, and communication opportunities. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Gypsum wild-buckwheat – As early as spring 2018, FWS will withdraw its January 6, 2017, proposal to delist of the Gypsum wild-buckwheat (a threatened plant that occurs in New Mexico). The proposed rule to delist gypsum wild-buckwheat was predicated upon the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) ability to incorporate specific land use restrictions for the plant into their revised Resource Management Plan (RMP), which would alleviate the threat of surface disturbance activities in occupied gypsum wild-buckwheat habitat. However, the RMP revision is not complete, and current land management practices are not sufficient to support removing the species from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants. Therefore, the gypsum wild-buckwheat still warrants protection as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. News bulletin under preparation. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Draft Recovery Plan for Four Aquatic Invertebrates – FWS will make available and seek comment on a draft recovery plan for four aquatic invertebrates found in desert grasslands in southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas in February 2018. Noel's amphipod, Pecos assiminea, Koster's springsnail, and Roswell springsnail were listed as endangered in 2005. The primary threats to all four species are threats to the quantity and quality of water. Activities, such as oil and gas drilling, water withdrawls from the aquifer and contamination are the greatest threats. Most occupied sites are on FWS Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico and The Nature Conservancy holdings in Texas. (R2 – Southwest Region)

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Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

REPEAT: Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed in early 2018. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS technical staff are currently working to review, organize, and respond to comments received from the external Working Group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) and peer reviewers. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the lesser prairie-chicken. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the States, and others. (R2 Southwest Region & R6 Mountain-Prairie Region)

REPEAT: Texas hornshell final listing determination – In mid-February, the FWS expects to publish a final rule listing the Texas hornshell as endangered. The Texas hornshell naturally occurred in New Mexico, Texas and Mexico. The population has declined notably and currently occupies approximately 15 percent of its historical range. A six-month extension on the final listing determination was published on August 10, 2017. The Candidate Conservation Agreement and Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances covering the Texas hornshell and four other species in the northern portion of its range (primarily New Mexico) were signed in October 2017. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. (R2 – Southwest Region)

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Other Items of Note

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More Trout for an Urban Refuge Valle del Oro National Wildlife Refuge
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Supportive Stakeholders: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
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Media Contact Report

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Mexican wolf		Jan. 30 - Three reporters from Arizona State University's Cronkite News attended the annual Mexican wolf in Alpine, AZ. The reporters interviewed members of the Interagency Field Team and took photos and video of a captured wolf as it was being processed and released back into the wild.
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Arizona Daily Star (Tucson) Range News (Willcox, AZ) Wildlife losses due to SE Arizona windfarm	Jan 27, 2018	Tony Davis (Ariz Daily Star) contacted FWS to follow up on results of 3-year-old southeast Arizona windfarm (in advance of permit application for an additional facility). A golden eagle and endangered lesser long-nosed bats have perished. Developers have only recently initiated efforts to reduce mortality and seek permitting. (There are law enforcement ramifications). http://tucson.com/news/local/willcox-area-wind-farm-under-investigation-for-bat-eagle-deaths/article_e82c4621-ecec-57c1-8b1c-7e59bf4770db html
Roosevelt's Game Preserve *Sporting Classics*	Feb 5, 2018	Consumer publication covering hunting and fishing and conservation: story covers elk hunting and conservation at Wichita Mtns Wildlife Refuge. http://sportingclassicsdaily.com/roosevelts-game-preserve/
Hatchery International Saving the Apache Trout	Feb 2018	https://www.hatcheryinternational.com/restocking/saving-the-apache-trout-3004 This industry publication covers the work of conservation and commercial hatcheries worldwide. The story penned by Ext. Aff. staff communicates the work of Southwest Region field stations to recover threatened Apache trout in concert with Native Americans.

Weekly Report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel
None

Hot Topics - Week Ahead Announcements and Actions
See ESA actions below

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings
Feb. – Meet and Greet meetings and introductory phone calls continue between incoming Regional Director and Members of the Congressional Delegation within the Southwest Region. A Meet and Greet with staff for Sen. Udall (NM) and Sen. Heinrich (NM) is scheduled for Feb. 2nd at the Regional Office. (R2 – Southwest Region)

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Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

REPEAT: Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Delisting and Notice of Availability of Draft Post-Delisting Monitoring – In two separate, but associated announcements, FWS will announce the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (and comment period) for the delisting of the lesser long-nosed bat and the final delisting of the LLNB. Target date for submitting to the Federal

Register is March 30, 2018. This action is not expected to be opposed. Stakeholders are the petitioners, Pacific Legal Foundation and the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association. Proactive conservation stakeholders include Pima County MSCP and hundreds of citizen scientists monitor bats each summer and fall when this migratory species returns to roosts in the U.S. A communications strategy and news release will be prepared (but hasn't been drafted yet). (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Kuenzler hedgehog cactus downlisting – FWS will finalize the downlisting of Kuenzler hedgehog cactus as soon as February 28, 2018. When first listed, only two populations totaling 200 plants were known. Increased survey efforts identified additional plants and populations, indicating the cactus is no longer at risk of extinction. Today, 4,300 known individual cacti live in 11 known populations within its southern New Mexico range. Range and population modeling indicate a potential of 11,000 to 22,000 plants. Additionally, the permitting of captive propagation and sale of the plant has relieved much of the threat from collection of the species in the wild. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Gypsum wild-buckwheat – As early as spring 2018, FWS will withdraw its January 6, 2017, proposal to delist of the Gypsum wild-buckwheat (a threatened plant that occurs in New Mexico). The proposed rule to delist gypsum wild-buckwheat was predicated upon the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) ability to incorporate specific land use restrictions for the plant into their revised Resource Management Plan (RMP), which would alleviate the threat of surface disturbance activities in occupied gypsum wild-buckwheat habitat. However, the RMP revision is not complete, and current land management practices are not sufficient to support removing the species from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants. Therefore, the gypsum wild-buckwheat still warrants protection as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. News bulletin under preparation. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Draft Recovery Plan for Four Aquatic Invertebrates – FWS will make available and seek comment on a draft recovery plan for four aquatic invertebrates found in desert grasslands in southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas in February 2018. Noel's amphipod, Pecos assiminea, Koster's springsnail, and Roswell springsnail were listed as endangered in 2005. The primary threats to all four species are threats to the quantity and quality of water. Activities, such as oil and gas drilling, water withdrawls from the aquifer and contamination are the greatest threats. Most occupied sites are on FWS Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico and The Nature Conservancy holdings in Texas. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: American Burying Beetle Species Status Assessment and 12-month finding – FWS anticipates a Species Status Assessment (SSA) for the American Burying Beetle (ABB) will be completed prior to the issuance of a 12-month finding which is expected to occur in winter 2018. In June 2015, FWS initiated the SSA to support future conservation decisions and recovery planning for the ABB under the Endangered Species Act. FWS is using the SSA to evaluate all available information related to the current and potential threats to the species. The SSA was peer reviewed. State fish and game agencies and affected Tribes within the current ABB range reviewed the document following review of the formal peer review process. On February 22, 2017, the American Stewards of Liberty and the Independent Petroleum Association of America filed a Notice of Intent based on FWS' failure to make a 12-month finding on the petition to delist the ABB. (R2, R3, R4, R5 & R6)

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

REPEAT: Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed in early 2018. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS technical staff are currently working to review, organize, and respond to comments received from the external Working Group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) and peer reviewers. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the lesser prairie-chicken. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the States, and others. (R2 Southwest Region & R6 Mountain-Prairie Region)

REPEAT: Texas hornshell final listing determination – In mid-February, the FWS expects to publish a final rule listing the Texas hornshell as endangered. The Texas hornshell naturally occurred in New Mexico, Texas and Mexico. The population has declined notably and currently occupies approximately 15 percent of its historical range. A six-month extension on the final listing determination was published on August 10, 2017. The Candidate Conservation Agreement and Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances covering the Texas hornshell and four other species in the northern portion of its range (primarily New Mexico) were signed in October 2017. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Tobusch fishhook cactus downlisting notice – In late February, FWS will publish a final downlisting notice for the Tobusch fishhook cactus, a small cactus, with curved "fishhook" spines, that is endemic to the Edwards Plateau of Texas. FWS received a petition in 2013 to down list the Tobusch fishhook cactus based on the findings of our 2010 5-year review. A substantial 90-day finding on the petitions was published on September 9, 2013. In November 2015, one of the petitioners filed a complaint on the lack of a 12-month finding and on December 29, 2016, FWS published a proposal to downlist the species from endangered to threatened. Local interest is anticipated. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the Federal Register. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Other Items of Note

UPDATE: FWS and partners completed the annual Mexican wolf population survey and capture, from January 24, 2018 through February 3, 2018. The Mexican Wolf Recovery Program is a multi-agency cooperative effort between the FWS, Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Forest Service, USDA- Wildlife Services, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe, as well as in consultation with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and counties. Survey flights occurred on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, Apache, Coconino, Cibola, and Gila National Forests in eastern Arizona and western New Mexico, and some areas immediately outside the

forests. Some media attended the operations. The final count will be available in the next couple of weeks. (R2 – Southwest Region).

REPEAT: Havasu National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona is partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a second year to eradicate feral swine on refuge lands. Feral swine are invasive and damage natural resources and property, impact agricultural lands, and pose a human health risk due to numerous diseases they carry including Salmonella, leptospirosis, and Escherichia coli (E. coli). Eradication efforts will be conducted by one helicopter using specially trained USDA-APHIS-WS personnel, following policy and procedures established to ensure safe, humane, and environmentally sound practices. Efforts will take place the first two weeks of February. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan – As early as February 13, FWS will sign a FONSI on an amendment to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and permit to add the recently listed Mexican gartersnake. The LCR-MSCP is a long-term program created in 2005 to minimize and mitigate impacts that water delivery and power generation along the lower Colorado River may have on 26 fish and wildlife species, including six species protected under the Endangered Species Act. LCR-MSCP is responsible for creating, replacing, and managing habitat for these species and operates under an ESA permit. However, in the early 2000s, when the LCR-MSCP was conceived, the largely aquatic, northern Mexican gartersnake was long-thought to have been extirpated from the lower Colorado River. In 2014, the subspecies was added to the list of threatened animals protected under the ESA. A public comment on the draft environmental assessment closed December 28, 2017. Outreach will include a news bulletin and notifying stakeholders and tribes. For more information, visit: https://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/ (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: On January 12, 2018, FWS submitted permit applications to New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) to import and release up to 12 Mexican wolf pups in New Mexico, to import a female wolf from Arizona for artificial insemination at Sevilleta Wolf Management Facility, and to import up to 6 pups from Arizona to be held at Sevilleta or Ladder Ranch Wolf Management Facilities, if needed. The Mexican Wolf Initial Release and Translocation Proposal for 2018 was provided for public review and comment from December 4 to 29. FWS received just over 100 comments, which were transmitted to NMDGF, per their regulations, along with the permit applications. The initial releases and translocations outlined in this document are consistent with: (1) the 2014 Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Revision to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf (Canis lupus baileyi), (2) the 2015 Record of Decision for the Proposed Revision to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf (Canis lupus baileyi), (3) the 2015 Final Rule - Revisions to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf, and the 2017 Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan, First Revision. NMDGF signed the permits on January 19, 2018. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: American Electric Power (AEP) draft Habitat Conservation Plan – In late February FWS anticipates sending a Notice of Availability of AEP's Incidental Take Permit application, including a draft Habitat Conservation Plan and draft Environmental Impact Statement to the *Federal Register* for publication. American Electric Power developed a Habitat Conservation

Plan to address impacts to the endangered American burying beetle that may result from the construction, operation and/or maintenance of electric transmission and distribution lines or other associated infrastructure in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. FWS is planning on holding public meetings during the 60-day public comment period. Controversy level is low. Outreach planned. (R2 Southwest Region and R4 Southeast Region)

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REPEAT: Black-capped vireo draft Post-delisting Monitoring Plan – FWS anticipates publishing a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (PDMP) for the black-capped vireo for public review in February 2018. The draft PDMP has been developed in coordination with partners and will guide how the species population is monitored for a minimum of five years if it is delisted. The plan will describe monitoring methods, reporting procedures and agency responsibilities. Multiple monitoring strategies will be used in order to assure that population trends and habitat status will be captured at various time periods and scales, respectively. The final delisting determination will likely occur in early 2018. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Arizona Electric Power Cooperative Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances for Sonoran Desert Tortoise – FWS anticipates publishing in the *Federal Register* in the next 45-60 days, a Notice of Availability for the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative (AEPCO) Draft Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (dCCAA) for Sonoran Desert Tortoise and their application for an enhancement of survival permit (ESP) in Arizona. AEPCO has developed a conservation agreement that would promote conservation for the

unlisted Sonoran Desert tortoise within 2,152 acres of their right-of-way during normal operation and maintenance activities. If approved the term of the dCCAA and ESP would be 25 years. No formal news bulletin will be released. Outreach to local, State, and Federal agencies and partners. (R2-Southwest Region)

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REPEAT: Western Travis County Public Utility Agency Draft Habitat Conservation Plan – FWS anticipates publishing in the *Federal Register* in the next 45-60 days, a Notice of Availability for the Western Travis County Public Utility Agency's (WTCPUA) Habitat Conservation Plan (DHCP) and their application for an incidental take permit (ITP) in Texas. WTCPUA is preparing to construct a 2.2 mile secondary water pipeline near its existing water transmission main for redundancy and parallel capacity. Construction, operations and maintenance of the Raw Water Transmission Main could impact the federally listed endangered golden-cheeked warbler. If approved the term of the dHCP and ITP would be 30 years. A news bulletin will be prepared and shared with local congressionals, partners and media. (R2-Southwest Region)

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

UPDATE : FWS Southwest Region is proactively reaching out to state agencies to discuss Secretarial Order 3356, and seek additional opportunities to support and expand hunting and fishing on Refuges in the Southwest. Currently the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) has been the most responsive. On January 31, 2018, FWS leadership met with ODWC to discuss several potential hunting and fishing opportunities that could occur on Refuges in Oklahoma. Meeting participants identified additional hunting and fishing, educational and youth opportunities on every refuge in Oklahoma. Additionally, ODWC committed to providing additional staff support to help implement and sustain the identified activities. The FWS Southwest Region will continue to reach out to Texas, Arizona and New Mexico as well as Oklahoma to explore more opportunities. (R2 – Southwest Region)

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REPEAT: Impact of Cattle Fever Ticks to Cattle Industry in South Texas – FWS continues to work with Texas Animal Health Commission and U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) regarding cattle fever tick treatment at the FWS Laguna Atascosa and Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuges. The FWS Laguna Atascosa NWR and portions of the FWS Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR remain under quarantine at this time. Currently, FWS has made a decision to move forward with evaluating, through the NEPA process, the chemically treating white-tailed deer and conducting an experimental cattle grazing program on the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Laguna Atascosa NWRs. The USDA and FWS determined that the best option for moving forward with the NEPA process is with USDA as the lead agency and FWS as a cooperating agency. The USDA anticipates making the draft Environmental Assessment available for public comment starting December 20 for 30 days. FWS is proposing a joint public notice between all entities (FWS, USDA, TAHC) be issued announcing public comment period. FWS is committed to continuing discussions and proactive actions in cooperation with the USDA-APHIS, the Texas Animal Health Commission, private ranchers and others to aid in the battle to combat the cattle fever tick. Of media interest. Significant Congressional interest in efforts to combat cattle fever tick. More details available in past reports. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: FWS New Mexico National Wildlife Refuges Awarded Restoration Grant – FWS Bosque del Apache and Valle de Oro NWRs along with other federal and non-federal partners were recently awarded a 1 million North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant for restoration and enhancement of nearly 1,100 acres in the Middle Rio Grande Valley in New Mexico. NAWCA grants increase bird populations and wetland habitat, while supporting local economies and American traditions such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, family farming, and cattle ranching. Funding for the project is currently on hold until a full budget is passed. A field visit planned for the week of January 15, 2018 hosted by Ducks Unlimited that included Senator Udall (D NM) and Rep Pearce (R NM 02) has been postponed. A re-schedule date has not yet been identified. (R2 – Southwest Region)

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A "First" in threatened Gila Trout Conservation - Expands Angling Opportunity
Topic: On February 12, 2018, Mora National Fish Hatchery transferred 1,384 Gila trout, 8.4 inches long in average size, to the Arizona Game and Fish Dept.'s Sterling Springs Hatchery. The trout are surplus to what are needed for recovery purposes and come from the Whiskey Creek lineage, one of five such lineages native to upper Gila River watershed. Our state partners intend to rear these sport fish for another five months to a catchable size of 11+ inches. This transfer marks the first time Gila trout have been sent to another hatchery from the Mora facility, and builds on the 65,000 eyed Gila trout eggs sent Sterling Springs Hatchery in April of 2017.
Supportive Stakeholders: **Arizona Game and Fish Dept.**
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Media Contact Report

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Carlsbad Current Argus	Feb 14, 2018	http://www.currentargus.com/story/news/local/2018/02/14/texas-hornshell-listing-impact-new-mexico-land-rights/335552002/
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Whooping cranes; E&E Greenwire	Feb 8, 2018	Published: Article on tracking whooping crane
Various: Courthouse News Albuquerque Journal Fox News (NY) Carlsbad Current-Argus Texas hornshell listing	Feb 7-14	Texas hornshell (mussel) listed under ESA. Interviews conducted with PIOs and SMEs regarding effects of listing, interest parties enrolling in candidate conservation agreements and speculation on potential effects of listing on water accesses and oil and gas development. Species is NM last remaining mussel species.
Lesser Prairie-Chicken	End of March 2018	Feb. 13 – Conducted a follow up conversation with Emily Sohn, tidepoolsinc.com regarding the lesser prairie-chicken.
Hatchery International Saving the Apache Trout	Feb 2018	https://www.hatcheryinternational.com/restocking/saving-the-apache-trout-3004 This industry publication covers the work of conservation and commercial hatcheries worldwide. The story penned by Ext. Aff. staff communicates the work of Southwest Region field stations to recover threatened Apache trout in concert with Native Americans.

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UPDATED: Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan – As early as February 28, FWS will sign a FONSI on an amendment to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and permit to add the recently listed Mexican gartersnake. The LCR-MSCP is a long-term program created in 2005 to minimize and mitigate impacts that water delivery and power generation along the lower Colorado River may have on 26 fish and wildlife species, including six species protected under the Endangered Species Act. LCR-MSCP is responsible for creating, replacing, and managing habitat for these species and operates under an ESA permit. However, in the early 2000s, when the LCR-MSCP was conceived, the largely aquatic, northern Mexican gartersnake was long-thought to have been extirpated from the lower Colorado River. In 2014, the subspecies was added to the list of threatened animals protected under the ESA. A public comment on the draft environmental assessment closed December 28, 2017. Outreach will include a FWS news bulletin and notifying stakeholders and tribes. For more information, visit: https://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/ (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED: American Electric Power (AEP) draft Habitat Conservation Plan – In early 2018 FWS anticipates sending a Notice of Availability of AEP's Incidental Take Permit application, including a draft Habitat Conservation Plan and draft Environmental Impact Statement to the *Federal Register* for publication. American Electric Power developed a Habitat Conservation Plan to address impacts to the endangered American burying beetle that may result from the construction, operation and/or maintenance of electric transmission and distribution lines or other associated infrastructure in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. FWS is planning on holding public meetings during the 60-day public comment period. Controversy level is low. Outreach planned. (R2 Southwest Region and R4 Southeast Region)

UPDATED: The USFS and Rep. Pearce's Office (R-NM) asked the FWS participate in an upcoming meeting between the USFS and the Sacramento Grazing Association. The purpose of the meeting is to set the Annual Operating Instructions for the 2018 grazing season on the Sacramento Allotment. FWS has been asked to be available to answer questions regarding the presence of federally listed species and designated habitats on the allotment. (R2 - Southwest Region).

UPDATED: Leander Independent School District (LISD) ITP – LISD submitted a draft habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit (ITP) on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. The HCP and ITP, if issued by FWS, will provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. One of the species identified in the application is the endangered black-capped vireo. FWS continues to meet with the applicant and other vested parties on the draft HCP and to discuss proposed secondary access road alternatives. Significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties. Planned outreach when NOI is published includes issuing a news bulletin. A conference call was held with Senator Cornyn's staff to discuss the issue on December 11. More details available in past reports. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATED**:** Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Texas Conservation Plan Revision - The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has drafted a revision of the Texas Conservation Plan (TCP) for the dunes sagebrush lizard to address several issues with the current plan based upon the six years of implementation. The draft revision has been shared with participants in the existing plan and is being rolled out to industry, landowners and other potential participant under the TCP. The draft revision of the Texas Conservation Plan has not yet been submitted to the Service for approval. We are prepared to work with the Comptroller's Office on this revision at the appropriate time. (R2-Southwest Region)

REPEAT: On January 12, 2018, FWS submitted permit applications to New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) to import and release up to 12 Mexican wolf pups in New Mexico, to import a female wolf from Arizona for artificial insemination at Sevilleta Wolf Management Facility, and to import up to 6 pups from Arizona to be held at Sevilleta or Ladder Ranch Wolf Management Facilities, if needed. The Mexican Wolf Initial Release and Translocation Proposal for 2018 was provided for public review and comment from December 4 to 29. FWS received just over 100 comments, which were transmitted to NMDGF, per their regulations, along with the permit applications. The initial releases and translocations outlined in this document are consistent with: (1) the 2014 Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Revision to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf (Canis lupus baileyi), (2) the 2015 Record of Decision for the Proposed Revision to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf (Canis lupus baileyi), (3) the 2015 Final Rule - Revisions to the Regulations for the Nonessential

Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf, and the 2017 Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan, First Revision. NMDGF signed the permits on January 19, 2018. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Havasu National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona is partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a second year to eradicate feral swine on refuge lands. Feral swine are invasive and damage natural resources and property, impact agricultural lands, and pose a human health risk due to numerous diseases they carry including Salmonella, leptospirosis, and Escherichia coli (E. coli). Eradication efforts will be conducted by one helicopter using specially trained USDA-APHIS-WS personnel, following policy and procedures established to ensure safe, humane, and environmentally sound practices. Efforts will take place the first two weeks of February. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Arizona Electric Power Cooperative Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances for Sonoran Desert Tortoise – FWS anticipates publishing in the *Federal Register* in the next 45-60 days, a Notice of Availability for the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative (AEPCO) Draft Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (dCCAA) for Sonoran Desert Tortoise and their application for an enhancement of survival permit (ESP) in Arizona. AEPCO has developed a conservation agreement that would promote conservation for the unlisted Sonoran Desert tortoise within 2,152 acres of their right-of-way during normal operation and maintenance activities. If approved the term of the dCCAA and ESP would be 25 years. No formal news bulletin will be released. Outreach to local, State, and Federal agencies and partners. (R2-Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Black-capped vireo draft Post-delisting Monitoring Plan – FWS anticipates publishing a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (PDMP) for the black-capped vireo for public review in February 2018. The draft PDMP has been developed in coordination with partners and will guide how the species population is monitored for a minimum of five years if it is delisted. The plan will describe monitoring methods, reporting procedures and agency responsibilities. Multiple monitoring strategies will be used in order to assure that population trends and habitat status will be captured at various time periods and scales, respectively. The final delisting determination will likely occur in early 2018. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan, First Revision – On November 29, FWS published the final Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan, First Revision. The comment period for the draft revision of the Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan closed August 29, 2017. FWS received more than 101,000 comments (this number includes signed petitions). Due to the high level of visibility and controversy on Mexican wolf recovery in general, extensive outreach was conducted, including personal phone calls to State partners, Members of Congress and Tribal Leaders, in addition to numerous meetings and interactions with other interested parties. FWS was under a Court settlement agreement to complete the final plan by the end of November 2017. On November 29, FWS received two Notices of Intent to sue from environmental group, both of which filed complaints on the recovery plan on January 30th – One on behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife, and others, and a second on behalf of the WildEarth Guardians

and Western Watersheds project. The recovery plan continues to generate media interest. See previous reports for additional background. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Western Travis County Public Utility Agency Draft Habitat Conservation Plan – FWS anticipates publishing in the *Federal Register* in the next 45-60 days, a Notice of Availability for the Western Travis County Public Utility Agency's (WTCPUA) Habitat Conservation Plan (DHCP) and their application for an incidental take permit (ITP) in Texas. WTCPUA is preparing to construct a 2.2 mile secondary water pipeline near its existing water transmission main for redundancy and parallel capacity. Construction, operations and maintenance of the Raw Water Transmission Main could impact the federally listed endangered golden-cheeked warbler. If approved the term of the dHCP and ITP would be 30 years. A news bulletin will be prepared and shared with local congressionals, partners and media. (R2-Southwest Region)

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

UPDATE: FWS Southwest Region is proactively reaching out to state agencies to discuss Secretarial Order 3356, and seek additional opportunities to support and expand hunting and fishing on Refuges in the Southwest. Currently the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) has been the most responsive. On January 31, 2018, FWS leadership met with ODWC to discuss several potential hunting and fishing opportunities that could occur on Refuges in Oklahoma. Meeting participants identified additional hunting and fishing, educational and youth opportunities on every refuge in Oklahoma. Additionally, ODWC committed to providing additional staff support to help implement and sustain the identified activities. The FWS Southwest Region will continue to reach out to Texas, Arizona and New Mexico as well as Oklahoma to explore more opportunities. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATE: Impact of Cattle Fever Ticks to Cattle Industry in South Texas – After a 30 day public comment period, FWS has signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to allow U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) additional fever tick eradication methods on refuge lands. Through a Special Use Permit, USDA will be approved to treat white-tailed deer with ivermectin-treated corn and conduct experimental cattle grazing on Laguna Atascosa NWR and Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR lands that fall within established quarantine areas. These management activities would be carefully administered through a Special Use Permit from the FWS to USDA. Permitting USDA to conduct these fever tick management activities is consistent with invasive species control efforts, Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program goals, and its adaptive management strategy to eradicate fever ticks within a quarantine area. The FWS will continue to be fully engaged and is committed to cattle fever tick eradication in Texas. Congressional notifications were made on February 12, 2018. More details available in past reports. (R2 – Southwest Region)

UPDATE: Projects are on hold pending confirmation of NAWCA funding. FWS New Mexico National Wildlife Refuges Awarded Restoration Grant – FWS Bosque del Apache and Valle de Oro NWRs along with other federal and non-federal partners were recently awarded a $1 million North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant for restoration and enhancement of nearly 1,100 acres in the Middle Rio Grande Valley in New Mexico. NAWCA grants increase bird populations and wetland habitat, while supporting local economies and American traditions

such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, family farming, and cattle ranching. Funding for the project is currently on hold until a full budget is passed. A field visit planned for the week of January 15, 2018 hosted by Ducks Unlimited that included Senator Udall (D NM) and Rep Pearce (R NM 02) has been postponed. A re-schedule date has not yet been identified. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Urban Youth Gaining Outdoor Work Experience – FWS as part of an urban partnership, is bringing students from Furr High School in Houston, Texas to the FWS Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge to enable them to gain back country experience. In January 2018 (date TBD), several Furr High School students (10 to 15 expected) will work alongside FWS to continue construction of a trail within the Refuge during their camping/backpacking experience. The experience is meant to introduce students to careers in conservation and will emphasize land management issues, developing public use opportunities (including hunting, fishing and wildlife watching), team building and leadership skills. The desired outcome is that the students will take learned skills back to their school, which is adjacent to Houston Parks and Recreation's Herman Brown Park, a 900-acre park that the school uses as an outdoor classroom. The urban partnership plans to build on this experience on other FWS/TPWD led programs on hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching conducted in classroom and on the city park. (R2 – Southwest Region)

REPEAT: Newly constructed production pads for oil and gas development at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge were mitigated by easing angler access to refuge waters at Lake Texoma. Hagerman's Sandy Day Use Area was improved by a mineral operator, replacing bollard and cable around a lot, leveling walkways and paving with coarse stone. Spoil, litter and discarded roots were hauled away by refuge volunteers. The small improvement can make a large difference for the 7,500 anglers and 2,500 birds that use the area. Anglers catch blue catfish, channel catfish, striped bass, white bass, and sunfishes while birders can check off bald eagle, peregrine falcon, herring gulls, white pelicans, red-tailed hawk, red-shouldered hawk, painted bunting, blue grosbeak, or summer tanager. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Border-Related Activities

NEW: February 2018 – Border Coordination: Pedestrian Fence – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol on a Biological Assessment for fencing that starts near the Santa Teresa Port of Entry and then extends west for approximately 20 miles. The area is within the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area, as designed under section 10(j) of the ESA. In 2017 a Mexican wolf crossed the border into the U.S. in this area and then returned to Mexico. (R2 – Southwest Region).

UPDATE: Feb 2018 – Border Coordination: Road Construction – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO) to provide water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge for a Baboquivari Road Repair Project scheduled for March - June 2018. Part of the project will require the use of a portion of the refuge's water right to support this national security project. CBP will fund electricity use for pumping the water, and will have equipment in place to facilitate optimum

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UPDATE: Feb 2018 – Border Coordination: Communication Towers - Work in in progress following effective coordination between FWS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for the Block-1 Replacement (B1R) of existing infrastructure with integrated fixed towers located on and adjacent to the Buenos Aries National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A total of two communication towers and four surveillance towers on the refuge are being replaced, with the goal of upgrading technology and providing a more robust foundation within the existing footprint. Construction activities began in late 2017 and are continuing on schedule. (R2 – Southwest Region).

REPEAT: Jan 2018 – Border Coordination: Suppling water to USACE – FWS is currently in discussions with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regarding access to water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge for a Baboquivari Road Repair Project scheduled to begin in January 2018. Part of the project will require transporting water from the refuge to the Sasabe Forward Operating Base (FOB) to sustain approximately 60 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) members, who will reside at the FOB throughout the construction phase of the project. CBP plans to inspect the FWS-owned well and upgrade / replace pump and water delivery components to facilitate optimum functionality during the project's period of performance. This will ensure both the CBP national security mission and FWS objectives are met. (R2 – Southwest Region)

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Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation

Nothing significant to report

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
New Mexico Hunting & Fishing Show	Feb 16-18, 2018	NM State Fairgrounds	Sponsored by NMDGF
Birding Festival	April 14-15, 2018	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, Texas	View Details
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Arizona Envirothon	April 20-21, 2018	Mingus Mountain, Arizona	FWS's Arizona Ecological Services is an event sponsor/participants

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Apache trout spawn a success. Eyed-egg count portends more fishing opportunity for Arizona anglers.
Topic: Apache trout, a threatened species, affords unique angling opportunities in the mountains of eastern Arizona. The recent egg take at Alchesay Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery Complex lends confidence to fishery managers that waters on the Ft. Apache Indian Reservation and neighboring Apache National Forest will continue to be destination fisheries.
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Gila trout released in to Sapillo Creek – more fish for anglers.
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National Wildlife Refuge Actions

NEW: Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) is seeking to draw-down Lake Alamo (in western Arizona) in order to conduct a dam safety inspection and maintenance. A resulting flushing flow from the reservoir into the Bill Williams River may adversely benefit the downstream river riparian area and is scheduled for as early as March. The event was fully put forward and developed by ACE and does not take place on refuge land however the release would impact the Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge. The FWS does have a representative on the Bill Williams River Corridor Steering Committee, a non-decisional body focused on interagency communication; however, the Service does not have authority over the release. Reservoir angler and recreational community, and downstream ATV groups have registered concern/opposition to the flows. Congressman Paul Gosar (AZ-4) and county elected officials have weighed in on the project, including flushing flows. (R2 – Southwest Region)

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Fish and Aquatic Conservation

REPEAT: FWS Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery, in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department, announced the beginning of the annual rainbow trout sportfish stocking season in the lower Colorado River immediately below Lake Mohave/Davis Dam in late October. Neighboring communities include Laughlin, Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona. FWS will stock about 1, 750 trout every week from early October through March 2018. Stocking sites include Davis Camp, Community Park, and Rotary Park for October-December. From January 2018 through March 2018, stocking sites will be Davis Camp and Community Park. In addition to the annual stocking season below Davis Dam, FWS Willow Beach NFH continues to stock rainbow every week, year round, at Willow Beach Marina, Arizona. (R2 – Southwest Region)

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Migratory Birds
Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications
Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation
Nothing significant to report

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
Birding Festival	April 14-15, 2018	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, Texas	View Details
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Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)

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National Wildlife Refuge Actions

[*UPDATE*]: Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) is seeking to draw-down Lake Alamo (in western Arizona) in order to conduct a dam safety inspection and maintenance. A resulting flushing flow from the reservoir into the Bill Williams River may benefit the downstream river riparian area and is scheduled for as early as March. The event was fully put forward and developed by ACE and does not take place on refuge land however the release would impact the Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge. (ACE has completed section 7 consultation on the proposed activity.) The FWS does have a representative on the Bill Williams River Corridor Steering Committee, a non-decisional body focused on interagency communication; however, the Service does not have authority over the release. Reservoir angler and recreational community, and downstream ATV groups have registered concern/opposition to the flows and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission passed a resolution opposing draw-down of Alamo Reservoir. Congressman Paul Gosar (AZ-4) and county elected officials have weighed in on the project, including flushing flows.

FWS Southwest Region is proactively reaching out to state agencies to discuss Secretarial Order 3356, and seek additional opportunities to support and expand hunting and fishing on Refuges in the Southwest. Currently the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) has been the most responsive. On January 31, 2018, FWS leadership met with ODWC to discuss several potential hunting and fishing opportunities that could occur on Refuges in Oklahoma. Meeting participants identified additional hunting and fishing, educational and youth opportunities on every refuge in Oklahoma. Additionally, ODWC committed to providing additional staff support to help implement and sustain the identified activities. The FWS Southwest Region will continue to reach out to Texas, Arizona and New Mexico as well as Oklahoma to explore more opportunities.

Impact of Cattle Fever Ticks to Cattle Industry in South Texas – After a 30 day public comment period, FWS has signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to allow U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) additional fever tick eradication methods on refuge lands. Through a Special Use Permit, USDA will be approved to treat white-tailed deer with ivermectin-treated corn and conduct experimental cattle grazing on Laguna Atascosa NWR and Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR lands that fall within established quarantine areas. These management activities would be carefully administered through a Special Use Permit from the FWS to USDA. Permitting USDA to conduct these fever tick management activities is consistent with invasive species control efforts, Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program goals, and its adaptive management strategy to eradicate fever ticks within a quarantine area. The FWS will continue to be fully engaged and is committed to cattle fever tick eradication in Texas. Congressional notifications were made on February 12, 2018. More details available in past reports.

Projects are on hold pending confirmation of NAWCA funding. FWS New Mexico National Wildlife Refuges Awarded Restoration Grant – FWS Bosque del Apache and Valle de Oro NWRs along with other federal and non-federal partners were recently awarded a $1 million North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant for restoration and enhancement of nearly 1,100 acres in the Middle Rio Grande Valley in New Mexico. NAWCA grants increase bird populations and wetland habitat, while supporting local economies and American traditions such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, family farming, and cattle ranching. Funding for the project is currently on hold until a full budget is passed. A field visit planned for the week of January 15, 2018 hosted by Ducks Unlimited that included Senator Udall (D NM) and Rep Pearce (R NM 02) has been postponed. A re-schedule date has not yet been identified.

Urban Youth Gaining Outdoor Work Experience – FWS as part of an urban partnership, is bringing students from Furr High School in Houston, Texas to the FWS Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge to enable them to gain back country experience. In January 2018 (date TBD), several Furr High School students (10 to 15 expected) will work alongside FWS to continue construction of a trail within the Refuge during their camping/backpacking experience. The experience is meant to introduce students to careers in conservation and will emphasize land management issues, developing public use opportunities (including hunting, fishing and wildlife watching), team building and leadership skills. The desired outcome is that the students will take learned skills back to their school, which is adjacent to Houston Parks and Recreation's Herman Brown Park, a 900-acre park that the school uses as an outdoor classroom. The urban partnership plans to build on this experience on other FWS/TPWD led programs on hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching conducted in classroom and on the city park.

Newly constructed production pads for oil and gas development at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge were mitigated by easing angler access to refuge waters at Lake Texoma. Hagerman's Sandy Day Use Area was improved by a mineral operator, replacing bollard and cable around a lot, leveling walkways and paving with coarse stone. Spoil, litter and discarded roots were hauled away by refuge volunteers. The small improvement can make a large difference for the 7,500 anglers and 2,500 birds that use the area. Anglers catch blue catfish, channel catfish, striped bass, white bass, and sunfishes while birders can check off bald eagle, peregrine falcon,

herring gulls, white pelicans, red-tailed hawk, red-shouldered hawk, painted bunting, blue grosbeak, or summer tanager.

Havasu National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona is partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a second year to eradicate feral swine on refuge lands. Feral swine are invasive and damage natural resources and property, impact agricultural lands, and pose a human health risk due to numerous diseases they carry including Salmonella, leptospirosis, and Escherichia coli (E. coli). Eradication efforts will be conducted by one helicopter using specially trained USDA-APHIS-WS personnel, following policy and procedures established to ensure safe, humane, and environmentally sound practices. Efforts will take place the first two weeks of February.

Border-Related Activities

Border Coordination: Road Construction – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO) to provide water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge for a Baboquivari Road Repair Project scheduled for March - June 2018. Part of the project will require the use of a portion of the refuge's water right to support this national security project. CBP will fund electricity use for pumping the water, and will have equipment in place to facilitate optimum functionality during the project's period of performance. This will ensure both the CBP mission and FWS landscape conservation mission are being met.

Border Coordination: Pedestrian Fence – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol on a Biological Assessment for fencing that starts near the Santa Teresa Port of Entry and then extends west for approximately 20 miles. The area is within the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area, as designed under section 10(j) of the ESA. In 2017 a Mexican wolf crossed the border into the U.S. in this area and then returned to Mexico.

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Border Coordination: Communication Towers - Work in in progress following effective coordination between FWS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for the Block-1 Replacement (B1R) of existing infrastructure with integrated fixed towers located on and adjacent to the Buenos Aries National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A total of two communication towers and four surveillance towers on the refuge are being replaced, with the goal of upgrading technology and providing a more robust foundation within the existing footprint. Construction activities began in late 2017 and are continuing on schedule.

Fish and Aquatic Conservation
FWS Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery, in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department, announced the beginning of the annual rainbow trout sportfish stocking season in the lower Colorado River immediately below Lake Mohave/Davis Dam in late October. Neighboring communities include Laughlin, Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona. FWS will stock about 1, 750 trout every week from early October through March 2018. Stocking sites include Davis Camp, Community Park, and Rotary Park for October-December. From January 2018 through March 2018, stocking sites will be Davis Camp and Community Park. In addition to the annual stocking season below Davis Dam, FWS Willow Beach NFH continues to stock rainbow every week, year round, at Willow Beach Marina, Arizona. (R2 – Southwest Region)

Migratory Birds
Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications
Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation
Nothing significant to report

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
Birding Festival	April 14-15, 2018	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, Texas	View Details
Birding Festival	April 27-29, 2018	Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge, Texas	
Arizona Envirothon	April 20-21, 2018	Mingus Mountain, Arizona	FWS's Arizona Ecological Services is an event sponsor/participants

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WEEKLY REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

ASFWP Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Jason Larrabee will be in the office. Deputy Assistant Secretary Aurelia Skipwith will be in the office.

On March 6 -7, FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan will be attending the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation board meeting in Washington, D.C.

On March 5, NPS Deputy Director Dan Smith will attend the Wildland Fire Leadership Council at the Department of the Interior in Washington, DC. On March 6, he will speak at The Friends Alliance biannual meeting with more than 100 friends groups in Washington, DC.

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)

[NEW] Between March 1 - 6, three national park units are working with USGS, DOI, and the NPS Office of Aviation Services to survey white-tailed deer populations using an unmanned aircraft system (UAS). Transects will be flown over Chesapeake & Ohio Canal and Harpers Ferry National Historical Parks and Monocacy National Battlefield. The survey work, which is being led by USGS, may require brief closures to ensure visitor safety. All required approvals have been received from the FAA, DOI, and NPS. The NPS is not planning any public announcements about this work. (2/28/2018).

Between March 1 - 15, Rocky Mountain National Park (CO) plans to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Crater Trail to the public. Rocky Mountain National Park prepared the Crater Trail Environmental Assessment (EA) to examine alternative actions and environmental impacts associated with the long-term management and use of the one-mile long trail. The NPS selected the alternative to close the trail. The EA was made available for public review and comment for 41 days, ending Nov. 22, 2017. Thirty-four correspondences were received. No comments warranted development of an additional alternative or reconsideration of alternatives that were considered but dismissed. (02/21/2018).

Between March 2 - 5, approximately 200 military veterans will use Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area as a basecamp for training to become wildland firefighters. This is the second year that the program, a partnership between the DOI and L.A.-based nonprofit Team Rubicon, has taken place at the park. A portion of the group will also visit Channel Islands National Park. Local media coverage is expected and will be handled by the Park. (02/21/2018)

By March 5, DOI plans to send to the Federal Register the Notice of Availability of the Florida Trustee Implementation Group (TIG) Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Final Phase V.2 Restoration

Plan and Supplemental Environmental Assessment. This second phase of the Early Restoration Plan addresses the lost recreation opportunities caused by the oil spill. The Florida TIG selected the option to acquire and enhance a 6.6 acre coastal parcel for the Salinas Park addition, for $3.1M. For the acquired land, The TIG plans to construct a trail extension, three trailheads near the adjacent road, bike facilities, and an elevated boardwalk with observation platforms. The enhancements on the existing property will fund a crosswalk for public safety, an enhanced playground and a pickleball court. The final plan reflects revisions to the draft plan resulting from continued project development and the review of over 100 public comments. (02/21/2018)

On March 5, the annual Isle Royale National Park Winter Study surveys of wolves and moose on Isle Royale will come to completion for this season. The study is conducted by Michigan Technological University (MTU) and the National Park Service (NPS). MTU will release this year's survey results in mid- to late-March, which will garner much media interest. Currently, the survey has shown that two wolves remain on the Island. Moose population trends are expected to show an increase. (02/21/2018).

[UPDATE] By March 5, the Blue Ridge Parkway, along with staff from the Appalachian National Scenic Trail staff, are preparing an administrative record and document review regarding the NPS issuance of construction and right-of-way permits for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline in response a lawsuit filed by the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) on behalf of the Sierra Club and the Virginia Wilderness Committee. SELC has filed a petition for NPS to stay its decision to issue these permits, and the DOI Solicitor's Office will be preparing a response.The pipeline will traverse the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. The Blue Ridge Parkway permits were finalized in December 2017. No start date for construction has been set by the applicant. The Blue Ridge Parkway and Appalachian National Scenic Trail are managing routine implementation of the signed inter-agency Programmatic Agreement under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and implementation of the NPS construction permit. Response to legal action is being coordinated through the DOI Office of the Solicitor and Department of Justice. The NPS Washington Office has the lead for any media inquires, which have been minimal to-date. (Updated 02/28/18).

[NEW] On or after March 5, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks will open a 30-day public comment period on a proposed project that would increase overnight front country stock facilities to accommodate equestrian access to park trails and wilderness. The project would convert two existing administrative corrals to visitor stock use facilities, expand the parking areas to allow for truck and trailer parking and turnaround space, divide the existing corral space to accommodate 1 to 2 stock groups, and provide 1 to 2 campsites for short-term use. The campsites would be included in the NPS reservation system and would be open to visitors with stock. The project will be funded through a grant from Southern California Edison. (02/28/2018).

[UPDATE] On or about March 5 or later, pending approval by the Department, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a proposed listing determination and proposed critical habitat designation for the Island marble butterfly, found in Washington. The proposed critical habitat designation includes approximately 812 acres. This action is not expected to be opposed, and media coverage is expected to be neutral. Interested stakeholders include the Xerces Society (the petitioner), federal partners including National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management,

and state partners including Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Washington Department of Natural Resources, San Juan County Land Bank, the San Juan Preservation Trust, and local landowners. A communications plan has been shared with DOI Comms. A regional news release to tribes, state and local officials, and stakeholders, congressionals and media is planned. (Updated 02/28/18)

[UPDATE] On or around March 5 or later, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a notice of availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan for the black-capped vireo. While this action is not controversial in itself, stakeholders who oppose the delisting of the species may use this notice to express their concerns about the delisting. Stakeholders include the petitioners, Pacific Legal Foundation, Jim Chilton, New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association, New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau, New Mexico Federal Lands Council, and Texas Farm Bureau, and the Office of Travis Co. Judge and Big Bend National Park. Planned outreach will include notifications to local stakeholders, a regional news release and social media posts. (Updated 02/28/18)

On March 6 (tentative), FWS will join Brookfield Renewable, the Maine Department of Marine Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service and The Nature Conservancy in announcing a proposed feasibility study to enhance migratory fish passage on the Kennebec River. The Kennebec River is second only to the Penobscot River as Maine's most productive system for sea-run fish, including Atlantic salmon, alewife, shad and striped bass. The one-year study will explore the costs and benefits of a suite of alternatives to restore sea-run fish to the river (including nature-like fishways, fish ladders, bypass channels and dam removal) while seeking to maintain current levels of low carbon energy generation. To allow time for the study, Brookfield is requesting an extension on fish passage requirements from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to further enhance fish passage beyond what is achievable through current regulatory processes. The request will include letters of support from state and federal agency partners. The governor of Maine also supports the study. Partners are planning coordinated outreach through a joint news release and congressional notifications. (Updated 02/21/18)

On March 6, Fort Pulaski National Monument will celebrate the completion of the new Cockspur Island Bridge with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. This bridge provides the only access to the park and the Coast Guard station, and at times, its condition has limited visitor access to the park. The new bridge will provide more consistent and safe access. This event is expected to receive Congressional and local media interest which will be handled by the park. (02/14/2018).

[NEW] From March 6 – April 7, Prince William Forest Park will open a 30-day comment period for an EA that will develop comprehensive guidance related to multi-use trails and visitor experience within the park. The new plan will seek to balance long term management and resource protection. On March 20, a public scoping meeting will be held.

[UPDATE] Around March 6 or later, Mexico's Commission for Natural Protection Areas will announce the eastern monarch butterfly overwintering population numbers. FWS is in communication with the Mexican government for this anticipated announcement, and FWS is planning a national news release. (Updated 02/28/18)

[NEW] By March 7, the NPS anticipates it will publish a final rule to allow bicycle use on a 2-mile segment of the East Shore Trail located within Rocky Mountain National Park. A portion of this 2-mile segment will require trail construction to accommodate bicycles and is therefore considered a new trail. NPS regulations require promulgation of a special regulation to designate new trails for bicycle use off park roads and outside developed areas. (02/28/2018).

[NEW] By March 7, the NPS anticipates it will publish a proposed rule to allow bicycle use on two proposed multi-use trails located within Pea Ridge National Military Park. One trail will be approximately 0.55 miles in length and the other will be approximately 1.17 miles in length. Both trails will require trail construction activities to accommodate bicycles and are therefore considered new trails that will be opened to bicycles. NPS regulations require promulgation of a special regulation to designate new trails for bicycle use off park roads and outside developed areas. (02/28/2018).

Through March 7, the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lincoln Memorial's new underground visitor space will be released for comment. The EA identifies three alternatives – no action; improve existing; and optimized (incorporating all of the proposed improvements), which is the preferred alternative - and analyzes potential impacts resulting from the project, which is funded in part by a donation from philanthropist David Rubenstein. The NPS will accept comment on the draft EA through the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website, and by holding a consulting party meeting on February 21. (Prior to 02/14/2018).

On or after March 7, Minidoka National Historic Site will hold a pre-construction meeting to officially kick-off the construction phase of the visitor contact station. The park is considering holding a small ground-breaking ceremony in May, and inviting partner organizations and local press to celebrate this momentous occasion. Construction is being funded through recreational fee dollars. (02/14/2018).

[NEW] Between March 7 - 9, a World Bank sponsored high level delegation from Indonesia studying large scale water management will visit south Florida. The delegation plans to visit the Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives on March 7 and Everglades National Park on March 8. (02/28/18).

On March 8, a status hearing by Federal District Court is scheduled regarding the R.S. 2477 bellwether process to help resolve some of the legal questions related to the R.S. 2477 right-of-way claims lawsuits filed in 2010 by the State of Utah and Utah counties. Kane County (UT) is taking the lead and on Jan. 19, 2018, submitted a list of 17 roads to be used in the bellwether process. Three of the roads are located within Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. This process is important as it could be the basis for determining administrative rights on many roads in Glen Canyon and other NPS units in Utah. (02/14/2018).

[NEW] Between March 8 - 16, three national wildlife refuges in the Northeast Region will issue environmental assessments on proposed expansions or openings for hunting during the 2018-2019 season. Umbagog NWR in Maine and New Hampshire plans to open an additional 16,457 acres of land to hunting of various species, as well as add turkey to the species approved for hunting on refuge lands. Edwin B. Forsythe NWR in New Jersey intends to open an additional

4,299 acres of lands to deer hunting, as well as add spring turkey hunting and squirrel hunting to 10,705 acres. John Heinz NWR at Tinicum – near downtown Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – aims to start deer archery hunts for specialized groups such as disabled hunters, active military, veterans and youth (up to age 34). Each refuge will issue a news release to solicit public comment. States have already been engaged and will be notified of publication. (02/28/18)

On or around March 8, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a proposal to downlist the Hawaiian goose (nēnē) from endangered to threatened. FWS will also propose to establish special regulations for the conservation of the species under section 4(d) of the ESA to allow for flexibility in managing lands. Landowners of resort, golf course, agricultural, residential and recreational properties are likely to support the reclassification and associated 4(d) rule while conservation groups may be opposed. Interested stakeholders include the State of Hawaii, federal agencies, conservation and bird groups, various private landowners, and the public. Outreach includes a regional news release, social media, emails and phone calls to congressional offices and stakeholders. (Updated 01/31/18)

On or around March 8, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a final determination to withdraw the proposal to list the San Fernando Valley spineflower, a plant found in California. This action is not expected to be strongly opposed; however, the Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment, a local environmental organization, has filed litigation regarding a development project in the range of the species and will likely oppose the withdrawal of the proposed rule. Other interested stakeholders include Newhall Land Company, City of Calabasas, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, WildEarth Guardians, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and local landowners. Media coverage is expected to be neutral. Planned outreach includes a regional news release to all interested parties and the media. FWS is required by settlement agreement to publish in the *Federal Register* by March 15; therefore, FWS plans to submit it by March 8. (01/17/18)

On or around March 9, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a minor map correction in the final rule designating critical habitat for two butterflies: the Poweshiek skipperling and Dakota skipper. One map incorrectly labeled Poweshiek skipperling critical habitat as Dakota skipper critical habitat in Minnesota. FWS does not expect any opposition to this. No outreach is planned for this simple correction notice. (Updated 01/24/18)

As early as March 9, FWS will issue a Biological Opinion (BO) to the Army Corps of Engineers for the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS) in Florida. This consultation has involved no changes to the actual water level schedule or to lake operations. The only notable change is a new method for calculating the take of endangered snail kites. Consequently, this recent consultation has not been controversial. No outreach is planned but will be prepared to respond if asked. (02/14/18)

March 9 is the NPS deadline for public comment on The Revised Feasibility and Suitability Study for Additional Routes of the Oregon, Mormon Pioneer, California, and Pony Express National Historic Trails (4 Trails Study). Congress directed the Secretary of the Interior (and in turn, the NPS) to study routes for possible addition to the existing Oregon, California, Mormon Pioneer, and Pony Express national historic trails (NHTs). After evaluation of the National

Trails System Act and NHT criteria, the NPS study team found that some of the study routes (7,425 miles of the initial 17,043 miles of study routes in 13 states) are nationally significant and may be eligible for designation as part of the National Trails System. (02/21/2018)

[UPDATE] By March 9, the NPS anticipates announcing 51 African American Civil Rights Grant awards, totaling almost $13 million. Grants will be used to fund planning, education, research, pre-development, and physical preservation projects focusing on the struggle for African American equality in the 20th Century. Eligible applicants include States, Federally recognized Tribes, local governments, and nonprofits. The grants are anticipated to receive press coverage and legislative attention upon announcement; the NPS is coordinating with DOI on the outreach. (Updated 02/28/18).

[UPDATE] By March 9, the NPS anticipates announcement of a grant funding opportunity on grants.gov for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities grants which fund the preservation of National Register listed properties on HBCU campuses. $4 million in FY 2017 funding is available to eligible HBCU applicants. There is interest in the program with weekly inquiries. The press release is being coordinated with ASFWP and DOI Communications. (Updated 02/28/18).

[UPDATE] By March 9, the American Battlefield Protection Program will issue an apportionment memo for nine Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants awarded to States and funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The apportionment is approximately $4.3 million and goes toward the protection of over 500 acres at two threatened Revolutionary War battlefields, five Civil War battlefields, and one Civil War/Revolutionary War battlefield: Brandywine, Pennsylvania; Camden, South Carolina; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Appomattox Court House, Virginia; New Market Heights, Virginia; Morton's Ford, Virginia; Franklin, Tennessee; Yorktown, Virginia. The press release is being coordinated with ASFWP and DOI Communications. (Updated 02/28/2018).

[UPDATE] By March 9, the NPS anticipates announcement of a grant funding opportunity on Grants.gov. Tribal Heritage grants assist Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations in protecting and promoting their unique cultural heritage and traditions. At least $500,000 is made available annually from the HPF. There is interest in the program with weekly inquiries. The press release is being coordinated with ASFWP and DOI Communications. (Updated 02/28/18).

[UPDATE] By March 9, the NPS will prepare and apportionment of FY 2018 HPF grants to States and Tribes for the percentage of the year covered by the continuing resolutions running through March 23, 2018. By March 5, a Notice of Funding Opportunity will be posted to Grants.gov. The HPF provides non-discretionary operational grants to historic preservation offices in States and Tribes. Several States have contacted the NPS and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers with concerns that the awards may be delayed due to the Departmental review process (Updated 2/28/18).

On March 14, the Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation Project EA public comment period will close. Yosemite National Park will augment visitor services at the popular location by improving trails,

viewing platforms, and accessibility, constructing new restrooms, and addressing deferred maintenance issues. The project will be completed in partnership with The Yosemite Conservancy, the park's philanthropic partner, and construction is anticipated to start in the Fall of 2018. (Updated 02/14/2018).

[UPDATE] By March 15, (pending Departmental approval of Notice of Availability (NOA), Death Valley National Park anticipates a NOA will be published in the Federal Register for the Draft Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Saline Valley Warm Springs (plan/DEIS). The NOA will initiate a 60-day public comment period during which public meetings will be held in the vicinity of the park. The plan/DEIS is intended to provide a framework for natural and cultural resource management, administration and operations, and managing visitor use. (Updated 2/28/18).

[UPDATE] By March 15, Death Valley National Park anticipates releasing the final Bonnie Clare Road Reconstruction Environmental Assessment and FONSI. Reconstruction work is scheduled to start in August 2018 and be completed by May 2019. This will allow reopening of the northeast entrance to the park and restore public access to Scotty's Castle after massive damage from flooding in October 2015. (Updated 2/28/18).

[UPDATE] By March 15, the Blue Ridge Parkway anticipates initial clearing of 1.5 acres (123 trees) within the boundary of the Blue Ridge Parkway in advance of construction for the Mountain Valley Pipeline, which will traverse the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Tree clearing will occur along the wooded edges of existing pastoral landscape, widening an existing non-wooded vista. The Blue Ridge Parkway construction and right-of-way permits for the Mountain Valley Pipeline were finalized in December 2017. No start date for full construction has been set by the applicant. The Blue Ridge Parkway and Appalachian National Scenic Trail are managing routine implementation of the signed inter-agency Programmatic Agreement under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and implementation of the NPS construction permit. The NPS Washington Office has the lead for any media inquires, which have been minimal to date. (Updated 2/28/18).

By March 15, the California Department of General Services will issue a Final Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) for relocation of the Red Mountain emergency communications tower currently located on Forest Service lands. Rodgers Peak, within the boundary of Redwood National Park, has been evaluated as a potential replacement site. The EIR/EA found significant unavoidable adverse impacts from the proposed project on the National Register-eligible Lyons Ranch Historic District. The California Office of Emergency Management (CalOES) has identified alternative tower locations outside the park that reduce or eliminate the impact upon park resources. In the event that CalOES selects Rodger Peak as a site, the park cannot issue a FONSI for the right-of-way (ROW) that would be required to access the park site given the unavoidable impacts to park resources. The NPS submitted comments on the Draft EIR/EA in January. (02/14/2018).

By March 15, (embargoed until public announcement) Channel Islands National Park will initiate the process to transfer human remains that have been undergoing Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) review to the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash

Mission Indians (a federally recognized tribe) under 43 C.F.R. §10.7 (Disposition of unclaimed human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony). The park is required to submit a list of the items to the Manager, National NAGPRA Program, and publish a notice of proposed transfer in a newspaper of general circulation. (Prior to 02/14/2018).

[UPDATE] By March 15, the NPS expects to release the final plan/EIS to address the presence of wolves at Isle Royale National Park. The publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notice of availability of this final plan/EIS in the Federal Register will initiate a 30-day wait period before the Midwest Region Regional Director can sign the Record of Decision. Publication of the document is contingent on the release of the NPS Notice of Availability, which is currently in the surnaming process. (Updated 02/28/18).

[UPDATE] By March 15, the Federal Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings Annual Report for FY 2017 is planned to be issued. The HTC was retained as part of the tax reform legislation signed by the President into law on December 22, 2017. The eight-page annual report summarizes statistics about the program to include the total number of projects reviewed by state, rehabilitation cost, new use, etc., and also includes photos and short descriptions of some representative projects. (Updated 02/28/18).

[UPDATE] Between March 15-30, Death Valley National Park anticipates releasing the final Scotty's Castle Flood Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment and FONSI. This document analyzes repair work planned for historic structures, the cultural landscape, utilities, parking, and walkways to recover from damage from a flash flood in October 2015. The historic district is scheduled to reopen to the public in 2020. (1/24/2018, updated 2/28/18).

[UPDATE] Between March 15-30, Death Valley National Park and Mojave National Preserve will begin efforts to relocate up to 2,500 feral burros from each park. Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue (a nonprofit partner) will fund and carry out the roundups, test burros for disease, relocate them to holding facilities, and domesticate the animals for adoption. This is anticipated to generate public interest and has already triggered a FOIA request, which are both being handled by the Park, with appropriate regional and national support. (Updated 02/28/18).

[UPDATE] Between March 15-30 (pending Departmental approval), Olympic National Park anticipates issuing a news release announcing that a Notice of Availability NOA is to be published in the Federal Register for its Mountain Goat Management Plan/Final EIS. (Update 2/28/2018).

[UPDATE] On or around March 15, the NPS plans to release, pending agency concurrence, a Request for Proposal for a new interim, three-year temporary concessions contract for Hite at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in order to avoid interruption of visitor services. The interim contract is needed to address increased land-based recreational use and will help inform and allow time for the development of a typical 10-year concessions contract. (Updated 02/28/18).

Between March 15 - April 15, Manassas National Battlefield Park plans to conduct its first-ever prescribed burn as part of efforts to control vegetation, enhance grassland habitats, and restore

the historic landscape. A Fire Management Plan and an accompanying Environmental Assessment were completed in 2015. If weather conditions are favorable, the burn will encompass approximately 60 acres over the course of one day. (02/21/2018).

Around March 15, Golden Gate National Recreation Area is expected to release a Request for Qualifications for a competitive business opportunity to establish a waterfront community center at the Fort Baker Historic Boat Shop and Marina as an affordable recreational and gathering place. The purpose of the RFQ is to identify both private- and public-sector entities interested in operating the facility, which is currently operated by the U.S. Air Force as a military recreation facility open to the public. NPS is seeking a long-term lease that will enable an offeror to make necessary investments in historic rehabilitation of deteriorating facilities, and the provision of public services and programs at the site. The park has kept the USAF informed throughout the lead up to this announcement, and they have express interest in participating in the RFQ process. (Updated 02/21/2018).

[NEW] On March 15, Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument and partners will host an annual celebration of Colonel Young's birthday as well as recognize the 5 year anniversary of the monument's designation. The event will be hosted at the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center in Wilberforce, Ohio. (2/28/18).

[UPDATE] By March 16, Mesa Verde National Park (MEVE) will release the Livestock Removal Plan/Environmental Assessment (EA) for a 30-day public comment period. The EA calls for the removal of approximately 80 horses and 20 cattle that are presently inside the park. MEVE does not have the legal authority to allow livestock use within the park. Livestock use is also inconsistent with park's mission to preserve the Ancestral Pueblo culture. There has been significant public, and moderate media interest. Mesa Verde National Park is working with and consulting animal advocacy groups on how to humanely remove livestock from the park and identify potential homes for captured, unclaimed livestock. Initial public scoping began in 2015, and resulted in more than 9,000 comments, most of which were form letters. The park also engaged the Bureau of Land Management on the EA. (Updated 2/28/18).

[NEW] Between March 16-May 11, Katmai National Park and Preserve and Alagnak Wild River will be hosting public listening sessions and collecting comments related to the Katmai National Park and Preserve and the Alagnak Wild River Wilderness and Backcountry Management Plan. During the public comment period, four open house events will be held in Kodiak, Anchorage, Homer, and Naknek, Alaska to inform the public on the planning process and solicit public feedback. Public input on key planning issues and initial management considerations will help the park as it develops a proposed action and preliminary alternatives eventually incorporated in the draft wilderness and backcountry management plan. (2/28/17).

[UPDATE] In March, FWS plans to publish a final rule on revisions to the 2018 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp contest regulations. For the 2018 Federal Duck Contest and 2019-2020 Federal Duck Stamp, contest entries must include one or more visual elements that reflect the theme "Celebrating our waterfowl hunting heritage." The final changes for 2018 stamp design must depict appropriate hunting-themed elements, such as hunters, hunting dogs, duck blinds, etc. as along with one of the five eligible waterfowl species. The bird

must be in the foreground, portrayed live, and clearly the focus of attention. This will provide visual recognition to the contributions waterfowl hunters make to habitat conservation. Planned outreach includes a news release with congressional and stakeholder notifications. (Updated 02/28/18)

[UPDATE] In March, pending approval by the Department, FWS will award nearly $19 million in grants to coastal states to conserve and restore coastal wetlands and their fish and wildlife habitat. Each year, the Service supports coastal wetland conservation through the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program and the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. The grant funds are derived from excise taxes on fishing tackle and motorboat and small engine fuels. The grants will support 22 projects in 13 coastal states to protect, restore or enhance more than 30,000 acres of coastal wetlands and adjacent upland habitats, including 287 miles of shoreline. Over $21 million in additional matching funds will be provided by partner contributions from state and local governments, private landowners and conservation groups. Conservation of this habitat will help recover coastal-dependent federal trust species, enhance flood protection and water quality, provide economic benefits to coastal communities and increase recreational opportunities for hunters and anglers. The grant recipients (states) have not yet been informed that they will be receiving funds. Planned outreach includes congressional and stakeholder notifications and a news release. (Updated 02/28/18)

[UPDATE] In March, pending approval by the Department, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a notice announcing the availability of comprehensively revised boundaries for the first batch of Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) units included in the Hurricane Sandy Remapping Project. CBRS was created by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act in 1982 to conserve relatively undeveloped, highly vulnerable coastal barriers along the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts. The proposed revisions will affect 112 existing and 36 proposed new units in Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New Jersey. The notice will announce a 120-day public comment period and also advise of upcoming public meetings to be held via webcast. Landowners, state and local officials (and their representatives in Congress) will likely support the removal of areas from the CBRS and similarly oppose the addition of new areas into the CBRS. Properties in a CBRS unit are ineligible for federally subsidized flood insurance. Taxpayer groups, recreational interest groups and conservation groups will likely support the additions to the CBRS. This action is a step in the remapping process for CBRS units. It is separate from the three CBRS bills that were the subject of the February 27 hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee. The three bills would adopt recommended maps FWS prepared following the full process that these Sandy maps are currently undergoing. Outreach will include a national news release and FAQs, as well as stakeholder and congressional outreach. (Updated 02/28/18)

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Around March 15 or later, FWS will announce for public comment a draft environmental assessment (EA) that will evaluate alternatives to protect seabirds from predation by invasive house mice at Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and Battle of Midway National Memorial, located in Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. More than 3 million birds from 29

species nest on Midway's three islands, including the world's largest Laysan albatross colony. All of them are potentially vulnerable to mouse predation. The mice have been documented eating seabirds while they are nesting, resulting in injury and death. Due to their extreme dedication to raising their young, the birds will not leave the nest if attacked. Outreach is planned to include local public notifications through the web and social media, when the draft EA is published, and notifications to members of Congress in Hawaii, with targeted stakeholder outreach. (Updated 02/21/18)

On or around March 15, FWS plans to release for public comment a Draft Recovery Plan for the Southern California Distinct Population Segment of the mountain yellow-legged frog. The recovery plan is designed to help southern populations of this species in three recovery units through a set of recovery strategies with associated objectives and measurable criteria. The recovery units include San Bernardino Mountains, San Gabriel Mountains, and San Jacinto Mountains. The draft plan includes input from partners including the San Diego and Los Angeles zoos, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Geological Survey, and the U.S. Forest Service. This is not controversial. Planned outreach includes congressional and stakeholder notifications and a regional press release to media. (Updated 02/21/18)

On March 19-20, Rainbow Bridge National Monument will host the 2018 Rainbow Ridge Native American Consultation Committee meeting to discuss a variety of issues related to the protection and management of Rainbow Bridge, a significant cultural site for many tribes. The Committee was formed 20 years ago and the affiliated tribes include the Pueblo of Zuni, Navajo Nation, San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, Hopi Tribe, Kaibab Paiute Tribe, and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. This annual consultation meeting brings together the park and the tribes for collaborative discussions on ways to engage tribes in the management of the Rainbow Bridge with discussion topics such as trail improvements, interpretive messaging, and cultural property designation. (Prior to 02/14/2018).

On March 20-21, (embargoed until public announcement) Manhattan Project National Historical Park will conduct an internal workshop with its Department of Energy partners in Lakewood, Colorado, to develop a Visitor Access Plan. Many of the facilities listed in the park's enabling legislation are currently inaccessible to the public. This plan will analyze the feasibility of visitor access to these facilities over the next 15 years. (Prior to 02/14/2018).

On March 20, Mary Josie Blanchard and other Federal representatives of the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resources Damage Assessment Trustee Council will be meeting with GAO to discuss issues raised on how the Federal government manages the settlement funds from Deepwater Horizon and how these funds have been designated or used for restoration. Mary Josie, as the Federal Co-Chair of the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resources Damage Assessment Trustee Council, is coordinating with the other Federal agencies on the Trustee Council—USDA, Commerce and EPA. (02/21/2018)

On March 21, the NPS, the Federal Aviation Administration, and seven commercial air tour operators will sign the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument Commercial Air Tour Management Agreement. This agreement, among many things, will manage air tours over the park, ensure protection of resources and visitor use and

enjoyment without compromising aviation safety, and successfully decrease/limit the number of commercial air tours over Rainbow Bridge and other sensitive areas in the parks. The signing ceremony will be held following the Rainbow Bridge Native American Consultation Committee to facilitate interaction between air tour operators and affiliated tribes and to recognize the significant input tribes made to the agreement. (Prior to 02/14/2018).

[UPDATE] No later than March 21, pending DOI approval of the *Federal Register* Notice of Availability, Capitol Reef National Park will release the Livestock Grazing and Trailing Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a 45-day public comment period. The Draft EIS analyzes the impacts of livestock grazing and trailing on park resources and is intended to guide future adaptive management decisions. On Nov. 7, 2017, Capitol Reef National Park hosted a cooperating agency meeting and released the Cooperating Agency Review Draft EIS. The park has since worked with cooperating agencies to address their comments and finalize the Draft EIS for public review. The timeline for the release of the Draft EIS is linked to the intention of successfully issuing new permits in October 2018, if the final EIS Record of Decision is completed by then. (updated 2/28/18).

[NEW] (Embargoed until public release) On March 21, the NPS plans to release a prospectus for a new concession contract at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks to provide pack station, guided trail rides, and other associated services at the Cedar Grove Pack Station and Grant Grove Stables. (2/28/2018).

[UPDATE] On March 21, FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan and Midwest Regional Director Tom Melius will be attending a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing event with Monsanto at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Representatives from Monsanto and the Climate Corporation will be in attendance. FWS Midwest Region has been exploring the possibility of a partnership with Monsanto, and its subsidiaries, to use modern agriculture data tools to help landowners voluntarily manage their land to enhance pollinator habitat while maximizing production in their fields. Monsanto and FWS developed an MOU to outline how we will work together to: 1) provide accurate and useful information to farmers; 2) analyze data to determine the outcomes of conservation actions and make it easy for landowners to have access to conservation programs should they choose to participate; and 3) to explore the possibilities to use these tools for other cooperative conservation efforts across the country. Midwest Region is working closely with HQ on this open press event and a communications plan, which will include active national outreach. (Updated 02/28/18)

On or around March 22, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* 90-day findings on petitions to delist or downlist the Cape mountain zebra, and delist the Preble's meadow jumping mouse. For substantial 90-day findings, this is the first step in a longer process and tends not to get significant media attention; however, this action might be the first time stakeholders become aware that FWS is assessing the status of a species. All stakeholders will have ample opportunity to provide input into the eventual 12-month findings. FWS anticipates local media coverage and interest from livestock and home building industries in Wyoming and Colorado regarding the finding on the petition to delist the Preble's meadow jumping mouse. A national news bulletin and congressional notifications are planned. (Updated 02/14/18)

[UPDATE] On or around March 29, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* an amendment to the current listing of the southern Selkirk Mountains population of woodland caribou (endangered) to include the entire Southern Mountain Caribou population as a distinct population segment (DPS). The revised DPS (17 subpopulations; 15 extant, two extirpated) includes the currently listed southern Selkirk Mountains population of woodland caribou, which is a transboundary population between British Columbia, Canada, and northern Idaho and northeastern Washington. The critical habitat designation will remain unchanged. Non-governmental organizations including the International Fund for Wildlife, Kettle Range Conservation Group, Selkirk Conservation Alliance, Kootenai Environmental Alliance, Center for Biological Diversity, Idaho Conservation League and the State of Idaho may be opposed to the DPS listing. The Pacific Legal Foundation (representing Bonner County) is likely to challenge the determination. FWS received a notice of intent to sue from the Pacific Legal Foundation on behalf of Bonner County in June 2017 because FWS has not met the statutory deadline for finalizing this rule (a proposed rule was published in 2014). Planned outreach includes a regional news release, social media, emails and phone calls to congressional offices and stakeholders. A communication plan, news release, and FAQs have been sent to FWS HQ. (Updated 02/28/18)

On or around March 29, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a final determination on the proposal to downlist to threatened from endangered the Kuenzler hedgehog cactus. When first listed, only one population of 200 plants was known. The discovery of additional populations, together with efforts to conserve the plant and its habitat, indicate the cactus is no longer at risk of extinction. Today, there are 3,300 individual cacti in 11 known populations within its southern New Mexico range. Additionally, the permitting of captive propagation and sale of the plant has relieved much of the threat from collection of the species in the wild. This downlisting is not expected to be controversial. Planned outreach includes a regional news release, phone calls to stakeholders, and web postings.(Updated 02/21/18)

On or around March 29, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a final determination on the proposal to list the yellow lance as threatened. The yellow lance is a freshwater mussel that occurs in North Carolina and Virginia. The final listing will likely be opposed by the City of Raleigh due to a proposed reservoir project on the Little River. FWS has been working with the city on this potential project for over nine years, and there are already other listed species in that location. Other stakeholders include the Lower Neuse Basin Association, Neuse River Compliance Association, Tar Pamlico Basin Association, North Carolina Water Quality Association, and the Center for Biological Diversity (petitioner). Planned outreach includes a regional news release and notification to stakeholders. The statutory deadline for publication of the final determination in the *Federal Register* is April 5; therefore, FWS plans to submit it by March 29. (02/07/18)

On or around March 30, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a notice announcing the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan for the delisting of the lesser long-nosed bat. This action is not expected to be opposed. Stakeholders are the petitioners, Pacific Legal Foundation, and the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association. Planned outreach includes a regional news release and notifications to stakeholders. (Updated 02/21/18)

[UPDATE] On or around March 30, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a final determination on the proposal to delist the lesser long-nosed bat. This action is not expected to be controversial. Stakeholders are the petitioners, Pacific Legal Foundation, and the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association. This action is a Secretarial priority. Planned outreach includes a regional news release and notifications to stakeholders. (Updated 02/28/18)

On or around March 30, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a rule removing the textual descriptions of the critical habitat boundaries from certain wildlife entries that have maps sufficient to stand as the official delineation of the critical habitat designation. This rule does not increase, decrease, or in any other way change the critical habitat designations from which we are removing the textual descriptions of boundaries. This action will save taxpayer resources. FWS is taking this action in accordance with the May 1, 2012, revision of the regulations related to publishing textual descriptions of critical habitat boundaries. No outreach is planned. (Updated 02/21/18)

On or around March 30, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a proposed delisting determination on the Kirtland's warbler located in 31 states and the District of Columbia. The Michigan Governor's Office has expressed some interest in partnering with FWS on an announcement. Other planned outreach includes a regional news release, emails to stakeholders, social media and web postings. Stakeholders include Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Forest Service and Huron Pines, along with other conservation groups working as part of the Kirtland's Warbler Alliance. There is not expected to be controversy associated with the proposal, as partners have been transitioning from recovery to conservation management for more than a year. There is expected to be a moderate level of interest among birders and conservation groups, as the species is sought after by bird watchers. (01/31/18)

On or around March 30, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a final determination on the proposal to reclassify the Tobusch fishhook cactus from endangered to threatened. This plant species has shown significant recovery due in part to collaborative conservation efforts with partners. Supporters of this action include the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, and The Nature Conservancy. FWS has gained positive coverage on downlisting proposals, and anticipates more interest when this final determination is announced. Planned outreach includes a regional news release with stakeholder and congressional contact, and social media postings. (Updated 01/31/18)

On or around March 30, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a notice as a follow-up to the *Federal Register* notice published on December 7, 2017 asking for public comments on the impact of the recent D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling, Humane Society of the United States, et al. v. Zinke, et al., 865 F.3d 585 (D.C. Cir. 2017) on the final rule designating the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) population of grizzly bears as a distinct population segment and removing the population from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. Interested stakeholder groups include the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (including federal, tribal, state and local government entities), agricultural producers, hunting groups and environmental groups. Plaintiffs in the current litigation over the delisting of the GYE grizzly bear population

may strongly oppose this action. Planned outreach includes individual congressional, state and tribal notifications, and a regional news release. (02/07/18)

[UPDATE] On or around March 30, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a final determination on the proposal to delist the black-capped vireo. Stakeholders include the petitioners, Pacific Legal Foundation, New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association, New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau, New Mexico Federal Lands Council, Texas Farm Bureau, Department of the Army, The Nature Conservancy, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Planned outreach will include notifications to local stakeholders, a regional news release and social media posts. An event to celebrate the delisting is being planned. This action is a Secretarial priority. (Updated 02/28/18)

[UPDATE] On or around March 30, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a final determination on the proposal to list the Louisiana pinesnake as threatened. The pinesnake occurs in Louisiana and Texas. The Louisiana pinesnake listing is controversial due to concerns about the potential impacts on forestry activities, which is why FWS is simultaneously proposing a 4(d) rule that will allow routine forest management activities to proceed without need for permitting. Stakeholders include the timber industry, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of the Army – Fort Polk and the Joint Readiness Training Center, the State of Louisiana, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas A&M Forest Service, Center for Biological Diversity, WildEarth Guardians, and members of Congress in Louisiana and Texas. Planned outreach includes a regional news release and notification to stakeholders and members of Congress. FWS is required by settlement agreement to publish the final determination in the *Federal Register* by April 6; therefore, FWS plans to submit both rules by March 30. (Updated 02/28/18)

By March 30, the final report on the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve Traditional Use Study for the Chulitna River-Sixmile Lake area will be available. The study area encompassed the Chulitna and Sixmile drainages, including the Tazimina River and the upper Newhalen River, as well as all NPS lands within that region. The Study sought to identify geographical locations with unique cultural significance to the Interior Dena'ina people who live there. These places are associated with historical events and people, with ceremonial traditions, and with traditional and modern subsistence practices. The Traditional Use Study was conducted in collaboration with the Nondalton Tribal Council. (02/21/2018).

By March 31, Mojave National Preserve expects to begin the public comment period on a Management Plan for Developed Water Sources and Environmental Assessment (PDWS/EA). The plan will provide a comprehensive strategy and water management techniques to ensure the preservation of wildlife, historic, wilderness, and recreation values in the management of developed and undeveloped water resources in the park (wildlife guzzlers and developed springs). The process is being closely watched by local hunting and conservation groups concerned about how the park will manage wildlife guzzlers, which are viewed by some as necessary for maintaining a healthy bighorn sheep population. (Prior to 02/14/2018).

By March 31, the NPS will provide comments to the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), which recently proposed regulations addressing natural gas development, which

includes a ban on high-volume hydraulic fracturing in the Basin. The NPS has filed comments on the various iterations of proposed regulations over the last eight years; a multi-disciplinary team is preparing a comment memo to be filed to the Federal representative and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The memo will be routed for NPS and ASFWP leadership review prior to submission. (Prior to 02/14/2018).

By March 31, the Lockkeepers House on the National Mall will undergo the next restoration phase of Masonry Work. The structure has been wrapped in an insulating material to maintain the minimum 40-degree temperature required for work. It will remain wrapped for approximately two months. For more info:
https://www.nps.gov/nama/learn/news/lockkeeperhousemove.htm
(Prior to 02/14/2018).

By March 31, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, in Ohio, is implementing the third year of its four-year White-Tailed Deer Management Plan. Management activities will be conducted in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture sharpshooters on weekday evenings from dusk till midnight. Park closures will be in effect during the time and in the areas where management activities are taking place. The park has notified immediate neighbors and municipalities and a hotline has been established for the public. (Prior to 02/14/2018).

By March 31, the NPS will conduct annual deer management actions at Catoctin Mountain Park, Antietam National Battlefield, Monocacy National Battlefield, and Rock Creek Park. This will be Catoctin's ninth season of deer management operations, Rock Creek Park's fifth season, and the second season for Antietam and Monocacy National Battlefields. Park staff conducted deer population density surveys in October and November 2017 to determine the number of animals to remove, as determined through their deer management plans. Sharpshooters from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will remove deer from closed park areas during the daytime in some parks and from park roads after dusk in all parks. Venison will be donated to local food banks. (Prior to 02/14/2018).

By March 31, pending approval of the Notice of Availability, the NPS plans to release the Great Sand Dunes Ungulate Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a 45-day public comment period. The plan and DEIS were developed with input from Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as formal cooperating agencies. The DEIS addresses two key issues: the need for active elk management and the future of bison management at the park. Interested parties include affiliated tribes; Colorado Department of Natural Resources; local Habitat Partnership Program committees; Senator Bennet's, Gardner's, and Congressman Tipton's offices; The Nature Conservancy; and the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. The DEIS was shared with formal cooperators on Sept. 1, 2017. The stakeholders generally express support for the plan. (02/14/2018).

By March 31, (embargoed until public announcement) Cape Hatteras National Seashore plans to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to lease Oregon Inlet Marina. The marina is operated under a concession contract, which has been extended on an annual basis since 2000. A lease has been determined to be the appropriate method for managing the property in order to provide for facility maintenance and continued public use of this locally-important and internationally-

known charter fishing marina. The RFP is expected to garner attention from multiple interested parties, including the current operator, the local media, and elected officials. (Prior to 02/14/2018).

[UPDATE] By March 31, DOI clearance is projected for publication in the Federal Register for the EIS related to the construction by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) of a buried seawall/armored levee across NPS lands within Gateway National Recreation Area (NY, NJ). On February 22, the Northeast Deputy Regional Director (acting for the Regional Director) signed the Federal Register Notice for Gateway National Recreation Area's Environmental Impact Statement related to the construction by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of a buried seawall/armored levee across National Park Service lands within Gateway National Recreation Area, NY. The seawall will run along the shoreline from Fort Wadsworth to Great Kills Park on Staten Island. The Notice has been submitted to the National Park Service Washington Office and Department of Interior for clearance to publish in the Federal Register. (Updated 2/28/2018).

[NEW] In March (exact date and details are still being developed), the National Marine Fisheries Service plans a media event to coincide with the release of approximately 200,000 endangered juvenile winter-run Chinook into Battle Creek, California. The release and reintroduction of the fish into Battle Creek will be made using excess fish available from FWS's Livingston Stone NFH winter-run captive broodstock program. FWS and other agencies involved in the Battle Creek Restoration Program are expected to participate in the media event. (02/28/18)

In March, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a notice of issuance for letters of authorizations issued in 2015, 2016 and 2017 under regulations authorizing the non-lethal, unintentional take of marine mammals in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. This is an administrative action and is noncontroversial. No news release will be issued. (Updated 01/31/18)

By April 1, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is seeking approval for a right-of-way permit from Natchez Trace Parkway to begin construction of an aerial 161-kV transmission line across the Parkway at milepost 159.1 as part of a 43-mile upgrade of electrical service. The NPS and the State Historical Preservation Office determined the transmission line will adversely affect the cultural landscape and scenic vista of the Parkway, under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. TVA proposed to transfer funds to the NPS to cover the cost to underground non-TVA transmission lines crossing the Parkway to mitigate the adverse effect. The Parkway is drafting two general agreements to manage the funds, which will undergo complete DOI legal review of mitigation framework and agreements. (Prior to 02/14/2018).

Through April 1, President's Park is conducting its annual site inspection and restoration of the Ellipse following the National Christmas Tree Lighting events and programs. A portion of the Northwest Quadrant and the entire Northeast Quadrant of the Ellipse is closed through April 1. The Record of Determination was signed on January 31. (Prior to 02/14/2018).

[UPDATE] On or before April 3, FWS plans to announce it is seeking public review and comment on a draft environmental assessment (EA) describing the potential effects of issuing a proposed incidental take permit (ITP) for construction and development activities in Thurston

County, Washington. The project development site is 127 acres, and the conservation site is 64 acres. Species covered in the HCP include the threatened Olympia subspecies of the Mazama pocket gopher and the threatened Oregon spotted frog. UPC, LLC developed a draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and applied for a 15-year ITP. This is not controversial. This HCP is a single-site developer and independent from the HCP that FWS briefed ASFWP about on November 17. This applicant would like to move forward with development in advance of the completion of the Thurston County HCP. Targeted outreach to local and state officials and stakeholders is planned. (Updated 02/28/18)

On or around April 5, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a final determination on the proposal to list five Sri Lankan tarantula species as endangered. The species are in decline due to ongoing habitat loss, degradation, and the cumulative effects of this and other threat factors. This action is not expected to be controversial. Planned outreach will include web updates. (02/07/18)

[NEW] On April 10, Death Valley National Park will host a Dantes View reopening celebration. The project addresses deferred maintenance issues, safety issues, and accessibility standards.The project cost more than $620,000 and was funded by donations from the Fund For People in Parks and Death Valley Natural History Association, matched by funds from the park's Recreation Fee program. The Congressional delegation is invited to participate. (2/28/2018).

[UPDATE] On April 10, FWS will join the New York Historical Society for a reception that celebrates a new exhibit honoring the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The exhibit is open from April 6 - July 15 and focuses on three themes: history of the act, the connection between the act and the women's suffrage movement, and profiles and Audubon watercolors of 13 bird species that are currently protected under the act. FWS has partnered with the society to provide technical advice and loan historical items for the exhibit. FWS regional leadership will attend the reception and the agency will coordinate with HQ and the Society on media pitches, social media outreach and storytelling. (Updated 02/28/18)

By April 13, responses to a prospectus seeking proposals for marina services at James Creek Marina in Washington, D.C., for the next 10 years, will be due. These services include wet slip rentals, fuel service, marine sanitation, parking lot operations, and retail and vending sales. Accepting contract offers is the next step in the process. (Prior to 02/14/2018).

[UPDATE] Between April 1 and 15, FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a final rule removing regulations setting forth the provisions for two depredation orders for double-crested cormorants. FWS had used these standing orders to allow for lethal control of cormorants where they impact aquaculture and public resources; however, on May 25, 2016, the District Court for the District of Columbia ordered that both the Aquaculture Depredation Order and the Public Resources Depredation Order be vacated until FWS performs a new and legally adequate environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement for national cormorant management orders in compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This final rule administratively implements the court's decision. While the depredation orders no longer exist, on November 15, 2017, FWS provided some measure of relief to aquaculture facilities. It issued a final EA under NEPA, which allows aquaculture facility managers and property owners across 37 central and eastern states and the District of

Columbia to apply for individual permits for lethal take of cormorants where they are impacting resources. This latest action is not controversial. If-asked talking points will be planned for outreach. (Updated 02/28/18)

[UPDATE] Between April 15-30, Death Valley National Park and the Ridgecrest BLM office anticipate opening a public comment period on the Keystone Mine Plan of Operations Amendment and accompanying Environmental Assessment. The mine is on BLM land near the park's western border, but the mining plan includes the use of water rights within the park. (updated 2/28/18).

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On February 13, a Petition for Review of Agency Action was filed in U.S. District Court in Denver related to the issuance of a nest disturbance permit under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA). The Plaintiff (Front Range Nesting Bald Eagle Studies) is challenging that the Defendants' (FWS and DOI) application of a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for issuance of the permit, claiming that it violates NEPA, BGEPA, and the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). The permit under challenge was issued to Garrett Construction Company LLC on February 6 for potential nest disturbance in 2018 and 2019 during construction of an apartment complex. (02/21/18)

As part of the Biological Opinion for the Everglades Restoration Transition Plan (ERTP) issued by FWS, on February 16, the Acting Regional Director for the FWS Southeast Region and the Director of Programs for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) South Atlantic Division met with the Principals to ensure both the FWS and Corps are aligned in meeting the milestones of the ERTP. The ERTP is the plan that guides water movement across most of the Everglades landscape. (02/21/18)

FWS will complete a modified pre-assessment screen (PAS) for the Stauffer National Priority List Sites (Stauffer Cold Creek [Syngenta], Stauffer LeMoyne [Akzo-Nobel]) Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) in Mobile County, Alabama, by the end of February. The previous PAS was signed in March 2017. The only change in the modified PAS is the inclusion of an additional potentially responsible party, Akzo-Nobel Chemical. Akzo-Nobel and Syngenta have shared responsibility for contamination – primarily in the form of mercury released from industrial processes – of the 650-acre Cold Creek Swamp, which is adjacent to the sites of interest. The PAS will evaluate natural resource injuries resulting from the mercury releases in the Cold Creek Swamp and will determine if site-related mercury contamination has impacted natural resources in adjacent habitat. Akzo-Nobel is aware of the forthcoming NRDA and has expressed an interest in working cooperatively with the trustees during the assessment phase of the NRDA. (02/21/18)

[NEW] Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) is seeking to draw-down Lake Alamo (in western Arizona) in order to conduct a dam safety inspection and maintenance. A resulting flushing flow from the reservoir into the Bill Williams River may inadvertently benefit the downstream riparian area and is scheduled for as early as March. The event was fully put forward and developed by ACE and does not take place on refuge land; however, the release would impact Bill Williams River NWR. FWS does have a representative on the Bill Williams River Corridor

Steering Committee, a non-decisional body focused on interagency communication; however, FWS does not have authority over the release. Reservoir angler and recreational community, and downstream ATV groups have registered concern/opposition to the flows. Representative Paul Gosar (R-AZ) and county elected officials have weighed in on the project, including flushing flows. (02/28/18)

[NEW] On March 15, a defendant accused of illegally mooring his vessel in Aquatic Park Cove at San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park will have his 2nd court appearance in federal court. The park is working with the U.S. Park Police, U.S. Coast Guard, San Francisco Police Department, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California to prosecute the owner and remove vessel that has been moored for more than 120 days. During his initial appearance on February 23, the defendant pleaded not guilty. The park has fielded inquiries from San Francisco city agencies, environmental groups, and local Congressional offices. The area is highly trafficked and media interest is possible, and will be handled by the Park. (2/28/2018).

[NEW] During the first week of March, Leopoldo Miranda, FWS Southeast Assistant Regional Director of Ecological Services, will sign an after-the-fact biological opinion on the emergency consultation for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Response. The document outlines impacts from the response and highlights extensive collaboration that took place between FWS, the U.S. Coast Guard, and other state and federal agencies to minimize those impacts. In situations where emergency response, public health and human safety are critical, FWS typically delays consultation and the development of a biological opinion until the emergency response actions are complete. This will not be controversial. No outreach is planned. (02/28/18)

[NEW] By April 30, the Government Accountability Office will visit parks in Pacific West Region, Midwest Region, and National Capital Region related to a request made by Senator Claire McCaskill, Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and Senator Thomas Carper, to review the ISO 55000 series and its potential applicability to the Federal government's asset management of buildings and facilities. The ISO 55000 series (e.g., ISO 55000, ISO 55001, and ISO 55002) is an internationally-established framework for asset management systems, developed to help organizations better meet their objectives while realizing the greatest return from their assets They began their review by interviewing headquarters staff in January 2018. (02/28/18).

From April 1-30, PBS will air nationally a 6-part docu-series that premiered in February in South Florida exploring "the various issues confronting South Florida's river of grass from sea-level rise and pollution to algae outbreaks. The series will also highlight the ongoing problems of invasive species, such as the pythons that have invaded the wetlands." While filmed, in part, in Everglades National Park, no staff were interviewed or involved in filming. (02/21/2018).

Through August 31, a contractor is soil-testing at Fort Totten, managed by Rock Creek Park, in an area used by Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) in the late 1980s. NPS staff learned the fill dirt WMATA used for post-site restoration came from the U.S. Army's Spring Valley Superfund site, a former proving ground for chemical weapons. While most of the fill was removed, contaminated soil may remain on adjacent slopes. Testing will be visible to the

public. Testing will be paid for by WMATA ($150,000) and NPS ($80,000). The testing will determine the presence of contamination and its potential risk. Samples were taken on February 5, and have been sent to a lab for analysis. (02/14/2018).

[NEW] Since 2012, Ash Meadows NWR, one of four refuges in the Desert Complex in Southwest Nevada, has been subject to litigation by Victor Fuentes, pastor of Ministerio Solida Church Camp. Mr. Fuentes owns a 40-acre private inholding within the boundary of the refuge. In recent months there has been increasing activity on social media focusing on the Church Camp as a possible location for a gathering to oppose the federal government. Activity is being monitored by law enforcement. (02/28/18)

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FWS is working to help clarify and improve Master falconer access to golden eagles. Several existing regulatory means by which falconers can legally acquire golden eagles have been identified, and FWS is developing steps to ensure that if golden eagles become available through these means, the pool of eagle falconers across the U.S. can gain access to up to six eagles per year, which is compatible with the preservation of eagles and does not affect eagle allocations to tribes. Flyway Councils and tribes are being informed. If-asked talking points will be planned for outreach. (02/14/18)

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Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)

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15-60 Day Look Ahead

Include known announcements and other deliverables on the horizon.

[*NEW*]: Earth Day Celebration - FWS will participate in the 2018 Earth Day event April 20-22. Earth Day Texas is an annual outdoor festival seeking to elevate environmental awareness. The family-friendly event is free to the public. Held at Fair Park, Dallas, Texas, the event is expected to draw over 100,000 visitors. Open to media.

[*NEW*] March 2018 is the 20th anniversary of the FWS's first release of Mexican wolves into the wild following their extirpation in the 1970s. Several environmental groups are planning events around Arizona and New Mexico, including films, op-eds, and panel discussions about the path Mexican wolves have taken to get from zero animals in the wild to the 2017 population count of 114.

Black-capped vireo Delisting Determination – FWS anticipates publishing a final delisting determination for the Black-capped vireo in late March 2018. In 2007, the Service completed a five-year review of the black-capped vireo which recommended the species be downlisted to threatened. In 2012, we received a petition to downlist the black-capped vireo based on our 2007 recommendation. The Service used the Species Status Assessment framework to evaluate species viability and address the petition. Our analysis of the best available science indicates the primary known threats to the black-capped vireo, of habitat loss and brown-headed cowbird parasitism, have been reduced or adequately managed and that many populations are stable or growing. A Communications Plan has been shared with FWS HQ External Affairs that includes congressional offices, local and state officials and stakeholders. A news release and FAQs have been drafted. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned to occur at time of publication in the Federal Register. In addition, an event to celebrate the delisting is being planned for Friday, April 13 at Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge near Marble Falls, Texas.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

Notice of Availability of Draft Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan and a final rule Delisting the bat – In two separate, but associated announcements, FWS will announce the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (and comment period) for the delisting of the lesser long-nosed bat and the final delisting of the LLNB. Target date for submitting to the *Federal Register* is March 30, 2018 and delisting is anticipated to follow by a month. This action is not expected to be opposed. Stakeholders are the petitioners, Pacific Legal Foundation and the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association. Proactive conservation stakeholders include Pima County MSCP and hundreds of citizen scientists monitor bats each summer and fall when this migratory species returns to roosts in the U.S. A communications strategy and news release is being prepared.

Draft Recovery Plan for Four Aquatic Invertebrates – FWS will make available and seek comment on a draft recovery plan for four aquatic invertebrates found in desert grasslands in southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas in March 2018. Noel's amphipod, Pecos assiminea,

Koster's springsnail, and Roswell springsnail were listed as endangered in 2005. The primary threats to all four species are threats to the quantity and quality of water. Activities, such as oil and gas drilling, water withdrawals from the aquifer and contamination are the greatest threats. Most occupied sites are on FWS Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico and The Nature Conservancy holdings in Texas.

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed in early 2018. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS technical staff have reviewed, organized, and responded to comments received from the external Working Group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) and peer reviewers. FWS has now provided the SSA Report to the Directors of the five State Fish & Wildlife Agencies for an Executive Review. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the lesser prairie-chicken. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the States, and others.

Tobusch fishhook cactus downlisting notice – In March, FWS will publish a final downlisting notice for the Tobusch fishhook cactus, a small cactus, with curved "fishhook" spines, that is endemic to the Edwards Plateau of Texas. FWS received a petition in 2013 to down list the Tobusch fishhook cactus based on the findings of our 2010 5-year review. A substantial 90-day finding on the petitions was published on September 9, 2013. In November 2015, one of the petitioners filed a complaint on the lack of a 12-month finding and on December 29, 2016, FWS published a proposal to downlist the species from endangered to threatened. Local interest is anticipated. A Communications Plan has been shared with FWS HQ External Affairs that includes congressional offices, local and state officials and stakeholders. A news release has been drafted. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*.

Other Items of Note

[*NEW*] Lesser-Prairie Chicken Surveys - On March 16 the state natural resources agencies in New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas will begin aerial surveys for the lesser prairie-chicken. The surveys, which have been conducted annually since 2012, will run through mid-May and will assist in assessing long term population trend for the lesser prairie-chicken. The results of the surveys will be available this summer.

[*UPDATE*] Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan – On March 5, FWS signed a FONSI on an amendment to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and permit to add the recently listed Mexican gartersnake. Similarly, Bureau of Reclamation signed a FONSI for the implementation of the amended LCR-MSCP. The LCR-MSCP is a long-term program created in 2005 to minimize and mitigate impacts that water

delivery and power generation along the lower Colorado River may have on 26 fish and wildlife species, including six species protected under the Endangered Species Act. LCR-MSCP is responsible for creating, replacing, and managing habitat for these species and operates under an ESA permit. However, in the early 2000s, when the LCR-MSCP was conceived, the largely aquatic, northern Mexican gartersnake was long-thought to have been extirpated from the lower Colorado River. In 2014, the subspecies was added to the list of threatened animals protected under the ESA. A public comment on the draft environmental assessment closed December 28, 2017. A FWS news bulletin and notification to stakeholders and tribes are being distributed presently. For more information, visit: https://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/

Black-capped vireo draft Post-delisting Monitoring Plan – FWS anticipates publishing a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (PDMP) for the black-capped vireo for public review at the beginning of March 2018. The draft PDMP has been developed in coordination with partners and will guide how the species population is monitored for a minimum of five years if it is delisted. The plan will describe monitoring methods, reporting procedures and agency responsibilities. Multiple monitoring strategies will be used in order to assure that population trends and habitat status will be captured at various time periods and scales, respectively. The final delisting determination will likely occur in early 2018. A Communications Plan has been shared with FWS HQ External Affairs that includes congressional offices, local and state officials and stakeholders. A news release has been drafted. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*.

FWS and partners completed the annual Mexican wolf population survey and capture, from January 24, 2018 through February 3, 2018. The count documented a minimum of 114 Mexican wolves in 2017 in the U.S., an increase of one wolf over what was documented for 2016. The Mexican Wolf Recovery Program is a multi-agency cooperative effort between the FWS, Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Forest Service, USDA-Wildlife Services, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe, as well as in consultation with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and counties. Survey flights occurred on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, Apache, Coconino, Cibola, and Gila National Forests in eastern Arizona and western New Mexico, and some areas immediately outside the forests. Some media attended the operations. The final count was distributed to the media and partner agencies on February 21, 2018.

On January 12, 2018, FWS submitted permit applications to New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) to import and release up to 12 Mexican wolf pups in New Mexico, to import a female wolf from Arizona for artificial insemination at Sevilleta Wolf Management Facility, and to import up to 6 pups from Arizona to be held at Sevilleta or Ladder Ranch Wolf Management Facilities, if needed. The Mexican Wolf Initial Release and Translocation Proposal for 2018 was provided for public review and comment from December 4 to 29. FWS received just over 100 comments, which were transmitted to NMDGF, per their regulations, along with the permit applications. The initial releases and translocations outlined in this document are consistent with: (1) the 2014 Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Revision to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf (Canis lupus baileyi), (2) the 2015 Record of Decision for the Proposed Revision to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf (Canis lupus

baileyi), (3) the 2015 Final Rule - Revisions to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf, and the 2017 Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan, First Revision. New Mexico Department of Game and Fish provided FWS with the permits for importation and release on February 22, 2018.

Leander Independent School District (LISD) ITP – LISD submitted a draft habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit (ITP) on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. The HCP and ITP, if issued by FWS, will provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. One of the species identified in the application is the endangered black-capped vireo. FWS continues to meet with the applicant and other vested parties on the draft HCP and to discuss proposed secondary access road alternatives. Significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties. Planned outreach when NOI is published includes issuing a news bulletin. A conference call was held with Senator Cornyn's staff to discuss the issue on December 11. More details available in past reports.

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Arizona Electric Power Cooperative Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances for Sonoran Desert Tortoise – FWS anticipates publishing in the *Federal Register* in the next 45-60 days, a Notice of Availability for the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative (AEPCO) Draft Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (dCCAA) for Sonoran Desert Tortoise and their application for an enhancement of survival permit (ESP) in Arizona. AEPCO has developed a conservation agreement that would promote conservation for the unlisted Sonoran Desert tortoise within 2,152 acres of their right-of-way during normal operation and maintenance activities. If approved the term of the dCCAA and ESP would be 25 years. No formal news bulletin will be released. Outreach to local, State, and Federal agencies and partners.

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

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non-decisional body focused on interagency communication; however, the Service does not have authority over the release. Reservoir angler and recreational community, and downstream ATV groups have registered concern/opposition to the draw-down and flows. The Arizona Game and Fish Commission passed a resolution opposing draw-down of Alamo Reservoir and may file for an order restraining ACE. Congressman Paul Gosar (AZ-4) and county elected officials have weighed in on the project, including flushing flows.

FWS Southwest Region is proactively reaching out to state agencies to discuss Secretarial Order 3356, and seek additional opportunities to support and expand hunting and fishing on Refuges in the Southwest. Currently the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) has been the most responsive. On January 31, 2018, FWS leadership met with ODWC to discuss several potential hunting and fishing opportunities that could occur on Refuges in Oklahoma. Meeting participants identified additional hunting and fishing, educational and youth opportunities on every refuge in Oklahoma. Additionally, ODWC committed to providing additional staff support to help implement and sustain the identified activities. The FWS Southwest Region will continue to reach out to Texas, Arizona and New Mexico as well as Oklahoma to explore more opportunities.

Urban Youth Gaining Outdoor Work Experience – FWS as part of an urban partnership, is bringing students from Furr High School in Houston, Texas to the FWS Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge to enable them to gain back country experience. In January 2018 (date TBD), several Furr High School students (10 to 15 expected) will work alongside FWS to continue construction of a trail within the Refuge during their camping/backpacking experience. The experience is meant to introduce students to careers in conservation and will emphasize land management issues, developing public use opportunities (including hunting, fishing and wildlife watching), team building and leadership skills. The desired outcome is that the students will take learned skills back to their school, which is adjacent to Houston Parks and Recreation's Herman Brown Park, a 900-acre park that the school uses as an outdoor classroom. The urban partnership plans to build on this experience on other FWS/TPWD led programs on hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching conducted in classroom and on the city park.

Newly constructed production pads for oil and gas development at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge were mitigated by easing angler access to refuge waters at Lake Texoma. Hagerman's Sandy Day Use Area was improved by a mineral operator, replacing bollard and cable around a lot, leveling walkways and paving with coarse stone. Spoil, litter and discarded roots were hauled away by refuge volunteers. The small improvement can make a large difference for the 7,500 anglers and 2,500 birds that use the area. Anglers catch blue catfish, channel catfish, striped bass, white bass, and sunfishes while birders can check off bald eagle, peregrine falcon, herring gulls, white pelicans, red-tailed hawk, red-shouldered hawk, painted bunting, blue grosbeak, or summer tanager.

Border-Related Activities

Border Coordination: Road Construction – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO) to provide water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge for a Baboquivari Road Repair Project

scheduled for March - June 2018. Part of the project will require the use of a portion of the refuge's water right to support this national security project. CBP will fund electricity use for pumping the water, and will have equipment in place to facilitate optimum functionality during the project's period of performance. This will ensure both the CBP mission and FWS landscape conservation mission are being met.

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Border Coordination: Communication Towers - Work in in progress following effective coordination between FWS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for the Block-1 Replacement (B1R) of existing infrastructure with integrated fixed towers located on and adjacent to the Buenos Aries National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A total of two communication towers and four surveillance towers on the refuge are being replaced, with the goal of upgrading technology and providing a more robust foundation within the existing footprint. Construction activities began in late 2017 and are continuing on schedule.

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

[*NEW*] FWS Alchesay and Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery Complex in partnership with White Mountain Apache Game and Fish, and Arizona Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office, started stocking Apache trout and rainbow trout on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. FWS initiated stocking on March 5, 2018. Within the first three days, hatchery personnel stocked about 2,990 Apache trout in Reservation streams. Frequent stocking will continue every week leading up to Easter weekend with the intent to stock out 3,000 to 4,000 Apache trout each week. In addition, up to 8,000 rainbow trout will be stocked into the Reservation lakes. The lack of snow in the White Mountains necessitates this large early release of fish. With reduced snowfall over the winter, hatchery water sources are expected to dwindle as spring turns to summer. Hatchery personnel expect to stock out up to 24,000 fish for anglers within the next four weeks. With reduced runoff expected, fewer trout will be stocked during mid-summer months.

FWS Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery, in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department, announced the beginning of the annual rainbow trout sportfish stocking season in the lower Colorado River immediately below Lake Mohave/Davis Dam in late October. Neighboring communities include Laughlin, Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona. FWS will stock about 1, 750 trout every week from early October through March 2018. Stocking sites include Davis Camp, Community Park, and Rotary Park for October-December. From January 2018 through March 2018, stocking sites will be Davis Camp and Community Park. In addition to the annual stocking season below Davis Dam, FWS Willow Beach NFH continues to stock rainbow every week, year round, at Willow Beach Marina, Arizona.

Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications
Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation
[*NEW*]: FWS Southwest Region will conduct the 2018 Arizona Inter-Tribal Coordination meeting April 4-5 in Prescott, Arizona

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Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
Birding Festival	April 14-15, 2018	Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, Texas	View Details
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The 20,000-Hour Volunteer
Volunteer Jim Montgomery likes counting cranes. He has 26 years of continuous weekly crane counts at Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge, NM. Refuge manager Floyd Truetken says that Montgomery doesn't claim all his time and likely exceeds 20,000 of volunteer time. Montgomery holds a PhD in zoology taught biology at nearby New Mexico Military Institute. His crane counts started in 1988. He also participates in biweekly waterbird counts and monitors nesting terns for hatchlings. Montgomery was an original board member when the Friends of Bitter Lake Refuge organized in 2000 and Montgomery was founding board member.
Supportive stakeholders: Friends of Bitter Lake Refuge
Impacted location: Roswell, NM

Let the Arrows Fly!
Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge, OK, has a 12-year history with archery instruction, dating back to our very first Okmulgee County Archery Days in March 2006. Now, the refuge staff, Friends Group, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and volunteers have established a monthly Archery Extravaganza! Program intended to encourage people to try their hand at shooting a bow. In months to come the program will focus not only on basic archery techniques, but also incorporate fun games as well as both bow hunting and bow fishing. Archery is a popular activity in Oklahoma and the hope is this program will help encourage the next generation of bow hunters and bow anglers.
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Texas Observer	March 14, 2018	Naveena Sadasivam, a reporter for the Texas Observer, is following up on the listing of the Texas hornshell and implications for other mussel species in Texas that might be considered for ESA protection.
Arizona Daily Sun (Flagstaff) Golden eagle management	3/16/18	Golden eagle conservation efforts being conducted at Babbitt Ranches in northern Arizona. Initial contact and general response provided by Brenda Smith (Assist Field Supervisor). Reporter also referred to SME and AESO PL for background.
Arizona Daily Star (Tucson) Villages at Vigneto real-estate development	Unknown	Army Corps of Engineers is permitting large development along San Pedro River. Earlier, now resolved conflict with FWS, is subject of journalists' research. [Subject has been included in previous weekly reports.] In December, reporter submitted FOIA request regarding Villages at Vigneto development in southern Arizona, including records of "conflict" between FWS and ACE. Reporter still hasn't received records. States she may prepare story on FOIA responsiveness.
KRQE Albuquerque TV News 13 Urban hawks	3/14	TV reporter had video footage of hawks (and neighborhood fans) in an Albuquerque urban park. Journalist sought background and natural history information and information on hawks as urban wildlife.

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)

Kuenzler hedgehog cactus downlisting – FWS will finalize the downlisting of Kuenzler hedgehog cactus in late March 2018. When first listed, only 200 plants from only two locations were known. Increased survey efforts identified additional plants and populations, indicating the cactus is no longer at risk of extinction. Today, 4,300 known individual cacti live in 11 known population clusters within its southern New Mexico range. Range and population modeling indicate a potential of 11,000 to 22,000 plants. Additionally, the permitting of captive propagation and sale of the plant has relieved much of the threat from collection of the species in the wild.

15-60 Day Look Ahead

[*NEW*] Black-capped vireo event – On Friday, April 13th, FWS will be hosting an event at Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge to celebrate the recovery of the black-capped

vireo. Representatives from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Fort Hood (TX), Fort Sill (OK), USDA's NRCS, the Texas Comptroller's office, Congressional offices and other partners are invited. Media will be invited.

Earth Day Celebration - FWS will participate in the 2018 Earth Day event April 20-22. Earth Day Texas is an annual outdoor festival seeking to elevate environmental awareness. The family-friendly event is free to the public. Held at Fair Park, Dallas, Texas, the event is expected to draw over 100,000 visitors. Open to media.

March 2018 is the 20th anniversary of the FWS's first release of Mexican wolves into the wild following their extirpation in the 1970s. Several environmental groups are planning events around Arizona and New Mexico, including films, op-eds, and panel discussions about the path Mexican wolves have taken to get from zero animals in the wild to the 2017 population count of 114.

Black-capped vireo Delisting Determination – FWS anticipates publishing a final delisting determination for the Black-capped vireo in late March 2018. In 2007, the Service completed a five-year review of the black-capped vireo which recommended the species be downlisted to threatened. In 2012, we received a petition to downlist the black-capped vireo based on our 2007 recommendation. The Service used the Species Status Assessment framework to evaluate species viability and address the petition. Our analysis of the best available science indicates the primary known threats to the black-capped vireo, of habitat loss and brown-headed cowbird parasitism, have been reduced or adequately managed and that many populations are stable or growing. A Communications Plan has been shared with FWS HQ External Affairs that includes congressional offices, local and state officials and stakeholders. A news release and FAQs have been drafted. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned to occur at time of publication in the Federal Register. In addition, an event to celebrate the delisting is being planned for Friday, April 13 at Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge near Marble Falls, Texas.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

[*UPDATE*] Notice of Availability of Draft Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan and a final rule Delisting the bat – In two separate, but associated announcements, FWS will announce the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (and comment period) for the delisting of the lesser long-nosed bat and the final delisting of the LLNB. Target date for submitting to the *Federal Register* is March 30, 2018 and delisting is anticipated to follow by a month. This action is not expected to be opposed. Stakeholders are the petitioners, Pacific Legal Foundation and the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association. Proactive conservation stakeholders include Pima County MSCP and hundreds of citizen scientists monitor bats each summer and fall when this migratory species returns to roosts in the U.S. A communications package is prepared.

Draft Recovery Plan for Four Aquatic Invertebrates – FWS will make available and seek comment on a draft recovery plan for four aquatic invertebrates found in desert grasslands in southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas in March 2018. Noel's amphipod, Pecos assiminea, Koster's springsnail, and Roswell springsnail were listed as endangered in 2005. The primary threats to all four species are threats to the quantity and quality of water. Activities, such as oil and gas drilling, water withdrawals from the aquifer and contamination are the greatest threats. Most occupied sites are on FWS Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico and The Nature Conservancy holdings in Texas.

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed in early 2018. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS technical staff have reviewed, organized, and responded to comments received from the external Working Group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) and peer reviewers. FWS has now provided the SSA Report to the Directors of the five State Fish & Wildlife Agencies for an Executive Review. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the lesser prairie-chicken. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the States, and others.

Tobusch fishhook cactus downlisting notice – In March, FWS will publish a final downlisting notice for the Tobusch fishhook cactus, a small cactus, with curved "fishhook" spines, that is endemic to the Edwards Plateau of Texas. FWS received a petition in 2013 to down list the Tobusch fishhook cactus based on the findings of our 2010 5-year review. A substantial 90-day finding on the petitions was published on September 9, 2013. In November 2015, one of the petitioners filed a complaint on the lack of a 12-month finding and on December 29, 2016, FWS published a proposal to downlist the species from endangered to threatened. Local interest is anticipated. A Communications Plan has been shared with FWS HQ External Affairs that includes congressional offices, local and state officials and stakeholders. A news release has been drafted. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*.

Other Items of Note

[*UPDATE*] Black-capped vireo draft Post-delisting Monitoring Plan – On March 14, 2018, FWS published a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (PDMP) for the black-capped vireo for public review. The draft PDMP has been developed in coordination with partners and will guide how the species population is monitored for a minimum of five years if it is delisted. The plan will describe monitoring methods, reporting procedures and agency responsibilities. Multiple monitoring strategies will be used in order to assure that population trends and habitat status will be captured at various time periods and scales, respectively. The final delisting determination will likely occur in early 2018. A Communications Plan has been shared with FWS HQ External

Affairs that includes congressional offices, local and state officials and stakeholders. A news release has been drafted. Outreach, including issuing a news release and posting information on the regional and field websites was completed.

Lesser-Prairie Chicken Surveys - On March 16 the state natural resources agencies in New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas will begin aerial surveys for the lesser prairie-chicken. The surveys, which have been conducted annually since 2012, will run through mid-May and will assist in assessing long term population trend for the lesser prairie-chicken. The results of the surveys will be available this summer.

FWS and partners completed the annual Mexican wolf population survey and capture, from January 24, 2018 through February 3, 2018. The count documented a minimum of 114 Mexican wolves in 2017 in the U.S., an increase of one wolf over what was documented for 2016. The Mexican Wolf Recovery Program is a multi-agency cooperative effort between the FWS, Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Forest Service, USDA-Wildlife Services, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe, as well as in consultation with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and counties. Survey flights occurred on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, Apache, Coconino, Cibola, and Gila National Forests in eastern Arizona and western New Mexico, and some areas immediately outside the forests. Some media attended the operations. The final count was distributed to the media and partner agencies on February 21, 2018.

On January 12, 2018, FWS submitted permit applications to New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) to import and release up to 12 Mexican wolf pups in New Mexico, to import a female wolf from Arizona for artificial insemination at Sevilleta Wolf Management Facility, and to import up to 6 pups from Arizona to be held at Sevilleta or Ladder Ranch Wolf Management Facilities, if needed. The Mexican Wolf Initial Release and Translocation Proposal for 2018 was provided for public review and comment from December 4 to 29. FWS received just over 100 comments, which were transmitted to NMDGF, per their regulations, along with the permit applications. The initial releases and translocations outlined in this document are consistent with: (1) the 2014 Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Revision to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf (Canis lupus baileyi), (2) the 2015 Record of Decision for the Proposed Revision to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf (Canis lupus baileyi), (3) the 2015 Final Rule - Revisions to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf, and the 2017 Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan, First Revision. New Mexico Department of Game and Fish provided FWS with the permits for importation and release on February 22, 2018.

Leander Independent School District (LISD) ITP – LISD submitted a draft habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit (ITP) on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. The HCP and ITP, if issued by FWS, will provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. One of the species identified in the application is the endangered black-capped vireo. FWS continues to meet with the applicant and other vested parties on the draft HCP and to discuss proposed secondary access road alternatives.

Significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties. Planned outreach when NOI is published includes issuing a news bulletin. A conference call was held with Senator Cornyn's staff to discuss the issue on December 11. More details available in past reports.

Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Texas Conservation Plan Revision - The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has drafted a revision of the Texas Conservation Plan (TCP) for the dunes sagebrush lizard to address several issues with the current plan based upon the six years of implementation. The draft revision has been shared with participants in the existing plan and is being rolled out to industry, landowners and other potential participant under the TCP. The draft revision of the Texas Conservation Plan has not yet been submitted to the Service for approval. We are prepared to work with the Comptroller's Office on this revision at the appropriate time.

Arizona Electric Power Cooperative Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances for Sonoran Desert Tortoise – FWS anticipates publishing in the *Federal Register* in the next 45-60 days, a Notice of Availability for the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative (AEPCO) Draft Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (dCCAA) for Sonoran Desert Tortoise and their application for an enhancement of survival permit (ESP) in Arizona. AEPCO has developed a conservation agreement that would promote conservation for the unlisted Sonoran Desert tortoise within 2,152 acres of their right-of-way during normal operation and maintenance activities. If approved the term of the dCCAA and ESP would be 25 years. No formal news bulletin will be released. Outreach to local, State, and Federal agencies and partners.

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

[*UPDATE*]: Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) is seeking to draw-down Lake Alamo (in western Arizona) in order to conduct a dam safety inspection and maintenance. A resulting flushing flow from the reservoir into the Bill Williams River may benefit the downstream river riparian area and is scheduled for as early as March. The event was fully put forward and developed by ACE and does not take place on refuge land however the release would impact the Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge. (ACE has completed section 7 consultation on the proposed activity.) The FWS does have a representative on the Bill Williams River Corridor Steering Committee, a non-decisional body focused on interagency communication; however, the Service does not have authority over the release. Reservoir angler and recreational community, and downstream ATV groups have registered concern/opposition to the draw-down and flows. The Arizona Game and Fish Commission passed a resolution opposing draw-down of Alamo Reservoir and filed for a temporary restraining order, which was denied in Federal Court on March 9. Congressman Paul Gosar (AZ-4) and county elected officials have weighed in on the project, including flushing flows.

FWS Southwest Region is proactively reaching out to state agencies to discuss Secretarial Order 3356, and seek additional opportunities to support and expand hunting and fishing on Refuges in the Southwest. Currently the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) has been the most responsive. On January 31, 2018, FWS leadership met with ODWC to discuss several potential hunting and fishing opportunities that could occur on Refuges in Oklahoma. Meeting

participants identified additional hunting and fishing, educational and youth opportunities on every refuge in Oklahoma. Additionally, ODWC committed to providing additional staff support to help implement and sustain the identified activities. The FWS Southwest Region will continue to reach out to Texas, Arizona and New Mexico as well as Oklahoma to explore more opportunities.

Urban Youth Gaining Outdoor Work Experience – FWS as part of an urban partnership, is bringing students from Furr High School in Houston, Texas to the FWS Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge to enable them to gain back country experience. In January 2018 (date TBD), several Furr High School students (10 to 15 expected) will work alongside FWS to continue construction of a trail within the Refuge during their camping/backpacking experience. The experience is meant to introduce students to careers in conservation and will emphasize land management issues, developing public use opportunities (including hunting, fishing and wildlife watching), team building and leadership skills. The desired outcome is that the students will take learned skills back to their school, which is adjacent to Houston Parks and Recreation's Herman Brown Park, a 900-acre park that the school uses as an outdoor classroom. The urban partnership plans to build on this experience on other FWS/TPWD led programs on hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching conducted in classroom and on the city park.

Newly constructed production pads for oil and gas development at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge were mitigated by easing angler access to refuge waters at Lake Texoma. Hagerman's Sandy Day Use Area was improved by a mineral operator, replacing bollard and cable around a lot, leveling walkways and paving with coarse stone. Spoil, litter and discarded roots were hauled away by refuge volunteers. The small improvement can make a large difference for the 7,500 anglers and 2,500 birds that use the area. Anglers catch blue catfish, channel catfish, striped bass, white bass, and sunfishes while birders can check off bald eagle, peregrine falcon, herring gulls, white pelicans, red-tailed hawk, red-shouldered hawk, painted bunting, blue grosbeak, or summer tanager.

Border-Related Activities

Border Coordination: Road Construction – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO) to provide water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge for a Baboquivari Road Repair Project scheduled for March - June 2018. Part of the project will require the use of a portion of the refuge's water right to support this national security project. CBP will fund electricity use for pumping the water, and will have equipment in place to facilitate optimum functionality during the project's period of performance. This will ensure both the CBP mission and FWS landscape conservation mission are being met.

Border Coordination: Pedestrian Fence – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol on a Biological Assessment for fencing that starts near the Santa Teresa Port of Entry and then extends west for approximately 20 miles. The area is within the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area, as designed under section 10(j) of the ESA. In 2017 a Mexican wolf crossed the border into the U.S. in this area and then returned to Mexico.

Border Coordination: Communication Towers - Work in in progress following effective coordination between FWS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for the Block-1 Replacement (B1R) of existing infrastructure with integrated fixed towers located on and adjacent to the Buenos Aries National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A total of two communication towers and four surveillance towers on the refuge are being replaced, with the goal of upgrading technology and providing a more robust foundation within the existing footprint. Construction activities began in late 2017 and are continuing on schedule.

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

FWS Alchesay and Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery Complex in partnership with White Mountain Apache Game and Fish, and Arizona Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office, started stocking Apache trout and rainbow trout on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. FWS initiated stocking on March 5, 2018. Within the first three days, hatchery personnel stocked about 2,990 Apache trout in Reservation streams. Frequent stocking will continue every week leading up to Easter weekend with the intent to stock out 3,000 to 4,000 Apache trout each week. In addition, up to 8,000 rainbow trout will be stocked into the Reservation lakes. The lack of snow in the White Mountains necessitates this large early release of fish. With reduced snowfall over the winter, hatchery water sources are expected to dwindle as spring turns to summer. Hatchery personnel expect to stock out up to 24,000 fish for anglers within the next four weeks. With reduced runoff expected, fewer trout will be stocked during mid-summer months.

FWS Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery, in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department, announced the beginning of the annual rainbow trout sportfish stocking season in the lower Colorado River immediately below Lake Mohave/Davis Dam in late October. Neighboring communities include Laughlin, Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona. FWS will stock about 1, 750 trout every week from early October through March 2018. Stocking sites include Davis Camp, Community Park, and Rotary Park for October-December. From January 2018 through March 2018, stocking sites will be Davis Camp and Community Park. In addition to the annual stocking season below Davis Dam, FWS Willow Beach NFH continues to stock rainbow every week, year round, at Willow Beach Marina, Arizona.

Migratory Birds
Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications
Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation
FWS Southwest Region will conduct the 2018 Arizona Inter-Tribal Coordination meeting April 4-5 in Prescott, Arizona.

FWS Southwest Regional Director Amy Lueders and Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairwoman Tanya Lewis will meet in Camp Verde, Arizona on April 3 to discuss shared conservation concerns.

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
Birding Festival	April 14-15, 2018	Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, Texas	View Details
Monarch Migration Celebration	April 21-22	San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, Texas	Sponsored by Friends group
Arizona Envirothon	April 20-21, 2018	Mingus Mountain, Arizona	FWS's Arizona Ecological Services is an event sponsor/participants
Birding Festival	April 27-29, 2018	Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge, Texas	

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Dear Secretary Nielsen, Deputy Director Kurth, and Acting Commissioner McAleenan:

On behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity, Southwest Environmental Center, Defenders of Wildlife, and the Animal Legal Defense Fund, we hereby provide notice in the attached letter that the Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection are in violation of Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act for their failure to consult with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in order to ensure that the proposed border wall fencing replacement construction in New Mexico does not jeopardize the continued existence of impacted threatened or endangered species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of their critical habitat, and is further in violation of Section 9(a)(1)(B) of the Act for the likely "take" of threatened or endangered species caused by construction and related activities undertaken as part of the New Mexico border wall replacement project.

We have also sent a copy of the attached notice letter via certified mail.

Thank you for your attention to the allegations contained in the attached letter. Please contact me at the telephone number below should you wish to discuss this notice letter in further detail.

Best regards,
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Re: Notice of Violations of the Endangered Species Act in Relation to Border Wall Fencing Replacement in New Mexico

Dear Secretaries Nielsen and Zinke, Deputy Director Kurth, and Acting Commissioner McAleenan:

On behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity, Southwest Environmental Center, Defenders of Wildlife, and the Animal Legal Defense Fund (collectively, "Environmental Groups"), we hereby provide notice, pursuant to Section 11(g)[1] of the Endangered Species Act ("ESA")[2] that the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") and its component agency U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") are in violation of Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA[3] for their failure to consult with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("FWS") in order to ensure that the proposed border wall fencing replacement construction in New Mexico—specifically, the replacement of approximately 20 miles of primarily existing vehicle fencing in New Mexico (the "New Mexico border wall replacement project")—does not jeopardize the continued existence of impacted threatened or endangered species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of their critical habitat, and is further in violation of Section 9(a)(1)(B) of the ESA for the likely "take" of threatened or endangered species caused by construction and related activities undertaken as part of the New Mexico border wall replacement project.

Environmental Groups are environmental conservation organizations dedicated to protecting native wildlife species and their habitats. The Center for Biological Diversity ("the Center") is a non-profit, public interest environmental organization headquartered in Tucson, Arizona, with numerous offices across the United States, including New Mexico and Washington, D.C., dedicated to the protection of native species and their habitats through science, policy, and environmental law. The Center

[1] 16 U.S.C. § 1540(g)
[2] 16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq*.
[3] 16 U.S.C. § 1536(a)(2)

has more than 1.3 million members and on-line activists. The Southwest Environmental Center ("SEC") is a non-profit, member-supported, grassroots conservation organization based in Las Cruces, New Mexico. SEC is dedicated to protecting and restoring native wildlife and their habitats in the Southwestern borderlands, through advocacy, education and on-the-ground projects. Defenders of Wildlife ("Defenders") is a nonprofit organization with hundreds of thousands of members across the nation, including nearly 3,500 members in New Mexico. Defenders' mission is to preserve wildlife and emphasize appreciation and protection for all species in their ecological role through advocacy, litigation, and other efforts. Finally, the Animal Legal Defense Fund ("ALDF") is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with more than 200,000 members and supporters, approximately 1,100 of whom live in New Mexico, and nearly 200 of whom live in El Paso County, Texas, near the New Mexico border wall replacement project. ALDF represents its members' interests by working to protect the lives of animals, including wildlife, through the legal system. ALDF is headquartered on Cotati, California, with regional offices in Los Angeles and Portland, Oregon.

Collectively, Environmental Groups have long advocated for better incorporation of environmental considerations into DHS border security planning and decision-making. Our ESA advocacy has resulted in the protection of numerous threatened and endangered species within the borderlands region and the designation of hundreds of thousands of acres of their critical habitat.

The threshold for triggering an agency's duties under the ESA is low; if an agency takes an action that may have environmental impacts or that "may affect" a listed species or critical habitat, then ESA section 7 consultation is required.[4] DHS and CBP, however, have provided no evidence to the public or to the Center that it has initiated or completed the required environmental analyses under either of these laws with respect to the New Mexico border wall replacement project.

I. LEGAL BACKGROUND

A. The Endangered Species Act

The ESA is "the most comprehensive legislation for the preservation of endangered species ever enacted by any nation."[5] Its fundamental purposes are "to provide a means whereby the ecosystems upon which endangered species and threatened species depend may be conserved [and] to provide a program for the conservation of such endangered species and threatened species . . . ."[6] To achieve these objectives, the ESA directs the FWS to determine which species of plants and animals are "threatened" and "endangered" and place them on the endangered species list.[7] An "endangered" or "threatened" species is one "in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range," or "likely to become endangered in the near future throughout all or a significant portion of its range," respectively.[8]

[4] 50 C.F.R. § 402.14(a).
[5] *TVA v. Hill*, 437 U.S. 180 (1978).
[6] 16 U.S.C. § 1531(b).
[7] *Id.* § 1533.
[8] *Id.* § 1532(6), (20).

Once a species is listed, the ESA provides a variety of procedural and substantive protections to ensure not only the species' continued survival, but its ultimate recovery. One central protection, Section 7(a)(2), mandates that all federal agencies avoid actions that: (1) jeopardize listed species; or (2) destroy or adversely modify designated critical habitat.[9] Federal agency actions include those projects or programs "authorized, funded, or carried out by such agency."[10] To comply with these Section 7(a)(2) safeguards, the federal agency taking action and FWS take part in a cooperative analysis of potential impacts to listed species and their designated critical habitat known as a consultation process.

First, the agency must obtain "a list of any listed or proposed species or designated or proposed critical habitat that may be present in the action area" from FWS.[11] If a species or critical habitat may be present, the agency must prepare a biological assessment to determine whether the proposed action "may affect" or "is not likely to adversely affect" any listed species or critical habitat.[12]

Federal agencies must initiate formal consultation with FWS when their actions "may affect" a listed species or designated critical habitat.[13] The standard for consultation is low: "[a]ny possible effect, whether beneficial, benign, adverse, or of an undetermined character, triggers the formal consultation requirement."[14]Effects that must be considered as part of this inquiry include "direct and indirect effects of an action on the species or critical habitat, together with the effects of other activities that are interrelated or interdependent with that action, that will be added to the environmental baseline."[15] Indirect effects are "those that are caused by the proposed action and are later in time, but still are reasonably certain to occur."[16]

Through the formal consultation process, FWS prepares a "biological opinion" as to whether the action jeopardizes the species or destroys or adversely modifies critical habitat and, if so, suggests "reasonable and prudent alternatives."[17] During the consultation process, both agencies must "use the best scientific and commercial data available."[18]

In addition to duties under Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA, federal agencies are required under Section 7(a)(1) to "utilize their authority for the conservation [i.e. recovery] of endangered species and

[9] *Id*. § 1536(a)(2).
[10] 50 C.F.R. § 402.02.
[11] 16 U.S.C. § 1536(c)(1); 50 C.F.R. § 402.12(c)–(d).
[12] 16 U.S.C. § 1536(c)(1); 50 C.F.R. §§ 402.12(f), 402.14(a), (b)(1).
[13] 50 C.F.R. § 402.14(a).
[14] *Western Watersheds Project v. Kraayenbrink*, 632 F.3d 472, 496 (9th Cir. 2011) (*quoting* 51 Fed. Reg. 19,949).
[15] 50 C.F.R. § 402.02.
[16] *Id*.
[17] 16 U.S.C. § 1536(b)(3)(A).
[18] *Id*. § 1536(a)(2); 50 CFR § 402.14(d).

threatened species."[19] As stated by the Ninth Circuit, agencies have an "affirmative obligation[] to conserve under section 7(a)(1)."[20]

Finally, Section 9 of the ESA prohibits the "taking" of any endangered species.[21] The ESA defines the term "take" broadly to include "harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct."[22] "Take" includes indirect as well as direct harm and need not be purposeful.[23] The ESA provides a limited exception to the prohibition on take under Section 9 for taking that is in compliance with an incidental take statement ("ITS").[24] Any take of a listed species that is not in compliance with an ITS violates Section 9.[25]

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A. The New Mexico Border Wall Replacement Project

On January 25, 2017, President Donald J. Trump issued an Executive Order No. 13767 on "Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements" ("the Border Security E.O."), directing DHS to construct a "secure, contiguous, and impassable physical barrier" along the entirety of the nearly 2,000 mile long U.S.-Mexico border, in order "to prevent illegal immigration, drug and human trafficking, and acts of terrorism." The Border Security E.O. defines "wall" to mean "a contiguous, physical wall or other similarly secure, contiguous, and impassable physical barrier." (Sec. 3(e)).

On January 22, 2018, DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen published a waiver determination in the Federal Register directing DHS to take "immediate action to replace existing vehicle barrier and pedestrian fencing with bollard wall" within a specific project area in New Mexico state, described as follows: "an approximately twenty mile segment of the border that starts at the Santa Teresa Land Port of Entry and extends westward" to Border Monument 10 in DHS's El Paso Sector. Determination Pursuant to Section 102 of Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 ("IIRIRA"), As Amended, 83 Fed. Reg. 3,012 (January 22, 2018) ("January 2018 Waiver"). For purposes of this letter, the proposed vehicle replacement fencing construction in New Mexico will be called the "New Mexico border wall replacement project." The January 2018 Waiver purports to waive the application of the ESA, NEPA, as well as 23 additional federal statutes, to the New Mexico border wall replacement project, pursuant to section 102(c) of IIRIRA, Pub. L. 104-208, Div. C, 110 Stat. 3009-546, codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1103 note.

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All, here is an NOI from CBD, Defenders, ALDF, and Southwest Environmental Center challenging DHS's waiver of the ESA regarding their replacement of 10 miles of border fencing in NM. We received it today; FWS is not a party. The NOI alleges that CBP and DHS should have consulted with us and did not, that they violated Section 7(a)(1) by not conserving species that may be affected by the project, and that they are engaging in take by undertaking the projects without surveying/investigating/taking measures to prevent harm to listed species. The area is apparently habitat for several listed birds, a listed cactus, and Mexican wolf.

Thank you,

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On behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity, Southwest Environmental Center, Defenders of Wildlife, and the Animal Legal Defense Fund (collectively, "Environmental Groups"), we hereby provide notice, pursuant to Section 11(g)[1] of the Endangered Species Act ("ESA")[2] that the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") and its component agency U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") are in violation of Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA[3] for their failure to consult with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("FWS") in order to ensure that the proposed border wall fencing replacement construction in New Mexico—specifically, the replacement of approximately 20 miles of primarily existing vehicle fencing in New Mexico (the "New Mexico border wall replacement project")—does not jeopardize the continued existence of impacted threatened or endangered species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of their critical habitat, and is further in violation of Section 9(a)(1)(B) of the ESA for the likely "take" of threatened or endangered species caused by construction and related activities undertaken as part of the New Mexico border wall replacement project.

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[1] 16 U.S.C. § 1540(g)
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has more than 1.3 million members and on-line activists. The Southwest Environmental Center ("SEC") is a non-profit, member-supported, grassroots conservation organization based in Las Cruces, New Mexico. SEC is dedicated to protecting and restoring native wildlife and their habitats in the Southwestern borderlands, through advocacy, education and on-the-ground projects. Defenders of Wildlife ("Defenders") is a nonprofit organization with hundreds of thousands of members across the nation, including nearly 3,500 members in New Mexico. Defenders' mission is to preserve wildlife and emphasize appreciation and protection for all species in their ecological role through advocacy, litigation, and other efforts. Finally, the Animal Legal Defense Fund ("ALDF") is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with more than 200,000 members and supporters, approximately 1,100 of whom live in New Mexico, and nearly 200 of whom live in El Paso County, Texas, near the New Mexico border wall replacement project. ALDF represents its members' interests by working to protect the lives of animals, including wildlife, through the legal system. ALDF is headquartered on Cotati, California, with regional offices in Los Angeles and Portland, Oregon.

Collectively, Environmental Groups have long advocated for better incorporation of environmental considerations into DHS border security planning and decision-making. Our ESA advocacy has resulted in the protection of numerous threatened and endangered species within the borderlands region and the designation of hundreds of thousands of acres of their critical habitat.

The threshold for triggering an agency's duties under the ESA is low; if an agency takes an action that may have environmental impacts or that "may affect" a listed species or critical habitat, then ESA section 7 consultation is required.[4] DHS and CBP, however, have provided no evidence to the public or to the Center that it has initiated or completed the required environmental analyses under either of these laws with respect to the New Mexico border wall replacement project.

I. LEGAL BACKGROUND

A. The Endangered Species Act

The ESA is "the most comprehensive legislation for the preservation of endangered species ever enacted by any nation."[5] Its fundamental purposes are "to provide a means whereby the ecosystems upon which endangered species and threatened species depend may be conserved [and] to provide a program for the conservation of such endangered species and threatened species . . . ."[6] To achieve these objectives, the ESA directs the FWS to determine which species of plants and animals are "threatened" and "endangered" and place them on the endangered species list.[7] An "endangered" or "threatened" species is one "in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range," or "likely to become endangered in the near future throughout all or a significant portion of its range," respectively.[8]

[4] 50 C.F.R. § 402.14(a).
[5] *TVA v. Hill*, 437 U.S. 180 (1978).
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Once a species is listed, the ESA provides a variety of procedural and substantive protections to ensure not only the species' continued survival, but its ultimate recovery. One central protection, Section 7(a)(2), mandates that all federal agencies avoid actions that: (1) jeopardize listed species; or (2) destroy or adversely modify designated critical habitat.[9] Federal agency actions include those projects or programs "authorized, funded, or carried out by such agency."[10] To comply with these Section 7(a)(2) safeguards, the federal agency taking action and FWS take part in a cooperative analysis of potential impacts to listed species and their designated critical habitat known as a consultation process.

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Hi all,

Attached please find the Southwest Region week ahead report and fishbites. Let me know if you have any questions or follow up on anything. Thanks!

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Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
Austin American Statesman	TBD	Jeremy Schwartz a reporter with the Austin American Statesman contacted R2 asking to interview some of our ocelot researchers regarding translocation efforts and genetic diversity.
InfoGraphic – Bats and White Nose Syndrome	TBD	Geoff Giller, a reporter with Infographic, contacted R2 requesting an interview/field visit to report on bats impacted by white-nose syndrome. The reporter has also spoken with the FWS WNS contacts in R5. Will visit OK March 21-22 to observe survey work.
Texas Observer	TBD	Naveena Sadasivam, a reporter for the Texas Observer, is following up on the listing of the Texas hornshell and implications for other mussel species in Texas that might be considered for ESA protection.
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Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report

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FWS Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery, in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department, announced the beginning of the annual rainbow trout sportfish stocking season in the lower Colorado River immediately below Lake Mohave/Davis Dam in late October. Neighboring communities include Laughlin, Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona. FWS will stock about 1, 750 trout every week from early October through March 2018. Stocking sites include Davis Camp, Community Park, and Rotary Park for October-December. From January 2018 through March 2018, stocking sites will be Davis Camp and Community Park. In addition to the annual stocking season below Davis Dam, FWS Willow Beach NFH continues to stock rainbow every week, year round, at Willow Beach Marina, Arizona.

Migratory Birds
Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications
Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation
[NEW] The annual Arizona Inter Tribal - Fish and Wildlife Service coordination meeting will take place April 4 and 5, 2018, in Prescott, Arizona. This meeting is a venue for all FWS programs in Arizona to inform tribes of proposed and ongoing activities that may affect or otherwise be of interest to tribes; a forum for tribal feedback and discussion; and an opportunity for the Service and tribes to collaborate on conservation. The meeting is being coordinated by Arizona ES and the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe

FWS Southwest Region will conduct the 2018 Arizona Inter-Tribal Coordination meeting April 4-5 in Prescott, Arizona.

FWS Southwest Regional Director Amy Lueders and Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairwoman Tanya Lewis will meet in Camp Verde, Arizona on April 3 to discuss shared conservation concerns.

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Greetings,

Please see the attached Southwest Region report.

John

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Media Contact Report

Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
Austin Chronicle	April 5	Lindsey Mader, a reporter for the Austin Chronicle contacted R2 asking for information on the proposed delisting of the black-capped vireo and the April 13th event at the Balcones Canyonlands NWR. https://www.austinchronicle.com/news/2018-04-06/feds-move-closer-to-removing-vireo-from-endangered-species-list/
Austin American Statesman	TBD	Jeremy Schwartz a reporter with the Austin American Statesman contacted R2 asking to interview some of our ocelot researchers regarding translocation efforts and genetic diversity.
InfoGraphic – Bats and White Nose Syndrome	TBD	Geoff Giller, a reporter with Infographic, contacted R2 requesting an interview/field visit to report on bats impacted by white-nose syndrome. The reporter has also spoken with the FWS WNS contacts in R5. Will visit OK March 21-22 to observe survey work.
AZ Republic	TBD	Question on Mexican Wolf Recovery
Havasu Today's News	TBD	Mexican Garter Snake is included in conservation measures, what does that mean for the readers of the newspaper?
Desert Exposure	April 2018	Private lands conservation w Partners for Wildlife: imperiled Chihuahua chub and Chiricahua leopard frog
High Country News	TBD	Artists working with the Sonoran Institute and Pima County on some arts engagement around the flowing/restored Santa Cruz River in Arizona. Artist-civic partnership brings awareness to the

		fact that the water is flowing. The Gila topminnow as the focus of their work and iconography.
KJZZ (NPR-Phoenix)	April 11, 2018	Status update for Mount Graham red squirrels. Population dropped from 250 animals to 35 as result of Frye Fire. Cooperators have initiated a number of immediate/urgent response actions. Recorded SME (Marit Alanen) interview.

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)

Kuenzler hedgehog cactus downlisting – FWS will finalize the downlisting of Kuenzler hedgehog cactus in April 2018. When first listed, only 200 plants from two locations were known. Increased survey efforts identified additional plants and populations, indicating the cactus is no longer at risk of extinction. Today, 4,300 known individual cacti live in 11 known population clusters within its southern New Mexico range. Range and population modeling indicate a potential of 11,000 to 22,000 plants. Additionally, the permitting of captive propagation and sale of the plant has relieved much of the threat from collection of the species in the wild.

15-60 Day Look Ahead

In April or May, the FWS will release less than 14-day old captive-born Mexican wolf pups into established wild Mexican wolf dens on federal land in Arizona and New Mexico. Select reporters will be invited to attend. FWS will send a news release summarizing these cross-fostering efforts to media and stakeholders at the end of May or early June.

[*UPDATE*] Black-capped vireo Delisting Determination – FWS sent the final delisting determination for the black-capped vireo to the Federal Register, the final rule will publish on Monday, April 16th. In 2007, the Service completed a five-year review of the black-capped vireo which recommended the species be downlisted to threatened. In 2012, we received a petition to downlist the black-capped vireo based on our 2007 recommendation. The Service used the Species Status Assessment framework to evaluate species viability and address the petition. Our analysis of the best available science indicates the primary known threats to the black-capped vireo, of habitat loss and brown-headed cowbird parasitism, have been reduced or adequately managed and that many populations are stable or growing. A communications plan has been shared with FWS HQ External Affairs that includes congressional offices, local and state officials and stakeholders. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned to occur at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. In addition, an event to celebrate the delisting is being planned for Friday, April 13 at Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge near Marble Falls, Texas.

Black-capped vireo event – On Friday, April 13th, FWS will host an event at Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge to celebrate the recovery of the black-capped vireo. Representatives from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Fort Sill (OK), Fort Hood (TX), USDA's NRCS, the Texas Comptroller's office, Congressional offices and other partners are invited. Media will be invited.

Earth Day Celebration - FWS will participate in the 2018 Earth Day event April 20-22. Earth Day Texas is an annual outdoor festival seeking to elevate environmental awareness. The family-friendly event is free to the public. Held at Fair Park, Dallas, Texas, the event is expected to draw over 100,000 visitors. Open to media.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings

April 8 –April 19, 2018, the XXIII Meeting of the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation and Management will be held at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

[NEW] Range-wide lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) Conservation Plan Annual Report. On March 31, 2018, the FWS received the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) fourth annual report on implementation of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-wide Conservation Plan in the near future. FWS will be providing a technical review of the report. FWS greatly appreciates the States' leadership in the conservation of the lesser prairie-chicken and implementation of the RWP. FWS remains committed to working collaboratively with WAFWA on implementing the plan, which is a key component in ongoing efforts to conserve the lesser prairie-chicken.

Notice of Availability of Draft Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan and a final rule Delisting the bat – In two separate, but associated announcements, FWS will announce the final delisting of the lesser long-nosed bat, and then the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (and comment period) for the LLNB. Target date for submitting delisting to the *Federal Register* is March 30, 2018. The target date for the post-delisting monitoring plan is unknown. This action is not expected to be opposed. Stakeholders are the petitioners, Pacific Legal Foundation and the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association. Proactive conservation stakeholders include Pima County MSCP and hundreds of citizen scientists that monitor bats each summer and fall when this migratory species returns to roosts in the U.S. Communications packages are prepared.

[*UPDATE*] Draft Recovery Plan for Four Aquatic Invertebrates – FWS published a Notice of Availability of the draft recovery plan on April 2, 2018. The draft recovery plan for four aquatic invertebrates found in desert grasslands in southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas in March 2018 is available for public review and comment. Noel's amphipod, Pecos assiminea, Koster's springsnail, and Roswell springsnail were listed as endangered in 2005. The primary threats to all four species are threats to the quantity and quality of water. Activities, such as oil and gas drilling, water withdrawals from the aquifer and contamination are the greatest threats. Most

occupied sites are on FWS Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico and The Nature Conservancy holdings in Texas.

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

[*UPDATE*] Tobusch fishhook cactus downlisting notice – In May, FWS will publish a final downlisting notice for the Tobusch fishhook cactus, a small cactus, with curved "fishhook" spines, that is endemic to the Edwards Plateau of Texas. FWS received a petition in 2013 to downlist the Tobusch fishhook cactus based on the findings of our 2010 5-year review. A substantial 90-day finding on the petitions was published on September 9, 2013. In November 2015, one of the petitioners filed a complaint on the lack of a 12-month finding and on December 29, 2016, FWS published a proposal to downlist the species from endangered to threatened. Local interest is anticipated. A communications plan has been shared with FWS HQ External Affairs that includes outreach to congressional offices, local and state officials and stakeholders, a news release to media and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*.

Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed in early 2018. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS technical staff have reviewed, organized, and responded to comments received from the external working group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) and peer reviewers. FWS has now provided the SSA Report to the Directors of the five State Fish & Wildlife Agencies for an Executive Review. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the LPC. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the states and others.

Other Items of Note

American Electric Power (AEP) draft Habitat Conservation Plan NOA– In May/June FWS anticipates sending a Notice of Availability of AEP's Incidental Take Permit application, including a draft Habitat Conservation Plan and draft Environmental Impact Statement to the *Federal Register* for publication. American Electric Power developed a Habitat Conservation Plan to address impacts to the endangered American burying beetle that may result from the construction, operation and/or maintenance of electric transmission and distribution lines or other associated infrastructure in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. FWS is planning to hold public meetings during the 60-day public comment period. A news bulletin has been drafted. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*.

[*UPDATE*] Federal Register Notice of Intent to analysis the approval of a Safe Harbor Agreement published on April 3, 2018. The Applicant is Freeport-McMoRan and the

Agreement will cover spikedace, loach minnow and Gila chub in Eagle Creek in Arizona. We anticipate drafting an Environmental Assessment, but this Agreement is in association with the construction on private lands of a fish barrier to promote recovery of the fish species in the Agreement. At this NOI stage, outreach is focused on the local area and is being conducted in coordination with Bureau of Reclamation and the applicant.

Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Texas Conservation Plan Revision - The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has drafted a revision of the Texas Conservation Plan (TCP) for the dunes sagebrush lizard to address several issues with the current plan based upon the six years of implementation. The draft revision has been shared with participants in the existing plan and is being rolled out to industry, landowners and other potential participant under the TCP. The draft revision of the Texas Conservation Plan has not yet been submitted to the Service for approval. We are prepared to work with the Comptroller's Office on this revision at the appropriate time.

The Outdoor Wire published a story about imperiled species conservation on private land performed under the auspices of Partners of for Fish and Wildlife Program, involving the FWS Fish and Aquatic Conservation and Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration in concert with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Map Reading in the Mimbres Valley

[NEW] Black-footed ferret nonessential experimental population expansion in Arizona – As early as June, FWS in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department, will propose expanding the black-footed ferret 10(j) designation to include all current and historical ferret habitat in Arizona. The 1996 Arizona 10(j) area was limited to the Aubrey Valley Experimental Population Area (AVEPA); successful reintroductions and subsequent population expansions has resulted in ferrets venturing outside of the AVEPA (as fully protected status). FWS consultation with affected tribes has been initiated. FWS will coordinate with AGFD to best approach and inform Arizona grassland residents and industry (livestock) groups. Communication planning will be conducted.

[*UPDATE*] Leander Independent School District (LISD) ITP – LISD submitted a draft habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit (ITP) on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. The HCP and ITP, if issued by FWS, will provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. One of the species identified in the application is the endangered black-capped vireo. FWS continues to meet with the applicant and other vested parties on the draft HCP and to discuss proposed secondary access road alternatives. We met with LISD on April 4, 2018, and expect LISD to provide an updated draft Habitat Conservation Plan and incidental take permit in the coming weeks. Significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties. Planned outreach when NOI is published includes issuing a news bulletin. More details available in past reports.

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

Nothing significant to report

Border-Related Activities

Border Coordination: Road Construction – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO) to provide water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge. Part of the project will require the use of a portion of the refuge's water right to support this national security project. The Baboquivari Road Construction and Repair Project began March 16 and will occur through June 2018. CBP will fund electricity use for pumping the water, and will have equipment in place to facilitate optimum functionality during the project's period of performance. This will ensure both the CBP mission and FWS landscape conservation mission are being met.

Border Coordination: Communication Towers - Work continues between FWS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for the Block-1 Replacement (B1R) of existing infrastructure with integrated fixed towers located on and adjacent to the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A total of two communication towers and four surveillance towers on the refuge have been upgraded with technology that will replace existing equipment and improve detection of illegal border activities. Now that the new construction is complete, CBP is testing and fine-tuning the new technology prior to removal of the existing towers, scheduled for 2018.

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Fish and Aquatic Conservation

[UPDATE] Mora National Fish Hatchery delivered 47,500 Gila trout eyed-eggs to the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Canyon Creek Hatchery and more coming soon. These eggs are surplus to what are needed for recovery purposes and are part of fulfilling a request for 100,000 eggs. About a year from now these eggs will turn into 12-inch trout that lucky anglers can fish for in select Arizona creeks. The eggs passed rigorous health testing performed by the Southwestern Fish Health Center based at the Southwestern Native Aquatic Resources and Recovery Center in Dexter, NM.

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Whorton, Laura <laura_whorton@fws.gov>

Re: Flexibility in FWS construction account

1 message

Whorton, Laura <laura_whorton@fws.gov> Wed, Apr 18, 2018 at 11:37 AM
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Hi all,

Attached is a draft response to this question. Thanks to Brad, Marilyn, Rod, and Ken for their input. Is anything missing? Not clear? Anything else? Ken is working on the map.

Rod, I didn't include the part about the levee that runs through the refuge potentially being owned by the International Border Wall Commission since our map didn't show that and our SAMMS records said we owned it. But if there's additional information we can point to that corrects our records, then we can add that part back in.

Thanks,

Laura

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On Wed, Apr 18, 2018 at 9:40 AM, Shaun Sanchez <shaun_sanchez@fws.gov> wrote:

> No. We don't have time and we need to just focus on the authority.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Apr 18, 2018, at 9:38 AM, Noah Matson <noah_matson@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > I didn't see R2 listed in either email chain. Shouldn't they be?
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Thanks for the update.

Please work with Cynthia's team to prepare a BP on this issue so we can provide a thorough response back up the line through Greg so he has the comprehensive background. There will probably be a meeting with the political leadership team and the SOL team. On a tight deadline.

- State the request
- Analyze and address the question "does the FWS have the ability to use some of its FY 18 construction appropriations account funding to build resource protection structures along the US Mexican border?" ie what is our construction appropriations language, does this give us any flexibility for this purpose, are there any other laws, regs, or policies that allow this use of the account or forbid this use of the account?
- List all the NWR holdings along the border in Texas and include a map (to respond to the particular statement about a two mile stretch in Texas)
- Include the language from the Homeland Security Bill: "SEC 230. (c) None of the funds provided in this or any other Act shall be obligated for construction of a border barrier in the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge."

On Tue, Apr 17, 2018 at 4:57 PM, Nolin, Chris <chris_nolin@fws.gov> wrote:

> I assume this is Santa Ana NWR? We don't have too many refuges on the border in Texas. If it is that, we have a specific provision against building a barrier there in the Homeland Security Bill: "SEC 230. (c) None of the funds provided in this or any other Act shall be obligated for construction of a border barrier in the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge."
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> On Tue, Apr 17, 2018 at 2:30 PM, Giddings, Rebekah <rebekah_giddings@fws.gov> wrote:
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> > Please see Scott's message below...

Rebekah Giddings

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Can u pls forward to Chris Nolin and division of budget. Thx

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Jean, can you please schedule a meeting on this topic with POB, FW&P, FWS, and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ?

Thanks,
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Hi Mike,

I asked Hillary and unfortunately we need to provide a response to Greg Sheehan today. He's meeting with the Deputy Secretary tomorrow. Is there anyone else who can pull together the map?

Also, we need your help with determining ownership of the levee that runs through Santa Ana. Our infrastructure database (SAMMS) says that the Service owns the levee, but our law enforcement folks believe that the International Border Wall Commission actually had jurisdiction. Do you know who has jurisdiction there? Do they have an easement?

Sorry for such the short turn around. Thank you for your help.

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> Hi Janet,
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> This should pose much of a problem, although both of our cartographers are out this week at the CDWG meeting in Las Vegas. I will contact Hillary Harms to determine how much time we have on this.
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> Thanks,
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> Mike
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> On Wed, Apr 18, 2018 at 7:44 AM, Bruner, Janet <janet_bruner@fws.gov> wrote:
>> Paul and Mike,
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>> This is a quick turn-around request for which we need the information under bullet # 3 above (map and holdings along the TX border). The briefing paper will be prepared here in HQ, so all we need from you is what is requested in bullet #3.
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>> For questions, please contact Hillary Harms in the Service Division of Budget. She can be reached at 703 358-1837.
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Janet

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Thanks,

Laura

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> > > I just spoke with Chris Nolan on this request. Please see the below short-notice request for a Briefing Paper on the Service's flexibility to construct resource protection structures along the Texas border. Would your group take the lead on this. I have included Noah (resource protection structure aspect) and Janet (holdings and map aspect).
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> > > DAVID C. ROBINSON
> > > Deputy Chief
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FishBites Report

TITLE	***BLACK-CAPPED VIREO DELISTING ANNOUNCEMENT***
Topic	*After 30 years of being listed as endangered on the Endangered Species list, the black-capped vireo has been delisted thanks to partner driven efforts.*
***Supportive stakeholders**:*	*Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, the U.S. Army (Fort Hood-TX and Fort Sill-OK), The Nature Conservancy and the Office of the Texas Comptroller*
***Impacted location**:*	*Texas and Oklahoma*
TITLE	***LESSER LONG-NOSED BAT RECOVERY AND DELISTING***
Topic	Bi-national, partner-driven conservation and education since 1988 have culminated in the recovery and delisting of the endangered migratory, lesser long-nosed bat.
Supportive stakeholders:	Arizona and New Mexico state wildlife agencies, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, DoD (Luke AFB and Ft. Huachuca), Institute of Ecology, University of Mexico, tequila industry, National Phenology Network, Tohono O'odham Nation, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Bat Conservation International.
Impacted location:	Southern Arizona and New Mexico and Mexico

TITLE ***MILITARY VETERAN TURKEY HUNT***

Topic *Balcones Canyonlands NWR hosted 2 military veterans and their teenaged children on a hunt for Rio Grande turkeys. Two of the participants were successful, and the other two took their newfound knowledge and experience to a hunt on private land the following week to bag a gobbler each.*

Supportive stakeholders: *National Wild Turkey Federation, Candlelight Ranch, Friends of Balcones, Fallen Outdoors*

Impacted Location: *Texas*

Title/Issue	**Anticipated Publication Date**	**Current Status**
The Guardian	TBD	Region 2 was contacted by Mr. Jimmy Tobias regarding the listing of the Texas Hornshell. Mr. Tobias was looking for information regarding the process that led to the listing of the Texas hornshell including the six month extension.
Austin American Statesman	TBD	Jeremy Schwartz a reporter with the Austin American Statesman contacted R2 asking to interview some of our ocelot researchers regarding translocation efforts and genetic diversity.
InfoGraphic – Bats and White Nose Syndrome	TBD	Geoff Giller, a reporter with Infographic, contacted R2 requesting an interview/field visit to report on bats impacted by white-nose syndrome. The reporter has also spoken with the FWS WNS contacts in R5. Will visit OK March 21-22 to observe survey work.
AZ Republic	April 16, 2018	Question on Mexican Wolf Recovery
KJZZ (NPR-Phoenix)	April 11, 2018	Status update for Mount Graham red squirrels. Population dropped from 250 animals to 35 as result of Frye Fire. Cooperators have initiated a number of immediate/urgent response actions. Recorded SME (Marit Alanen) interview.

Associated Press *National Geographic* *Tucson KOLD ch 13* *Albq ch 9* *KNAU Flagstaff NPR*	April 17, 2018	Pitched story and media inquiries regarding delisting of the lesser long-nosed bat. (Link to stories: *Associated Press*, *National Geographic*, *Tucson ch 13*, *KNAU Flagstaff NPR*)

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)

Kuenzler hedgehog cactus downlisting – FWS will finalize the downlisting of Kuenzler hedgehog cactus in April 2018. When first listed, only 200 plants from two locations were known. Increased survey efforts identified additional plants and populations, indicating the cactus is no longer at risk of extinction. Today, 4,300 known individual cacti live in 11 known population clusters within its southern New Mexico range. Range and population modeling indicate a potential of 11,000 to 22,000 plants. Additionally, the permitting of captive propagation and sale of the plant has relieved much of the threat from collection of the species in the wild.

15-60 Day Look Ahead

In April or May, the FWS will release less than 14-day old captive-born Mexican wolf pups into established wild Mexican wolf dens on federal land in Arizona and New Mexico. Select reporters will be invited to attend. FWS will send a news release summarizing these cross-fostering efforts to media and stakeholders at the end of May or early June.

[*UPDATE*] Black-capped vireo Delisting Determination – The final delisting determination for the black-capped vireo published in the *Federal Register* on Monday, April 16th. In 2007, the Service completed a five-year review of the black-capped vireo which recommended the species be downlisted to threatened. In 2012, we received a petition to downlist the black-capped vireo based on our 2007 recommendation. The Service used the Species Status Assessment framework to evaluate species viability and address the petition. Our analysis of the best available science indicates the primary known threats to the black-capped vireo, of habitat loss and brown-headed cowbird parasitism, have been reduced or adequately managed and that many populations are stable or growing. A communications plan has been shared with FWS HQ External Affairs that includes congressional offices, local and state officials and stakeholders. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media occurred on Friday, April 13th and Monday, April 16th. In addition,

an event to celebrate the delisting was held on Friday, April 13 at Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge near Marble Falls, Texas.

[*UPDATE*] Black-capped vireo event – On Friday, April 13th, the FWS hosted an event at Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge to celebrate the recovery of the black-capped vireo. The event, attended by approximately 50 people, included representatives from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Fort Hood (TX), The Nature Conservancy, American Bird Conservancy, Balcones Canyonlands NWR Friends groups and others. After the ceremony, many of the guests participated in a tour of an area being managed and restored for black-capped vireos and golden-cheeked warblers.

Earth Day Celebration - FWS will participate in the 2018 Earth Day event April 20-22. Earth Day Texas is an annual outdoor festival seeking to elevate environmental awareness. The family-friendly event is free to the public. Held at Fair Park, Dallas, Texas, the event is expected to draw over 100,000 visitors. Open to media.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings

April 8 –April 19, 2018, the XXIII Meeting of the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation and Management will be held at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

Range-wide lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) Conservation Plan Annual Report. On March 31, 2018, the FWS received the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) fourth annual report on implementation of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-wide Conservation Plan in the near future. FWS will be providing a technical review of the report. FWS greatly appreciates the States' leadership in the conservation of the lesser prairie-chicken and implementation of the RWP. FWS remains committed to working collaboratively with WAFWA on implementing the plan, which is a key component in ongoing efforts to conserve the lesser prairie-chicken.

[*UPDATE*] On April 17, FWS announced the final delisting of the lesser long-nosed bat. Three decades of bi-national partnerships are credited with this success. Stakeholders are the petitioners, Pacific Legal Foundation and the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association. Proactive conservation stakeholders include Pima County MSCP and hundreds of citizen scientists that monitor bats each summer and fall when this migratory species returns to roosts in the U.S. Communications was implemented and much newspaper, TV, magazine, and social media coverage has resulted.

[*UPDATE* Notice of Availability of Draft Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan. FWS will announce the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (and comment period) for the LLNB. The target date for the post-delisting monitoring plan is unknown, but anticipated as early as May. No controversy anticipated. Communications package is prepared.

Draft Recovery Plan for Four Aquatic Invertebrates – FWS published a Notice of Availability of the draft recovery plan on April 2, 2018. The draft recovery plan for four aquatic invertebrates found in desert grasslands in southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas in March 2018 is available for public review and comment. Noel's amphipod, Pecos assiminea, Koster's springsnail, and Roswell springsnail were listed as endangered in 2005. The primary threats to all four species are threats to the quantity and quality of water. Activities, such as oil and gas drilling, water withdrawals from the aquifer and contamination are the greatest threats. Most occupied sites are on FWS Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico and The Nature Conservancy holdings in Texas.

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

Tobusch fishhook cactus downlisting notice – In May, FWS will publish a final downlisting notice for the Tobusch fishhook cactus, a small cactus, with curved "fishhook" spines, that is endemic to the Edwards Plateau of Texas. FWS received a petition in 2013 to downlist the Tobusch fishhook cactus based on the findings of our 2010 5-year review. A substantial 90-day finding on the petitions was published on September 9, 2013. In November 2015, one of the petitioners filed a complaint on the lack of a 12-month finding and on December 29, 2016, FWS published a proposal to downlist the species from endangered to threatened. Local interest is anticipated. A communications plan has been shared with FWS HQ External Affairs that includes outreach to congressional offices, local and state officials and stakeholders, a news release to media and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*.

[*New*] Sonoyta mud turtle critical habitat – As early as June, FWS Southwest Region anticipates sending to the Federal Register a proposal to designate critical habitat for the Sonoyta mud turtle. A draft economic analysis of the proposed critical habitat will also be made available. In the U.S., the Sonoyta mud turtle occurs only on Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument on the U.S./Arizona-Mexico border. As such, proposed critical habitat will be limited to NPS lands. The Sonoyta mud turtle was listed as endangered on September 20, 2017. Outreach planning completed. Ranking 2. R2

Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed in early 2018. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS technical staff have reviewed, organized, and responded to comments received from the external working group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) and peer reviewers. FWS has now provided the SSA Report to the Directors of the five State Fish & Wildlife Agencies for an Executive Review. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the LPC. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the states and others.

Other Items of Note

[NEW] The Wildlife Management Institute's Outdoor Bulletin published a story about imperiled species conservation on private land performed under the auspices of Partners of for Fish and Wildlife Program, involving the FWS Fish and Aquatic Conservation and Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration in concert with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. The Outdoor Bulletin

American Electric Power (AEP) draft Habitat Conservation Plan NOA– In May/June FWS anticipates sending a Notice of Availability of AEP's Incidental Take Permit application, including a draft Habitat Conservation Plan and draft Environmental Impact Statement to the *Federal Register* for publication. American Electric Power developed a Habitat Conservation Plan to address impacts to the endangered American burying beetle that may result from the construction, operation and/or maintenance of electric transmission and distribution lines or other associated infrastructure in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. FWS is planning to hold public meetings during the 60-day public comment period. A news bulletin has been drafted. Outreach, including issuing a news release locally and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*.

Federal Register Notice of Intent to analysis the approval of a Safe Harbor Agreement was published on April 3, 2018. The Applicant is Freeport-McMoRan and the Agreement will cover spikedace, loach minnow and Gila chub in Eagle Creek in Arizona. We anticipate drafting an Environmental Assessment, but this Agreement is in association with the construction on private lands of a fish barrier to promote recovery of the fish species in the Agreement. At this NOI stage, outreach is focused on the local area and is being conducted in coordination with Bureau of Reclamation and the applicant.

Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Texas Conservation Plan Revision - The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has drafted a revision of the Texas Conservation Plan (TCP) for the dunes sagebrush lizard to address several issues with the current plan based upon the six years of implementation. The draft revision has been shared with participants in the existing plan and is being rolled out to industry, landowners and other potential participant under the TCP. The draft revision of the Texas Conservation Plan has not yet been submitted to the Service for approval. We are prepared to work with the Comptroller's Office on this revision at the appropriate time.

Black-footed ferret nonessential experimental population expansion in Arizona – As early as June, FWS in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department, will propose expanding the black-footed ferret 10(j) designation to include all current and historical ferret habitat in Arizona. The 1996 Arizona 10(j) area was limited to the Aubrey Valley Experimental Population Area (AVEPA); successful reintroductions and subsequent population expansions has resulted in ferrets venturing outside of the AVEPA (as fully protected status). FWS consultation with affected tribes has been initiated. FWS will coordinate with AGFD to best approach and inform Arizona grassland residents and industry (livestock) groups. Communication planning will be conducted.

Leander Independent School District (LISD) ITP – LISD submitted a draft habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit (ITP) on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. The HCP and ITP, if issued by FWS, will provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. One of the species identified in the application is the endangered black-capped vireo. FWS continues to meet with the applicant and other vested parties on the draft HCP and to discuss proposed secondary access road alternatives. We met with LISD on April 4, 2018, and expect LISD to provide an updated draft Habitat Conservation Plan and incidental take permit in the coming weeks. Significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties. Planned outreach when NOI is published includes issuing a news bulletin. More details available in past reports.

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

Nothing significant to report

Border-Related Activities

Border Coordination: Road Construction – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO) to provide water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge. Part of the project will require the use of a portion of the refuge's water right to support this national security project. The Baboquivari Road Construction and Repair Project began March 16 and will occur through June 2018. CBP will fund electricity use for pumping the water, and will have equipment in place to facilitate optimum functionality during the project's period of performance. This will ensure both the CBP mission and FWS landscape conservation mission are being met.

Border Coordination: Communication Towers - Work continues between FWS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for the Block-1 Replacement (B1R) of existing infrastructure with integrated fixed towers located on and adjacent to the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A total of two communication towers and four surveillance towers on the refuge have been upgraded with technology that will replace existing equipment and improve detection of illegal border activities. Now that the new construction is complete, CBP is testing and fine-tuning the new technology prior to removal of the existing towers, scheduled for 2018.

Border Coordination: Pedestrian Fence – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol on a Biological Assessment for fencing that starts near the Santa Teresa Port of Entry and then extends west for approximately 20 miles. The area is within the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area, as designated under section 10(j) of the ESA. In 2017, a Mexican wolf crossed the border into the U.S. in this area and then returned to Mexico.

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

[UPDATE] Mora National Fish Hatchery delivered 47,500 Gila trout eyed-eggs to the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Canyon Creek Hatchery and more coming soon. These eggs are surplus to what are needed for recovery purposes and are part of fulfilling a request for 100,000 eggs. About a year from now these eggs will turn into 12-inch trout that lucky anglers can fish for in select Arizona creeks. The eggs passed rigorous health testing performed by the Southwestern Fish Health Center based at the Southwestern Native Aquatic Resources and Recovery Center in Dexter, NM.

Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation
Nothing significant to report

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
Monarch Migration Celebration	April 21-22	San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, Texas	Sponsored by Friends group
Arizona Envirothon	April 20-21, 2018	Mingus Mountain, Arizona	FWS's Arizona Ecological Services is an event sponsor/participants
Birding Festival	April 27-29, 2018	Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge, Texas	
Earth Day Texas	April 20-22, 2018	Fair Park, Dallas	FWS's Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery, Refuge staff and Arlington ES Field Office will participate

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Date:	Monday, April 23, 2018 5:24:30 AM

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Please see attached report from the Southwest Region.
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Another "First" for Threatened Gila Trout

Mora National Fish Hatchery and New Mexico Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office staff, working in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and U.S. Forest Service plowed new ground in Gila trout conservation. On April 18-19, a team of biologists planted 20,750 eyed Gila trout eggs into Sacaton and Little Dry creeks on the southwest flank of the Gila National Forest. The eggs were spawned at the hatchery. The streams within the native range of the trout were devoid of fish, making an ideal situation to plant eggs in gravely pools in redds built by the biologists. This method of planting Gila trout has never been tried. If successful, it may prove to be an efficient way of spreading the range of the rare trout perhaps further facilitating an eventual de-listing. The species went on a 50-year hiatus, closed to angling, until it was downlisted to threatened in 2006. The coppery-yellow trout offers unique angling opportunities.
New Mexico Department of Game and Fish; U.S. Forest Service.
New Mexico, Arizona.

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge Turkey Hunters Successful

The annual spring gobbler hunt was held at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, April 20-22. By the numbers: 135 hunters applied, 25 permits were issued by random draw in January, and 22 hunters participated, 14 of whom harvested a gobbler. The hunt, now in its fifth year, is open to all ages and coincides with the season set by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. All six hunt units on the refuge are open for hunting and hunters may select their preference.
Texas Parks and Wildlife
Texas

Impacted Location: *Texas*

Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
The Guardian	April 21, 2018	Region 2 was contacted by Mr. Jimmy Tobias regarding the listing of the Texas Hornshell. Mr. Tobias was looking for information regarding the process that led to the listing of the Texas hornshell including the six month extension.

Austin American Statesman	TBD	Jeremy Schwartz a reporter with the Austin American Statesman contacted R2 asking to interview some of our ocelot researchers regarding translocation efforts and genetic diversity.
InfoGraphic – Bats and White Nose Syndrome	TBD	Geoff Giller, a reporter with Infographic, contacted R2 requesting an interview/field visit to report on bats impacted by white-nose syndrome. The reporter has also spoken with the FWS WNS contacts in R5. Will visit OK March 21-22 to observe survey work.
Washington Post	April 22 (Earth Day)	Reporter featured recovery and desliting of the lesser long-nosed bat for Post's Earth Day feature. Interviewed FWS SME Scott Richardson.
Arizona *Prescott Courier* *Vail Voice* *West Valley View News* *Prescott eNews*	Wek of April 23	Coverage of the FWS-assisted Arizona Envirothon. High school environmental; education program and competition, featuring range management and black-footed ferrets and golden eagles.
Arizona Daily Star (Tucson)	TBD (April)	.Conservationists' concerns regarding Pima County Flood Control District sediment removal project in the Santa Cruz River. FWS contacting reporter to explain that the proposed project is covered under the Pima County MSCP.
Fishing Tackle Retailer	May 2018	Story covers WSFR-funded research that's revealing smallmouth bass habitat and behavior. http://fishingtackleretailer.com/radios-reveal-wandering-habits-smallmouth-bass/

Havasu News Herald	April 23	Asked about FWS involvement in boat inspections in and around Lake Havasu City, AZ. Reporter was informed FWS is not involved in boat inspections. Recommended he contact AZ Game & Fish.
New York Times	May 2018	Investigating early seasonal and drought drying of the Rio Grande. Reporter seeks to observe Rio Grande silvery minnow salvage as part of his story. R2 arranging for possible trip with reporter (Henry Fountain).

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)

Kuenzler hedgehog cactus downlisting – FWS will finalize the downlisting of Kuenzler hedgehog cactus as early as April 2018. When first listed, only 200 plants from two locations were known. Increased survey efforts identified additional plants and populations, indicating the cactus is no longer at risk of extinction. Today, 4,300 known individual cacti live in 11 known population clusters within its southern New Mexico range. Range and population modeling indicate a potential of 11,000 to 22,000 plants. Additionally, the permitting of captive propagation and sale of the plant has relieved much of the threat from collection of the species in the wild.

15-60 Day Look Ahead

In April or May, the FWS will release less than 14-day old captive-born Mexican wolf pups into established wild Mexican wolf dens on federal land in Arizona and New Mexico. Select reporters will be invited to attend. FWS will send a news release summarizing these cross-fostering efforts to media and stakeholders at the end of May or early June.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

[NEW] On April 18, 2018, four 10-day old Mexican wolf pups were removed from a captive litter at the Endangered Wolf Center in Eureka, Missouri and flown to Arizona. Two were inserted into a wild wolf pack's den in Arizona, and two were inserted into a wild den in New Mexico. The Interagency Field Team will monitor the recipient packs through the summer to determine the success of these cross-fostering actions.

[UPDATE] Notice of Availability of Draft Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan. FWS will announce the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (and comment period) for the LLNB. The target date for the post-delisting monitoring plan is unknown, but anticipated as early as May. No controversy anticipated. Communications package is prepared.

Range-wide lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) Conservation Plan Annual Report. On March 31, 2018, the FWS received the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) fourth annual report on implementation of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-wide Conservation Plan in the near future. FWS will be providing a technical review of the report. FWS greatly appreciates the States' leadership in the conservation of the lesser prairie-chicken and implementation of the RWP. FWS remains committed to working collaboratively with WAFWA on implementing the plan, which is a key component in ongoing efforts to conserve the lesser prairie-chicken.

Draft Recovery Plan for Four Aquatic Invertebrates – FWS published a Notice of Availability of the draft recovery plan on April 2, 2018. The draft recovery plan for four aquatic invertebrates found in desert grasslands in southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas in March 2018 is available for public review and comment. Noel's amphipod, Pecos assiminea, Koster's springsnail, and Roswell springsnail were listed as endangered in 2005. The primary threats to all four species are threats to the quantity and quality of water. Activities, such as oil and gas drilling, water withdrawals from the aquifer and contamination are the greatest threats. Most occupied sites are on FWS Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico and The Nature Conservancy holdings in Texas.

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

[*NEW*] - American Burying Beetle 12 month finding – FWS will propose to reclassify the American burying beetle from an endangered species to a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. Focused conservation efforts have improved the beetle's status, although it continues to face threats. We will also propose a rule under section 4(d) tailoring prohibitions to those most likely to harm the American burying beetle and its habitats. The American burying beetle currently occurs in Arkansas, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska , Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota , and Texas. This finding will likely be of interest to a

number of parties and may be opposed by the petitioners, the Center for Biological Diversity and Center for American burying beetle conservation. Target date for submitting to the *Federal Register* is mid-June. A communications plan has been drafted and will be shared with FWS HQ External Affairs that includes congressional offices, local and state officials and stakeholders. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned to occur at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. Region 2 is lead, and coordinating with Regions 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Tobusch fishhook cactus downlisting notice – In May, FWS will publish a final downlisting notice for the Tobusch fishhook cactus, a small cactus, with curved "fishhook" spines, that is endemic to the Edwards Plateau of Texas. FWS received a petition in 2013 to downlist the Tobusch fishhook cactus based on the findings of our 2010 5-year review. A substantial 90-day finding on the petitions was published on September 9, 2013. In November 2015, one of the petitioners filed a complaint on the lack of a 12-month finding and on December 29, 2016, FWS published a proposal to downlist the species from endangered to threatened. Local interest is anticipated. A communications plan has been shared with FWS HQ External Affairs that includes outreach to congressional offices, local and state officials and stakeholders, a news release to media and posting information on social media is planned at time of publication in the *Federal Register*.

[*New*] Sonoyta mud turtle critical habitat – As early as June, FWS Southwest Region anticipates sending to the Federal Register a proposal to designate critical habitat for the Sonoyta mud turtle. A draft economic analysis of the proposed critical habitat will also be made available. In the U.S., the Sonoyta mud turtle occurs only on Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument on the U.S./Arizona-Mexico border. As such, proposed critical habitat will be limited to NPS lands. The Sonoyta mud turtle was listed as endangered on September 20, 2017. Outreach planning completed. Ranking 2. R2

Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed in early 2018. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS technical staff have reviewed, organized, and responded to comments received from the external working group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) and peer reviewers. FWS has now provided the SSA Report to the Directors of the five State Fish & Wildlife Agencies for an Executive Review. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the LPC. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the states and others.

Other Items of Note

[NEW]: Texas Hornshell Proposed Critical Habitat – FWS is proposing to designate 463.6 river miles of critical habitat for the Texas hornshell, a freshwater mussel found in Texas and New Mexico. The Texas hornshell was listed as endangered on February 9, 2018. The proposed critical habitat for the Texas hornshell is located in five units in the Rio Grande (304.1 river miles), Black River (9.7 river miles), Delaware River (31.1 river miles), Pecos River (85.7 river miles), and Devils River (33 river miles). The units are located in Eddy County, New Mexico and in Culberson, Brewster, Terrell, Pecos, Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick and Webb Counties, Texas. The Service is considering excluding Unit 1 (Black and Delaware Rivers) due to the Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA) and Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAAs) that are in place. Additionally, we are seeking comments on whether we should consider excluding Units 4 and 5 (both Rio Grande units) due to national security concerns. In total, the Service is considering the exclusion of 315 river miles of the proposed critical habitat designation. Publication of the proposed critical habitat is anticipated to occur in the Summer 2018. The public will have 45 days to review and comment on the proposed rule, a draft economic analysis and draft environmental assessment of the proposed critical habitat designation. A full communications package has been drafted including a news release and FAQs.

[NEW] Central Texas mussels draft Species Status Assessment (SSA) report – FWS has been working since spring 2017 with state and federal agencies, universities, and others to compile and analyze the best available data on the following four freshwater mussel species in central Texas- false spike, Texas fatmucket, Texas fawnsfoot and Texas pimpleback. FWS has completed a draft SSA report and provided it to peer reviewers and agency partners (including Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Comptroller of Public Accounts) for their expert review. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the four Central Texas mussels.

American Electric Power (AEP) draft Habitat Conservation Plan NOA– In May/June FWS anticipates sending a Notice of Availability of AEP's Incidental Take Permit application, including a draft Habitat Conservation Plan and draft Environmental Impact Statement to the *Federal Register* for publication. American Electric Power developed a Habitat Conservation Plan to address impacts to the endangered American burying beetle that may result from the construction, operation and/or maintenance of electric transmission and distribution lines or other associated infrastructure in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. FWS is planning to hold public meetings during the 60-day public comment period. A news bulletin has been drafted. Outreach,

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Federal Register Notice of Intent to analysis the approval of a Safe Harbor Agreement was published on April 3, 2018. The Applicant is Freeport-McMoRan and the Agreement will cover spikedace, loach minnow and Gila chub in Eagle Creek in Arizona. We anticipate drafting an Environmental Assessment, but this Agreement is in association with the construction on private lands of a fish barrier to promote recovery of the fish species in the Agreement. At this NOI stage, outreach is focused on the local area and is being conducted in coordination with Bureau of Reclamation and the applicant.

Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Texas Conservation Plan Revision - The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has drafted a revision of the Texas Conservation Plan (TCP) for the dunes sagebrush lizard to address several issues with the current plan based upon the six years of implementation. The draft revision has been shared with participants in the existing plan and is being rolled out to industry, landowners and other potential participant under the TCP. The draft revision of the Texas Conservation Plan has not yet been submitted to the Service for approval. We are prepared to work with the Comptroller's Office on this revision at the appropriate time.

Black-footed ferret nonessential experimental population expansion in Arizona – As early as June, FWS in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department, will propose expanding the black-footed ferret 10(j) designation to include all current and historical ferret habitat in Arizona. The 1996 Arizona 10(j) area was limited to the Aubrey Valley Experimental Population Area (AVEPA); successful reintroductions and subsequent population expansions has resulted in ferrets venturing outside of the AVEPA (as fully protected status). FWS consultation with affected tribes has been initiated. FWS will coordinate with AGFD to best approach and inform Arizona grassland residents and industry (livestock) groups. Communication planning will be conducted.

Leander Independent School District (LISD) ITP – LISD submitted a draft habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit (ITP) on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. The HCP and ITP, if issued by FWS, will provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. One of the species identified in the application is the endangered black-capped vireo. FWS continues to meet with the applicant and other vested parties on the draft HCP and to discuss proposed secondary access road alternatives. We met with LISD on April 4, 2018, and expect LISD to provide an updated draft Habitat Conservation Plan and incidental take permit in the coming weeks. Significant Congressional

interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties. Planned outreach when NOI is published includes issuing a news bulletin. More details available in past reports.

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

Nothing significant to report

Border-Related Activities

Border Coordination: Road Construction – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO) to provide water from a FWS-owned well on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge. Part of the project will require the use of a portion of the refuge's water right to support this national security project. The Baboquivari Road Construction and Repair Project began March 16 and will occur through June 2018. CBP will fund electricity use for pumping the water, and will have equipment in place to facilitate optimum functionality during the project's period of performance. This will ensure both the CBP mission and FWS landscape conservation mission are being met.

Border Coordination: Communication Towers - Work continues between FWS and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for the Block-1 Replacement (B1R) of existing infrastructure with integrated fixed towers located on and adjacent to the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona. A total of two communication towers and four surveillance towers on the refuge have been upgraded with technology that will replace existing equipment and improve detection of illegal border activities. Now that the new construction is complete, CBP is testing and fine-tuning the new technology prior to removal of the existing towers, scheduled for 2018.

Border Coordination: Pedestrian Fence – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol on a Biological Assessment for fencing that starts near the Santa Teresa Port of Entry and then extends west for approximately 20 miles. The area is within the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area, as designated under section 10(j) of the ESA. In 2017, a Mexican wolf crossed the border into the U.S. in this area and then returned to Mexico.

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

Mora National Fish Hatchery delivered 47,500 Gila trout eyed-eggs to the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Canyon Creek Hatchery and more coming soon. These eggs are surplus to what are needed for recovery purposes and are part of fulfilling a request for 100,000 eggs.

About a year from now these eggs will turn into 12-inch trout that lucky anglers can fish for in select Arizona creeks. The eggs passed rigorous health testing performed by the Southwestern Fish Health Center based at the Southwestern Native Aquatic Resources and Recovery Center in Dexter, NM.

Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation

The annual Tribal Fish, Wildlife and ESA Conservation Meeting will take place May 2, 2018, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This meeting is a venue for the FWS in New Mexico to inform tribes of proposed and ongoing activities that may affect or otherwise be of interest to tribes; a forum for tribal feedback and discussion; and an opportunity for tribes, FWS, Bureau of Indian Affairs and other federal agencies to collaborate on conservation. The meeting is being sponsored by New Mexico ES and the BIA.

Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
Birding Festival	April 27-29, 2018	Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge, Texas	
Natural Resource Journey	May 1-5	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge	More than 700 fourth-grade school children are expected to participate in a week-long outdoor classroom.

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Border-Related Activities

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Fish and Aquatic Conservation

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Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report

Tribal Consultation

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Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
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Nothing significant to report.

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Upcoming public events in the Southwest			
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FishBites Report

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Mexican wolves surviving in Mexico	May 13	Reporter Alex Devoid from the Arizona Republic writes about the challenges of recovering Mexican wolves in Mexico.

InfoGraphic – Bats and White Nose Syndrome	TBD	Geoff Giller, a reporter with Infographic, contacted R2 requesting an interview/field visit to report on bats impacted by white-nose syndrome. The reporter has also spoken with the FWS WNS contacts in R5. Will visit OK March 21-22 to observe survey work.
Fishing Tackle Retailer	May 2018	Story covers WSFR-funded research that's revealing smallmouth bass habitat and behavior. http://fishingtackleretailer.com/radios-reveal-wandering-habits-smallmouth-bass/
New York Times	May 2018	Investigating early seasonal and drought drying of the Rio Grande. Reporter seeks to observe Rio Grande silvery minnow salvage as part of his story. R2 arranging for possible trip with reporter (Henry Fountain).
White Mountain Independent	May 2018	Reporter seeks information on Apache trout, Alchesay-Williams Creek NFH and Arizona Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office for feature on angling in White Mtns for seasonal glossy.
DOI LE Officers to assist with Border Security	Unknown	Reporter from KRGV TV inquired about DOI and FWS LE being sent to border. Referred him to DOI Press email as directed by FWS HQ
Bloomberg Law for American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)	TBD	Reporter interviewed Texas Field Supervisor (Austin) and Botanist for a newsletter or online case-study publicizing how Texas Department of Transportation contributed to the recovery (downlisting) of the Tobusch fishhook cactus (and other plants).

The Arizona Republic	TBD	Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service section 7 consultation regarding large southern Arizona development - Villages at Vigneto.

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel
Nothing significant to report.

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)

[NEW] As early as May 21, The New Mexico Office of Natural Resources Trustee (ONRT), the Department of Agriculture (represented by the Forest Service), and the Department of the Interior (represented by FWS and the Bureau of Land Management) (collectively, the "Trustees"), will announce a final Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Chevron Mining Inc, Questa Mine in northern New Mexico. The Site is located five miles east of the Village of Questa, adjacent to the Red River and also includes mine tailing ponds located approximately nine miles west of the mine. The Site is the location of a large groundwater contamination that will require treatment in perpetuity to mitigate human health risks. That treatment will use natural resource damages settlement funds ($4,000,000) for the restoration, rehabilitation, replacement, or acquisition of equivalent natural resources and services that were injured by the release of hazardous substances from the Site. (R2 Southwest Region)

15-60 Day Look Ahead
Nothing significant to report.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings
Nothing significant to report.

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

UPDATE On May 21, 2018, four Mexican wolf pups were removed from a captive litter at the Endangered Wolf Center in Eureka, Missouri and flown to New Mexico. All four pups were inserted into 2 different wild wolf pack dens in New Mexico. The Interagency Field Team will monitor the recipient packs through the summer to determine the success of these cross-fostering actions. News release is scheduled for the week of May 21st.

Kuenzler hedgehog cactus downlisting – On May 10, FWS announced the downlisting of Kuenzler hedgehog cactus. When first listed, only 200 plants from two locations were known.

Increased survey efforts identified additional plants and populations, indicating the cactus is no longer at risk of extinction. Today, 4,300 known individual cacti live in 11 known population clusters within its southern New Mexico range. Range and population modeling indicate a potential of 11,000 to 22,000 plants. Additionally, the permitting of captive propagation and sale of the plant has relieved much of the threat from collection of the species in the wild.

Notice of Availability of Draft Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan. FWS will announce the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (and comment period) for the LLNB. The target date for the post-delisting monitoring plan is unknown, but anticipated in May. No controversy anticipated. Communications package is prepared.

Range-wide lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) Conservation Plan Annual Report. On March 31, 2018, the FWS received the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) fourth annual report on implementation of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-wide Conservation Plan in the near future. FWS will be providing a technical review of the report. FWS greatly appreciates the States' leadership in the conservation of the lesser prairie-chicken and implementation of the RWP. FWS remains committed to working collaboratively with WAFWA on implementing the plan, which is a key component in ongoing efforts to conserve the lesser prairie-chicken.

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Petition to List and Designate Critical Habitat - On May 8, 2018, FWS received a petition from Defenders of Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity to list the dunes sagebrush lizard (DSL) as a threatened or endangered species and designate critical habitat. The Service will review the petition to determine whether or not it provides substantial information warranting a rigorous status review.

American Burying Beetle 12 month finding – FWS will propose to reclassify the American burying beetle from an endangered species to a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. Focused conservation efforts have improved the beetle's status, although it continues to face threats. We will also propose a rule under section 4(d) tailoring prohibitions to those most likely to harm the American burying beetle and its habitats. The American burying beetle currently occurs in Arkansas, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and Texas. This finding will likely be of interest to a number of parties and may be opposed by the petitioners, the Center for Biological Diversity and Center for American burying beetle conservation. Target date for submitting to the *Federal Register* is mid-June. A communications plan has been drafted and will be shared with FWS HQ External Affairs that includes congressional offices, local and state officials and stakeholders. Outreach, including

issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned to occur at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. Region 2 is lead, and coordinating with Regions 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Sonoyta mud turtle critical habitat – As early as June, FWS Southwest Region anticipates sending to the Federal Register a proposal to designate critical habitat for the Sonoyta mud turtle. A draft economic analysis of the proposed critical habitat will also be made available. In the U.S., the Sonoyta mud turtle occurs only on Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument on the U.S./Arizona-Mexico border. As such, proposed critical habitat will be limited to NPS lands. The Sonoyta mud turtle was listed as endangered on September 20, 2017. Outreach planning completed. Ranking 2. R2

Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed in early 2018. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS technical staff have reviewed, organized, and responded to comments received from the external working group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) and peer reviewers. FWS has now provided the SSA Report to the Directors of the five State Fish & Wildlife Agencies for an Executive Review. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the LPC. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the states and others.

Other Items of Note

[NEW] - Western Travis County Public Utility Agency Draft Habitat Conservation Plan – FWS will publish on May 21 in the *Federal Register*, a Notice of Availability for the Western Travis County Public Utility Agency's (WTCPUA) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and their application for an incidental take permit (ITP) in Texas. WTCPUA is preparing to construct a 2.2 mile secondary water pipeline near its existing water transmission main for redundancy and parallel capacity. Construction, operations and maintenance of the Raw Water Transmission Main could impact the federally listed endangered golden-cheeked warbler. If approved the term of the HCP and ITP would be 30 years. A news bulletin will be shared with local congressionals, partners and media.

Texas Hornshell Proposed Critical Habitat – FWS is proposing to designate 463.6 river miles of critical habitat for the Texas hornshell, a freshwater mussel found in Texas and New Mexico. The Texas hornshell was listed as endangered on February 9, 2018. The proposed critical habitat for the Texas hornshell is located in five units in the Rio Grande (304.1 river miles), Black River

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Supportive Stakeholders	Norman Veterans Center, Norman OK
Impacted location	Lawton, OK area.

TITLE:	Fishing with La Sill Optimist Club
Topic	Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge hosted the years second La Sill Optimist Fishing event of the season on May 12, 2018. The youth fishing event was held at the Lake Elmer Thomas fishing pier. Forty-three youth, ranging in age from 2 to 14 years, participated in the four hour event. Stiff winds limited the success of the anglers, but most of the participants were lucky enough to hook between 2 and 3 sunfish each. One participant even snagged a catfish weighing over 2 pounds, which stole the show. A great time was had by all while introducing new youth to fishing.
Supportive Stakeholders	U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of the Wichitas, La Sill Optimist Club
Impacted location	Lawton, OK area.

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Topic	On May 19th, Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge partnered with the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity to sponsor a day of fishing and interpretation for the Sigma Beta Club. The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity has been an influential organization in the African American Community whose members have distinguished themselves in the areas of civil rights, the sciences, the arts and culture. In addition to its founding principles of Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service, Sigma established Sigma Beta Clubs (its youth affiliate arm) in the early 1950 through its Alumni chapters levels focused on issues that impact African American youth and communities. Building on a MOU between the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Wichita Mountains and the local Sigma Chapter were able to introduce Sigma members to wildlife conservation and management issues, outdoor recreation and career opportunities with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Sigma members were also given an opportunity to take part in a Special Use Area fishing outing. The majority of the group had never fished before and the members that had fished before said "I have never experienced anything like this before, this place is amazing." A total of 15 Sigma members experiences the Refuge and were able to connect with the outdoors and the Refuge.
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Impacted location	Lawton, OK area
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Other Items of Note

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Good Morning All,

Thank you for the feedback and request for clarifica on. Understandably, there were a few separate email responses to yesterday's email and for consistent messaging I'll combine informa on requested into one email. The process for targe ng fuels management treatments through a Southern Border Fuels Management Ini a ve is in development, but the feedback I received from the Bureaus while in Boise the other week was helpful for cra. ing a path forward. The following I hope would be beneficial for understanding the "why" we're focused on this effort, project criteria considera□ons, approval process, and funding opportuni□es for moving forward.

Background:
The founda□on for the Southern Border Fuels Management Ini□a□ve derived from the DOI Secretarial priori□es. DOI is implemen□ng the strategic plan framework to protect U.S. ci□zens and employees by suppor□ng Department of Homeland Security (DHS) efforts in securing the southern con□nental border. Through a strategically-focused management strategy founded upon the 2006 Memorandum of Understanding "Coopera□ve Na□onal Security and Counterterrorism Efforts on Federal Lands along the United States' Borders," between DOI, DHS, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (please see a□ached), DOI is planning to reduce vegeta□on abundance along the southern border to increase the visibility of illegal ac□vity and reduce the threat of wildfires that impact life and property while improving ecosystem func□ons. Aligning DOI Bureaus to focus on this ini□a□ve will increase efficiency in mission

delivery and help advance the goals of the existing MOU. Fostering these partnerships will produce on-the-ground results and facilitate a balanced stewardship and use of our public lands.

The 2006 MOU was put in place to promote resiliency of Federal lands and provide for national security in concert with protecting cultural and natural resources within these landscapes. In carrying out the provisions of the MOU DOI agreed to provide access to CBP to conduct work on Federal lands in coordination with DOI law enforcement, where appropriate, to protect the border and the security of the U.S. Targeted fuels management in critical areas along the border and where CBP maintains operational facilities will benefit the missions of both DOI and DHS-CBP, and potentially other partners who agree to participate in this effort including Tribes, states and other Federal agencies.

The focus on border protection is being firmly addressed by DHS, U.S. Custom and Border Patrol (CBP), among others. However, the effectiveness of highly sensitive and expensive surveillance equipment used by CBP to identify and track illegal activity cannot be fully achieved where fuel loading along the border is unnatural or overgrown. Additionally, fuel loading puts CBP and other law enforcement agents at risk from a lack of visibility when working on public lands. DOI can effectively address these issues through targeted fuels management treatments on public lands using standardized methods of prescribed fire, mechanical, and/or chemical treatments across landscapes. Targeted fuels management on public lands where CBP plays an operational role will support the 2006 MOU and CBP's mission by improving the effectiveness of electronic surveillance equipment and increasing law enforcement officer safety. This will have the concurrent benefits of reducing wildfire threats and restoring wildlife habitat.

Project Criteria:
The processes are evolving, but for FY18 shovel ready Southern Border projects and for FY19 planning, please use the following criteria when developing a project description to assess whether a proposed project would meet the initiative's intent:

- project objectives / scope of work
- location
- distance from border (there isn't a set distance at this point, but needs to make sense)
- timing and duration of project
- project cost
- if multi-year project then provide a cost/year
- acres of treatment
- resource benefit(s)
- use of UAS is highly encouraged
- partners involved
- partners leveraging
- benefits to CBP efforts identified

Review Process:
FY18 shovel ready projects will be submitted to the OWF Fuels Lead Position with a copy to Craig Leff and Thao Tran for review and approval. At this time, plan for FY19 review and approval to occur at the Bureau level. For the rest of FY18, approved projects will receive a money transfer over to the Bureau in a timely manner to take advantage of the limited work window. OWF will need develop a tracking mechanism for these allocations within FBMS. The Bureau Fuels Program Lead should be the POC for Southern Border Fuels Management Initiative projects unless delegated to a local contact who is conducting the work.

Current Funding:
The current funding for this initiative is at $4 million. Money that hasn't been allocated in FY18 will carry over into FY19. There is an opportunity to acquire a funding stream for fuels work along the southern border moving forward and completed projects highlighting the support of the Secretary's priority will help support this possibility.

NOTE: Please address questions to Craig and Thao during the gap between when my detail concludes Friday (29 June) and when Kim returns in mid-July.

Thanks again for the clarification requests and I hope that this helps with the process. Again, it is a work in progress so please remain flexible, thank you.

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Best Regards,

Ed

Ed Christopher, RF

On Detail:

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Memorandum of Understanding
Among
U. S. Department of Homeland Security
and
U. S. Department of the Interior
and
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Regarding
Cooperative National Security and Counterterrorism Efforts on Federal Lands along the United States' Borders

I. Purpose and Scope

A. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), including and on behalf of its constituent bureau U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the CBP Office of Border Patrol (CBP-BP); the Department of the Interior (DOI), including and on behalf of its constituent bureaus, the National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR); and the Department of Agriculture (USDA), including and on behalf of its constituent agency the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). Throughout this MOU, these three Departments, including their constituent agencies, may be referred to as "the Parties." Any reference to a bureau, agency, or constituent component of a Party shall not be deemed to exclude application to any appropriate bureau or constituent component of that Party. DHS recognizes that the BIA enters into this agreement only on its own behalf and not on behalf of any Indian tribe.

B. The geographic and jurisdictional scope of this MOU is nationwide. The Parties recognize the national security and counterterrorism significance of preventing illegal entry into the United States by cross-border violators (CBVs), including but not limited to the following: drug and human smugglers and smuggling organizations, foreign nationals, and terrorists and terrorist organizations. The Parties further recognize that damage to DOI and USDA-managed lands and natural and cultural resources is often a significant consequence of such illegal entry. The Parties are committed to preventing illegal entry into the United States, protecting Federal lands and natural and cultural resources, and - where possible - preventing adverse impacts associated with illegal entry by CBVs.

C. This MOU is intended to provide consistent goals, principles, and guidance related to border security, such as law enforcement operations; tactical infrastructure installation; utilization of roads; minimization and/or prevention of significant impact on or impairment of natural and cultural resources; implementation of the Wilderness Act, Endangered Species Act, and other related environmental law, regulation, and policy across land management agencies; and provide for coordination and sharing information

on threat assessments and other risks, plans for infrastructure and technology improvements on Federal lands, and operational and law enforcement staffing changes. This MOU provides guidance in the development of individual agreements, where appropriate, between CBP and land management agencies to further the provisions contained herein.

D. This MOU is entered into pursuant to the governing statutory authorities of each of the Parties.

E. The Parties acknowledge that CBP operation and construction within the sixty-foot "Roosevelt Reservation" of May 27, 1907 (along the US-Mexico border) and the sixty-foot "Taft Reservation" of May 3, 1912 (along the US-Canada border) is consistent with the purpose of those reservations and that any CBP activity (including, but not limited to, operations and construction) within the sixty-foot reservations is outside the oversight or control of Federal land managers.

F. This MOU supersedes any conflicting provision of any prior MOU or Memorandum of Agreement between the Parties or their subordinate bureaus or components.

II. Background

A. DHS, through its constituent bureaus (including CBP and its CBP-BP), is statutorily mandated to control and guard the Nation's borders and boundaries, including the entirety of the northern and southern land and water borders of the United States.

B. DOI and USDA, through their constituent bureaus, are statutorily charged as managers of Federal lands throughout the United States, including DOI and USDA lands in the vicinity of international borders that are administered as wilderness areas, conservation areas, national forests, wildlife refuges, units/irrigation projects of the Bureau of Reclamation, and/or units of the national park system. Tribal governments have primary management roles over tribal lands; however, the United States, through the BIA, may also have a stewardship or law enforcement responsibility over these lands. Many of these Federal and tribal lands contain natural and cultural resources that are being degraded by activities related to illegal cross-border movements.

C. The volume of CBVs can and has, in certain areas, overwhelmed the law enforcement and administrative resources of Federal land managers. In order to more effectively protect national security, respond to terrorist threats, safeguard human life, and stop the degradation of the natural and cultural resources on those lands, DOI and USDA land managers will work cooperatively with CBP to benefit from the enforcement presence, terrorist and CBV interdiction, and rescue operations of CBP.

III. Common Findings and Affirmation of the Parties

A. The Parties to this MOU recognize that CBP-BP access to Federal lands can facilitate rescue of CBVs on Federal lands, protect those lands from environmental damage, have a role in protecting the wilderness and cultural values and wildlife resources of these lands, and is necessary for the security of the United States. Accordingly, the Parties understand that CBP-BP, consistent with applicable Federal laws and regulations, may access public lands and waterways, including access for purposes of tracking, surveillance, interdiction, establishment of observation points, and installation of remote detection systems.

B. The Parties recognize that DOI and USDA have responsibility for enforcing Federal laws relating to land management, resource protection, and other such functions on Federal lands under their jurisdiction.

IV. Responsibilities and Terms of Agreement

A. The Parties Agree to the Following Common Goals, Policies, and Principles:

1. The Parties enter into this MOU in a cooperative spirit with the goals of securing the borders of the United States, addressing emergencies involving human health and safety, and preventing or minimizing environmental damage arising from CBV illegal entry on public lands;

2. The Parties will strive to both resolve conflicts at and delegate resolution authority to the lowest field operational level possible while applying the principles of this MOU in such manner as will be consistent with the spirit and intent of this MOU;

3. The Parties will develop and consistently utilize an efficient communication protocol respecting the chain of command for each of the Parties that will result in the consistent application of the goals, policies, and principles articulated in this MOU, and provide a mechanism that will, if necessary, facilitate the resolution of any conflicts among the Parties. If resolution of conflict does not occur at the local level, then the issue will be elevated first to the regional/sector office; if not resolved at the regional/sector level, then the issue will be elevated to the headquarters level for resolution;

4. The Parties will cooperate with each other to complete, in an expedited manner, all compliance that is required by applicable Federal laws not otherwise waived in furtherance of this MOU. If such activities are authorized by a local agreement as described in sub-article IV.B below, then the DOI, USDA, and CBP will complete the required compliance before executing the agreement;

5. The Parties will cooperate with each other to identify methods, routes, and locations for CBP-BP operations that will minimize impacts to natural, cultural, and wilderness resources resulting from CBP-BP operations while facilitating needed CBP-BP access;

6. The Parties will, as necessary, plan and conduct joint local law enforcement operations consistent with all Parties' legal authorities;

7. The Parties will establish a framework by which threat assessments and other intelligence information may be exchanged, including intelligence training to be conducted by all parties so that the intelligence requirements of each may be identified and facilitated;

8. The Parties will establish forums and meet as needed at the local, regional, and national levels to facilitate working relationships and communication between all Parties;

9. The Parties will develop and share joint operational strategies at the local, regional, and national levels, including joint requests for infrastructure and other shared areas of responsibility;

10. The Parties will share the cost of environmental and cultural awareness training unless otherwise agreed; and

11. The Parties will, as appropriate, enter into specific reimbursable agreements pursuant to the Economy Act, 31 U.S.C. §1535 when one party is to furnish materials or perform work or provide a service on behalf of another party.

B. Responsibilities and Terms Specific to DOI and USDA. The DOI and the USDA hereby recognize that, pursuant to applicable law, CBP-BP is authorized to access the Federal lands under DOI and USDA administrative jurisdiction, including areas designated by Congress as wilderness, recommended as wilderness, and/or wilderness study areas, and will do so in accordance with the following conditions and existing authorities:

1. CBP-BP agents on foot or on horseback may patrol, or pursue, or apprehend suspected CBVs off-road at any time on any Federal lands administered by the Parties;

2. CBP-BP may operate motor vehicles on existing public and administrative roads and/or trails and in areas previously designated by the land management agency for off-road vehicle use at any time, provided that such use is consistent with presently authorized public or administrative use. At CBP-BP's request, the DOI and the USDA will provide CBP-BP with keys, combinations, or other means necessary to

access secured administrative roads/trails. CBP-BP may drag existing public and administrative roads that are unpaved for the purpose of cutting sign, subject to compliance with conditions that are mutually agreed upon by the local Federal land manager and the CBP-BP Sector Chief. For purposes of this MOU, "existing public roads/trails" are those existing roads/trails, paved or unpaved, on which the land management agency allows members of the general public to operate motor vehicles, and "existing administrative roads/trails" are those existing roads/trails, paved or unpaved, on which the land management agency allows persons specially authorized by the agency, but not members of the general public, to operate motor vehicles;

3 CBP-BP may request, in writing, that the land management agency grant additional access to Federal lands (for example, to areas not previously designated by the land management agency for off-road use) administered by the DOI or the USDA for such purposes as routine patrols, non-emergency operational access, and establishment of temporary camps or other operational activities. The request will describe the specific lands and/or routes that the CBP-BP wishes to access and the specific means of access desired. After receiving a written request, the local Federal land manager will meet promptly with the CBP-BP Sector Chief to begin discussing the request and negotiating the terms and conditions of an agreement with the local land management agency that authorizes access to the extent permitted by the laws applicable to the particular Federal lands. In each agreement between CBP-BP and the local land management agency, the CBP-BP should be required to use the lowest impact mode of travel and operational setup reasonable and practicable to accomplish its mission. The CBP-BP should also be required to operate all motorized vehicles and temporary operational activities in such a manner as will minimize the adverse impacts on threatened or endangered species and on the resources and values of the particular Federal lands. However, at no time should officer safety be compromised when selecting the least impactful conveyance or operational activity. Recognizing the importance of this matter to the Nation's security, the CBP-BP Sector Chief and the local Federal land manager will devote to this endeavor the resources necessary to complete required compliance measures in order to execute the local agreement within ninety (90) days after the Federal land manager has received the written request for access. Nothing in this paragraph is intended to limit the exercise of applicable emergency authorities for access prior to the execution of the local agreement. The Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and Homeland Security expect that, absent compelling justification, each local agreement will be executed within that time frame and provide the maximum amount of access requested by the CBP-BP and allowed by law;

4. Nothing in this MOU is intended to prevent CBP-BP agents from exercising existing exigent/emergency authorities to access lands, including authority to conduct motorized off-road pursuit of suspected CBVs at any time, including in areas designated or recommended as wilderness, or in wilderness study areas when, in their professional judgment based on articulated facts, there is a specific exigency/emergency involving human life, health, safety of persons within the area, or posing a threat to national security, and they conclude that such motorized off-road pursuit is reasonably expected to result in the apprehension of the suspected CBVs. Articulated facts include, but are not limited to, visual observation; information received from a remote sensor, video camera, scope, or other technological source; fresh "sign" or other physical indication; canine alert; or classified or unclassified intelligence. For each such motorized off-road pursuit, CBP-BP will use the least intrusive or damaging motorized vehicle readily available, without compromising agent or officer safety. In accordance with paragraph IV.C.4, as soon as practicable after each such motorized off-road pursuit, CBP-BP will provide the local Federal land manager with a brief report;

5. If motorized pursuits in wilderness areas, areas recommended for wilderness designation, wilderness study areas, or off-road in an area not designated for such use are causing significant impact on the resources, or if other significant issues warrant consultation, then the Federal land manager and the CBP-BP will immediately meet to resolve the issues subject to paragraphs IV.A.2 and IV.A.3 of this MOU;

6. CBP may request, in writing, that the land management agency authorize installation or construction of tactical infrastructure for detection of CBVs (including, but not limited to, observation points, remote video surveillance systems, motion sensors, vehicle barriers, fences, roads, and detection devices) on land under the local land management agency's administrative jurisdiction. In areas not designated as wilderness, the local Federal land manager will expeditiously authorize CBP to install such infrastructure subject to such terms and conditions that are mutually developed and articulated in the authorization issued by the land management agency. In areas designated or managed as wilderness, the local Federal land manager, in consultation with CBP, will promptly conduct a "minimum requirement," "minimum tool," or other appropriate analysis. If supported by such analysis, the local Federal land manager will expeditiously authorize CBP to install such infrastructure subject to such terms and conditions that are mutually developed and articulated in the authorization issued by the land management agency;

7. The DOI and USDA will provide CBP-BP agents with appropriate environmental and cultural awareness training formatted to meet CBP-BP operational constraints. The DOI and USDA will work with CBP-BP in the development and production of maps for use or reference by CBP-BP agents including, as appropriate, site-specific and resource-specific maps that will identify specific wildlife and environmentally or culturally sensitive areas;

8. The DOI and USDA will, as applicable, provide CBP-BP with all assessments and studies done by or on behalf of DOI or USDA on the effects of CBVs on Federal lands and native species to better analyze the value of preventative enforcement actions;

9. The DOI and USDA will assist CBP-BP in search and rescue operations on lands within the respective land managers' administration when requested;

10. The CBP-BP and land management agencies may cross-deputize or cross-designate their agents as law enforcement officers under each other agency's statutory authority. Such cross-deputation or cross-designation agreements entered into by the local land management agency and the field operations manager for the CBP-BP shall be pursuant to the policies and procedures of each agency; and

11. DOI and USDA will work at the field operations level with affected local CBP-BP stations to establish protocols for notifying CBP-BP agents when DOI or USDA law enforcement personnel are conducting law enforcement operations in an area where CBP-BP and DOI/USDA operations can or will overlap.

C. Responsibilities and Terms Specific to the CBP. DHS hereby agrees as follows:

1. Consistent with the Border Patrol Strategic Plan, CBP-BP will strive to interdict CBVs as close to the United States' international borders as is operationally practical, with the long-term goal of establishing operational control along the immediate borders;

2. If the CBP-BP drag any unpaved roads for the purpose of cutting sign under provision IV.B.2 above, then CBP-BP will maintain or repair such roads to the extent that they are damaged by CBP-BP's use or activities;

3. If CBP-BP agents pursue or apprehend suspected CBVs in wilderness areas or off-road in an area not designated for such use under

paragraph IV.B.5, then the CBP-BP will use the lowest impact mode of travel practicable to accomplish its mission and operate all motorized vehicles in such a manner as will minimize the adverse impacts on threatened or endangered species and on the resources and values of the particular Federal lands, provided officer safety is not compromised by the type of conveyance selected;

4. CBP-BP will notify the local Federal land manager of any motorized emergency pursuit, apprehension, or incursion in a wilderness area or off-road in an area not designated for such use as soon as is practicable. A verbal report is sufficient unless either CBP-BP or the land managing agency determines that significant impacts resulted, in which case a written report will be necessary;

5. If motorized pursuits in wilderness areas, areas recommended for wilderness designation, wilderness study areas, or off-road in an area not designated for such use are causing significant impact on the resources as determined by a land manager, or if other significant issues warrant consultation, then the CBP-BP and Federal land manager will immediately meet to resolve the issues subject to paragraphs IV.A.2 and IV.A.3 of this MOU;

6. CBP will consult with land managers to coordinate the placement and maintenance of tactical infrastructure, permanent and temporary video, seismic and other remote sensing sites in order to limit resource damage while maintaining operational efficiency;

7. CBP-BP will ensure that current and incoming CBP-BP agents attend environmental and cultural awareness training to be provided by the land management agencies;

8. CBP-BP will provide land management agencies with appropriate and relevant releasable statistics of monthly CBV apprehensions, search and rescue actions, casualties, vehicles seized, drug seizures and arrests, weapons seizures and arrests, and other significant statistics regarding occurrences on the lands managed by the land manager;

9. CBP-BP will consult with land managers in the development of CBP-BP's annual Operational-Requirements Based Budgeting Program to ensure affected land managers can provide input and are, in the early stages of planning, made aware what personnel, infrastructure, and technology the CBP-BP would like to deploy along the border within their area of operation; and

10. CBP-BP will work at the field operations manager level with affected local land management agencies to establish protocols for notifying

land management agency law enforcement officers when BP is conducting special operations or non-routine activities in a particular area.

V. Miscellaneous Provisions

A. Nothing in this MOU may be construed to obligate the agencies or the United States to any current or future expenditure of funds in advance of the availability of appropriations, nor does this MOU obligate the agencies or the United States to spend funds for any particular project or purpose, even if funds are available.

B. Nothing in this MOU will be construed as affecting the authority of the Parties in carrying out their statutory responsibilities.

C. This MOU may be modified or amended in writing upon consent of all Parties, and other affected Federal agencies may seek to become a Party to this MOU.

D. The Parties shall retain all applicable legal responsibility for their respective personnel working pursuant to this MOU with respect to, *inter alia*, pay, personnel benefits, injuries, accidents, losses, damages, and civil liability. This MOU is not intended to change in any way the individual employee status or the liability or responsibility of any Party under Federal law.

E. The Parties agree to participate in this MOU until its termination. Any Party wishing to terminate its participation in this MOU shall provide sixty (60) days written notice to all other Parties.

F. This document is an intra-governmental agreement among the Parties and does not create or confer any rights, privileges, or benefits upon any person, party, or entity. This MOU is not and shall not be construed as a rule or regulation.

In witness whereof, the Parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed and effective as of the date of the last signature below.

Date: 3/24/06

Secretary of Homeland Security

Date: 3/31/06

Secretary of the Interior

Date: 3/29/06

Secretary of Agriculture

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Please see attached report from the Southwest Region.

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Through 29 June, 2018

FishBites Report

TITLE: Radios Reveal Wandering Habits of Smallmouth Bass in Oklahoma

Topic: About the time that redbuds flash their pretty pinkish blooms on eastern Oklahoma's hillsides and gray streamside sycamores unfurl their fresh leaves the color akin to a wet lime, there's something curious going on. And it goes mostly sight unseen. Smallmouth bass are on the move with the singular purpose of procreation. Story link - http://www.thefishingwire.com/features/9c01e658-8d5f-401a-9a63-cc5f2e6e5a86

Supportive Stakeholders: Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Oklahoma State University

Impacted Location: New Mexico, Colorado

TITLE: Rio Mora Highlights

Topic: The Northern New Mexico Complex was abuzz in May with visiting school groups from Denver. The Community College of Denver ran their third annual field ecology course at Rio Mora, May 12-26. As part of this class, six undergraduates assisted Chris Lohrengel with waterfowl surveys at Maxwell NWR, and studied the role of dung beetles in nutrient cycling of bison dung at Rio Mora NWR with the Denver Zoo. Rio Mora also hosted 16 undergraduates from Metropolitan State University for an applied field methods course, May 23-June 1, where students learned how to build erosion control rock structures.

Supportive Stakeholders: North New Mexico Complex, Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State University, Denver Zoo

Impacted Location: Northern New Mexico

Title/Issue	**Anticipated Publication Date**	**Current Status**
Santa Fe New Mexican	N/A	Story on Mexican wolf - history and background on wolf that was killed by a rancher who was convicted of killing an endangered species. https://www.hcn.org/articles/birds-an-owl-sighting-prompts-a-second-look-at-mining-operations
Albuquerque Journal	June 21	Survival of Mexican Wolf Cross Fostered Pups https://www.abqjournal.com/1187406/cross fostered-wolf-pups-may-emerge-from-dens-soon.html
Silver City Daily Press	TBD	Christine Steele is looking to do a story on Gila trout -- Native Fish in the Classroom and propagation at Mora National Fish Hatchery.
InfoGraphic – Bats and White Nose Syndrome	June 26	Geoff Giller, a reporter with Infographic, contacted R2 requesting an interview/field visit to report on bats impacted by white-nose syndrome. The reporter has also spoken with the FWS WNS contacts in R5. Visited OK March 21-22 to observe survey work. https://www.biographic.com/posts/sto/glimmers-in-the-dark

Texas Tribune	June 22, 2018	Kiah Collier had questions about listing of the dunes sagebrush lizard. Answered questions. https://www.texastribune.org/2018/06/22/texas-propose-new-plan-protect-threatened-lizard/
The Arizona Republic	Summer 2018	Reporter working on a long-form series (summer) on Arizona ponderosa pine forest health. Requested list of ESA-protected species that rely on ponderosa forest habitat.
The Cactus Wrendition (Maricopa Audubon Magazine)	Summer 2018 edition	Status update on bald eagles that nest in the Sonoran desert
Oklahoma Living Magazine	TBD	Mary Logan-Wolf, a freelance reporter, is working on an educational piece on transmission lines and birds. She was interested in how we work with the local coops to prevent/minimize bird collisions with transmission lines in OK.
High Plains Public Radio	TBD	Ben Kuebrich, contacted the Service regarding the status of the lesser prairie-chicken and what changes might occur if the species is listed.
Arizona Daily Star (Tucson)	June 22 Follow-up June 28	Sought confirmation that a photo of a jaguar pelt (taken in Mexico) is the same jaguar that had been monitored in the Huachuca Mountains in southern Arizona. [Story 1] [Story 2]

Cronkite News Service	June 28	Sought information on FWS 90-day finding on petition to delist the western yellow-billed cuckoo. [Published version]

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel
Nothing significant to report.

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)
Nothing significant to report.

15-60 Day Look Ahead
Nothing significant to report.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings
Nothing significant to report.

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

On May 14, 2018, four Mexican wolf pups were removed from a captive litter at the Endangered Wolf Center in Eureka, Missouri and flown to New Mexico. All four pups were inserted into 2 different wild wolf pack's den in New Mexico., The Interagency Field Team will monitor the recipient packs through the summer to determine the success of these cross-fostering actions. News release is scheduled for the week of May 21st.

Notice of Availability of Draft Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan. FWS will announce the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (and comment period) for the LLNB. The target date for the post-delisting monitoring plan is early August. No controversy anticipated. Communications package is prepared.

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Petition to List and Designate Critical Habitat - The FWS received a petition from Defenders of Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity to list the dunes sagebrush lizard (DSL) as a threatened or endangered species and designate critical habitat. The

Service will review the petition to determine whether or not it provides substantial information warranting a rigorous status review.

American Burying Beetle 12 month finding – FWS will propose to reclassify the American burying beetle from an endangered species to a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act later this summer. Focused conservation efforts have improved the beetle's status, although it continues to face threats. We will also propose a rule under section 4(d) tailoring prohibitions to those most likely to harm the American burying beetle and its habitats. The American burying beetle currently occurs in Arkansas, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and Texas. This finding will likely be of interest to a number of parties and may be opposed by the petitioners, the Center for Biological Diversity and Center for American burying beetle conservation. Target date for submitting to the *Federal Register* is mid-June. A communications plan has been drafted and will be shared with FWS HQ External Affairs that includes congressional offices, local and state officials and stakeholders. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned to occur at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. Region 2 is lead, and coordinating with Regions 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Sonoyta mud turtle critical habitat – As early as August, FWS Southwest Region anticipates sending to the Federal Register a proposal to designate 12 acres of critical habitat for the Sonoyta mud turtle. A draft economic analysis of the proposed critical habitat will also be made available. In the U.S., the Sonoyta mud turtle occurs only on Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument on the U.S./Arizona-Mexico border. As such, proposed critical habitat will be limited to NPS lands. The Sonoyta mud turtle was listed as endangered on September 20, 2017. Outreach planning completed. Ranking 2. R2

Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS anticipates the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC) will be completed in early 2018. FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS technical staff have reviewed, organized, and responded to comments received from the external working group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics) and peer reviewers. FWS has now provided the SSA Report to the Directors of the five State Fish & Wildlife Agencies for an Executive Review. The goal of the SSA is to have the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the LPC. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the states and others.

Other Items of Note

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FishBites Report

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Topic: June 4-8th 2018 Teresa Skiba, Education Specialist at Valle de Oro NWR, taught adaptive archery, mapping/fort building, and comic book making at Camp Rising Sun for teens with Autism in the Manzano Mountains. Camp Rising Sun is a program of The Autism Programs of The Center for Development and Disability through the University of New Mexico's Center for Excellence in Developmental Disability Education, Research and Service. The program, established in 2006, strives to engage individuals in making healthy life choices, build community and to provide respite to families caring for a loved one with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Over the course of the week, Teresa taught adaptive archery to twenty-five campers with the goal to: build confidence, practice independence, foster friendships and develop problem solving skills. Many campers expressed gratitude and thanks for the opportunity to participate in archery in a safe and inclusive environment. Teresa loved seeing the progression in skill sets, especially when campers would hit the target for the first time and scream with excitement!

Supportive Stakeholders: University of New Mexico Center for Excellence in Developmental Disability.

Impacted Location: Camp Rising Sun Manzano Mountain Retreat Center.

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Supportive Stakeholders:	Santa Ana NWR and PSJA School System Partners
Impacted Location:	Lower Rio Grande Valley, McAllen TX area
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15-60 Day Look Ahead

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Upcoming Workshops & Meetings
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Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions
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FishBites Report

TITLE: Trinity River Refuge Moth Night Out

Topic: The Sixth Annual Moth Night Out Event at Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge on July 21st was a great success. We only observed about 50 species of moths, about 15 species fewer than past years, but had over 35 moth "observers" in attendance. Many folks were first time visitors to the refuge including a half dozen children. Folks were also able to view and photograph dozens of other bugs including owl flies, beetles, hoppers, walking stick, praying mantis, and at least two species of cockroaches.

Supportive Stakeholders: Trinity River, National Moth Week campaign

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FishBites Report

TITLE: Cherokee Nation, US Fish and Wildlife Service work to save endangered species

Topic: The Cherokee Nation, working alongside the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is the first tribal nation to designate an area of land to protect an endangered species of beetle.
Principal Chief Bill John Baker signed an executive order designating a portion of the tribe's 800-acre park on Sallisaw Creek in Sequoyah County as an American Burying Beetle Conservation and Mitigation Area for the next 10 years.

The National Cherokee Nation Park is already a natural habitat for the beetle, and the plan will limit development and preserve habitat so the beetle population will continue to thrive. Chief Baker, Secretary of Natural Resources Sara Hill, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Southwest Regional Director Amy Lueders and other leaders gathered Wednesday in Tahlequah to celebrate the designation.

Supportive Stakeholders: The Cherokee Nation.

Impacted Locations: The Cherokee Nation and Sequoyah County, Oklahoma.

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Supportive Stakeholders: Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the hunting community, Lawton, OK and surrounding communities.

Impacted Locations: Lawton, Oklahoma and surrounding area.

TITLE: Trinity River NWR Hunting Lottery

Topic: Trinity River NWR is accepting applications for a hunting lottery draw for public Big Game and Upland Game hunting opportunities on the Refuge. Applicants do not need to be present to be selected but are welcome to attend the drawing. The lottery is open from August 6 to September 1, 2018 with drawings taken place September 10. A total of 8,000 acres will be open to hunting for deer, feral swine, squirrel, and rabbit. Big Game hunting includes archery, general gun, and muzzleloader seasons. If selected, you will be allowed to bring one adult guest and a youth (ages 12-17) or two youth hunters at no additional cost.

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Border-Related Activities

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FishBites Report

TITLE: Bass Pro Outdoor World Radio Show Interview

Topic: Wildlife Refuge Biologist Dan McDonald at Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge near Lawton, Oklahoma will be featured on the Bass Pro Outdoor World Radio Show on August 18, 2018. McDonald discusses elk hunting offered by the Refuge. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been working with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation on expanding potential hunting opportunities on national wildlife refuges in the state. Mr. McDonald will also talk about potential hunts for deer and wild turkey in the coming years. The show airs at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET on Sirius XM Channel 147.

Supportive Stakeholders: Oklahoma Dept of Wildlife Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the hunting community, Lawton, OK and surrounding communities.

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WTTW-TV PBS Chicago "Chicago Tonight" program	July 9	R2 Mexican wolf biologist Maggie Dwire and Joan Daniels Tantillo, curator of mammals at the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago discussed the partnership between USFWS and the Brookfield zoo on Mexican wolf recovery and the cross fostering of Mexican wolves. https://chicagotonight.wttw.com/2018/07/09/brookfield-zoo-helps-bring-mexican-wolves-back-brink-extinction

Huffington Post *Ajo Copper News (AZ)*	August 6 August 7	Flood the Desert campaign to protest the plight of Mexico-U.S. border crossers and land management enforcement of wilderness access rules on public lands in the desert. Faith communities and human rights activists held a weekend seminar (Ajo, AZ) and then made a statement by entering Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge. Peaceful, no arrests were made. https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/faith-leaders-leave-water-migrants_us_5b68556ae4b0fd5c73dbd56f
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Other Items of Note

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[*NEW*] More than 300 people from local communities attended Refuge Celebration Day at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the gulf coast of Texas. The daylong event offered archery, BB gun target shooting stations, a fishing tank stocked with channel catfish from Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery, an arts and crafts tent with all kinds of nature-based activities, face painting, a smartphone scavenger hunt, and nature sketching. Refuge Fire Crews put together a Junior Wildland Firefighter activity area where kids could try on gear and shoot "flames" with a backpack and fire hose. A small live alligator may have stolen the show, as did several other live critters on display. Assisting the Refuge at the event were partners International Crane Foundation, FlatsWorthy, Inc. who did fly fishing demonstrations, Texas Parks and Wildlife, who brought a hands-on fish touch table and offered a casting game for kids. Rockport Kayak came to do kayaking demonstrations but the weather did not pan out, so they answered questions about kayaking and where to kayak on the refuge. Our local Mid-Coast Texas Master Naturalists borrowed pelts and skulls and had a fun and educational table. Refreshments were provided by the Tivoli Volunteer Fire Department and the Austwell-Tivoli senior class. The Friends of Aransas National Wildlife Refuge gave informal tours of the pollinator garden. The Refuge received great feedback from participants.

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Increasing Outdoor Opportunities along the Texas Coast

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Coastal Program in the Southwest Region is working with Duck Unlimited and the state of Texas to address barriers to individuals with disabilities for access to hunting opportunities. The Service and its partners hope to provide accessible infrastructure such as hunting blinds, boardwalks, and parking for migratory bird hunting sites on national wildlife refuges and state wildlife management areas along the Gulf Coast of Texas. Partners are currently in initial meetings and planning stages. The Service will provide updates as the project moves forward.

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Border-Related Activities

Border Coordination: Pedestrian Fence – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol on a Biological Assessment for fencing that starts near the Santa Teresa Port of Entry and then extends west for approximately 20 miles. The area is within the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area, as designated under section 10(j) of the ESA. In 2017, a Mexican wolf crossed the border into the U.S. in this area and then returned to Mexico.

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

Nothing significant to report.

Migratory Birds

Nothing significant to report.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report.

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report.

Native American Programs

Nothing significant to report.

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Subject:	Re: New message from Contact Us form
Date:	Thursday, November 29, 2018 11:35:30 AM

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Other Items of Note

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[NEW] Havasu National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona and the Arizona Game and Fish Department are once again collaborating to host the Pintail Slough Junior Waterfowl Camp January 4-6, 2019 on Havasu National Wildlife Refuge. The camp is open to youth of any experience level between the ages of 12 and 17. Each youth must be accompanied by an adult. The young hunters will learn to identify duck and geese species, will learn how to hunt waterfowl, and will be taught how to clean and prepare waterfowl for consumption. The waterfowl hunting blinds on Havasu National Wildlife Refuge offer an ideal location for these young hunters to hone their skills. The camp is limited to 18 participants via a random draw to ensure safety and quality of programming.

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Tenkara Angler	Winter 2018-19	Published story on Gila trout conservation with attending video. Pg 70. https://issuu.com/troutrageous1/docs/tenkara_angler_winter_2018-19
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Border-Related Activities

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Fish and Aquatic Conservation

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Migratory Birds

Issued a 30-year eagle incidental take permit to Osage Wind, LLC Dec 20th, and the final EA/FONSI should be posted to the website in the next couple of weeks. Currently waiting on 508 compliance and a potential furlough.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report.

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report.

Native American Programs

Arizona Ecological Services Office will hold its annual Arizona Inter-tribal coordination meeting ca. April 2-3.

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CBS Sunday Morning	Feb 2019	Feature on restoration of American paddlefish in Caddo Lake on the Texas-Louisiana line involving Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery, Texas Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office and Texas Parks and Wildlife. https://www.cbsnews.com/news/nature-up-close-caddo-lake/
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Book author Peter Christie	TBD	Seeks to interview retired SAC Nick Chavez on illegal trade in exotic pets. Declined. Referred to Amy Jonach in HQ.
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Jimmy Tobias, freelance writer	TBD	Reporter contacted FWS inquiring about the lesser prairie-chicken and if the FWS had provided a species status recommendation to DOI.
Dean Russell Columbia Journalism School	TBD	Mexican wolf recovery and cross fostering
Morning Edition AZ station KJZZ	TBD	Reporter interviewed NMESFO Environmental Contaminant biologist on origins of mercury in the environment.
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New Mexico Wildlife magazine (New Mexico Dept of Game and Fish)	Winter 2018	Published stories from two USFWS employees. http://magazine.wildlife.state.nm.us/sunrise-14089/ http://magazine.wildlife.state.nm.us/outwitting-the-fish/
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Texas Wildlife (Texas Wildlife Assoc.)	Feb 2019	Published a feature story on importance of private lands conservation, penned by Regional Partners of Fish and Wildlife Coordinator.

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

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Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge Staff, Friends, and volunteers participated in the annual "All the Way to the Border" highway 286 clean-up on Saturday January 26th. During the event

70 volunteers cleaned up 210 bags of trash from the 45 mile stretch of highway. This is an annual event put on by Rancho Sierra Vista de Sasabe and the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance and sponsored by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). The refuge has participated each year. It is a great opportunity to work with our community and strengthen partnerships with our neighbors in the Altar Valley.

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Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
CBS Sunday Morning	Feb 2019	Feature on restoration of American paddlefish in Caddo Lake on the Texas-Louisiana line involving Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery, Texas Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office and Texas Parks and Wildlife. https://www.cbsnews.com/news/nature-up-close-caddo-lake/
Winter Birding on Maxwell NWR/Huerfano World Journal/Sharon Niederman	February 7, 2019	Submitted to editor by author (Niederman) 2/4.
Arizona PBS	February 2019	Contacted Randy Van Haverbeke (AZFWCO) for an on-site interview at Lees Ferry (Colorado River, Grand Canyon). Questions focused on water conservation and native and nonnative aquatic species, including the endangered Humpback Chub. Randy responded on December 17th, 2018 and was interviewed along with staff from USGS-Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center.

Cronkite News at Arizona PBS	Continuing	Recorded TV interview regarding the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service program that utilized the tamarisk leaf beetle for biological control of saltcedar in riparian areas and the effects it has had on the southwestern willow flycatcher. Flycatcher lead Greg Beatty was interviewed. Print edition continues to circulate in newspapers, including the Arizona Republic.
Cronkite News at Arizona PBS	TBD	Reporter contacted Alchesay Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery to ascertain the work of all three national fish hatcheries in AZ.
Book author Peter Christie	TBD	Seeks to interview retired SAC Nick Chavez on illegal trade in exotic pets. Declined. Referred to Amy Jonach in HQ.
Book author Larkin Powell	TBD	Seeks information on warbler and vireo and birding near Ft. Hood for book manuscript on birding in the Plains states.
Arizona Highways Magazine (Kathy Montgomery)	Fall/winter 2018	Writer is researching ocelots in Arizona and Arizona's possible contribution to species recovery. (Updated information regarding fatality of an Arizona ocelot is being provided to reporter.)
KGUN-9 ABC (Tucson)	1/25/2019	TV news attributed to FWS a trail camera photo taken of a jaguar in the Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona. (FWS was furloughed during this time frame and neither captured nor posted the photo, nor was aware of the photo). University of Arizona citizen science program partner was source of the photo, which FWS is seeking to obtain.

		Animal is likely a previously identified male residing in Dos Cabazas Mountains area; spot identification confirmation not yet obtained.
Jimmy Tobias, freelance writer	TBD	Reporter contacted FWS inquiring about the lesser prairie-chicken and if the FWS had provided a species status recommendation to DOI.
Dean Russell Columbia Journalism School	TBD	Mexican wolf recovery and cross fostering
Morning Edition AZ station KJZZ	TBD	Reporter interviewed NMESFO Environmental Contaminant biologist on origins of mercury in the environment.
KUT Austin	December 4, 2018	Trey Shaar, reporter for KUT Austin, contacted the FWS regarding the CBD Notice of Intent on the salado and Georgetown salamanders for failure to designate critical habitat.
New Mexico Wildlife magazine (New Mexico Dept of Game and Fish)	Winter 2018	Published stories from two USFWS employees. http://magazine.wildlife.state.nm.us/sunrise-14089/ http://magazine.wildlife.state.nm.us/outwitting-the-fish/
Tenkara Angler	Winter 2018-19	Published story on Gila trout conservation with attending video. Pg 70. https://issuu.com/troutrageous1/docs/tenkara_angler_winter_2018-19

Texas Wildlife (Texas Wildlife Assoc.)	Feb 2019	Published a feature story on importance of private lands conservation, penned by Regional Partners of Fish and Wildlife Coordinator.

Environmental Impact Statements - EIS Briefings
Nothing to report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel
Nothing significant to report.

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)
Nothing significant to report.

15-60 Day Look Ahead
Nothing significant to report.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings
Nothing significant to report.

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

Notice of Availability of Draft Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan. FWS will announce the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (and comment period) for the LLNB. The target date for the post-delisting monitoring plan is February 2019. No controversy anticipated. Communications package is prepared.

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

Two Sky Island Plants (Batram's stonecrop and beardless cinchweed) –FWS will make a proposed listing determination for two Arizona/Mexico plants. Bartram's stonecrop is a plant native to southern Arizona and northern Mexico. Proposed critical habitat is determined to be not prudent for Bartram's stonecrop due to the threat of collection. FWS will make a proposed listing determination and proposed critical habitat designation for beardless cinchweed, a plant native to southern Arizona and northern Mexico. The proposed approximately 10,604 acres as critical habitat for beardless cinchweed designation includes approximately 7,713 ac (3,121 ha) of currently occupied habitat and 2,891 ac (1,170 ha) of unoccupied habitat. The unoccupied critical habitat is a portion of historical populations where non-native grass species are limited. These

actions are not expected to be opposed and media coverage is expected to be neutral. Interested stakeholders include the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Department of Agriculture, and Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch (National Audubon Society). A regional news release to all interested parties and the media required but not yet completed. Target date for submitting to the *Federal Register* being re-evaluated in light of furlough delays. Notice of intent to sue over delay was submitted by Center for Biological Diversity during furlough.

Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS has competed the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC). FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS had the SSA Report reviewed by the external working group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics), independent peer reviewers, and the directors of the State Fish & Wildlife Agencies. The SSA Report provides the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the LPC. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the states and others.

American Burying Beetle 12-month finding – FWS has reached an agreement with the American Stewards of Liberty, the Independent Petroleum Association of America and Osage Producers Association (Plaintiffs) to publish a 12-month finding for the American burying beetle no later than April 30, 2019. The American burying beetle is currently listed as endangered and is known to have occurred in Arkansas, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and Texas. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned to occur at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. Region 2 is lead, and coordinating with Regions 3, 4, 5, and 6.

American Burying Beetle litigation - On September 4, 2018, the Center for Biological Diversity sued the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for failing to release documents related to the 12-month finding for the American burying beetle.

Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Petition to List as Threatened or Endangered - The FWS received a petition on June 1, 2018, from Defenders of Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity to list the dunes sagebrush lizard (DSL) as a threatened or endangered species and designate critical habitat. The Service will review the petition to determine whether or not it provides substantial information warranting a more in-depth 12-month status review. We must make initial findings on petitions within 90 days after receiving the petition, to the maximum extent practicable. FWS currently has a significant backlog of petition findings, and limited resources to complete these

findings and other listing functions. The Service will review the petition to determine whether or not it provides substantial information warranting a more in-depth 12-month status review. (See related DSL CCA/A entry in Recovery section below.)

Wright's marsh thistle listing and critical habitat – FWS anticipates publishing in late October a proposal to list as threatened the Wright's marsh thistle and designate 159 acres of critical habitat in southern New Mexico. Wright's marsh thistle is a wetland thistle that occurs in small wet meadows, alkaline seeps and cienegas, widely dispersed through five counties. The eight occupied areas are being proposed for critical habitat designation. Outreach planning is underway.

Other Items of Note

Proposed Oil & Gas Industry Conservation Plan (ICP) extension - The FWS is proposing an amendment to extend the ICP application timeframe by five years. A previous amendment extended the ICP sign-up period for 3 years (until May 20, 2019) and this amendment would extend the sign-up period for an additional 5 years (until May 20, 2024). The ICP has been an effective way to streamline oil and gas industry compliance with the ESA while protecting federally-listed species. The current ICP is only open for new applications through May 20, 2019, and incidental take authorized through the ICP is unlikely to approach the 32,234 acres allowed by that date. The change in timelines is the only proposed revision to the ICP, EA, and BO. There are no proposed changes to the federally listed species or area covered, and no increases in the total amount of incidental take provided through this ICP amendment. This proposed extension of the ICP is likely to be supported by the oil and gas industry because it streamlines the permitting process. The ICP has also supported habitat protection for the endangered American burying beetle and contributed towards recovery of the species. Outreach, including issuing a news release to media, congressionals and industry, as well as posting information on social media is planned to occur at time of publication in the *Federal Register*.

Georgetown and Salado Salamanders litigation - On December 4, 2018, the Center for Biological Diversity filed a Notice of Intent to sue the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for failing to designate critical habitat in central Texas for the Georgetown and Salado salamanders.

Peppered chub Species Status Assessment (SSA) – The FWS is finalizing a SSA report that will be used to support a 12-month finding for the peppered chub. A multi-state team that included input from the states and species experts developed the SSA to address a 2007 petition to list the species. The draft SSA was reviewed by interested partners and sent to several peer reviewers; however, we did not receive any peer reviewer comments. The FWS will be contacting Federal partners to solicit information pertaining to the potential economic impacts of designating critical

habitat for the species, should it be determined that listing is warranted. The 12-month finding is anticipated to be published in late spring of 2019.

Central Texas mussels Species Status Assessment (SSA) report – FWS has been working since spring 2017 with state and federal agencies, universities, and others to compile and analyze the best available data on the following four freshwater mussel species in central Texas- false spike, Texas fatmucket, Texas fawnsfoot and Texas pimpleback. The SSA was reviewed by peer reviewers and agency partners (including Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Comptroller of Public Accounts). The Service received important suggestions from the partner reviewers during the initial review related to the taxonomy for two species. The suggestions are reflected in the most recent update of the draft SSA Report through taxonomic revisions for the Texas fatmucket and the Texas pimpleback. The SSA will inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the four Central Texas mussels.

Leander Independent School District (LISD) Draft Habitat Conservation Plan and Incidental Take Permit – On August 21, 2018, LISD submitted a revised draft habitat conservation plan (HCP) in support of their application for an incidental take permit (ITP) on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. The revised draft HCP is being reviewed. If approved by the FWS, a draft Environmental Assessment to analyse the effects of issuing an ITP will be published for public review and comment. A decision on issuance of the ITP will be made after the public comment period closes. The ITP would provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. Significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties.

Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Texas Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances - The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has submitted a permit application and a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) for the dunes sagebrush lizard to address several issues with the Texas Conservation Plan (TCP) based upon the six years of implementation. The draft CCAA has been shared with participants in the existing plan, industry, landowners and other potential participants under the CCAA. The draft CCAA is currently being reviewed by FWS staff for biological sufficiency.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the binational Jaguar Recovery Team have completed the final recovery plan for the jaguar, requiring Regional Director signature by September 28. The plan sets goals for improving the species' status through its entire 19-country range and provides a framework for achieving recovery. The recovery plan focuses on the cat's population in northwestern Mexico and the southwestern United States – recommending site-specific conservation actions such that the population can most effectively rebound and contribute to the entire species' recovery. Recovery team and cooperating partners have been advised. Release of

the announcement of the plan has been repeatedly delayed pending more thorough reviews of the communications package (now complete). R2 seeks to announce in February.

Texas Hornshell Proposed Critical Habitat – FWS is proposing to designate 463.6 river miles of critical habitat for the Texas hornshell, a freshwater mussel found in Texas and New Mexico. The Texas hornshell was listed as endangered on February 9, 2018. The proposed critical habitat for the Texas hornshell is located in five units in the Rio Grande (304.1 river miles), Black River (9.7 river miles), Delaware River (31.1 river miles), Pecos River (85.7 river miles), and Devils River (33 river miles). The units are located in Eddy County, New Mexico and in Culberson, Brewster, Terrell, Pecos, Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick and Webb Counties, Texas. The Service is considering excluding Unit 1 (Black and Delaware Rivers) due to the Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA) and Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAAs) that are in place. In total, the Service is considering the exclusion of 40.8 river miles of the proposed critical habitat designation. The public will have 60 days to review and comment on the proposed rule, a draft economic analysis and draft environmental assessment of the proposed critical habitat designation. A full communications package has been drafted including a news release and FAQs.

Ocelot 5-year Review - The Ocelot is a medium-sized spotted cat found from southern Texas and southern Arizona through Central and South America into northern Argentina and Uruguay. It was listed as an endangered species in 1972. In July 2016, a final revised recovery plan for ocelot was completed. That plan included involvement from partners in Arizona, Texas and Mexico. The recovery plan informed the development of a 5-year review for the ocelot that was completed in July 2018. The 5-year review recommends no status change for the ocelot. The 5-yr review will be shared on the Southwest Region's Ecological Services webpage.

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

[NEW] Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge (TX) is a main partner with the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville, Texas in hosting the annual Ocelot Conservation Day community event, held this year on March 3, 2019. Taking place at the Zoo, the well-attended event offers hands-on family friendly activities, speakers, educational outreach booths, the Ocelot 5K Run, and live captive ambassador ocelots from the Texas Zoo. The day educates the public about the plight and recovery of the endangered Ocelot. Other partners include the Texas Zoo and Friends of Laguna Atascosa.

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DATE: February 19, 2019
FROM: Amy Lueders, Southwest Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
SUBJECT: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Issues of Interest in Arizona

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Provide information on key U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) issues of Congressional or other significant interest in the state of Arizona.

II. BACKGROUND

The State of Arizona is 113,998 square miles. The FWS has approximately 163 staff in the state that support the FWS mission through a number of programs. Arizona has nine National Wildlife Refuges that total 1.73 million acres and provide hunting and angling opportunities to visitors, as well as being actively engaged in recovering endangered species such as the Sonoran pronghorn. Arizona is home to the largest national wildlife refuge in the lower 48 states, Cabeza Prieta. The three National Fish Hatcheries spawn, raise and release imperiled desert fishes, as well as several trout species for angling, including the threatened Apache trout. The Arizona Ecological Services Field Office manages protection and recovery for 64 listed species in the state including the Mexican wolf, the lesser long-nosed bat, the Gila topminnow, the ocelot and the jaguar. Arizona is also home to the Navajo Nation Tribal Eagle aviary.

III. DISCUSSION

Mexican wolves

The Mexican gray wolf subspecies was listed as endangered under Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 1976; the subspecies-level listing was incorporated into a species-level listing of the gray wolf in 1978. The FWS established a nonessential experimental population (NEP) of the Mexican gray wolf in Arizona and New Mexico in 1998, with the first wolves released that year. In 2015, FWS separately listed the Mexican gray wolf subspecies as endangered and revised regulations for the NEP under ESA section 10(j). In 2017, FWS published a final revised recovery plan that was endorsed by the affected states. In January 2018, several environmental groups filed litigation against the final recovery plan. FWS and DOJ filed a motion to dismiss and are awaiting the judge's decision. The FWS continues to work with partners to further Mexican gray wolf recovery.

The 2017 annual population survey documents a minimum of 114 wolves in the wild. The 2018 survey results will be announced in March 2019. In 2018, there were 20 total wolf mortalities, which is most in a single year. In 2018, there were 99 total confirmed livestock depredations, which is 2.5 times above normal. We still consider this to be in normal levels, because we also had the highest number of collared wolves (~85), which helps us detect mortalities.

Arizona Water Settlement Act

The FWS is a Cooperating Agency with numerous federal, state, and local partners on the Arizona Water Settlement Act (AWSA), New Mexico Central Arizona Project Unit (NM Unit). Partners include Bureau of Reclamation, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and the NM Unit. The AWSA allows New Mexico to divert an annual average of 14,000 acre-feet of water from the Gila and San Francisco basins (not to exceed 140,000 acre-feet over a 10-year period). Numerous ESA listed species occur in the project area. The AWSA includes provisions that allow funds to be expended on municipal water conservation and reclamation efforts. Currently, the Bureau of Reclamation is drafting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a Biological Assessment. The very complex analyses and documents are well underway but are behind schedule. The FWS is working closely with BOR on this project.

Drought Contingency Plan: Colorado River Basin

The Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) is a seven-basin state effort to adjust water allocations temporarily to combat impacts of the current drought. Water allocated in the lower basin is in danger of disruption should lake elevation in Lake Mead drop below 1,075 feet, resulting in a series of Shortage Criteria in which full water allocations will not be delivered. The state of Arizona is one of the first states to be most impacted by water withholding, and is overall a strong proponent of the DCP. It is predicted that Lake Mead elevations will dip below 1,071 by 2021 resulting in triggering Shortage Criteria. The FWS has long committed resources to coordinate with Federal, State and Tribal partners to address environmental ramifications of current river conditions or any DCP plan to provide ESA compliance where necessary. We are partners in the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program and the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (LCR MSCP); both of these provide environmental compliance for river operations and water allocations from Glen Canyon Dam to Mexico. ESA compliance by these programs are necessary to mitigate impacts to the four endangered Colorado River fishes, and at least five other listed terrestrial species that rely on the river corridor. The LCR MSCP is a large Section 7 and Section 10/HCP hybrid that provides ESA coverage for 57 Federal, State, and Tribal entities. This program addresses the needs of 27 species that either are listed under the ESA or are otherwise sensitive. At the request of LCR MSCP Steering Committee members, we are regularly meeting to discuss options for amending the existing program to cover additional compliance needs as a result of the DCP.

Border Barrier on Southern Arizona National Wildlife Refuges

Along Arizona's International Border with Mexico, National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) System lands have experienced significant habitat damage due to illegal border-related activities such as trail networks, litter, dumping, illegal roads and abandoned vehicles. In 2008, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) installed vehicle barriers or fencing in combination with monitoring and sensing technology which significantly reduced habitat damage and conflicts with the public. It is important to note that the barriers were developed to meet specific needs. The designs allow for limited movement of wildlife and do not restrict potential floodwaters at specific locations. Like other areas along the US/Mexican border, the combination of border barriers, surveillance towers, number of agents, and tactics used by CBP has been effective in reducing illegal activities occurring on Arizona's southern NWR's.

Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge: The 860,000-acre Cabeza Prieta NWR shares 56 miles of border with Mexico and exhibits both a 4-foot tall Normandy-style barrier and a 4-foot tall concrete bollard-style barrier. Both barriers are effective at prohibiting vehicles from crossing but allow wildlife passage. Prior to the border barrier installation, drug smugglers coming from Mexico created significant illegal roads, before abandoning the vehicles on refuge property. While not stopping foot traffic, the current border barriers have been very effective in stopping drug smuggling vehicles while still allowing for wildlife movement, including the endangered Sonoran pronghorn.

Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge: The 117,500-acre Buenos Aires NWR is located in south-central Arizona and shares about 5.26 miles of border with Mexico. A barbed wire barrier along the International Border separated the refuge from Mexico until 2007/2008, when Department of Homeland Security (DHS) contractors constructed a 15-foot tall iron and concrete bollard-style barrier along the south boundary of Buenos Aires NWR. While this style of barrier raised concern for migration patterns of large mammals such as jaguar, its installation has also created habitat benefits to the semi-desert grasslands. This DHS barrier allows for some water and wildlife movement, and provides the important tactical advantage of agents and surveillance towers being able to view potential opponents/threats through the barrier (rather than the view being obstructed by a solid barrier). The combination of towers, border barrier and CBP agents have significantly decreased the volume of discarded trash, allowed restoration of grassland conditions, and allowed safe public access into Buenos Aires NWR areas that were previously deemed dangerous and were therefore closed to public entry for over a decade.

San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuge: The 2,369-acre San Bernardino NWR is located in southeastern Arizona and shares about 2.65 miles of border with Mexico and utilizes a combination of vehicle barriers, surveillance towers, and CBP agents. San Bernardino NWR constructed a 4-foot tall iron and concrete bollard-style vehicle barrier along their south boundary in 2005 to prevent habitat-damaging vehicle incursions from Mexico. In 2008, DHS contractors constructed a 4-foot tall mix of iron Normandy-style barrier and iron and concrete bollard-style barrier along the U.S/Mexico border parallel to the existing NWR barrier. Both the San Bernardino NWR and DHS vehicle barriers allow water and wildlife movement.

Southern Arizona NWRs will continue to work with CBP on opportunities for border infrastructure that allows for international security as well as wildlife and habitat considerations.

No More Deaths – Humanitarian Aid on Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge

Cabeza Prieta NWR shares 56 miles of border with Mexico where illegal border crossings and drug smuggling are ongoing issues on USFWS lands. Humanitarian aid workers deposit supply caches for cross border violators along trails and within designated wilderness, often in conflict with USFWS regulations and CBP operations. To date, the refuge has permitted life-saving measures such as rescue beacons, 55-gallon water stations and blue flags at systems that provide water for wildlife. In July 2017, the access permit for Cabeza Prieta NWR, Barry M. Goldwater Range (DOD), and Sonoran Desert National Monument (BLM) was revised emphasizing current refuge regulation to remove all personal property. The USFWS issued nine citations to humanitarian aid workers in 2018 for driving in wilderness areas, abandonment of property, trespass and failing to obtain an access permit. All violators were involved in distributing supply caches in the wilderness area. The Assistant U.S. Attorney's Office is prosecuting these cases. In

January 2018, the first three defendants were found guilty on all counts. The remaining cases are pending trial.

Closure of Roads on Kofa National Wildlife Refuge

Mr. Allen Armstrong owns the Castle Dome and Hull Mine in-holdings within Kofa NWR. In 2017 he gated the Castle Dome Road that passes through his inholdings, preventing access to refuge lands via a route that had been available to the public for decades. His stated reasons for the closure were concerns about noise, dust, and traffic conflicts between refuge visitors and patrons to his Castle Dome Museum/Hull Mine. Mr. Armstrong has expressed no interest in providing an easement across his properties. The Castle Dome Road closure and potential closure of other roads significantly affect refuge staff and visitors. The FWS was able to come to an agreement with Mr. Armstrong that he will re-open the road until an alternative road is created. The FWS has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) for rerouting the Castle Dome Road with a goal of ensuring continued access for Refuge visitors and the least disruption to their traditional use. The FWS will continue efforts to maintain public access and anticipates completing the EA and moving forward with a proposed route in summer 2019.

Apache trout

FWS biologists are immersed in recovering threatened Apache trout in concert with the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Arizona Game and Fish Department and to providing many opportunities to angle for this rare yellow trout. The FWS's Arizona Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office staff seeks to expand Apache trout populations into waters where the fish naturally occurred in the past. Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery staff consults with geneticists at the Southwestern Native Fish and Aquatic Resources and Recovery Center in Dexter, New Mexico, to manage hatchery broodstock at the genetic level to maintain a robust captive stock. Apache trout is Arizona's state fish and lives naturally only in streams pouring off the White Mountains of eastern Arizona on the Ft. Apache Indian Reservation and Apache Sitgreaves National Forest. Angling for Apache trout generates excise taxes for the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

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DATE: February 19, 2019
FROM: Amy Lueders, Southwest Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
SUBJECT: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Issues of Interest in New Mexico

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Provide information on key U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) issues of Congressional or other significant interest in the state of New Mexico.

II. BACKGROUND

The State of New Mexico is 121,697 square miles. Albuquerque is home to the Southwest Regional Office. The FWS has approximately 343 staff in the state that support the FWS mission through a number of programs. New Mexico has nine National Wildlife Refuges that total 389,224 acres and provide hunting and angling opportunities. The Southwest Region's first urban refuge, Valle de Oro, is a 580-acre urban oasis on a former dairy farm. Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge is the largest refuge in the state and home to the Sevilleta Wolf Management Facility. The Mora National Fish Hatchery has the only captive broodstock of threatened Gila trout. The New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office manages protection and recovery for 53 listed species in the State of New Mexico including the Mexican wolf, the New Mexico meadow jumping mouse, the Rio Grande silvery minnow, the lesser prairie-chicken and dunes sagebrush lizard. New Mexico is also home to the Pueblo of Zuni and Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Eagle aviaries.

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Border Barrier on Southern Arizona National Wildlife Refuges

Along Arizona's International Border with Mexico, National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) System lands have experienced significant habitat damage due to illegal border-related activities such as trail networks, litter, dumping, illegal roads and abandoned vehicles. In 2008, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) installed vehicle barriers or fencing in combination with monitoring and sensing technology which significantly reduced habitat damage and conflicts with the public. It is important to note that the barriers were developed to meet specific needs. The designs allow for limited movement of wildlife and do not restrict potential floodwaters at specific locations. Like other areas along the US/Mexican border, the combination of border barriers, surveillance towers, number of agents, and tactics used by CBP has been effective in reducing illegal activities occurring on Arizona's southern NWR's.

Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge: The 860,000-acre Cabeza Prieta NWR shares 56 miles of border with Mexico and exhibits both a 4-foot tall Normandy-style barrier and a 4-foot tall concrete bollard-style barrier. Both barriers are effective at prohibiting vehicles from crossing but allow wildlife passage. Prior to the border barrier installation, drug smugglers coming from Mexico created significant illegal roads, before abandoning the vehicles on refuge property. While not stopping foot traffic, the current border barriers have been very effective in stopping drug smuggling vehicles while still allowing for wildlife movement, including the endangered Sonoran pronghorn.

Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge: The 117,500-acre Buenos Aires NWR is located in south-central Arizona and shares about 5.26 miles of border with Mexico. A barbed wire barrier along the International Border separated the refuge from Mexico until 2007/2008, when Department of Homeland Security (DHS) contractors constructed a 15-foot tall iron and concrete bollard-style barrier along the south boundary of Buenos Aires NWR. While this style of barrier raised concern for migration patterns of large mammals such as jaguar, its installation has also created habitat benefits to the semi-desert grasslands. This DHS barrier allows for some water and wildlife movement, and provides the important tactical advantage of agents and surveillance towers being able to view potential opponents/threats through the barrier (rather than the view being obstructed by a solid barrier). The combination of towers, border barrier and CBP agents have significantly decreased the volume of discarded trash, allowed restoration of grassland conditions, and allowed safe public access into Buenos Aires NWR areas that were previously deemed dangerous and were therefore closed to public entry for over a decade.

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Southern Arizona NWRs will continue to work with CBP on opportunities for border infrastructure that allows for international security as well as wildlife and habitat considerations.

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Mora National Fish Hatchery is a place of refuge for the rare Gila trout as well as where leading-edge science is employed for their betterment. The hatchery holds five genetically distinct lineages of Gila trout, native only to the uppermost reaches of the Gila River. Hatchery staff consults with geneticists at the Southwestern Native Fish and Aquatic Resources and Recovery Center in Dexter, New Mexico, to manage hatchery broodstock at the genetic level to maintain robust captive stocks. Hatchery staff work in concert with USFWS's New Mexico Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and U.S. Forest Service to return Gila trout to streams occupied by the fish in the past. Expanding the trout's range is essential to eventual delisting and provides more fishing opportunities, which generates excise taxes for the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

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Region 2 Weekly Report

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Media Contacts

Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
CBS Sunday Morning	Feb 2019	Feature on restoration of American paddlefish in Caddo Lake on the Texas-Louisiana line involving Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery, Texas Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office and Texas Parks and Wildlife. https://www.cbsnews.com/news/nature-up-close-caddo-lake/
Winter Birding on Maxwell NWR/Huerfano World Journal/Sharon Niederman	February 7, 2019	Submitted to editor by author (Niederman) 2/4.
Arizona PBS	February 2019	Contacted Randy Van Haverbeke (AZFWCO) for an on-site interview at Lees Ferry (Colorado River, Grand Canyon). Questions focused on water conservation and native and nonnative aquatic species, including the endangered Humpback Chub. Randy responded on December 17th, 2018 and was interviewed along with staff from USGS-Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center.

Cronkite News at Arizona PBS	Continuing	Recorded TV interview regarding the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service program that utilized the tamarisk leaf beetle for biological control of saltcedar in riparian areas and the effects it has had on the southwestern willow flycatcher. Flycatcher lead Greg Beatty was interviewed. Print edition continues to circulate in newspapers, including the Arizona Republic.
Cronkite News at Arizona PBS	TBD	Reporter contacted Alchesay Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery to ascertain the work of all three national fish hatcheries in AZ.
Book author Peter Christie	TBD	Seeks to interview retired SAC Nick Chavez on illegal trade in exotic pets. Declined. Referred to Amy Jonach in HQ.
Book author Larkin Powell	TBD	Seeks information on warbler and vireo and birding near Ft. Hood for book manuscript on birding in the Plains states.
Arizona Highways Magazine (Kathy Montgomery)	Fall/winter 2018	Writer is researching ocelots in Arizona and Arizona's possible contribution to species recovery. (Updated information regarding fatality of an Arizona ocelot is being provided to reporter.)
KGUN-9 ABC (Tucson)	1/25/2019	TV news attributed to FWS a trail camera photo taken of a jaguar in the Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona. (FWS was furloughed during this time frame and neither captured nor posted the photo, nor was aware of the photo). University of Arizona citizen science program partner was source of the photo, which FWS is seeking to obtain.

		Animal is likely a previously identified male residing in Dos Cabazas Mountains area; spot identification confirmation not yet obtained.
Jimmy Tobias, freelance writer	TBD	Reporter contacted FWS inquiring about the lesser prairie-chicken and if the FWS had provided a species status recommendation to DOI.
Dean Russell Columbia Journalism School	TBD	Mexican wolf recovery and cross fostering
Morning Edition AZ station KJZZ	TBD	Reporter interviewed NMESFO Environmental Contaminant biologist on origins of mercury in the environment.
KUT Austin	December 4, 2018	Trey Shaar, reporter for KUT Austin, contacted the FWS regarding the CBD Notice of Intent on the salado and georgetown salamanders for failure to designate critical habitat.
New Mexico Wildlife magazine (New Mexico Dept of Game and Fish)	Winter 2018	Published stories from two USFWS employees. http://magazine.wildlife.state.nm.us/sunrise-14089/ http://magazine.wildlife.state.nm.us/outwitting-the-fish/
Tenkara Angler	Winter 2018-19	Published story on Gila trout conservation with attending video. Pg 70. https://issuu.com/troutrageous1/docs/tenkara_angler_winter_2018-19

Texas Wildlife (Texas Wildlife Assoc.)	Feb 2019	Published a feature story on importance of private lands conservation, penned by Regional Partners of Fish and Wildlife Coordinator.
Big Blend Magazines/ NationalParkTraveling.com	Feb 2019	Big Blend Video and Big Blend Radio interview with Wildlife Refuge Specialist Joshua Smith about plants and wildflowers on the Buenos Aires NWR. https://nationalparktraveling.com/listing/wildflower-wonderland-in-buenos-aires-nwr/

Environmental Impact Statements - EIS Briefings
Nothing to report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel
Nothing significant to report.

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)
Nothing significant to report.

15-60 Day Look Ahead
Nothing significant to report.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings
Nothing significant to report.

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

Notice of Availability of Draft Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan. FWS will announce the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (and comment period) for the LLNB. The target date for the post-delisting monitoring plan is February 2019. No controversy anticipated. Communications package is prepared.

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

[NEW] - Lesser Prairie-Chicken litigation - On February 14, 2019, the Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife and Wild Earth Guardians, sued the Department of the Interior

and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for failing to make a 12-month finding for the lesser prairie-chicken.

Two Sky Island Plants (Batram's stonecrop and beardless cinchweed) –FWS will make a proposed listing determination for two Arizona/Mexico plants. Bartram's stonecrop is a plant native to southern Arizona and northern Mexico. Proposed critical habitat is determined to be not prudent for Bartram's stonecrop due to the threat of collection. FWS will make a proposed listing determination and proposed critical habitat designation for beardless cinchweed, a plant native to southern Arizona and northern Mexico. The proposed approximately 10,604 acres as critical habitat for beardless cinchweed designation includes approximately 7,713 ac (3,121 ha) of currently occupied habitat and 2,891 ac (1,170 ha) of unoccupied habitat. The unoccupied critical habitat is a portion of historical populations where non-native grass species are limited. These actions are not expected to be opposed and media coverage is expected to be neutral. Interested stakeholders include the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Department of Agriculture, and Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch (National Audubon Society). A regional news release to all interested parties and the media required but not yet completed. Target date for submitting to the *Federal Register* being re-evaluated in light of furlough delays. Notice of intent to sue over delay was submitted by Center for Biological Diversity during furlough.

Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS has competed the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC). FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS had the SSA Report reviewed by the external working group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics), independent peer reviewers, and the directors of the State Fish & Wildlife Agencies. The SSA Report provides the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the LPC. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the states and others.

American Burying Beetle 12-month finding – FWS has reached an agreement with the American Stewards of Liberty, the Independent Petroleum Association of America and Osage Producers Association (Plaintiffs) to publish a 12-month finding for the American burying beetle no later than April 30, 2019. The American burying beetle is currently listed as endangered and is known to have occurred in Arkansas, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and Texas. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned to occur at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. Region 2 is lead, and coordinating with Regions 3, 4, 5, and 6.

American Burying Beetle litigation - On September 4, 2018, the Center for Biological Diversity sued the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for failing to release documents related to the 12-month finding for the American burying beetle.

Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Petition to List as Threatened or Endangered - The FWS received a petition on June 1, 2018, from Defenders of Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity to list the dunes sagebrush lizard (DSL) as a threatened or endangered species and designate critical habitat. The Service will review the petition to determine whether or not it provides substantial information warranting a more in-depth 12-month status review. We must make initial findings on petitions within 90 days after receiving the petition, to the maximum extent practicable. FWS currently has a significant backlog of petition findings, and limited resources to complete these findings and other listing functions. The Service will review the petition to determine whether or not it provides substantial information warranting a more in-depth 12-month status review. (See related DSL CCA/A entry in Recovery section below.)

Wright's marsh thistle listing and critical habitat – FWS anticipates publishing in late October a proposal to list as threatened the Wright's marsh thistle and designate 159 acres of critical habitat in southern New Mexico. Wright's marsh thistle is a wetland thistle that occurs in small wet meadows, alkaline seeps and cienegas, widely dispersed through five counties. The eight occupied areas are being proposed for critical habitat designation. Outreach planning is underway.

Other Items of Note

[UPDATE] Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Texas Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances - The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an enhancement of survival (EOS) permit pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The permit application includes a draft candidate conservation agreement with assurances (CCAA) for the dune sagebrush lizard (DSL) in west Texas and covers Andrews, Gaines, Winkler, Ward, Ector and Crane counties in Texas. The CCAA, and associated permit, would authorize incidental take resulting from activities covered by the CCAA (e.g., oil and gas, sand mining, renewable energy, agriculture and ranching activities) as well as incidental take resulting from actions taken to avoid, minimize, and offset disturbance of DSL habitat that result from the covered activities. If approved the EOS and CCAA would be in effect for 30 years. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned to occur at time of publication in the *Federal Register*.

Proposed Oil & Gas Industry Conservation Plan (ICP) extension - The FWS is proposing an amendment to extend the ICP application timeframe by five years. A previous amendment extended the ICP sign-up period for 3 years (until May 20, 2019) and this amendment would extend the sign-up period for an additional 5 years (until May 20, 2024). The ICP has been an effective way to streamline oil and gas industry compliance with the ESA while protecting federally-listed species. The current ICP is only open for new applications through May 20, 2019, and incidental take authorized through the ICP is unlikely to approach the 32,234 acres allowed by that date. The change in timelines is the only proposed revision to the ICP, EA, and BO. There are no proposed changes to the federally listed species or area covered, and no increases in the total amount of incidental take provided through this ICP amendment. This proposed extension of the ICP is likely to be supported by the oil and gas industry because it streamlines the permitting process. The ICP has also supported habitat protection for the endangered American burying beetle and contributed towards recovery of the species. Outreach, including issuing a news release to media, congressionals and industry, as well as posting information on social media is planned to occur at time of publication in the *Federal Register*.

Georgetown and Salado Salamanders litigation - On December 4, 2018, the Center for Biological Diversity filed a Notice of Intent to sue the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for failing to designate critical habitat in central Texas for the Georgetown and Salado salamanders.

Peppered chub Species Status Assessment (SSA) – The FWS is finalizing a SSA report that will be used to support a 12-month finding for the peppered chub. A multi-state team that included input from the states and species experts developed the SSA to address a 2007 petition to list the species. The draft SSA was reviewed by interested partners and sent to several peer reviewers; however, we did not receive any peer reviewer comments. The FWS will be contacting Federal partners to solicit information pertaining to the potential economic impacts of designating critical habitat for the species, should it be determined that listing is warranted. The 12-month finding is anticipated to be published in late spring of 2019.

Central Texas mussels Species Status Assessment (SSA) report – FWS has been working since spring 2017 with state and federal agencies, universities, and others to compile and analyze the best available data on the following four freshwater mussel species in central Texas- false spike, Texas fatmucket, Texas fawnsfoot and Texas pimpleback. The SSA was reviewed by peer reviewers and agency partners (including Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Comptroller of Public Accounts). The Service received important suggestions from the partner reviewers during the initial review related to the taxonomy for two species. The suggestions are reflected in the most recent update of the draft SSA Report through taxonomic revisions for the Texas fatmucket and the Texas pimpleback. The SSA will inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the four Central Texas mussels.

Leander Independent School District (LISD) Draft Habitat Conservation Plan and Incidental Take Permit – On August 21, 2018, LISD submitted a revised draft habitat conservation plan

(HCP) in support of their application for an incidental take permit (ITP) on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. The revised draft HCP is being reviewed. If approved by the FWS, a draft Environmental Assessment to analyse the effects of issuing an ITP will be published for public review and comment. A decision on issuance of the ITP will be made after the public comment period closes. The ITP would provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. Significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the binational Jaguar Recovery Team have completed the final recovery plan for the jaguar, requiring Regional Director signature by September 28. The plan sets goals for improving the species' status through its entire 19-country range and provides a framework for achieving recovery. The recovery plan focuses on the cat's population in northwestern Mexico and the southwestern United States – recommending site-specific conservation actions such that the population can most effectively rebound and contribute to the entire species' recovery. Recovery team and cooperating partners have been advised. Release of the announcement of the plan has been repeatedly delayed pending more thorough reviews of the communications package (now complete). R2 seeks to announce in February.

Texas Hornshell Proposed Critical Habitat – FWS is proposing to designate 463.6 river miles of critical habitat for the Texas hornshell, a freshwater mussel found in Texas and New Mexico. The Texas hornshell was listed as endangered on February 9, 2018. The proposed critical habitat for the Texas hornshell is located in five units in the Rio Grande (304.1 river miles), Black River (9.7 river miles), Delaware River (31.1 river miles), Pecos River (85.7 river miles), and Devils River (33 river miles). The units are located in Eddy County, New Mexico and in Culberson, Brewster, Terrell, Pecos, Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick and Webb Counties, Texas. The Service is considering excluding Unit 1 (Black and Delaware Rivers) due to the Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA) and Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAAs) that are in place. In total, the Service is considering the exclusion of 40.8 river miles of the proposed critical habitat designation. The public will have 60 days to review and comment on the proposed rule, a draft economic analysis and draft environmental assessment of the proposed critical habitat designation. A full communications package has been drafted including a news release and FAQs.

Ocelot 5-year Review - The Ocelot is a medium-sized spotted cat found from southern Texas and southern Arizona through Central and South America into northern Argentina and Uruguay. It was listed as an endangered species in 1972. In July 2016, a final revised recovery plan for ocelot was completed. That plan included involvement from partners in Arizona, Texas and Mexico. The recovery plan informed the development of a 5-year review for the ocelot that was

completed in July 2018. The 5-year review recommends no status change for the ocelot. The 5-yr review will be shared on the Southwest Region's Ecological Services webpage.

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

[NEW] Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge (AZ) hosted the annual "Women's Javelina Hunt" sponsored by the Arizona Chapter of Safari Club International, The Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona Mule Deer Organization, and the Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW) initiative. The group used our newly established group campsite 2/14 -18/ 2019. The weather was less than ideal for javelina hunting but a couple participants managed to harvest animals.

Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge (TX) is a main partner with the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville, Texas in hosting the annual Ocelot Conservation Day community event, held this year on March 3, 2019. Taking place at the Zoo, the well-attended event offers hands-on family friendly activities, speakers, educational outreach booths, the Ocelot 5K Run, and live captive ambassador ocelots from the Texas Zoo. The day educates the public about the plight and recovery of the endangered Ocelot. Other partners include the Texas Zoo and Friends of Laguna Atascosa.

Border-Related Activities

Border Coordination: Pedestrian Fence – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol on a Biological Assessment for fencing that starts near the Santa Teresa Port of Entry and then extends west for approximately 20 miles. The area is within the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area, as designated under section 10(j) of the ESA. In 2017, a Mexican wolf crossed the border into the U.S. in this area and then returned to Mexico.

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

A short video documenting captive spawning of threatened Apache trout has gone viral on Facebook, reaching nearly 500,000 views. The video shows conservation workers from Alchesay Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery, Arizona Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office and White Mountain Apache Tribe collecting and fertilizing Apache trout eggs, as well as collecting ovarian fluid for health assessment by staff at the Southwestern Native Aquatic Resources and Recovery Center.

Migratory Birds

Issued a 30-year eagle incidental take permit to Osage Wind, LLC Dec 20th, and the final EA/FONSI should be posted to the website in the next couple of weeks. Currently waiting on 508 compliance and a potential furlough.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report.

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report.

Native American Programs

Arizona Ecological Services Office will hold its annual Arizona Inter-tribal coordination meeting ca. April 2-3.

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Attached is the Weekly Report to the Secretary in both Word and Google Doc formats.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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WEEKLY REPORT
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Acting Chief of Staff Todd Willens will be in the office.

Deputy Chief of Staff Katharine MacGregor will be on personal leave March 4 and 5 and in the office the rest of the week.

Director of Scheduling and Advance Samantha Hebert will be in the office.

Senior Advisor Scott Hommel will be in the office.

Senior Advisor Heather Swift will be in the office.

Special Assistant Matthew Dermody will be in the office.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Director John Bockmier will be in the office.

Deputy Director Russell Newell will be in the office.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Cole Rojewski, Director, will be in the office and in meetings on Capitol Hill

Aaron Thiele, Advisor, will be in the office and in meetings on Capitol Hill

Taylor Playforth, Advisor, will be in the office and in meetings on Capitol Hill.

Hearings

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY & MINERAL RESOURCES HEARING
March 6th, BOEM, Acting Director, Walter Cruickshank & BSEE, Chief, of Offshore Regulatory Programs Doug Morris will testify at a hearing titled "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement."

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY & MINERAL RESOURCES HEARING

March 12th, BLM, Deputy Director, Mike Nedd will testify at a hearing titled "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Bureau of Land Management."

OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Todd Wynn, Director, will be in the office all week.
Benjamin Cassidy, Senior Deputy Director, will be in the office all week.
Tim Williams, Deputy Director, will be in the office all week.
Jason Funes, Special Assistant, will be in the office all week.
Sarah Spaulding, Special Assistant will be in the office all week.

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)

The OIEA team is planning for a number of meetings with groups of county commissioners while the National Association of Counties conference is in DC.

The OIEA team is working with external partners to ensure a successful event in Denver at the Boone and Crockett dinner.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Associate Deputy Secretary Jim Cason will be in the office.

Immediate Announcements and Actions

The Department will sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Defense expanding the role of the DoD liaison to include all issues between the two departments. The MOA will implement the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2018. The package has cleared DOI surnaming and is awaiting concurrence from DoD.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

- Director Julie Lillie will be in the office
- The Department of the Interior's submission for the Spring 2019 update of the "Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions" is due to the Office of Management and Budget by March 6, 2019. The Office of the Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs is currently working with Bureau/Office regulatory contacts to compile information for the Department's Agenda submission.

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)

- **DOI Priority Rules-**

○ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Final Rule, "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Prohibitions to Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of Blanket Section 4(d) Rule" (RIN 1018-BC97)-The FWS is finalizing revisions to the regulations on prohibitions that apply to species that are listed as threatened species or downlisted from an endangered species to a threatened species. The final rule is with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 12866. DOI received interagency review comments on February 25, 2019.

○ FWS Final Rule, "Conservation of Endangered and Threatened Species; Revision of Regulations to Address Interagency Cooperation" (RIN 1018-BC87) - The FWS is finalizing revisions to its regulations for interagency cooperation pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. The final rule is with the OMB for review pursuant to EO 12866. Interagency comments were due February 13, 2019. A conference call is scheduled with OMB and DOJ staff for February 28, 2019.

○ FWS Final Rule, "Endangered and Threatened Species of Wildlife and Plants; Revision of the Regulations for Listing Species and Designating Critical Habitat" (RIN 1018-BC88) - The FWS is finalizing revisions to its regulations for listing endangered and threatened species and for designating critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act. The final rule is with the OMB for review pursuant to EO 12866. Interagency comments were due February 13, 2019. A conference call with OMB and DOJ was held on February 26, 2019. Interagency comments were also provided to DOI on February 26, 2019.

○ Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Final Rule, "Oil and Gas Sulfur Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf - Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Revisions" (RIN 1014-AA39) - The BSEE is finalizing revisions to the regulations for oil and gas drilling, workover, completion and decommissioning operations on the Outer Continental Shelf. The final rule is with the OMB for review pursuant to EO 12866. On February 8, 2019, OMB provided DOI/BSEE with an initial round of EO 12866 interagency comments. On February 26, 2019, BSEE submitted initial drafts of revised final rule documents, which include responses to the comments received from OMB, for Departmental review. The revised final rule documents and comment responses are currently under review. An EO 12866 "listening session" with the American Petroleum Institute and other organization was held for the rule on February 26, 2019.

○ The Department's proposed rule titled, "Freedom of Information Act Regulations," published on December 28th, 2018. The team plans to have the final rule ready for Departmental clearance by March 1. OMB has received a request from one agency to review the draft final rule under E.O. 12866. OMB is considering whether to formally request review of the rule. We are working with OMB to determine if a briefing would be sufficient.

- Interagency Reviews Under E.O. 12866

○ EPA's NPRM titled, "Aquatic Life Criteria for Aluminum in Oregon." Comments due to OMB on March 12, 2019.

○ EPA's NPRM titled, "Vehicle Test Procedure Adjustments for Tier 3 Certification Test Fuel." Comments due to OMB on March 11, 2019.

○ EPA's NPRM titled, "Reclassification of Major Sources as Areas Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act" Comments due to OMB on March 8, 2019.
○ DoD's Interim Rule titled, "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Restriction on the Acquisition of Certain Magnets and Tungsten." Comments due to OMB on March 6, 2019.
○ NIST Draft Policy titled, "Protecting and Controlling Unclassified Information in Nonfederal Systems and Organizations." Comments due to OMB on March 6, 2019.
○ SBA's NPRM titled, "Women-Owned Small Business and Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business – Certification." Comments due to OMB on March 1, 2019.

Committee Meetings:

Invasive Species Advisory Committee - Committee is scheduled to meet February 26-28, 2019 in Washington, DC

Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission - Commission is scheduled to meet February 27, 2019 in Washington, DC

International Wildlife Conservation Council - Council is scheduled to meet March 14-15, 2019 in Dallas, TX

Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council - Council is scheduled to meet March 21, 2019 in Washington, DC

Correspondence:

The White House has requested a draft Presidential Proclamation for National Park Week. The draft is due to the White House on March 8th. OCO has been tasked with working on the draft.

FOIA:

Litigation Awareness Reviews

1:17-cv-02111/ OS-2017-00770 and OS-2017-01221, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (Joe Bushyhead), Records concerning R.S. 2477 settlement negotiations in Utah
1:18-cv-01368/ OS-2018-00181 et al., Pacific Standard Magazine (Jimmy Tobias), Multiple FOIA requests aggregated into one litigation
3:18-cv-00797/ OS-2017-01308, Sierra Club (Ellen Richmond), External communications from IOS personnel
1:17-cv-00996/ OS-2017-00207, Western Values Project (Chris Saeger), Pre-1/20/17 monuments establishment materials
1:18-cv-01216/ OS-2018-00570 and OS-2018-00843, American Oversight (Austin Evers), Communications regarding off-shore drilling

OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Congressional Hearings, and Travel

Principal Deputy Solicitor Dan Jorjani is in the office.

Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA)
We have been invited to attend the Senior Plenary Session of the IGIA, to be held at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on February 25. This year's attendees will include Acting Secretary Bernhardt, Assistant Secretary Domenech, and the governors of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Disaster recovery will be a major topic at the plenary session.

Litigation

Multiple Lawsuits Related to the Emergency Declaration on the Southern Border
The Department has been named in several lawsuits challenging President Trump's declaration of an emergency on the Mexican border (*Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. Trump et al.*, 1:19-cv-00408 (D.D.C.); *California et al. v. Trump et al.*, 3:19-cv-00872 (N.D. Cal.); *El Paso County, et al., v. Trump et. al.,* 3:19-cv-00066 (W.D. Tex.)). General Law is working with the Department of Justice to identify departmental equities and to get litigation holds in place.

Parker Drilling v. Newton (Sup. Ct.; Gov't is not a party)
The question in this case, on which the Supreme Court granted certiorari last month, is whether, under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, state law is borrowed as the applicable federal law only when there is a gap in the coverage of federal law, as the Fifth Circuit has held, or whenever state law pertains to the subject matter of a lawsuit and is not preempted by inconsistent federal law, as the Ninth Circuit held below. In response to a request from the Office of the Solicitor General, the Department provided a recommendation that the United States submit an amicus brief in favor of Petitioner (as did the Coast Guard). While no decision has been made, if the U.S. were to support petitioner its brief would be due on February 27. DOJ sent draft briefs on February 23, and on February 25, for DOI review.

Tugaw Ranches v. DOI (D. Idaho)
On February 25, the court denied the United States' motion to dismiss, holding that the CRA's judicial review provision did not prohibit review of agency actions—as distinguished from those of the President or Congress. This decision may also have implications for the United States' motion to dismiss a similar lawsuit, *Kansas Natural Resource Coalition v. DOI*,6:18-cv-01114-EFM-GEB (D. Kan.). There, the FWS argues that the same provision of the CRA bars judicial review of the claim that the agency violated the Act when it failed to submit its 2003 Policy for Evaluation of Conservation Efforts When Making Listing Decisions (commonly known as the "PECE Policy") to Congress.

Weyerhaeuser v. USFWS
The recommendation on remand has been issued to DOJ, recommending that the United States seek remand of the existing rule with vacatur of the critical habitat unit at issue, without commitment for further action.

ESA Section 4 Deadline Lawsuits
We have 13 pending lawsuits regarding 19 species (5 of them are currently stayed). No new lawsuits were filed in the past week. Nor have we received new notices of intent to sue in the past week.

ESA Section 4 Merits Lawsuits
We have 19 pending lawsuits challenging the merits of petition findings (7 cases), final listing or delisting determinations (6 cases), final critical habitat designations (5 cases), and the species status assessment process (1 case). No new lawsuits were filed in the past week. Nor have we received new notices of intent to sue in the past week.

Continental Resources, Inc. v. North Dakota Board of University and School Lands (D.N.D.) - Lake Sakakawea Submerged Lands Interpleader Litigation
On December 31, 2018, the District Court denied the United States' motion to dismiss this litigation, and ordered the United States and North Dakota to plead their respective claims to submerged lands under Lake Sakakawea. The United States has until March 1, to file a protective notice of appeal.

Non-Litigation Matters

IP Matters
- Coordinating with DOI bureaus on the Inter-Agency Technology Transfer Working Group to review and revise the proposed 2019 NIST Return on Investment Green Paper as part of the Presidential Management Agenda.

Columbia River Treaty Negotiations with Canada
The United States and Canadian Governments will hold a negotiation session in Washington, D.C. on February 27-28 to discuss modernizing the terms of the Columbia River Treaty. The Department of the Interior, led by Tim Petty, is participating on the United States' negotiation team. The governments are expected to discuss flood risk management in the Columbia basin and sharing of benefits of hydropower generation.

Mountain Valley Pipeline
Mountain Valley Pipeline has requested voluntary suspension and reconsideration of its right-of-way permit to cross the Blue Ridge Parkway. The National Park Service will issue a letter suspending the permit this week in response to Mountain Valley Pipeline's request.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

From March 4-8, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Andrea Travnicek will be in the office.

From March 4-8, Deputy Assistant Secretary Aurelia Skipwith will be in the office.

From March 4-8, Deputy Assistant Secretary Ryan Hambleton will be in the office.

From March 4-8, NPS Acting Director Dan Smith will be in the office, departing at noon on Friday, March 8.

On March 4 and 8, FWS Principal Deputy Director, Margaret Everson will be in the office; from March 5-7, she will attend the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Denver, Colorado.

Immediate Announcements and Actions For the Next Week

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

On February 28, FWS released a five-year status review with a Species Status Assessment for the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker. The review finds that recovery efforts have been successful and recommends downlisting from endangered to threatened. With the release of the five-year review, FWS will begin work on a proposed rule. This recommendation and the subsequent proposed rule are expected to be controversial. (02/27/2019)

On or around March 5, FWS will publish in the *Federal Register* a final rule amending the depredation and control orders to allow destruction of resident Canada goose nests and eggs at any time of year. In 2006, FWS implemented several actions intended to reduce, manage, and control resident Canada goose populations in the continental United States and to reduce related damages. Those actions included depredation and control orders that allow destruction of their nests and eggs by authorized personnel between March 1 and June 30. However, some resident Canada geese currently initiate nests in February, particularly in the southern United States, and it seems likely that in the future, nest initiation dates will begin earlier and hatching of eggs could end later. This change will give the states more flexibility to address specific, local damage problems caused by resident Canada geese. If-asked talking points will be available. Information will also be posted to the web. (Updated 02/27/2019)

On or around March 5, FWS will publish in the *Federal Register* a proposed rule to amend the agricultural depredation order to allow take of resident Canada geese at agricultural facilities between April 1 and August 31 in Atlantic Flyway states. In 2006, FWS implemented several actions intended to reduce, manage, and control resident Canada goose populations in the continental United States and to reduce related damages. Those actions included an agricultural depredation order that allows take of resident Canada geese at agricultural facilities by authorized personnel between May 1 and August 31. This time period, however, is too restrictive in portions of the Atlantic Flyway where specific crops are now being planted and depredated prior to May 1. This change only applies to Atlantic

Flyway states because the other flyway states opted not to request a similar change. If-asked talking points will be available. Information will also be posted to the web. (Updated 02/27/2019)

FWS and NOAA Fisheries (NMFS) sent the draft final revised regulations pertaining to interagency cooperation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (50 CFR 402) and the procedures for listing of species and designation of critical habitat pursuant to section 4 of the Act (50 CFR 424) to OMB for review on December 21, 2018. FWS previously submitted to OMB on November 26 a draft final withdrawal of the blanket 4(d) rule for newly listed threatened species (50 CFR 17) to recognize the difference between endangered and threatened species and align with NOAA Fisheries' current practice. The interagency review concluded on the 4(d) rule in December and on the section 7 and section 4 rules on February 13. On February 25, FWS received interagency review comments from OMB on the 4(d) rule and is still waiting for comments on the section 7 and section 4 rules. (Updated 02/27/2019)

In May 2018, SAExploration (SAE) submitted a permit application to the BLM Arctic District Office for 2019 and 2020 winter(s) seismic activity in the Coastal Plain. Due to Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) stipulations for BLM permitting, SAE was required to work with FWS to publish a set of Incidental Take Regulations (ITRs) regarding potential disturbance of denning maternal bears. After several iterations of a project plan, SAE and FWS agreed on two options for a plan of operations written into an ITR package that was approved by the FWS and signed by ASFWP. FWS submitted the ITR package to the Office of the Federal Register (OFR) while the DOI was still funded and fully operational. However, due to OFR Regulations, the submission was treated as being received during the partial government shutdown and was not published. As a result of this delay, SAE must revise their plans. FWS has been in discussions with SAE regarding these revisions, and once those discussions are concluded FWS will determine the appropriate steps for proposing revised ITRs. (02/13/2019)

Hilcorp and Alaska LNG are all proposing multi-year activities in the Cook Inlet that have the potential to result in incidental take of sea otters. The USFWS and Hilcorp have worked together to develop a mutually agreeable timeline for the Cook Inlet incidental take regulation (ITR) and an estimated date of publication of the final ITR and issuance of the associated Letter of Authorization (LOA). The proposed ITR will be reviewed the beginning of March. Under this proposed schedule, a final ITR would publish on May 3 and a LOA would be issued that same day. Hilcorp indicated they have also spoken with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and were told that the NMFS proposed ITR is currently undergoing solicitor review with the plan to submit it to the Federal Register in the near future. The NMFS indicated they were still optimistic that they could issue a LOA at the end of April or early May. (02/20/2019)

National Park Service

On March 3, thousands of visitors are expected along the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail as the 54th Anniversary Commemoration of Bloody Sunday, the Selma to

Montgomery March, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, conclude in Selma, Alabama. Approximately 150 Congressional members and staffers have been invited to take part in the commemoration activities organized by the 54th Bridge Crossing Jubilee committee. (02/27/2019)

On or around March 4, the Alaska Region will issue a prospectus for 16 concession contracts for guided sport hunting in Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve. The Alaska Region will also issue a prospectus for three guided overnight kayaking contracts and a separate prospectus for one guided day kayaking contract in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. (02/27/2019)

On March 4, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield (Missouri) will close on the acquisition of Tract No. 01-145 from the American Battlefield Trust. The 6.32-acre tract contains a 3,586 square foot single family residence, one barn, and a small well house. The park will remove the structures, restore the site to its natural setting, and protect the historic integrity of the Civil War battle. (02/20/2019)

On or around March 4, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore expects to release a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Personal Watercraft Use Revised Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA provides analysis in support of a special regulation implemented in 2005 that allows limited personal watercraft use in the park. As a result of litigation, a U.S. District Court found the impact analysis to be insufficient. This Revised EA has been supplemented with new data and impact analyses to address the court's concerns. Personal Watercraft use will continue under current regulation between the western Lakeshore boundary near Sand Point and the eastern edge of Miners Beach. (02/20/2019)

On or around March 4, Grand Teton National Park will initiate a 30-day public comment period on its Telecommunication Infrastructure Plan and Environmental Assessment. The assessment considers a right-of-way permit application expanding telecommunications in developed areas of the park with fiber optic installation and the construction of nine wireless telecommunication sites. The preferred alternative proposes issuing a permit to the applicant with requirements protecting park resources. A public open house in Jackson, Wyoming, will be held during the comment period. (02/13/2019)

On March 5, the NPS will be presented with the YMCA Champion Award as part of National Advocacy Days on Capitol Hill. The YMCA will recognize the NPS for their partnership in delivering support to youth through the Y/NPS Summer Camp Program. Deputy Director Dan Smith will receive the award on behalf of the NPS. (02/27/2019)

On March 6, the National Capital Region will be releasing the final Long Range Transportation Plan to the public. The plan sets a performance based, 20-year vision for sustaining an interconnected transportation system that provides equitable and safe access to iconic visitor experiences while protecting park resources across the region and in the nation's capital. The Plan was prepared in coordination with state and local planning and transportation agencies. (Updated 02/27/2019)

On March 7, the extended comment period will close for the Kalaupapa National Historical Park General Management Plan/Environmental Assessment. The plan addresses resource management, visitor use and access, and an operational shift from co-management with the State of Hawaii to primary management by the NPS. (02/06/2019)

On March 7, 2019, the NPS will participate in an administrative hearing held by the Utah Division of Water Rights in Moab, Utah. At issue are seven applications to appropriate a total of 675 acre-feet/year of groundwater adjacent to Arches National Park. The State Engineer will not approve any application to appropriate water from the Arches National Park Groundwater Protection Zone as part of a negotiated settlement to protect the Park's streams, springs, and water supply. However, the complex hydrogeologic setting makes it difficult to ascertain whether the subject wells are constructed in a manner that will not cause water to be diverted from the aquifer comprising the Protection Zone. NPS staff and the Office of the Solicitors are preparing for the hearing. (02/27/2016)

On March 8, the contractor will issue a summary report of public comments on the Alaska Sport Hunting and Trapping proposed rule to the Alaska Regional Office. During the lapse in appropriations, no work was completed on the contract because it required direct involvement by government staff who were furloughed. (Updated 02/27/2019)

By March 8, Lassen Volcanic National Park expects to release the Wilderness and Backcountry Stewardship Plan and Environmental Assessment for public comment. The plan provides guidance for managing natural and cultural resources while providing opportunities for a primitive type of recreational experience in the park's designated wilderness and adjacent backcountry areas. (02/20/2019)

On March 9, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (SEKI) will conclude a 60-day comment period, that was extended due to the shutdown, accepting Requests for Expression of Interest for Land Exchanges at Wilsonia in the Grant Grove district of Kings Canyon National Park. This 108-acre unincorporated village is comprised of 211 buildings, 11 of which are owned by the NPS. The Wilsonia Historic District was listed on the National Register in 1996; a subsequent amendment in 2011 added the NPS buildings to the district as contributing structures. The exchange is part of the implementation of the 2014 Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact Statement selected alternative which allows for the disposition of these structures, including the use of land exchanges for private vacant lands within SEKI. The structures were previously on the excess property list prior to the National Register listing of the district. (02/13/2019)

In March, the contract for repairs to the visitor loading ramp at the USS Arizona Memorial will be awarded. Despite the efforts of park staff and partners to implement an expedited plan for repair, the Memorial will not open in March 2019 as expected. Additional severe damage to the structure was discovered during the first phase of the project; it had not been identified in early surveys. The NPS and Navy are meeting regularly; they received and are reviewing an updated proposal from the contractor. There may be additional negotiations; once that is complete, the contract will be prepared for signature. While the repair process

continues, park staff and partners will offer supplemental visitor services and amenities to provide the best possible experience. (Updated 02/27/2019)

8-30 Day Outlook

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

NEW ITEMS

On March 12, the *Deepwater Horizon* Open Ocean Trustee Implementation Group will publish its final Restoration Plan I and Environmental Assessment: Birds and Sturgeon. Development of the $16 million plan was led by FWS and includes three projects affecting common loons, black terns, and Gulf sturgeon. The two avian projects will restore habitat outside of the Gulf of Mexico region because the migratory bird species affected depend on critical areas in Minnesota and North and South Dakota for breeding, nesting, resting, or foraging. A 30-day public comment period revealed many statements of support for the proposed projects and no significant issues. However, former U.S. Congressman Nolan (D-MN) and Congresswoman McCollum (D-MN) had requested that the restoration plan include funding for a proposed National Loon Center; it does not. (02/27/2019)

Around March 15, FWS will issue a permit in response to a request by Ocotillo Express LLC for a five-year programmatic take permit for golden eagles at its Ocotillo Wind Energy Facility in Imperial County, California. The approximately 315-megawatt project consists of 112 wind turbines within an area of approximately 12,500 acres located almost entirely on Bureau of Land Management lands. Ocotillo is requesting a permit to cover unintentional take of eagles from their ongoing activities. The company would be permitted to take a maximum of two golden eagles over a five-year-period. With their permit application, Ocotillo has submitted an eagle conservation plan that proposes proactive conservation measures to minimize impacts to golden eagles in the region to offset unavoidable harm. This is not controversial. If-asked talking points will be available. (02/27/2019)

Around March 15, FWS plans to make available a draft environmental assessment for public comment as the agency considers issuance of a permit to authorize take of golden eagles to the Solano Wind Project in Solano County, California. In collaboration with the FWS, the applicant, Sacramento municipal Utility District, developed an Eagle Conservation Plan that proposes measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for the project's impacts to eagles. If-asked talking points will be available. (02/27/2019)

Around March 15, FWS and the binational Jaguar Recovery Team will announce completion of the final recovery plan for the jaguar. The plan sets goals for improving the species' status through its entire 19-country range and provides a framework for achieving recovery. The recovery plan focuses on the cat's population in northwestern Mexico and the southwestern United States – recommending site-specific conservation actions and borderland dispersal corridors such that the population can most effectively rebound and contribute to the entire species' recovery. Recovery team and cooperating partners have been advised. Outreach

includes news release, social media, and emails to congressional offices and stakeholders. (02/20/2019)

By April 10, FWS will notify private landowners within the proposed conservation partnership area that the land protection planning process to establish Green River NWR in Henderson County, Kentucky, is starting. FWS was directed by Congress in FY 2018 and FY 2019 appropriations reports to establish the refuge. The FY 2019 language directs FWS to forgo the development of the preliminary Land Protection Strategy and go directly to the Land Protection Plan (LPP) in order to expedite the refuge's establishment. In close partnership with Kentucky and local elected officials, FWS is moving forward with the land protection planning process. Affected Indian tribes have already been notified of FWS's initiation of the planning process. FWS anticipates releasing the draft LPP and associated environmental assessment for public review and comment by early summer. (02/27/2019)

UPDATED ITEMS

A proposed change to the implementing regulations for the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) has cleared DOI and was sent to OMB-OIRA where it is in "delayed status" until it receives a regulatory impact analysis (RIA) from DOI. On February 22, FWS completed a draft RIA, which is currently under review at the Department. Once the RIA is received by OMB-OIRA, it may initiate interagency review, typically taking up to 90 days. The rule: 1) defines the scope of the MBTA as it applies to conduct resulting in the injury or death of protected migratory birds and 2) reduces permitting burdens by modifying existing permit exceptions and proposing new ones. This proposed regulation will be consistent with the Department Solicitor's Opinion M–37050. (Updated 02/27/2019)

ONGOING ITEMS

On March 13 (tentative), FWS will hold a public meeting to discuss the items on the provisional agenda of the 18th regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18) of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). FWS will announce the provisional agenda for CoP18, solicit public comments on the items on the provisional agenda, and announce a public meeting through the FWS webpage. FWS plans to publish the notice in the *Federal Register* as soon as the notice clears. (02/13/2019)

On March 13, FWS will join a coalition of partners at a Conservation Without Conflict summit at the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies headquarters in Washington, DC. The purpose of the summit is to put into use this collaborative approach to conservation that strives to keep working lands working while conserving at risk and listed species. The summit will be followed the next morning by a congressional event sponsored by the Congressional Sportsmen and Working Forests Caucuses and attended by many members of the coalition to discuss outcomes from the summit and build awareness for this collaboration. (02/20/2019)

On March 14-15, the International Wildlife Conservation Council will meet in Dallas, Texas. At the moment, the council's meeting agenda has not been determined, although FWS is of the understanding that the council seeks to acquire input from conservation organizations as to their views on trophy hunting. Regulations require that meeting notices publish in the *Federal Register* at least 15 days before the meeting. DOI is involved in an active lawsuit regarding the council, so there may be a heightened public interest in this council meeting. (02/13/2019)

On or around March 20, FWS plans to publish in the *Federal Register* the proposed 2019-20 hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds. FWS annually prescribes frameworks, or outer limits, for dates and times when hunting may occur and the number of birds that may be taken and possessed in hunting seasons. These frameworks are necessary to allow state selections of seasons and limits and to allow recreational harvest at levels compatible with population and habitat conditions. Planned outreach includes congressional and stakeholder notifications. (Updated 02/20/2019)

On March 21, FWS will host the meeting of the Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council at the Department of Agriculture Whitten Building. The Council was established to provide advice and recommendations for implementing Secretarial Orders 3347 and 3356, as well as Executive Order 13443, and also making recommendations related to hunting and shooting sports that will expand opportunities, conservation efforts, and the economic benefits to the national and local economies. Meeting agenda items include updates on the implementation of outdoor recreation secretarial orders, updates on efforts to create or expand hunting and recreational shooting opportunities on federal lands, council subcommittee reports and discussion of possible recommendations, and a public comment period. (02/20/2019)

On or around March 22, FWS and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) will announce the final allocations for the first round of Delaware River Basin Conservation Act grants, appropriated by Congress in FY 2018. More than $6.4 million in grant applications were received and the review committee of partners named in the act approved a final slate of $4.1 million with a non-federal match of $7.5 million. The grants will restore 626 acres of wetland habitat and 549 acres of floodplain; increase public access on 1,794 acres; create 32 new jobs; and leverage more than 3,000 volunteers in project delivery. NFWF conducted fiscal notifications to Congress on November 16, with a 30-day response time. (Updated 02/20/2019)

On or before March 30, FWS will publish in the *Federal Register* an interim final rule allowing migratory bird subsistence harvest regulations in Alaska for the 2019 season. These regulations are a continuation of the 2018 regulations and allow for the continuation of customary and traditional subsistence uses of migratory birds in Alaska and prescribe regional information on when and where the harvesting of birds may occur. These regulations were developed under a co-management process involving the Service, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Alaska Native representatives. The rulemaking is necessary because the regulations governing the subsistence harvest of migratory birds in Alaska are subject to annual review. This rulemaking would establish region-specific

regulations that would go into effect on April 2, 2019. Planned outreach will include a release and notifications to Tribal and members of the Hill. (02/20/2019)

Endangered Species Act Actions through March 31:

Species	**Action**	**Current Status**	**Target Date to FR** (dates in **bold** are litigation deadlines)	**Outreach**
California condor in northern California and Oregon	Proposed designation of a nonessential experimental population	Pending Exec-Sec clearance	As soon as it clears	Regional release
Southern Selkirk Mountain woodland caribou	Final reclassification as distinct population segment, endangered	Pending Exec-Sec clearance	As soon as it clears	Regional release
Meltwater lednian stonefly, Western glacier stonefly	Final listing determination as threatened	Pending Exec-Sec clearance	As soon as it clears	Regional release
Arizona eryngo, Giraffe, Refugio manzanita, San Gabriel chestnut snail	90-day findings on ESA petitions	Pending FWS Director clearance	As soon as it clears (lawsuit filed on giraffe)	National release (controversy)

Franklin's bumble bee	Proposal to list as endangered	Pending FWP clearance	As soon as it clears	Regional release
Batch of 29 draft recovery plan revisions for 42 species (APG Batch 2)	Notice of availability of draft recovery plans	Pending FWS Director clearance	As soon as it clears	National and regional releases
Panama City crayfish	Six-month extension of the final listing determination	Pending FWS Director clearance	As soon as it clears	Regional release
Bi-State Population of greater sage-grouse	Comment period reopening on proposed listing	Pending FWS Director clearance	As soon as it clears	Regional release
Running buffalo clover	Proposed delisting	Pending FWS Director clearance	As soon as it clears	Regional release
Neuse River waterdog, Carolina madtom	Proposed listing of Neuse River waterdog as threatened and Carolina madtom as endangered, with proposed critical habitat	Pending FWS Director clearance	**March 1** (deadline litigation stayed until March 1)	Regional release

2016 Recovery Report to Congress	Transmittal of 2016 Biennial report	Pending FWS Director Clearance	March 7 (release to Congress; will not be published in the FR)	National release, Congressional notifications, and post the report online
Barrens topminnow	Final listing as endangered	Pending FWS Director clearance	March 11	Regional release
Batch of 29 draft recovery plans for 43 species (APG Batch 2.5)	Notice of availability of draft recovery plans	Pending FWS Director clearance	March 11	National and regional releases
34 NMFS Species	Adding 16 NMFS Species, Removing One NMFS Species, and Updating Entries for 17 NMFS Species on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife	Pending FWS Director Clearance	March 25	N/A - NMFS completed outreach on these species during their rulemaking process.

Arkansas mudalia, ashy darter, Barrens darter, Chihuahua scurfpea, coldwater crayfish, Eleven Point River crayfish, Spring River crayfish, and red-crowned parrot	12-month findings on ESA petitions	Pending FWS Director clearance	**March 29** (March 31 is settlement agreement deadline for ashy and Barrens darters)	Regional releases
Eastern hellbender	12-month finding and proposed listing	Pending FWS Director Clearance	**March 29** (March 31 is settlement agreement deadline)	Multi-regional release
Gray wolf	Proposed delisting	Pending SOL surname	March 1	National release (controversy)

National Park Service

NEW ITEMS

On March 10, the NPS Youth Programs Division will host a small reception for the Boy Scouts of America *Report to the Nation* Delegation in the South Penthouse. The NPS Director is planning to attend. This delegation of scouts will present their annual report to President Trump later that week. A tour of the monuments on the Mall will follow the reception. (02/27/2019)

(**Close Hold**) During the week of March 11, Pinnacles National Park will announce the concessions contract award for campground, retail, and other services within the park. The new 10-year contract will offer similar services as the existing concessions contract. (02/27/2019)

March 15 is the due date for lottery applications to determine which teams and leagues will receive permits for the use of 22 athletic fields at National Mall and Memorial Parks. The park is handling all permitting for the first time this year, taking over the administration of the reservation and permitting system from D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation. The fee for permits is being raised from $7/season to $70/two-hour block of time, based on a comparability analysis of similar field rates in the D.C. area. The lottery opens March 1, with permits and the results of the lottery announced on April 8. The season begins April 15. (02/27/2019)

By March 18, the NPS plans to accept the donation of the Bauvais-Amoureux House, Tract 01-101, from the State of Missouri. The 0.12-acre tract is improved with a historic structure. This will be the first tract acquired at Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park. (02/27/2019)

On March 19 and 20, Camp Nelson National Monument (established October 2018) will host public and a stakeholder meetings to solicit comments on the future of the National Monument as part of efforts to develop a Foundation Document for the park. Public comment will also be sought via parkplanning nps.gov for 30 days beginning on March 1. (02/27/2019)

On or around March 20, Golden Gate National Recreation Area intends to release a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the lease and operation of an historic boat shop and marina at Fort Baker, near the Golden Gate Bridge. A site visit for potential RFQ respondents is scheduled for April 3, with RFQ responses due May 31. A public tabling session by RFQ respondents in Sausalito will follow on June 4. A short-list of RFQ respondents will be invited to respond to a more detailed Request for Proposals (RFP) in late 2019. The project lessee will be responsible for rehabilitation of the historic site to be used as a waterfront community center with food, beverage, and meeting space. (02/27/2019)

On February 26, the Eastern District Court of New York denied the request for a temporary restraining order at Fire Island National Seashore that was filed by the Animal Welfare Institute. The deer culling operation will resume. The Animal Welfare Institute is a party to a lawsuit against the park related to its plan to initiate a deer cull. On February 11, 2019, the park announced via press release plans to implement deer removal operations per its approved Deer Management Plan. On February 13, Seashore staff began pre-baiting, commonly conducted for two weeks prior to a cull. On February 19, the court granted the TRO, which required the park to stop pre-baiting activities. (02/27/2019)

ONGOING ITEMS

In March, it is anticipated that the revisions to the NPS proposed rulemaking, *Demonstrations and Special Events on the National Mall and Memorial Parks*, will be completed. On November 21, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) determined that the rulemaking in its current form is significant under Executive Order 12866 due to its "novel legal or policy issues." As a result, the final rule will be reviewed by OMB for up to 90 days. The proposed rulemaking modifies how the NPS processes permit applications for demonstrations and special events. The rulemaking also identifies locations where activities

are allowed, not allowed, or allowed but subject to restrictions. During the 60-day public comment period, which closed on October 15, the NPS received 140,652 comments. (Updated 02/13/2019)

In March, it is anticipated that the NPS will officially launch the African American Civil Rights Network (AACRN). The AACRN was established by law in 2018 to recognize the importance of the African American civil rights movement and the sacrifices made by the people who fought against discrimination and segregation. The launch will include the publication of the AACRN website, a social media campaign to spread awareness of the network, and guidance and eligibility criteria for interested parties to submit nominations for inclusion in the AACRN. Partners, Congress Members, stakeholders, and media will be notified of the launch. (02/13/2019)

As soon as weather permits, Isle Royale National Park will implement phase two of the Wolf Relocation effort to the island. Between four and six wolves from Michipicoten Island in Ontario, Canada, will be captured by a company using net guns contracted by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for Ontario. The animals will be medically examined by NPS wildlife veterinarians on Michipicoten Island, then transported via helicopter to a remote section of the park where they will be then collared and released. This is the second operation as part of the three- to five- year plan to relocate 20 – 30 wolves to Isle Royale in order to restore predation to the ecosystem. (01/30/2019)

On or around March 11, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park (District of Columbia, Maryland, West Virginia) anticipates the NPS will sign a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Plan/Environmental Assessment (EA) to reconstruct and stabilize the historic stone wall and towpath from McMahon's Mill to Lock 42 within the park. The preferred alternative of the Plan/EA will reduce the impacts of high water events that deteriorate historic features of the towpath and degrade the park visitor experience. (02/13/2019)

On or around March 11, Missouri National Recreational River will release the Goat Island Management Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review. The plan/EA proposes new campgrounds, trails, and signage on Goat Island, a federally-owned island in the Missouri River near Yankton, South Dakota. The NPS has worked with the states of Nebraska and South Dakota to propose hunting opportunities on the island as well. The plan will be available for comment for 30 days. A public meeting to discuss the plan is scheduled for March 20. (02/20/2019)

On or about March 11, the annual report on the Historic Tax Credit Program for Fiscal Year 2018 will be issued. The four-page report summarizes basic statistical information about the program. The program provides a 20-percent federal tax credit to property owners who undertake a substantial rehabilitation of a historic building in a business or income-producing use. The NPS must certify that the building is historic, and therefore qualifies for the program, and that the rehabilitation preserves its historic character. In FY 2018, the NPS certified 1,013 completed projects, totaling $6.9 billion in private investment in historic rehabilitation. (02/20/2019)

On or after March 15, Great Smoky Mountains National Park anticipates releasing the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Environmental Assessment concerning the proposed agreement with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for the gathering of sochan (Rudbeckia laciniata) for traditional purposes under the Plant Gathering Rule (36 CFR Part 2.6). The FONSI will be released pending approval by Southeast Region (SER) Director Bob Vogel and the SER Solicitor's Office. (02/20/2019)

On March 18, Prince William Forest Park will release the Comprehensive Trails Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) for public comment. The plan/EA provides comprehensive guidance for enhancing the park's trails system and visitor experience in a manner that balances resource protection with recreation. (02/20/2019)

On March 18, Rock Creek Park will release the Nature Center Complex Development Concept Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review. The plan/EA establishes a vision and clear guidance for managing the park's Nature Center, public horse center, maintenance yard, and associated grounds. A public meeting is scheduled for April 3. (02/20/2019)

On March 20, National Mall and Memorial Parks will begin taking reservations on Recreation.gov for the spring season at the Parkway Drive Volleyball Courts near the Lincoln Memorial. The 2019 season will start earlier than in the past to provide increased access and opportunities for the public to play (beginning on April 15 instead of May 1). The park will coordinate public announcements with DOI. (02/20/2019)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

In the Office:

Assistant Secretary Tara Sweeney

Deputy Assistant Secretary Mark Cruz

Acting Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Director Darryl LaCounte

BIE Director Tony Dearman

Chief of Staff Rich Myers

Out on Travel:

Principal Deputy Secretary for Indian Affairs John Tahsuda will conduct scheduled consultations in Alaska on the Department's authority to take land into trust and recognition of Alaska Tribes under the Alaska IRA during the

week of March 4, 2019.

On March 4, 2019 the AS-IA will participate in a roundtable discussion on AS-IA 2019 priorities at the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) Sovereignty Protection Fund 2019 meeting in Arlington, VA.

8-30 Day Outlook

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

NEW ITEMS

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) hearing on GAO high-risk list findings will take place on March 13, 2019. The BIA Acting Director and the BIE Director are scheduled to testify. BIE and BIA are working with the GAO to close remaining open findings.

During the week March 4, Indian Affairs will publish an operational policy and a handbook on wildfire investigations in the Indian Affairs Manual.

The Redding Rancheria of California submitted an application to acquire land in trust for gaming in Shasta County, California, in order to relocate its existing Win River gaming facility. The Department and Tribe entered into a memorandum of agreement for the Tribe to close its existing casino prior to opening the new casino. The Office of Indian Gaming (OIG) will schedule a meeting to brief the AS-IA prior to scheduling a NEPA clearance briefing with the Deputy Secretary. Expected Deputy Secretary briefing date is in late March.

On January 28, 2019, the Confederate Tribes of Warm Springs of Oregon submitted an amendment to its compact. The amendment modifies the definition of "Video Lottery Terminal" (VLT) to permit the Tribe to offer electronic table games, but requires the Tribal Gaming Commission to develop and submit internal controls to the State prior to offering a new VLT for play. AS-IA must act on the amendment by March 13, 2019, (45 days following submission).

The Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma submitted an amendment to its compact with the State of Oklahoma on January 28, 2019. The compact is identical to amendments already approved by the Department for other Tribes in Oklahoma and would authorize the Tribe to engage in certain additional class III gaming activities, apply existing revenue sharing agreements to the additional forms of class III gaming, and designate how the State will distribute revenue sharing funds. AS-IA must act on the amendment by March 13, 2019 (45 days following submission).

The Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma seeks to acquire approximately 11 acres in trust within its former reservation in Oklahoma for gaming. On February 19, 2019, the Southern Plains Region submitted to OIG a draft Environmental Assessment for review and comment. The Department will make a determination on whether the property is eligible for gaming under

the Oklahoma Exception in Section 20 of IGRA and the Part 292 regulations, and if so, whether the Tribe's application satisfies the land into trust regulations of Part 151, including NEPA compliance.

Bureau of Indian Education

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute received a new grant award from the American Indian College Fund for Spring 2019 student scholarships in the amount of $65,487.

ONGOING ITEMS

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

The Indian Energy & Minerals Steering Committee Meeting (IESMC) is scheduled for May 1-2, 2019 in Lakewood, CO.

Bureau of Indian Education

March 12-14, the BIE Standards, Accountability, and Assessments negotiated rulemaking committee will be meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, to discuss a draft of revisions to regulations required under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Haskell Indian Nations University is cooperating with the City of Lawrence, Kansas effort to have the Haskell campus designated by the U.S. Park Service as a National Historic Site with a historical interpretive center built on the campus to tell the story of the off-reservation Indian Boarding Schools.

UPDATED ITEMS

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

The AS-IA will give the keynote address at the "RES" Conference hosted by the National Center for American Indian Economic Development during the week of March 25, 2019. The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (PDAS) will also attend the "RES" Conference , where he will invite Tribes to consult on the establishment of Tribal Biomass Demonstration Projects, for which the recently enacted Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2017 require the Department to establish criteria by April 17, 2019.

Bureau of Indian Affairs

The final BIA Division of Safety inspection of the Two Rivers/Hardin Detention Center in Montana is now scheduled for March 6 after being postponed due to bad weather. BIA signed a 10-year lease for the facility on February 5, 2019, but the inmate occupation date for the facility is dependent on the lessor making certain identified repairs to the BIA's satisfaction.

On July 16-17, 2019 the Indian Energy Service Center will host training in Billings, MT. The purpose of the training is to outline the roles and responsibilities among DOI Bureaus and Offices with the primary focus on the interdependent responsibilities and handoffs between agencies for fluid mineral development (oil and gas) on trust lands.

On May 13-17, 2019 the BIA will hold Dam Safety training in Durango, CO. The Safety of Dams staff are providing presentations.

Bureau of Indian Education

The modular classroom units at the Santa Rosa Ranch School on the Tohono O'odham Reservation in Arizona have been assembled and and utilities installation will begin on February 19, 2019. The project remains on schedule for students to return to classes in the new modular facilities on March 15, 2019.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY INSULAR AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel for the upcoming week, March 3 - March 9

TRAVEL

AS-IIA Domenech will be in the office all week. (*Note: AS-IIA Domenech will be out on personal leave the week of March 25.)
OIA Director Pula will be out on personal leave in Texas Friday, March 8 and Monday March 11. Otherwise, he will be in the office.
INT Director Karen Senhadji will be in the office all week.
Sarah Jorgenson, Senior Advisor, will be in the office all week.
Oceans Program Coordinator Liza Johnson is out on maternity leave until March 29.

Immediate Announcements and Actions for the Next Week (March 3 - March 9)

902 Consultation Process: The formal 902 Consultation process has begun in response to CNMI Governor Torres' request to the President. His requests is in response to DHS' proposed rescission of the discretionary parole program for tourists from China and Russia to the CNMI. AS-IIA Domenech was designated by the President as the Special Representative to lead the 902 Consultation discussions. The first meeting was held on February 26, and Governor Torres proposed that the next meeting take place in CNMI in March.

Marine Monuments: The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has organized a Sub-PCC with DOI and DOC (NOAA Fisheries) to discuss the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument. The first meeting was held on February 26. We are waiting to hear if there will be additional meetings focused on the Marine Monuments in the Pacific.

Follow up to the 2019 Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA): The IGIA was held on Monday, February 25, and was attended by the following officials: Congressional Delegates San Nicolas (Guam), Radewagen (American Samoa), and Plaskett (USVI) and Governors Torres (CNMI), Guerrero (Guam), and Bryan (USVI). Guest speakers from FEMA, NSC, and HHS provided presentations on issues of particular concern to the Territorial governors. White House Intergovernmental Affairs is scheduling a follow up meeting with us next week. Discussion from the meeting will be used to prioritize issues and to establish issue oriented workgroups from relevant federal agencies. In addition, workgroups will meet between March and August to develop policy recommendations that will be included in an annual report of the work of the IGIA that will be sent to the President in September.

UPDATE. American Samoa Letter on the PRIMNM: AS-IIA has been cleared by the White House to sign the response letter to the Governor of American Samoa, who sent a letter to the President requesting him to reopen the waters within the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument (PRIMNM) to commercial fishing. OIA requested comments from CEQ, DOC, and OMB prior to submitting it to the White House for clearance. OMB sent comments, but CEQ and DOC did not.

Pacific Typhoons Update: TYPHOON YUTU UPDATE: OIA staff continue to work with FEMA and local officials on typhoon recovery in CNMI. The power recovery and restoration program on Saipan and Tinian is expected to be completed soon. Water restoration has been completed. On February 25, President Trump made additional disaster assistance available to CNMI by authorizing an increase in the level of Federal funding for relief and recovery assistance as a result of Yutu. TYPHOON WUTIP: As of February 25, Category 4 Super Typhoon Wutip (winds of approximately 154 mph) had passed through FSM's Yap State and was continuing to track northwestward in the Pacific Ocean. On February 21, Chuuk State Governor Johnson Elimo declared a state of emergency, noting extensive damage to private and public property. The next day, Yap State Governor Henry S. Falan declared a state of emergency. FSM President Peter Christian also signed an executive order declaring a national state of emergency on February 22, due to the damage caused to houses, tress, and infrastructure on a national scale. USAID and State have alerted us that FSM is likely to ask OIA for financial assistance.

Technical Assistance Program Award: Next week, OIA will award $881,150 to the Prior Service Trust Fund to fund Prior Service benefit payments for approximately 700 people in the CNMI, FSM, RMI, and Palau. This is a responsibility assumed by the Federal Government following the demise of the Trust Territory Government, plus administration expenses. The individuals who receive this funding are Micronesians with five or more years of service with the Naval Administration or Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands prior to 1968 in recognition of substantial services performed at very low wages without any rights to retirement, survivor, or disability benefits.

American Samoa Capital Improvement Program: Once full funding is available in OIA's accounts, the following previously awarded Capital Improvement Program grants will be awarded to American Samoa:

$364,000: American Samoa Community College, Maintenance, Upgrades, & Renovations
$500,000: Insular ABCs Initiative, Deferred Maintenance for Public Schools
$800,000: American Samoa Power Authority, Solid Waste Improvements (redirected funds)
$1,000,000: Manua Islands, Consolidate Public Schools Buildings
$1,000,000: American Samoa Power Authority, Electrical and Solid Waste Maintenance
$2,000,000: LBJ Tropical Medical Center, Labor, Delivery, and Operating Room Renovation

Guam Capital Improvement Program: Once full funding is available in OIA's accounts, the following CIP grants will be awarded to Guam:

$330,000: Department of Youth Affairs, Cottage Home
$1,000,000: Insular ABCs Initiative, Deferred Maintenance Program
$1,920,000: Department of Youth Affairs Maintenance & Emergency Generator Replacement
$3,077,000: Department of Public Health & Social Services

Identifying New Insular Grant Funding: OIA grant managers are working to free up funds for new awards by deobligating closed, completed, and inactive grants.

UPDATE. Insular Grants: Capital Improvement Program grant managers have now assessed performance and determined competitive criteria funding allocations for the 2020 budget.

A list of payments/draw-downs against previously awarded existing grant awards can be found below:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
$8,640 - CNMI Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Water Systems Improvements
$39,090 - CNMI Public Schools System ABCs Deferred Maintenance
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
$1,477 - FSM Kosrae Auditor training program
$2,809 - CNMI Office of Public Auditor Training Program
$18,766 - American Samoa OIA Field Office
$77,601 - Protecting American Samoa's Forests

OIA Graduate School USA Activity in March: OIA will host the following training course under a previously awarded contract:

March 4-8, 2019: Five OIA Executive Leadership Development Program participants from the U.S. Virgin Islands will continue their program participation during the third session of the Executive Leadership Program. These participants will join over 100 U.S. government participants to focus on critical thinking, team and project planning, external awareness, and improving presentation skills.

8-30 Day Outlook (March 9-April 5)

NEW ITEMS

PR/USVI FEMA Recovery Update: The Department continues coordination efforts as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Recovery team supporting both Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, in natural and cultural resource recovery. FEMA Mission Assignments have been extended to the end of March and April, respectively, as the Department negotiates the scope of an Interagency Agreement for specific, longer-term support. As part of that support, the Department will continue to provide staff to coordinate actions among the federal agencies to enhance the capacity and expertise within the territorial governments.

Freely Associated States Meetings: OIA Director Nik Pula will chair mid-year meetings of the Joint Economic Management Committees on March 19, 2019 in Chuuk State (Federated States of Micronesia) and on March 21, 2019 in Majuro (Republic of the Marshall Islands). The mid-year meetings focus on updates, policy, audit review, and discussions on the effective use of Compact of Free Association financial assistance provided to both countries. Compact assistance is provided through a permanent appropriation from Fiscal Year 2004 through Fiscal Year 2023 whereafter U.S. financial assistance is currently scheduled to transition to trust funds for each nation that are currently in accumulation phases. During the same week, the Director will host quarterly meetings of the FSM and RMI Trust Fund Committees, both of which the Director also chairs. The most senior FSM and Marshall Islands leaders will attend these meetings. Work continues in preparation of these meetings to solidify the schedule and the information that will be reviewed during the meetings.

Conference on Illegal Fishing in the Pacific: On March 21-22, 2019, the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands and the Pew Charitable Trusts will host a conference on illegal fishing in the Pacific. The event will convene national security officials and civil society experts with the objective of identifying challenges facing partner nations in the Pacific and to develop a portfolio of actions that the U.S. government can undertake to address illicit fishing and related development challenges. The event will take place in Washington, DC, and AS-IIA Domenech will attend.

Wetland Monitoring in Indonesia: DOI-ITAP will send two technical experts to install several rod surface elevation table (RSET) units in strategically identified locations throughout Sebangau National Park in Central Kalimantan, March 10-26. These RSET units will be used to measure the ecological health in the surrounding wetlands, and serve as a model for similar research activities throughout protected tropical forests in Indonesia. In addition to the installation, FWS Refuge Manager Chris Lowie will be assessing the progress made on Sebangau's park interpretations infrastructure and advising on next steps. This program is funded by USAID under the Strengthening Indonesia's Protected Areas program.

Cambodia Environmental Law and Regulation: DOI-ITAP has been requested by Cambodia's Ministry of Environment to train a group of recently designated legal focal points on enforcement and development of environmental regulations, March 18-21. This effort is taking place under the Smart Infrastructure for the Mekong program and follows up

on a previous legal capacity building assessment completed by staff from DOI's Office of the Solicitor and USEPA for the Ministry in May 2018, plus past assistance with development of a comprehensive environmental code currently going through the inter-ministerial review process. This work is funded by USAID.

UPDATED ITEMS

UPDATE. Guam War Claims: Rep. San Nicolas is expected to introduce a second bill to address the distribution issue associated with the Guam War Claims. This new bill will be referred to the House Natural Resources Committee for consideration. As previously reported, on February 11, Congressman Michael San Nicolas (Guam) introduced a legislative fix (H.R. 1141) to allow war claim funds to be distributed by the Department of the Treasury. It was referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The Appropriations Committee believes the issue should be addressed by the authorizing committee. The Department of the Treasury believes they lack the statutory authority to actually make the compensation payments under the 2016 Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act to victims and survivors of the Japanese occupation during World War II. OIA is working on a possible administrative fix.

UPDATE. Planning for Cooperation under the Free Trade Agreements with Jordan and Oman: At the request of and funded by the U.S. State Department, DOI-ITAP Senior Project Managers will travel to Amman, Jordan and Muscat, Oman from March 9-20 to meet with U.S. Embassy personnel and government counterparts to initiate cooperation between the U.S. and each country on issues related to CITES implementation and training wildlife inspectors and law enforcement officers.

ONGOING ITEMS

NO CHANGE. U.S. Government-Wide Comprehensive Report on Federal Grants to U.S. Insular Areas: OIA staff continues to work to finalize the database.

NO CHANGE. POTUS Meeting with FAS Presidents: It has been indicated that a formal invitation will be sent to the Presidents of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau to meet with the President for a date this spring (likely May). This first ever meeting is important in U.S. efforts to engage in the President's Indo-Pacific strategy.

NO CHANGE. POSTPONED: Winter Meeting of the Coral Reef Task Force (CRTF): The winter meeting of the Coral Reef Task Force (CRTF) has been postponed to the first week of April (April 1-5) as NOAA is the lead of the event and its staff was furloughed for the entirety of the shutdown. AS-IIA Domenech will co-chair the all-day business meeting on Thursday, April 4. It is expected that there will be coordination calls on this event over the next few weeks.

NO CHANGE. Oversight of Contractor Gas Work in South Africa: At the request of and funded by the Department of State Energy Resources Bureau, a DOI-ITAP contract team will travel to Cape Town, South Africa during the week of March 25th to lead a workshop on

drafting effective environmental and technical regulations for officials governing the natural gas sector in the Western Cape Province (WCG).

AWARENESS

Natural Resources Management Act Territorial Provisions: The Natural Resources Management Act (S. 47), which passed the Senate on February 12 and subsequently passed the House on February 26, contains the following items involving the U.S. territories:

Title III – Conservation Authorizations –Reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This would allow each territory to be treated as a State (instead of all territories being treated as one State), and therefore eligible to receive their own equal apportionment under the formula. For example, at the proposed FY19 level, this would be a minimum of $714,000 each.
Title VII – Wildlife Habitat and Conservation. This would require Federal agencies to plan and carry out activities on lands managed by their agencies to protect water and wildlife by controlling and managing invasive species. It requires them to develop strategic plans in coordination with eligible states, which include, Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, and USVI to achieve an annual net reduction in invasive species, by reducing either their populations or their areas of infestation.
Title IX – Miscellaneous. Under Section 9007 – American World War II Heritage Cities – this sections authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to designate one or more cities located in one of the States or territories as an "American World War II Heritage City. Not more than one city in each State or territory may be designated. No Federal funds are associated with these designations.

Update. FWS Employee in Hospital in Norway: Region 7 Polar Bear Program Leader Jim Wilder is no longer in the hospital, but has been transferred to another medical care facility in Tromso, Norway. He has been communicating back to his office, but it will still be some time before travel is deemed possible. He is the sole FWS traveler on this official travel. His wife was able to travel to Norway last weekend to be with him as an on-site caregiver.

Advice to State Department on Indigenous Issues: INT is coordinating DOI expert review of U.S. negotiating instructions drafted by State on international indigenous issues, including repatriation of tribal cultural heritage, to ensure that they are consistent with established domestic Indian law and policy. INT is also facilitating contact between State and AS-IA staff to enhance cooperation on international issues relevant to Indian Affairs, including upcoming meetings of the United Nations in New York.

Upcoming International Travel:

OIA Director Nik Pula: Chuuk State, FSM and Maduro, RMI. March 17 - 24.

Additional known international travel departing February 24- March 2:

3/3/19	Netherlands	Water use mapping exchange	Gabriel Senay	USGS
3/3/19	Slovenia	Sister park technical exchange	Sean Denniston	NPS
3/3/19	Tanzania	Wildlife trafficking exchange	Stephanie Romanach	USGS
3/3/19	Tanzania	Wildlife trafficking exchange	Peter Keller	INT
3/3/19	Switzerland	Earthquake seismicity workshop	Andrew Barbour	USGS
3/4/19	Switzerland	Earthquake seismicity workshop	Robert Skoumal	USGS
3/4/19	Switzerland	Earthquake seismicity workshop	Arthur McGarr	USGS
3/4/19	France	Satellite earthquake monitoring	Ryan Gold	USGS
3/4/19	Germany	National parks outreach	Lee Taylor	NPS
3/6/19	Argentina	Lithium brine field work	Vic Heilweil	USGS
3/6/19	Argentina	Lithium brine field work	Scott Hynek	USGS
3/6/19	UK	Noble gas research	Andrew Hunt	USGS
3/8/19	Belize	Fisheries field work	Stephen McCormick	USGS
3/8/19	Jordan	Conservation and tourism exchange	Tricia Bickley	INT
3/8/19	Indonesia	Marine park technical exchange	Chris Lowie	FWS
3/9/19	Indonesia	Marine park technical exchange	Sean Lawlor	INT
3/9/19	UK, Gabon	Wildlife meeting and field work	Matt Muir	FWS

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Joe Balash will be in the office.

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Casey Hammond will be on travel Tuesday-Thursday.

Deputy Assistant Secretary Gary Lawkowski will be in the office.

Exempt Federal Register Notices (First Week Notice)

Information Collection Renewal Notices:
Proposed Information Collection: Surveys and Focus Groups to Support Outcomes-Focused Management, 60 Day Notice and Request for Comment

Immediate Announcements and Actions for the Next Week

Bureau of Land Management

February 25 - March 7. BLM-WY. Wind River/Bighorn Basin District firefighters will perform a prescribed burn at Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area near Riverton beginning in late February or early March, depending on weather. The burn is part of a cattail management plan, which will improve habitat quality for waterfowl and hunting opportunities for sportsmen. The burn is in cooperation with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the Bureau of Reclamation. (2/12/19)

February 26 - March 17. BLM-AK. In conjunction with Army improvements to training ranges, the BLM-AK Fire Service is conducting prescribed burns near Delta Junction in Fort Wainwright's Donnelly Training Area. Approximately 700 large piles of mechanically treated fuels will be burned. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) has issued a smoke permit. Burning will be coordinated with the National Weather Service, U.S. Army, and ADEC. (2/19/19)

March 4. BLM-AZ. The Phoenix District Manager plans to participate in a NEPA Review Team briefing on the Final Environmental Impact Statement related to development of the proposed Sonoran Valley Parkway Project by the City of Goodyear in Maricopa County, Arizona. (4/4/18)

March 4. BLM-CO. The Gunnison Field Office will start the review process for publishing a Notice of Realty Action in the Federal Register. The BLM is proposing a direct (non-competitive) sale of approximately 0.21 acre of public land in Saguache County, Colo. to Lucky 3, Inc. The sale will resolve an inadvertent, unauthorized occupancy on the public lands proposed for offer. The parcel is approximately 30 miles southeast of Gunnison. (2/26/19)

March 4. BLM-ID's Initial Action Notice for an Environmental Impact Statement to analyze a land exchange proposal from the Simplot Company in the Idaho Falls District was approved in December 2018. A Federal Register Notice of Intent is being prepared by the Pocatello Field Office and is anticipated to be in Washington Office review in early March. (12/7/18)

March 4. BLM-MT/DK. The North Dakota Field Office plans to sign the Slawson Decision Record/Finding of No Significant Impact for 23 APDs located on five well pads in Mountrail County, North Dakota within the exterior boundary of Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, and within a half mile of Lake Sakakawea. Four of the five locations are on privately owned (Fee) surface and overlay Fee minerals, with the horizontal portion of the well bore penetrating Federal minerals. One location is on Fee surface and overlays Federal minerals (traditional Split Estate). The main issue with the location is that the Three Affiliated Tribes (TAT) have a Tribal Resolution: (1) requiring an operator to obtain a variance from the TAT for all oil and gas development within a half mile of Lake Sakakawea, and (2) prohibiting locations within 1,000 feet of the Lake. The traditional Split Estate location is 1,000 feet from the Lake (in compliance with federal lease stipulations); the other four locations are less than 1,000 feet from the Lake. Despite a ruling by the Office of Hearing and Appeals which upheld BLM's decision, the TAT are expected to appeal. (2/12/19)

March 4. BLM-OR/WA plans to issue a Final EA, Decision Record, and FONSI on the Don J placer mining project Plan of Operations. The Vale District is reviewing public comments received on the plan, incorporating comments, and developing the Final EA, which identifies alternative actions for the project, which changed ownership last year. Located on the Burnt River near Bridgeport, Ore., the BLM-preferred alternative would allow the expansion of the operation to a maximum footprint of 20 acres over 15 years. (2/12/19)

March 4. BLM-UT. The St. George Field Office and BLM-UT State Office have been working with Utah Aspen Development, LLC, and Green Springs Aspen, LLC, on the purchase of two parcels of land totaling 165 acres. These parcels are in the Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Area (NCA) and will be managed consistent with the objectives of the NCA management plan. The appraisals are complete and being reviewed by the Appraisal and Valuation Services Office. A preliminary title opinion has been requested from the Solicitor's Office. Following approval of the title, the BLM will accept the title transfer from the respective entities via Warranty Deeds in accordance with the approved escrow instructions. A final Certificate of Inspection and Possession will then be completed and the final title opinion obtained. (10/9/18)

March 4. BLM-WY. The Buffalo Field Office will complete a Resource Management Plan maintenance action to recognize that the three-mile historic cultural setting no longer contributes to the eligibility of the Pumpkin Buttes Traditional Cultural Property (TCP). The Wyoming State Historical Preservation Office has concurred with the BLM's recommendation. Due to this action, a controlled surface use stipulation for oil and gas leasing/development will no longer be applied to this area. The TCP is comprised of 1,735 acres of public lands managed by BLM and 3,689 acres of private surface in Campbell County, Wyoming. There are 4,568 acres of federal minerals underneath the TCP, out of the 5,424 total acres. (2/26/19)

March 4. BLM-WY. The Kemmerer Field Office will initiate a 30-day scoping period for its Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Southern Wyoming Range Mule Deer Habitat Management Plan: Kemmerer-Cokeville. The project, a cooperative effort between the BLM and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, is intended to improve habitat quantity and quality within BLM-managed lands in the southern portion of the Wyoming Range mule deer herd through phased vegetation treatments. The scoping period will help the BLM identify issues for consideration in the EA. Two public meetings are scheduled to occur during the scoping period: Mar. 13 at the Kemmerer Field Office and Mar. 14 at the Cokeville Town Hall. (2/26/19)

March 4. BLM-WY. The Kemmerer Field Office will release an EA and FONSI for the proposed Big Dry Creek sodium lease sale, opening a 15-day comment period. The EA analyzes potential impacts of leasing 5,095 acres of sodium on three lease tracts in the BLM-managed Known Sodium Leasing Area in southwest Sweetwater County, Wyo. Imperial Natural Resources Trona Mining, Inc. proposed the sale, which would be conducted under a competitive bidding process. (2/19/19)

March 4-8. BLM-CO/ID/NV-CA/OR/UT/WY. Draft Records of Decision (RODs) and a Notice of Availability (NOA) package for the Greater Sage-Grouse plans will be uploaded to DTS for review and approval. Finalization of the RODs for signature on March 8 depends on resolution of protests received during the period that closed on Jan. 28 and responses to the Consistency Reviews by respective governors. (2/5/19)

By March 8. BLM-MT/DK. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the National Cemetery Administration seek acknowledgement from the Secretary of the Interior that will

establish the official date of administrative transfer and allow updating of the federal land records of 181.32 acres of BLM land near Sturgis, South Dakota, for cemetery purposes in accordance with the Black Hills National Cemetery Boundary Expansion Act. A letter is circulating for the Acting Interior Secretary's signature. (1/29/19) DTS 16960

By March 8. BLM-MT/DK is awaiting DOI approval of the publication in the Federal Register of the legal description of the Limestone Hills Training Area in Broadwater County, Mont. Subsequent to publication, an official map and legal description will be filed with the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the House Committee on Natural Resources, and made available for public inspection. The filings will implement the final administrative actions related to the Limestone Hills Training Area. All public involvement, outreach, comment periods, and consultation occurred prior to withdrawal of the lands for military purposes on Dec. 26, 2013, as a result of enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2014, along with a technical correction included in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2019. While the military withdrawal is already in effect, delayed publication of the legal description prolongs the official notations to the record. (10/5/18) DTS 2355

By March 8. BLM-MT/DK. Additional coordination with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) will be scheduled to address concerns regarding grazing permittee/bills related to the State of Montana In Lieu effort, which would convey the final selected lands totaling 5,816.63 acres to fulfill the long-standing entitlement made by Congress when Montana became a State in 1889. The package has been with DOI since Aug. 13, 2018. The State Land Board accepted the lands, contingent on publication of the notice and final classification, on Sep. 17, 2018. There has been little controversy associated with this effort. Delayed publication of the notice and final classification has generated inquiries and concern from grazing permittees to both the BLM as well as Montana DNRC. (11/23/18) DTS 2211

By March 8. BLM-MT/DK. The U.S. Department of State (DoS), as lead agency, expects to publish a Notice of Availability for a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Keystone XL pipeline for public comment and review. The BLM, is a cooperating agency, and provided comments to the DoS on the internal Draft SEIS. The Draft SEIS considers the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts related to changes in the Project since 2014 and incorporates updated information and new studies, as well as the alignment shift of the route in Nebraska. (2/5/19)

March 8. The BLM plans to begin the Adoption Incentive Program, which aims to encourage new individuals/organizations to adopt an untrained wild horse or burro and motivate previous adopters to re-engage with the program by providing a financial incentive: $500 within 60 days of the adoption date and an additional $500 at time of title eligibility. The program aims to increase the number of animals adopted and reduce holding costs. (2/5/19)

March 8. BLM-CA. The Ridgecrest Field Office expects to release for public comment the Battery Minerals-Panamint Lithium Project Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA

evaluates a proposal to conduct exploratory drilling for lithium, which is on the DOI 2018 List of 35 Minerals Deemed Critical to U.S. National Security and the Economy. The area of interest is the outer rim of Panamint Dry Lake in Panamint Valley, Inyo County. The sites are within the Panamint Lake Area of Critical Environmental Concern and Basin and Range National Conservation Lands. (2/26/19)

March 8. BLM-ID. The preliminary environmental assessment (EA) for the Owyhee Land Exchange will be forwarded as part of the Land Exchange Decision Package to the Washington Office for review. The exchange between the BLM and the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) was developed to acquire State inholdings in Idaho wilderness areas designated by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-11). The exchange was subsequently selected as one of the America's Great Outdoors Projects, which provided initial funding for exchange processing. Appraisals of the Federal and State lands resulted in a significant reduction of State acreage for value equalization purposes. Based on the appraisals, BLM will convey 31,030 acres of Federal land to the IDL in exchange for 23,878 acres of State land. The BLM-ID State Director and the IDL Director signed a binding exchange agreement in September 2018 to hold the appraised values constant until the exchange is complete. Staff are working to complete State Historic Preservation Office consultation and finalize the EA by March 2019. (12/18/18)

March 8. BLM-MT/DK. Public scoping for American Colloid Company's resubmitted Plan of Operations (PO) begins. The American Colloid Company (ACC) has resubmitted a complete PO to mine bentonite in southern Carbon County, Mont. The PO contemplates disturbing up to 45.1 acres of BLM-managed land and is an extension of mining operations. All 45.1 acres of disturbance occur within a Priority Habitat Management Area for Greater Sage-grouse. The revised PO includes an updated mitigation plan that includes a process referred to as a "cast back" mining method. This method requires that the overburden is only handled once, thereby increasing efficiency and allows reclamation to occur much sooner than traditional mining methods. Media and public invited. Controversy undetermined. (2/26/19)

March 8. BLM-OR/WA. The Lakeview District plans to sign the Coyote Colvin Grazing Permit Renewal EA, allowing an Outcome Based Grazing Authorization. This EA involves six allotments, five of which are included in the Outcome Based Grazing program. The proposal is to expand the season of use and allow for more flexibility in pasture rotation. The number of AUMs (9,136) would remain the same. There is a cooperative relationship with the permittee and no controversy with NGOs at this time. (12/7/18)

March 8. BLM-WY. BLM plans to issue a ROD for Lost Creek uranium expansion project EIS. The 30-day EIS availability period will end on Feb. 28, after which BLM will finalize the ROD. The EIS analyzes Lost Creek ISR, LLC's proposal to expand its existing uranium mine in Sweetwater County, Wyo., continuing employment and expanding production at the mine. BLM briefed the DOI internal review team on Dec. 14. A Weekly Report item announcing the availability and future publication of the ROD first ran on Nov. 23. (2/5/19)

March 8. BLM-WY plans to brief the Review Team on the Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS for the proposed Moneta Divide oil and gas development project. Located near Lysite, Wyo., the proposed project could recover up to 18 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 254 million barrels of oil over its estimated 65-year life and could support approximately 6,400 jobs during the 15-year development phase. The Draft EIS analyzes amendments to the Casper RMP, including potential impacts to approximately 1.2 million acres of Greater Sage-grouse Priority Habitat Management Areas. Once cleared by the Review Team, the Federal Register notice would publish soon after, beginning a 90-day public comment period. (2/5/19)

March 9-10. BLM-NV. The Mint 400 OHV race will take place in Southern Nevada. A closure will be put into effect for the Jean/Roach Dry Lakes Special Recreation Management Area that will be occupied by the race. This event is expected to attract approximately 450 participant vehicles per race (two races per day) and roughly 15,000 spectators over the course of two days. The 2019 Mint 400 will employ approximately 500 people through contracting with local vendors for security, parking, media, and sanitation. The event is also anticipated to bring approximately $22 million to the local Las Vegas economy through lodging, restaurants, and local business. A Federal Register Notice is currently being reviewed by the Washington Office. (1/31/19) DTS 2468

By March 10. BLM plans to issue an Instruction Memorandum (IM) to help field staff comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act regarding oil and gas activities producing federal minerals on non-federal/private land. The IM supplements Permanent IM 2018-014 on directional drilling from well pads on non-federal locations, also known as fee-fee-fed wells. This guidance will help ensure that BLM activities are appropriately limited. Interest has been expressed by Rep. Liz Cheney's (R-WY) office, as well as the Petroleum Association of Wyoming. (2/12/19)

By March 10. BLM-CA. The Ridgecrest Field Office will submit a Departmental Review Team briefing request on the Draft Supplemental EIS (SEIS) and Notice of Availability Clearance for the Haiwee Geothermal Leasing Project. (2/26/19)

By March 10. The BLM is revising WO IM-No. 2018-066, *Guidance for the Sale of Excess Wild Horses and Burros*. This revision will outline policies and procedures concerning the sale of wild horses and burros and applies to all state, district and field offices. The revised policy includes information and direction defining the criteria of sale-eligible animals, steps in the sale process, and data base entry requirements. The revision will require that the selling of more than four animals receive BLM Resources and Planning Directorate approval. The current IM requires such approval for the sale of greater than 25 animals. (2/5/19)

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

The Proposed Notice of Sale for Gulf Lease Sale 253 is scheduled to publish in Early March, and is with the Department for surnaming. (DTS#2403, 11/30/18)

BOEM executed a negotiated agreement for OCS sand between BOEM and Carteret County on February 21, which was delayed due to the lapse in appropriations. Project operations to renourish beaches along Bogue Banks are currently scheduled to begin in March. The Department may take the lead on the announcement. (DTS#2583, 2/4/19)

BOEM's response to a NOAA request for consultation on the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary (FGBNMS) proposed expansion was due on January 6, 2019. Under Section 4 of Executive Order (EO) 13795, Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy, BOEM must respond within 60 days of a consultation request with a determination of the potential impact of the proposed expansion on the development of oil and gas, renewable energy, and marine mineral resource potential in the area of proposed expansion. Due to the lapse in appropriations, NOAA agreed to extend the deadline for BOEM's response, due to the lapse in appropriations. The hardcopy of the response is with ASLM for signature. (11/16/2018, DTS#2517)

BOEM is preparing the decision documents and Draft PEIS for the Proposed 2020-2025 National OCS Oil & Gas Leasing Program. The decision chapter of the OCSLA analysis is with SOL and BOEM's Acting Director for review. The briefing for the NEPA Review Team scheduled for February 14, will be rescheduled. Once rescheduled, the briefing will cover the Draft PEIS and the Notices of Intent for sales scheduled early in the Proposed Program. The analytical chapters for the OCLSA comment are with ASLM for review. (9/7/18)

In late February or early March, BOEM expects to publish the Final Rule adjusting for inflation the level of maximum civil monetary penalties contained in the BOEM regulations. BOEM is submitting this Final Rule pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (FCPIA of 2015) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance (OMB Memorandum M-18-03). The Final Rule is currently with the Department for review. (2/4/19, DTS#2484)

The South Carolina U.S. District Court injunction against BOEM concerning its work to finalize the Environmental Assessments (EAs) for the four pending Atlantic G&G permit applications, has been lifted, but plaintiffs have filed a request for a preliminary injunction with the Court. BOEM has resumed the process of finalizing the EAs for a potential decision on the seismic permits on or after March 1, 2019. This follows the National Marine Fisheries Service issuance of Incidental Harassment Authorizations for the permit applications on November 30. (11/30/18)

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Citizen's Complaint Filed: On January 11, 2019, the Trustees for Alaska filed a citizen complaint (with ten exhibits) alleging the surface coal mining operations of Usibelli Coal Mining, Inc. at Wishbone Hill, are being conducted without a valid permit in violation of the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Control and Reclamation Act. They also allege that the State of Alaska has failed to administer its program in compliance with federal requirements

regarding the company's failure to initiate mining operations within three years of the permit issuance, as required by Federal law and the State's regulatory program.

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Reorganization: OSMRE sent ADEQ a letter on November 27, 2018, regarding the reorganization of the Mining Program. This was in response to structural changes being implemented at ADEQ. During the Government Shutdown OSMRE was informed by the ADEQ that House Bill 1215 has been introduced that would reduce direct reports to the Arkansas Governor from over 40 to just 15. This measure is expected to pass and will create a Department of Energy and Environment (DEE). The current ADEQ would become the Division of Environmental Quality within DEE. The ADEQ Mining Program is currently modifying an O&C rule package for the previous ADEQ reorganization and now proposes to add these new organizational changes before they submit it to OSMRE for review. It is expected that all changes will occur by July 1, 2019. OSMRE is working with the ADEQ Mining Program on these current and proposed program changes.

Montana Magistrate's Findings and Recommendation, Spring Creek Mine (MT): On February 11, 2019, the Magistrate Judge (Magistrate) for the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana Billings Division issued a recommendation deferring vacatur of OSMRE's 2016 Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact prepared for the 2016 Spring Creek Mine mining plan decision. The Magistrate determined that the 2016 EA failed to (1) properly analyze the impacts of transporting coal, (2) properly analyze the non-greenhouse gas emissions during combustion, (3) justify its decision not to quantify the economic costs of GHG emission, and (4) follow its own internal guidelines when deciding not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). In its recommendation, the Magistrate is allowing OSMRE 240 days from the final order to correct the EA or seek leave from the court for a new deadline if OSMRE determines it needs to do an EIS. OSMRE has 14 days to object the Magistrate's recommendation before the District Court Judge issues her ruling. OSMRE expects the District Court Judge will concur with the Magistrate's recommendation and issue her ruling accordingly. OSMRE was granted an extension of time and is currently working with the Solicitor's Office to appeal the Magistrate's recommendation. (2/11/19)

River Hurricane Mine, Pike County, KY: On January 7, 2019, KYDNR issued two Notices of Non Compliance for Water Quality and another for Effluent Limits in the Grapevine Creek area (the non- permitted side of the mine). The abatement measures require the permittee to obtain permits with the Kentucky Division of Water (DOW) for the two identified areas. Also, KYDNR is in the process of determining if the off-site impacts (mineral deposits in the stream) that were observed at the site by OSMRE staff warrant an Imminent Harm Cessation Order due to environmental impacts. The permittee was notified of the site conditions, and attempted to make adjustments to their treatment system to address the problem. DOW issued violations to the company during their site visit on February 7, 2019. The OSMRE staff will continue to assist KYDNR staff in monitoring and assessing the site as the long-term plan of action to address the situation.

Justice Group of Companies: On February 12, 2019, a proposed referral package completed review by OSMRE (Acting Director, Field Office Directors, Financial Office, AVS Office, and the Regional Director), SOL DMR, and Deputy Solicitor EMR. The SOL is now moving to finalize the referral package; including updating the status of violations, penalties and fees due, and the package will be elevated to the Principal Deputy Solicitor for review and approval.

The Justice Companies' Kentucky Fuels' Bevins Branch Mine: On February 19, 2019, the Solicitor's Office filed a "Joint Status Report" and a "Request to Hold Case in Abeyance for 60 Days" with the Office of Hearings and Appeals to allow OSMRE and the Company time to complete a settlement agreement or give the Company time to finish all of the abatement measures required by the IHCO.

Scoping for King II Mine Dunn Ranch LBA and Mine Extension EA (CO): The BLM and OSMRE are co-lead agencies on preparation of the Environmental Assessment EA. This project has been identified as a BLM/OSMRE NEPA Coordination "Pilot Project" that will be used to support bureaus' respective leasing and federal mining plan decisions. The bureaus initiated a 30-day scoping period on Friday, February 8, 2019.

Notice of Availability for Publication of San Juan Mine Deep Lease Extension Final EIS (NM): A DOI Clearance Briefing scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2019 has been postponed. When DOI Clearance is obtained OSMRE will publish the announcement in the *Federal Register*. The Final EIS will inform OSMRE's recommendation to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management's decision on whether to approve the federal mining plan.

Scoping for Caballo Mine West Lease Tract EA (WY): OSMRE is preparing an EA for the Caballo Mine West Lease Tract federal mining plan. OSMRE initiated a 30-day public scoping period on December 19, 2018 with the scoping period expected to close on January 18, 2019. The comment period closed on February 22, 2019.

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

Well Control Rule (WCR) (AA39) - Revised Reg Text, Preamble, RIA and EA have been submitted to Exec Sec and Exec Sec has provided to DOI Deputy Chief of Staff for review. About the same time that was occurring, OMB hosted an E.O. 12866 listening session on February 26, 2019, by and between industry and the federal government to provide an opportunity for the federal government to listen to industry concerns and to clarify comments submitted regarding this rulemaking. During this listening session, industry reiterated its view that BSEE should permit operators to seek approval of alternative drilling margins at the APD (Application for Permit to Drill) or the DWOP (Deepwater Operational Plan) stage. The current regulations only provide for this information to be received by BSEE at the APD stage. It should be noted that industry did not suggest the criteria by which the decision to approve alternative drilling margins would be made would be different at the DWOP versus the APD stage, but rather that they are seeking to create a path for an option to submit the same information under the same

criteria at an earlier stage (the DWOP Conceptual Plan stage). Inasmuch as the criteria under which BSEE would make its decision would not be changed in the creating of this option, there is no impact to safety. Obviously, should conditions change between the DWOP and the APD stage, BSEE would need to retain the right to amend decisions made at the DWOP stage.

BSEE provided a memo on February 28 to the ASLM summarizing the details of the listening session and the consequences of incorporating these suggestions. BSEE awaits guidance as to the issues discussed in the memo referenced above and furthermore, awaits clearance by the DOI Deputy Chief of Staff on the changes submitted regarding Reg Text, Preamble, RIA and EA.

Risk Based Inspection – BSEE Office of Safety Management (OSM) has trained inspectors (December 19 and 20) for the upcoming Performance Based Risk Inspection (PBRI) on Well Operation Hazards, and the inspections are wrapping up this week and additional audits will begin on a select number of rigs. Additionally, OSM has concluded their evaluation on which deep-water facility (Marco Polo) will be subject to the next Facility Based Risk Inspection (FBRI) in late March 2019. The May FBRI inspection is currently being reviewed and OSM will have a facility scheduled in the near future.

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Bureau of Land Management

NEW ITEMS

Mid-March. BLM-NV. The Winnemucca District will hold two public scoping meetings for the Coeur Rochester and Packard Mine POA11 Project EIS. The meetings will be held in Lovelock and Winnemucca, Nev. during the 30-day scoping period announced in the Federal Register with the publication of the Notice of Intent. (2/26/19)

March 11 – 21 (to be confirmed). BLM-WY. The Rawlins Field Office will initiate a 14-day preliminary scoping period for proposed uranium mines at the historic Shirley Basin Project in Carbon County, Wyo. Pathfinder Mines Corp., the project proponent, submitted a Plan of Operations for the mines on Oct. 2, 2018. The plan includes recovery of uranium using in situ technology from three mines. The Shirley Basin Project is the location of a previous uranium mine that operated from the 1960's to the 1990's. Approximately 36.5 acres of BLM-administered lands would be affected by the in situ operations, of which 30.8 acres consist of areas disturbed by the previous conventional mining. The BLM has yet to determine the level of NEPA analysis necessary for the proposed project. This determination will be informed, in part, by the results of the preliminary scoping period. (2/26/19)

March 13. BLM-UT. The Salt Lake Field Office has received a Plan of Development to build a ski resort in Wasatch and Summit Counties near the existing Deer Valley Ski Resort. The Field Office is working with the proponent to refine the application. Once the application is complete, the appropriate level of NEPA will be determined and initiated. The

proponent (Axtell, doing business as Mayflower) owns over 4,000 acres of land adjacent to small BLM and State of Utah parcels and seeks to lease these parcels as part of the resort system. In addition to skiing, the resort would host a backcountry yurt system, backcountry ski access, and mountain biking and hiking trails. (2/26/19)

March 14. BLM-NV. An open house will be held to discuss route evaluations for the Charleston Travel Management Area in the Elko District. The Charleston TMA in northern Elko County is approximately 157,588 acres in size and has 389 miles of roads identified. A comment period on the evaluations, which is the second phase of travel management planning, opened Feb. 22 and will close Mar. 22. (2/26/19)

By March 15 (To be confirmed). BLM-CA. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in coordination with the BLM El Centro Field Office, anticipates issuing a Final Environmental Assessment and joint Decision Record for the Ocotillo Wind Energy Project on BLM-managed land in Imperial County. The EA analyzed an Eagle Take Permit application and an amendment to the right-of-way grant for the Ocotillo Wind Energy Facility, a 112-turbine project operated by Pattern Energy and authorized by the BLM in 2012. The BLM is a cooperating agency on the EA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the lead federal agency for NEPA and Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act. (2/26/19)

March 15. BLM-CO. The Gunnison Field Office will implement seasonal wildlife restrictions on motorized travel for Gunnison Sage-Grouse. This restriction will affect approximately 200,000 acres of BLM lands in the Gunnison basin. Motorized travel will be temporarily restricted on portions of 38 BLM and County roads. This sage grouse seasonal management effort is cooperative with the Forest Service and Gunnison County underway since 2010. Approximately 2,500 acres along the Signal Peak ridge will be closed to all uses from March 15 - May 15 to limit disturbance to Gunnison Sage-Grouse during the lekking season. The Signal Peak restrictions were developed with input from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, local wildlife advocates, and trail users. These management restrictions are new for 2019. (2/26/19)

March 26-27. BLM-AK. Anchorage Field Office staff will present project updates at the Western Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting in Fairbanks. Updates will include the Bering Sea-Western Interior Resource Management Plan and the status of the Donlin Gold pipeline. (2/26/19)

March 27-28. BLM-NM. The Taos Field Office will hold a second round of public engagement meetings on the travel and transportation planning process for the Sombrillo Travel Management Area (TMA). The TMA is approximately 20 miles north of Santa Fe. The public scoping period closes Apr. 29. (2/26/19)

March 28. BLM-OR/WA. The Coos Bay District will issue decision records and sale notices for three upcoming timber sales: Sister Sweeden, Glide Path, and Slater 21. The District will offer the three sales at an oral auction on Apr. 26. Sister Sweeden includes 196 acres of commercial thinning in the late successional reserve land use allocation, and is expected to yield 4.9 million board feet. Glide Path is a regeneration harvest on 141 acres in

the harvest land base land use allocation, and is expected to yield 4.9 million board feet of timber. Slater 21 includes a combination of thinning and regeneration harvest on 61 acres in the harvest land base. It is expected to yield 1.1 million board feet of timber. The District analyzed the Sister Sweeden timber sale as part of the West Fork Smith Environmental Assessment. Both Glide Path and Slater 21 timber sales were analyzed in the Upper Rock Creek Environmental Assessment. These sales will contribute to the District's target of offering 30 million board feet of timber for sale in FY19. (2/26/19)

March 29 (to be confirmed). BLM-CA. The Ridgecrest Field Office plans to release for public comment the Crater Mine Exploration Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA evaluates a proposal to conduct exploratory drilling and bulk sampling to determine the extent of sulphur deposits. The area of interest is located within the Last Chance Canyon Range, Inyo County, which is within the Basin and Range National Conservation Lands and a BLM inholding surrounded by Death Valley National Park. This particular parcel is proposed to be transferred to Death Valley National Park under S. 47, the Natural Resources Management Act, which passed the Senate on Feb. 12. (2/26/19)

UPDATED ITEMS

By March 10. BLM-CA. The Bakersfield Field Office will submit a Departmental Review Team briefing request for the Plains Pipeline L.P. Replacement Project. The project proposes to replace an approximately 127-mile crude oil pipeline that traverses Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Kern counties. DOI has designated this as a Fast-41 project. BLM-CA is the lead federal agency for the project, which crosses approximately 13 miles of public lands in the Los Padres National Forest, Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge, and Carrizo Plain National Monument. Santa Barbara County is the lead agency for the portions that cross private and state lands. BLM is coordinating with federal, state, county and local agencies, as well as Native American Tribes. Rep. Salud Carbajal's (D-CA-24) office has expressed interest. The project is expected to be controversial. (12/10/18)

By March 10. BLM-CO. The Gunnison Field Office will publish in the Federal Register (pending Washington Office approval) a Notice of Realty Action to convey approximately 43acres of public land to the Town of Lake City under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. The land is about one mile south of Lake City. The Lake City Ski Hill community ski area would continue to operate under the conveyance. (4/24/18) DTS 2329

By Mid-March. BLM-AK. The Eastern Interior Field Office will consult with the Tribal Governments of Chalkyitsik and the Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in (Fort Yukon). The Chalkyitsik meeting will be at the Fairbanks District Office; a second meeting will likely be held in Fort Yukon. The consultation will fulfill the Tribes' request, made during consultation in 2018, that the BLM afford them an opportunity to share their priorities for implementation of the Eastern Interior Resource Management Plan. (10/26/18)

Mid-March. BLM-ID. The Challis Field Office has been working with the Solicitor's Office and the BLM Energy, Minerals, and Realty Management Directorate toward signing the Decision Record and publishing the Notice of Decision on a land exchange in the

Mackay area (Big Lost Land Exchange). This work has been put on hold pending resolution of a conservation easement issue. The owner of the Big Lost Ranch is interested in acquiring some BLM lands which are adjacent to the ranch. The BLM land is situated between a county road, the ranch, Highway 93 and private land, which makes management difficult for both BLM and the ranch. The land that BLM would acquire is 20 acres in the Chilly Slough Wetland Conservation Project Area and approximately 475 acres in the Barton Flat area adjacent to other BLM-managed land. Approximately 208 acres of BLM-managed lands would be exchanged for 495 acres of private land. The private land was appraised at $19,000 more than the BLM land, however the ranch owners will be donating a portion of their land to equalize the values. No known controversies exist at this time. (7/27/18)

Mid-March. BLM-NV plans to publish a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Mount Hope Mine Project about 23 miles northwest of Eureka, Nev. The Draft SEIS for the proposed molybdenum mine and related development is a response to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit's remand decision for further action on issues identified in its Dec. 28, 2016, decision. The BLM signed a Record of Decision, approved a mine plan of operations, and issued right-of-way grants in 2012. (2/19/19) DTS 2380

March 11. BLM-CO. The 30-day public scoping period closes for GCC Energy LLC's proposed King II Coal Mine Lease by Application (LBA). The proposed LBA includes approximately 3,200 acres north of the existing King II Coal Mine in the Tres Rios Field Office. The LBA would extend mine life for 5-7 years and use existing surface facilities and transportation routes. The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement is the joint lead on the EA. (10/26/18)

March 11. BLM MT/DK. The Butte Field Office plans to issue a Record of Decision for fuels treatment on 1,000 acres of BLM land within the Tenmile study area. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has concurred with the Field Office's effects determination on the Tenmile–South Helena Project, which is a cooperative project between the Helena National Forest and the Butte Field Office. The project area includes all ownerships in 61,395 acres, of which 1,043 acres are administered by the Butte Field Office. The project is intended to maintain consistent quantity and quality of water within the Helena municipal watershed and improve conditions for public and firefighter safety across the landscape. (12/18/18)

March 14. BLM-CO. The Little Snake Field Office will host a public open house in Hayden to discuss management of more than 1,870 miles of inventoried routes across approximately 638,195 acres in Moffat and Routt counties in an area called Travel Management Area 3. The Field Office has been working on a multi-year, comprehensive look at the roads and trails it manages to address current and future needs. To make the effort more effective and manageable, the Field Office has been divided into three travel management areas. The Field Office wants to hear ideas and concerns from the public before it begins developing alternatives to be analyzed in an EA for Travel Management Area 3. A cooperating agency meeting will precede the public open house. The Field Office has emphasized public and cooperator involvement throughout its travel management processes for all three areas. (2/5/19)

March 15. BLM-NV. The Black Rock Field Office anticipates releasing the Burning Man Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The proposed action would increase the event population from 80,000 to 100,000. The alternatives developed from internal and public scoping are: 1) keeping the event population at 80,000; 2) shifting the event northward up the Black Rock playa due to flooding concerns; 3) lowering the permitted population to 50,000 participants; and 4) no event. BLM-NV plans to brief the Department on the Burning Man 10-Year Permit Renewal EIS March 8.(10/1/18)

March 15. BLM-NV. The news release on the Argenta Allotment environmental assessment will be distributed announcing the opening of a 30-day comment period. The EA is tied to the grazing permit renewal on the Argenta Allotment in the Battle Mountain District. (2/12/19)

ONGOING ITEMS

In March. BLM-MT/DK. The Lewistown Field Office anticipates publishing a NOA in the Federal Register for the Lewistown Draft RMP/EIS, pending Washington Office approval. (6/15/18) DTS 2231 / FRN at DTS 2233

In March. BLM-MT/DK. The Missoula Field Office anticipates publishing an NOA in the Federal Register of its Draft RMP/EIS, pending Washington Office approval. (6/15/18) DTS 2230 / FRN at DTS 2232

In March. BLM-NV. The Humboldt River Field Office will publish the Draft EIS for the Marigold Mine Mackay Optimization Project. Numerous groups have expressed concern with this project especially related to the potential impacts to surface and groundwater. (11/2/18)

By Mid-March. BLM-AK. The Jan. 31 signing ceremony for ASLM to sign a Public Land Order (PLO) to revoke seven PLOs issued in 1972 by DOI has been postponed. The Federal Register package will be published upon signing and approval. This order will affect 1,153,609 acres of BLM-managed land withdrawn near the Fortymile area of Alaska. The action will open those acres to surface entry, mining and mineral leasing, subject to valid existing rights. The PLOs were issued pursuant to Sec. 17(d)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The Eastern Interior Fortymile Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision, finalized in 2016, recommended partial revocation of these withdrawals. (1/30/19) DTS Lands 186

By Mid-March. BLM-AK is preparing a Federal Register notice to revoke Public Land Order (PLO) 5179 issued in 1972 by DOI. The package will be submitted to the Washington Office for review. This order will affect 243,653 acres of BLM-managed land withdrawn near the Bering Glacier area of Alaska. The action will open those acres to surface entry, mining and mineral leasing, subject to valid existing rights. The PLO was issued pursuant to Sec. 17(d)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The East Alaska Resource

Management Plan and Record of Decision, finalized in 2007, recommended partial revocation of these withdrawals. (1/30/19)

Mid-March. BLM-CO. The Army National Guard completed two Records of Decision (RODs) for the Craig National Guard Training Site Munitions Response Area and the Delta National Guard Complex to remediate munition sites on BLM-managed land in the Northwest and Southwest districts. Per DOI policy, review from BLM management and signature from the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget are required to provide the Army National Guard access to BLM lands. BLM-CO is preparing packages for the RODs and surname process (2/12/19)

March 11. BLM-UT plans to publish a Notice of Exchange Proposal in the Federal Register for the Utah Test and Training Range Land Exchange. The FY17 National Defense Authorization Act directed a land exchange between the BLM and State of Utah's School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. The Federal lands (95,737.13 acres) and State lands (83,609.38 acres) are located throughout western Utah in Box Elder, Tooele, Juab, Millard, and Beaver Counties. The purpose of the land exchange is to: 1) remove State ownership of lands where development would be incompatible with the critical national defense uses of the UTTR and Dugway Proving Ground; 2) consolidate land ownership for both the State of Utah and the United States; 3) place valuable conservation and recreation lands and mineral interests into public ownership, including lands within and contiguous to the Cedar Mountain Wilderness; and 4) place lands with a high development potential into State ownership for the benefit of Utah public schools. BLM-UT plans to issue a news release when the notice publishes. (2/19/19) DTS L183

Week of March 11. BLM-CO. The Gunnison Field Office plans to announce a 30-day scoping period for a proposed Travel Management Plan on BLM-administered lands near Silverton. The proposal will align with the Silverton Trails Master Plan, developed by the Town of Silverton and San Juan County. The BLM will consider proposals to construct new roads or trails and increase authorized uses on existing trails. (2/19/19)

March 13. BLM-AK. The comment period will close for the Draft EIS for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program. BLM-AK held eight public meetings from Feb. 4-13 in various Alaskan communities and Washington, D.C. The comment period was extended to Mar. 13 at the request of several Alaskan communities and environmental organizations. (1/30/19)

March 15. BLM-AZ. The Gila District Manager plans to participate in a NEPA Review Team briefing on the Final SEIS / Proposed Plan Amendments for the Ray Land Exchange. This proposed land exchange has the potential to create hundreds of Arizona mining-related jobs as well as improve access to existing public lands for traditional uses such as hunting, fishing, and family recreation. The original Final EIS was deemed insufficient by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals as it failed to analyze the different environmental consequences of the proponent's likely mining operations, with or without the exchange and federal oversight. The BLM plans to release the Final SEIS / Proposed Plan Amendments in April 2019 and a Record of Decision in June 2019. (2/19/19)

March 18. BLM-AZ. The Hassayampa Field Office will announce a new lease of approximately 1,046 acres of public lands near Wickenburg, Ariz., to the Maricopa County Department of Parks and Recreation, under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. An EA analyzing potential environmental impacts of the lease, which allows construction of recreation facilities, including picnic and campground facilities, restrooms, trails, a nature center, and an amphitheater, was signed Jan. 31, 2019. The lease will support the County's efforts to expand recreation access in the fastest growing county in the U.S. (1/30/19)

March 18. BLM-ID. The Shoshone Field Office anticipates publishing a Notice of Realty Action in the Federal Register identifying 13.78 acres of public land as suitable for conveyance to Lincoln County under the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act. Lincoln County proposes to use the land for operating and maintaining a municipal solid waste transfer station. Conveyance of the public land for uses outlined in the R&PP Plan of Development will allow Lincoln County to continue utilizing the waste transfer station in its current location to accept only non-hazardous and household hazardous waste as permitted by Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. BLM-ID is preparing to submit a request to brief the BLM Director's office on this project. (8/28/18)

Late March. BLM-OR/WA. The Vale District is revising a Draft RMP Amendment and Draft EIS for the Southeastern Oregon planning. The Vale District will incorporate suggested changes and, following Oregon State Office review, will recommend publishing the Notice of Availability and Draft Environmental Impact Statement through ePlanning and release to the public for a 90-day comment period in early spring 2019. The Vale District is revising the schedule and incorporating the applicable changes. (2/12/19)

March 25. BLM-NV. The Ely District, Bristlecone Field Office begins a 15-day public comment period on a preliminary Environmental Assessment analyzing a Kinross Gold Corporation proposal to expand operations at the Bald Mountain Mine on private and public lands about 65 miles northwest of Ely, Nev. The comment period concludes April 9. (2/19/19)

March 29. BLM-ID. The Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area is preparing an EA for the Idaho Army National Guard's Master Plan No. 1, which would include improvements to three ranges; four ammo transfer and holding points; and 25 concrete tank turning pads. These projects are being analyzed in one EA. BLM is a co-lead on this project with the National Guard. The 30-day public comment period began Dec. 17. Due to the volume of comments, a final decision will be ready for release at the end of March. (7/20/18)

Oil and Gas Lease Sale Updates

BLM-CO. BLM-CO has scheduled its first two quarterly oil and gas lease sales in 2019, March 28 and June 28. **The March oil and gas lease sale will offer six parcels totaling 1,091 acres.** 45 days out – Post Sale Notice and begin 10-day protest period (Feb. 12, 2019) – 30-day public review and comment period on NEPA documents began Nov. 16, 2018 and

concluded Dec. 16, 2018; Two-week public scoping period began on Oct. 10, 2018 and ended on Oct. 16, 2018; Two days prior to sale – Send final sale parcel list to Energy Net for posting – March 26, 2019; One day prior to sale – Decision Record and Signed FONSI – March 27, 2019. **The June oil and gas lease sale will offer 12 parcels totaling 4,804 acres.** Two-week public scoping period began on Jan. 29, 2019 and closes on Feb. 12, 2019. Two-week public review and comment period on NEPA documents will begin on March 12, 2019 and closes on Mar. 26, 2019. 45 days out – Post sale notice and begin 10-day protest period (May 14, 2019 – May 23, 2019). Two days prior to sale – Send final sale parcel list to Energy Net for posting – June 26, 2019; One day prior to sale – Decision Record and Signed FONSI – June 27, 2019. September 2019 CO oil and gas lease sale – March 1, 2019 is the cut-off for accepting Expressions of Interest.

BLM-ES. BLM-ES has scheduled a quarterly oil and gas lease sale June 20, 2019. Thirty-one parcels totaling 3,338.355 acres will be offered. The Sale Notice will be posted June 3, 2019 (45 days out), initiating a 10-day protest period. A 30-day public review and comment period on NEPA documents began December 11, 2018, and ended February 1, 2019. Final NEPA document was posted to ePlanning, February 15, 2019. The Draft Sale Notice review will be conducted by District Office/SMAs/SO/SD, March 11-12, 2019. The Sale Notice will be posted to ePlanning, March 22, 2019. The Sale Notice protest period will end April 1, 2019.

BLM-MT. BLM-MT has scheduled their first two quarterly oil and gas lease sales in 2019, March 25-27 and July 30. **March 25-27, 2019 MT oil and gas lease sale - 305 parcels totaling 167,213 acres –** Public Notification of Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale will be posted on website and news release (TBD, NLT 45-days out). The 30-day public protest period (for the Greater Sage-Grouse areas) began Feb. 1, 2019 and ends Mar. 3, 2019. The 30-day public review and comment period of the environmental documents began on Nov. 21, 2018 and concluded Dec. 21, 2018. Send final sale parcel list to Energy Net for posting on Jan. 31, 2019; Decision Record and signed FONSI on March 19. **July 30, 2019 MT oil and gas lease sale - 35 parcels totaling 12,242 acres (3,611 BLM and 8,631 split estate) –** Public Notification of Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale (at least 45-days notice on June 11) will be posted on website and in a news release. The 15-day public review and comment period of the environmental documents begins Mar. 13 and concludes April 12, 2019. The 30-day public protest period begins June 12, 2019 and concludes July 12, 2019. Send final sale parcel list to Energy Net for posting on June 11, 2019; Decision Record and signed FONSI on July 25.

BLM-NM. BLM-NM has scheduled its first two quarterly oil and gas lease sales in 2019, March 28 and June 20. **March 28, 2019 NM oil and gas lease sale - 37 parcels totaling approximately 12,500 acres in NM & OK** – 45 days out - Public Notification of Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale - posted on website and press release; public scoping period - Began Oct. 5, 2018 and concluded Oct. 19, 2018; public protest period of the environmental documents - Began Feb. 11 and concludes Feb. 20, 2019; Two days prior to sale - Send final sale parcel list to Energy Net for posting – Mar. 26, 2019; One day prior to sale – Decision Record and Signed FONSI – Mar. 27. **June 20, 2019 NM oil and gas lease sale - 56 parcels in NM, KS, & OK –** 45 days out - Public Notification of Competitive Oil

and Gas Lease Sale - posting on website and press release; public scoping period - Began Jan. 30 and concluded Feb. 10; public review and comment period of the environmental documents - Begins Mar. 11 and concludes Mar. 22, 2019; Two days prior to sale - Send final sale parcel list to Energy Net for posting - June 18, 2019**;** One day prior to sale – Decision Record and Signed FONSI – June 19.

BLM-NV. BLM-NV plans on conducting an oil and gas lease sale June 11, 2019. The sale will involve 172 parcels totaling 339,081 acres on the Battle Mountain (123 parcels, 264,076 acres) and Elko Districts (49 parcels, 75,005 acres). The sale notice will post April 12 and the protest due date is May 13. The NEPA comment period for the Battle Mountain District runs from Feb. 19 to March 20. The NEPA comment period for the Elko District runs from Feb. 16 to March 19. (2/19/19)

BLM-UT. BLM-UT has scheduled their first two quarterly oil and gas lease sales in 2019, March 25-26 and June 10. **March 25-26, 2019 UT oil and gas lease sale - 156 parcels totaling 217,000 acres –** Public Notification of Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale will be posted on website and news release (TBD, NLT 45-days out). The 30-day public protest period (for the Greater Sage-Grouse areas) begins Feb. 7, 2019 and ends Mar. 1, 2019. The 30-day public review and comment period of the environmental documents began on Nov. 15, 2018 and concluded Dec. 17, 2018. Send final sale parcel list to Energy Net for posting on Feb. 11, 2019; Decision Record and signed FONSI on May 24. **June 10, 2019 UT oil and gas lease sale - 8 parcels totaling 11,557.73 BLM acres; 12 parcels 27,000 Forest Service acres –** Public Notification of Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale (45-days notice on April 25) will be posted on website and in a news release. The 15-day public review and comment period of the environmental documents begins Feb. 15 and concludes Mar. 4, 2019. The 10-day public protest period (no Greater Sage-Grouse areas) begins Apr. 25, 2019 and concludes May 6, 2019. Send final sale parcel list to Energy Net for posting on Apr. 26, 2019; Decision Record and signed FONSI on Aug. 9.

BLM-WY. BLM-WY has scheduled the first two quarterly oil and gas lease sales in 2019, March 19-20 and June 17. **March 19-20, 2019 WY oil and gas lease sale - 140 parcels totaling 148,908 acres –** Public Notification of Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale (Nov. 13, 2018) - posted on website and press release; 30-day public protest period - Began Jan. 30 and concludes March 1; Two days prior to sale - Send final sale parcel list to Energy Net for posting – Mar. 17, 2019; One day prior to sale – Decision Record and Signed FONSI – Mar. 18, 2019. **June 2019 WY oil and gas lease sale – 160 parcels totaling 205,885 acres -** EA will be posted for public comment on Feb. 19.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

In March, BOEM expects to submit the Final Rule updating its air quality regulations related to oil, gas, and sulfur operations on the OCS to OMB for interagency review. This Final Rule significantly decreases the regulatory burden on industry compared to the Proposed Rule, while still meeting BOEM's statutory responsibilities under the OCSLA. A narrative describing the reduction to costs as compared to the proposed rule (Reduction to Costs

Narrative and the rule text are currently with the Department for review. (8/2/18, DTS #2280 (Rule), DTS #2454 (Reduction to Costs Narrative))

In March, BOEM expects to publish a Request for Competitive Interest for an area proposed to be used for a right-of-way (ROW) project called Atlantic Link. Clean Power Northeast Development, Inc. filed an application on May 31, 2017 (revised August 22, and September 26), for a ROW grant in support of a proposed project connecting onshore wind and hydro power in Canada to the Massachusetts market via a 350 mile HVDC submarine cable traversing the OCS. The notice is in surnaming with the Department. (DTS #1773)

In March, BOEM expects to publish a Request for Competitive Interest for an area proposed to be used for a right-of-way (ROW) project from Anbaric Development Partners (ADP). The application is for the New York and New Jersey Ocean Grid, an HVDC submarine system approximately 185NM (213 statute miles) in length with up to nine offshore AC to DC collector/converter platforms, which would collect and distribute power generated from existing offshore wind leases to up to six terrestrial landings at locations from Long Island, New York to Cardiff, New Jersey. The notice is in surnaming with the Department. (10/15/18, DTS #2208)

BOEM has revised the proposed rule on financial assurance and is modifying the associated Regulatory Impact Analysis. Currently, the estimated cost-savings of the rule are about $16 million annually. The revised documents have been in surnaming with SOL since February 8. (8/27/18, DTS #2343)

The Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Lease Sales Area Identification Decision Memo covering the proposed GOM oil and gas lease sales in the 2020-2025 National Program (excluding the area currently under the GOMESA moratorium) is currently in surnaming with SOL. The target date for publication is March 29. (2/22/19, DTS#2631)

OIA has begun formal preparations to hold the inaugural meeting of the Global Offshore Wind Regulators Forum (GOWRF) on April 8 in New York City. The meeting will coincide with the 2019 International Partnering Forum conference. This multilateral group will discuss priority topics associated with the responsible planning and oversight of offshore wind energy development, and involve participation from lead government regulators representing both experienced and emerging markets. The forum will present a unique opportunity for sharing lessons learned, discussing regulatory approaches and best practices, and exchanging scientific and environmental information. OIA finalized the list of invitees on February 21 and has started distributing formal invitations.

The negotiated agreement revisions for the Sandbridge Beach, VA lease are currently with SOL for surnaming. BOEM's Marine Minerals Program expects to execute the agreement by mid-March. (2/4/19, DTS#2630)

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

Arctic Rule (AA01) –This is a joint BSEE BOEM rule and BSEE has been tasked as the lead agency by the ASLM for revisions to this rule. Although the scheduled tribal consultations were impacted by the drowning of a Native whaling captain and crewmember as well as the Alaskan earthquake, all have taken place. A meeting with the BSEE/ BOEM regulatory team took place on February 13 to discuss comments and path forward. A joint BSEE BOEM memo on the path forward has been drafted and was subject to ASLM/BSEE discussion on February 25. Additions were requested and a revised memo is scheduled to be delivered by the BSEE Director to the ASLM in a meeting scheduled for February 28 at 1pm.

London Convention
On March 18-22, the forty-second meeting of the Scientific Group under the London Convention is scheduled in Vancouver, Canada. The agenda includes a session for members to review the latest draft revised Specific Guidelines for Assessment of Platforms or Other Man-made Structures at Sea, with a view to its finalization and subsequent discussion and approval at the fall 2019 meeting of the governing bodies. The latest revision incorporates DOI's edits from late November 2018, plus suggested revisions submitted by other international members of the intersessional Correspondence Group. BSEE, BOEM, and SOL coordinated on the development of an initial draft U.S. position paper regarding this agenda item at the end of January. BSEE has since requested EPA's input and finalized and is routing through DTS to the ASLM.

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Intent to File Suit: On or about September 7, 2018, the Secretary and the Acting Director received a Notice of Intent to File Suit over an alleged failure to perform a mandatory duty under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act from the WildEarth Guardians (WEG). WEG alleges that the agency failed to "promptly promulgate regulations to limit toxic blasting emissions at coal mines after granting a petition for rulemaking." SMCRA allows OSMRE 60 days to respond to the NOI before an action can be filed. The Solicitor's Office advised OSMRE on its options in response to the NOI. OSMRE sent a response letter to WEG on November 6, 2018, indicating that OSMRE would publish its decision in the *Federal Register* within 90 days, on or before February 4, 2019. On January 31, 2019, OSMRE notified WEG that an extension of time would be needed due to the 35 day government shutdown. OSMRE is working with the Solicitors Office to complete the *Federal Register* notice for publication as soon as possible.

Pollyanna #8 (OK): The FONSI was signed on February 11, 2019. The final MPDD was signed by the Regional Director on February 13, 2019. A hard copy and DTS copy were submitted for HQ routing on February 14, 2019. Currently with the Acting Director's office for approval and routing to ASLM. This approval includes shadow area only for 520 acres of federally owned coal (1.7 million tons recoverable). (11/27/18)

Narley No. 3 (AL): OSMRE Mid-Continent Region will begin scoping for the Best Coal Narley No. 3 Mine in mid-to-late February 2019. The MCR prepared A Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment and submitted it to headquarters for final approval on

February 14, 2019. The NOI was posted on the OSMRE Mid-Continent website on February 22, 2019. Public comments will be accepted through March 25, 2019. (1/30/19)

Notice of Adoption and Record of Decision for West Elk Mine (CO): OSMRE is proceeding with the adoption of the Forest Service's Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) for Federal Coal Lease Modifications COC-1362 and COC-67232. The OSMRE Western Region briefed OSMRE Headquarters on February 13, 2019, and the DOI Clearance package requesting approval to publish was submitted on February 19, 2019. Clearance was granted on February 24, 2019. OSMRE will publish the Notice of Adoption and issuance of a Record of Decision in the *Federal Register* prior to making its recommendation on whether to approve the mining plan decision document.

Notice of Availability for Publication of San Juan Mine Deep Lease Extension Final EIS (NM): The DOI Clearance Briefing scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2019, has been re-scheduled to March 1, 2019. Following DOI Clearance, OSMRE will publish the announcement in the *Federal Register*. The Final EIS will inform OSMRE's recommendation to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management's decision on whether to approve the federal mining plan.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLICY, MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel for the upcoming week

Susan Combs, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, exercising the authority of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, will be in the office.

Scott Cameron, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, will be in the office.

Immediate Actions and Announcements for the Next Week

Office of the Chief Information Officer

On March 4, OCIO is preparing to onboard the new Chief Information Officer, William Vajda. (02/27/12019)

Deputy Assistant Secretary - Human Capital and Diversity (DAS HCD)

The Office of Human Capital is preparing several personnel actions for the upcoming Executive Resources Board (ERB), and is finalizing FY19 SES performance management training to roll out for SES/SL/ST members and senior non-career leadership. (02/27/2019)

On March 4, the Office of Safety and Health (OSH) will conduct a site visit with NPS for the Grand Canyon uranium radiation exposure investigation. OSH staff will coordinate with the USGS uranium specialists, health physicists, NPS mine specialist, and a Federal Occupational Health contract health physicist to determine exposure risk. OSH is co-leading the exposure investigation component along with NPS Chief, Office of Risk Management. (02/27/2019)

Deputy Assistant Secretary - Budget, Finance, Grants and Acquisition (DAS BFGA)

On March 4, PMB is preparing to onboard the new DAS BFGA, Andrea Brandon. (02/27/12019)

Week of March 4, OMB is anticipated to wrap up their informal review of the Department's Proposed Financial Assistance Interior Regulation (FAIR). OMB is completing an informal review, which usually takes 3-5 days. Should the rule be requested for formal interagency review, OMB would take up to 90 days to complete the review. If no decision is received from OMB by mid-week, PMB leadership will reach out to OMB. (02/27/2019)

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Deputy Assistant Secretary – Public Safety, Resource Protection and Emergency Services (DAS PRE)

From March 20-21, Office of Law Enforcement and Security (OLES) Acting Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will attend a joint Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)/FBI security conference at the Hoover Dam and FBI Phoenix Field office. The conference is hosted by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and focuses on coordination of sharing classified and sensitive intelligence information across the Department's offices/bureaus. (02/27/2019)

Deputy Assistant Secretary - Budget, Finance, Grants and Acquisition (DAS BFGA)

March 11-29, all Bureaus' FY 2019 spend plan submissions are due to the Office of Budget. (02/27/2019)

Through the week of March 11**,** the Office of Budget will continue to coordinate with the Acting Chief of Staff and the Associate Deputy Secretary's Office for the Bureau/Office FY 2020 Budget Greenbook review. (02/27/2019)

The Office of Management and Budget will stagger the FY 2020 budget release of OMB materials:

- The week of March 11th, OMB will transmit the 2020 Budget (Main Budget Volume). This volume contains the Budget Message of the President, information on the President's priorities, and summary tables.
- The week of March 18th, the remaining OMB materials (the Appendix, Major Savings and Reforms, Analytical Perspectives, etc.) will be transmitted.

DOI will support the roll-out of the Main Budget Volume:

- On March 11th, the Department plans to release Interior's Budget in Brief.
- The week of March 18th, the Interior Congressional Budget Justifications (Bureau/Office Greenbooks) will be released.

The following FY 2020 Budget hearings are scheduled:

- March 26 - The House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee hearing

- March 27 - The House Natural Resources Committee hearing (02/27/2019)

GAO held an entrance conference with DOI's OCIO to discuss the "Department of Homeland Security's Binding Operational Directives (BOD)" (Job Code 103088) in response to requests from Chairman Thompson of the House Committee on Homeland Security and committee member Representatives Richmond and Langevin. The GAO will review the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) process for developing and overseeing Federal agencies' implementation of BOD requirements and DHS's establishment of associated metrics. (02/27/2019)

The OIG will audit the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program for Wisconsin State fiscal years 2017 and 2018, starting July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018. (02/27/2019)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR WATER AND SCIENCE

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

On March 4, Assistant Secretary Tim Petty travels to Tempe, AZ to chair a meeting of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Workgroup (AMWG) and associated meetings March 5-8.

On March 4, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Kiel Weaver travels to Tempe, AZ to attend a portion of the Glen Canyon Dam AMWG and associated meetings, and on March 6, travels to Bakersfield, CA to speak at the Kern County Water Summit on March 7-8.

On March 4 and 5, Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burman is scheduled to be on travel in Albuquerque, New Mexico. On March 6-8, Commissioner Burman is scheduled to be in Washington, DC.

During the week of March 3, USGS Director Reilly will be in Reston, VA.

Immediate Announcements and Actions For the Next Week

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Between March 3 and March 4, Reclamation plans to publish a 30-day public notice regarding a proposed initiation of a public recreation compatibility review of the Horsetooth Sail and Saddle Club in Colorado, a private exclusive use on Horsetooth Reservoir, Colorado-Big Thompson Project. The results of the review will dictate further Reclamation action. (01/29/2019)

Between March 3 and March 15, Reclamation plans to announce the winners of the year-long sub-seasonal climate forecast rodeo prize competition. This forecasting prize competition had solvers submit forecasts of temperature and precipitation for one year, competing in real-time against other teams as well as forecasts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration (NOAA). NOAA was a partner with Reclamation on this project. (12/03/2018)

Between March 3 and March 15, Reclamation plans to announce the winners of the Pathogens Monitoring prize competition. This stage of the competition sought technical proposals for how to rapidly, accurately, and cost-effectively detect viruses in water reuse treatment plants. Xylem, Inc provided financial support and The Water Research Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency were collaborators. (01/28/2019)

Between March 3 and March 15, Reclamation plans to sign the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Schaake Property Habitat Improvement Project, Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project, Environmental Assessment. The Schaake property is located along the Yakima River near the town of Ellensburg in central Washington State. The Schaake property Habitat Improvement Project includes setting back the existing Schaake levee to restore channel-floodplain connectivity and re-connect two historic side channels to the Yakima River to provide rearing habitat for juvenile salmonids. (02/19/2019)

Between March 3 and March 15, Reclamation plans to sign the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Pasco Pump Lateral (PPL) 5.8 Wasteway Project. This project is located north of Pasco, Washington, within the Columbia Basin Project. It involves the installation of a new pipeline to route excess irrigation water from the PPL canal to a discharge point along the Columbia River to correct shortcomings in the existing drainage system. (01/28/2019)

On March 4, Reclamation plans to issue a news release inviting public review and comment on a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) titled *Implementation of Klamath Project Operating Procedures 2019-2024*. A two-week comment period will begin on that date. This Draft EA will evaluate the proposed action for the recent Biological Assessment. The EA is part of the accelerated Endangered Species Action section 7 Klamath Reinitiation of Consultation process, which is expected to culminate in a coordinated Biological Opinions from the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by April 1. The Klamath project is located in northern California and southern Oregon. Media interest is expected. (01/14/2019)

From March 4 through March 8, Reclamation staff plan to attend the 55th annual meeting of the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in Bend, Oregon. The theme of this year's conference is "At the nexus of science and restoration: What do we know?" Media interest specific to Reclamation is not expected. (02/25/2019)

Between March 4 and March 9, Reclamation plans to provide the Biological Assessment on the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Water Supply Infrastructure Improvement Project to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to initiate the consultation process under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The project proposes to provide Gray Lodge with a supply of water adequate to support optimum wildlife habitat management (Level 4 supply), as mandated by the Central Valley Project Improvement Act. (01/25/2019)

Between March 4 and March 9, Reclamation plans to issue the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the Environmental Assessment (EA) documents for the El Camino Irrigation District Pump 1 Conveyance Efficiency Upgrade Project. The EA and FONSI are for a WaterSMART grant to replace 2,020 feet of original concrete irrigation pipeline and install a direct flow meter to reduce seepage and improve water management capabilities, respectively. (01/25/2019)

On March 4, Mid-Pacific Regional Director Ernest Conant will attend a water issues meeting hosted by Congressman Jim Costa (D-16 California) in Los Banos, California. Similar meetings are scheduled a few times a year with the Congressman, federal and state agency directors and the water managers of local districts in the San Joaquin Valley, California. (02/25/2019)

On March 6, Reclamation plans to announce a new prize competition that seeks ideas to keep fish safe from water diversions and intakes. Reclamation is collaborating with the Department of Energy's Water Power Technologies Office, U.S. Geological Survey, NOAA Fisheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory on this prize competition. (02/19/2019)

On March 6-7, the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group meeting is planned in Tempe, Arizona. Dr. Tim Petty will be attending. Planned discussion topics include Colorado River basin hydrology, water operations, aquatic species management, and others. The meeting is open to the public and media. (02/04/2019)

On March 7, Reclamation plans to participate in the Flaming Gorge Working Group meeting in Vernal, Utah. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public and other interested parties of Reclamation's current and future operational plans regarding Flaming Gorge Dam, and to gather information from the public regarding specific resources associated with the reservoir and river corridor below it. The meeting will be open to members of the public and the media. (02/14/2019)

On March 7, Reclamation plans to post the Final Environmental Assessment for a Drought Resiliency Project in Ephraim City, Utah. Ephraim City applied for and received funding through Reclamation's WaterSMART program to drill a second well to improve water quality and increase water supply for the city. A press release will not be issued. (02/25/2019)

On March 7, Reclamation plans to issue a news release announcing it is initiating the WaterSMART Water Management Options Pilots. This is a new activity under the Basin Studies Program. Through these pilots, Reclamation plans to work with state and local partners to identify solutions to water management issues by building on completed Basin Studies. (02/25/2019)

Around March 8, Reclamation plans to issue a news release announcing a Final Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment on the Aspen Canal Piping Project

located in Delta County, Colorado. The project will replace approximately 5.6 miles of open irrigation ditch with buried pipe. The purpose of the project is to prevent seepage and reduce salinity loading in the Colorado River Basin. (01/07/2019)

U.S. Geological Survey

San Francisco Bay - Landslides - The forecast atmospheric river (AR) storm arrived Monday February 25th evening with wind and some precipitation, but effects were mostly contained to the North Bay with reports of some landslides causing road closures in Marin County. USGS personnel have been monitoring hillslope soil moisture and saturation levels, and providing periodic updates to the Monterey Weather Forecast Office of the National Weather Service (NWS). Thus far, conditions conducive to widespread shallow landsliding in the San Francisco Bay region have not yet materialized, with the bulk of the forecast heavy rain falling north of San Francisco. As the storm moves further south into the greater San Francisco Bay region overnight, this situation may change. (2/25/2019)

On March 4, the USGS will issue a news release for an already published report summarizing the potential impact of a once-per-century magnetic superstorm on the power grid of the Northeastern United States. (2/27/2019)

On March 4, the USGS will conduct a telephone press briefing for a recently issued report about volcano hazards in California. Invited reporters are from California. (2/27/2019)

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On March 6, the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Minerals will hold an oversight hearing "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and the U.S. Geological Survey." The USGS along with BOEM and BSEE have been invited to testify. OCL informed USGS that they will not need testify even though it is shown on the upcoming hearing notifications . (2/11/2019)

On March 9, SWCASC university director Dr. Gregg Garfin will present at the Bisbee Science Cafe - The Changing Climate of Arizona and the Southwest U.S., hosted by the Bisbee Science Lab on the Fourth National Climate Assessment and relevant SWCASC research. SWCASC research is germane to many resource management activities in southeastern Arizona. Stakeholders for this event include resource managers (federal, state, local); urban planners, landowners, other researchers, tribes, and the general public. (2/8/19)

In March, NPR will release a recent interview with SWCASC university director, Dr. Gregg Garfin, about flood and drought in the southwestern U.S. Dr. Garfin is the lead author on the Southwest chapter of the Fourth National Climate Assessment and applied this expertise to explain how extreme precipitation and flooding are projected to increase, while droughts are also projected to become more frequent and severe in the southwestern U.S. (2/8/19)

In March, the USGS plans to announce a new USGS-authored paper titled "Investigation of recent decadal-scale cyclical fluctuations in salinity in the lower Colorado River". This study develops a conceptual model of the salinity cycles from time-series water quality,

streamflow, and precipitation data in both the lower and upper Colorado River Basins in order to provide Reclamation the ability to understand, anticipate, and manage future salinity cycles in the lower river. The paper has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Environmental Management* and can be viewed online. A local news release is planned. (2/4/2019)

The USGS Water Resources Mission Area's Bob Holmes is representing USGS at regular Lower Ohio/Mississippi River flood coordination calls conducted by the US Army Corps of Engineers. When the Mississippi River at Cairo, IL rises above a stage of 48 feet, the USACE Standard Operating Procedure is to conduct coordination calls. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the National Weather Service also participate on the coordination calls. The flows from the Ohio River, Upper Mississippi river, along with TVA flows from Kentucky and Barkley dams are all impacted. The coordination calls began on February 13th and will continue each Monday-Wednesday-Friday until mid-March. (2/15/19)

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The week of March 18th the 2020 Budget will be released. USGS will hold a stakeholders brief that week after the Department briefs the 2020 budget overview. (2/12/2019)

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

NEW ITEMS

In March, Reclamation plans to issue a news release on the Title XVI Authorized Projects Funding Opportunity Announcement for Fiscal Year 2019. Through the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program, Reclamation provides financial and technical assistance to local water agencies for the planning, design, and construction of water reclamation and reuse projects. (01/09/2019)

In early March, the Trinity River Restoration Program, Bureau of Reclamation, and Bureau of Land Management (federal co-lead agencies) plan to announce the Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Chapman Ranch Phase A Channel Rehabilitation Project. The purpose of the project is to increase salmon and steelhead habitat downstream of Lewiston Dam on the Trinity River in California. A news release is planned. (01/28/19)

On March 12-13, the Adaptive Management Program Annual Reporting meeting is planned in Phoenix, Arizona. The annual reporting meeting is held in accordance with the Long-Term Environmental and Management Plan Record of Decision and serves as a platform to discuss future experimental actions and previous research and monitoring. The meeting is open to the public and media. (02/04/2019)

On or around March 15, Reclamation plans to issue a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review regarding changes to recreational uses aimed at improving driver and

vehicle safety at a site along Lake Roosevelt, upstream of Grand Coulee Dam (Washington). A news release will be issued; media interest is expected. (02/19/2019)

On March 15, Reclamation plans to issue a Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant and Keechelus Reservoir-to-Kachess Reservoir Conveyance Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The FEIS will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency and posted to Reclamation's website on March 6. A joint news release with the Washington State Department of Ecology is expected to be issued in conjunction with publication of the NOA. (02/04/2019)

On March 19, the Folsom Dam (California) Security and Law Enforcement Contract will be on the public agenda for the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors' meeting for approval to meet Reclamation's contract award date. Reclamation and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department negotiated an agreement on January 24, 2019. Media attention is expected. (01/28/2019)

On March 20, Reclamation plans to attend the Lakehead Community Safety Meeting in Lakehead, California. Reclamation will provide a short update on the Shasta Dam and Reservoir Enlargement Project. Representatives from U.S. Forest Service, CalFire and the County will also provide updates on safety-related topics. Possible media interest. (02/25/2019)

Around March 22, Reclamation's Western Colorado Area Office plans to send out a news release announcing an award of a $1.65 million salinity grant to the Crawford Clipper Ditch Company, located in Crawford, Colorado. The grant will be used to replace approximately 34,204 feet of open earthen ditch and 1,525 feet of natural drainage ditch with buried pipeline. The purpose of the project is to prevent seepage and reduce salinity loading in the Colorado River Basin. (02/25/2019)

Around March 22, Reclamation plans to award a $6.5 million grant to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) and a $5.6 million grant to the Larval Fish Laboratory at Colorado State University (CSU) to assist with the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. The grants will allow UDWR and CSU to continue assisting with implementation solutions to meet the water needs of growing western communities while also protecting endangered fish along the Colorado River basin. No press releases will be issued. (02/25/2019)

ONGOING ITEMS

On March 22, the Environmental Protection Agency plans to publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing Reclamation's release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the B.F. Sisk Dam (Safety of Dams) Corrective Action Project, in coordination with California's Department of Water Resources. A public comment period of 45 days will begin upon publication in the *Federal Register.* Two public meetings will be scheduled to gather comments. A news release announcing the Draft EIS will be issued; dates for the public meetings will be announced in a subsequent news release. (02/11/2019)

Upcoming USGS Publications

Title	Summary	Publication Outlet	Anticipated Publication Date
Can’t See the Random Forest for the Decision Trees: Selecting Predictive Models for Restoration Ecology	To assess the potential for applying machine learning in restoration ecology, USGS scientists evaluated the ability of eleven modeling frameworks to predict sagebrush seedling establishment following a wildfire and aerial seeding treatment. Given the high-resolution sampling and state of the art analytical techniques, the study's results highlight potential bounds to predictive accuracy in rehabilitation projects while showcasing the robust analytical power of machine learning approaches. Including these approaches in future rehabilitation projects may aid management strategies and refine monitoring approaches in an adaptive management strategy.	Restoration Ecology	week of Feb 25

Landscape and Organismal Factors Affecting Sagebrush-Seedling Transplant Survival After Megafire Restoration	In this study, USGS scientists evaluated survival of >3000 sagebrush seedlings outplanted on 12 patches totaling of 650 ha within a 113,000 ha burn area, and related the survival to species specific traits, and to landscape variables. The important traits and variables revealed in this study can inform monitoring of landscape-level treatments to help explain the success of outplantings and to strategically plan future restoration projects.	Restoration Ecology	week of Feb 25
To forage or flee: lessons from an elk migration near a protected area	The causes and consequences of shifting and variable elk migration patterns are still largely unknown, particularly for autumn migration. This study used five years of data from female elk which utilize a landscape managed by four federal agencies, the State of Wyoming, and private landowners, to identify the driving factors behind the initiation of fall migration in two groups of elk, one of which migrates to a protected area where hunting is prohibited.	Ecosphere	May
Local scale spatial patterns of freshwater mussels in the Upper Mississippi River	Native freshwater mussels, one of the most threatened faunal groups with high extinction risk, serve vital functions in freshwater systems and many species are economically important, making them key targets for conservation, restoration, and management. This study was designed to quantify where high quality mussel assemblages exist in the Upper Mississippi River so that future habitat and restoration projects can be designed to avoid or enhance native mussel assemblages.	Freshwater Science	May
The bee fauna of coastal Napatree Point and two inland sites in southern Rhode Island	Bees are important pollinators and essential to ecosystems, and there is evidence of pollinator declines. The bee faunas of coastal sites are relatively poorly known and the USGS surveys pollinator species so that their trends can be monitored. This study provides baseline survey information on bees at Napatree Point and the Great Swamp and Carter Preserves (all three are conservation areas in Rhode Island), and provides data useful for future monitoring of these bee faunas.	Northeastern Naturalist	April

Radiometric calibration of a non-imaging airborne spectrometer to measure the Greenland Ice Sheet surface	The research described in this paper outlines a method to deploy an airborne spectrometer to measure polar ice sheets to support Earth observation calibration/validation efforts and remote sensing algorithm development to retrieve visible to shortwave infrared (VSWIR) ice sheet surface optical properties. This research is significant because it will (1) support analysis of lidar penetration depth biases for NASA's ICESat-2 green laser altimeter using calibrated airborne VSWIR data products, and (2) provides the first assessment of Landsat 8 OLI's radiometric measurement performance over the Greenland Ice Sheet using airborne reference spectra	Atmospheric Measurement Techniques	2/22/2019
Widespread global peatland establishment and persistence over the last 130,000 years	This paper used records of peatlands buried by mineral sediments for the first-ever reconstruction of peat-forming wetlands for the past 130,000 years. Results showed that Northern peatlands expanded across high latitudes during warm periods and were buried during periods of glacial advance in northern latitudes. This is important as peat accumulation and burial represent a key long-term carbon storage mechanism in the earth system	Proceedings of the National Academy of the United States of America	2/25/2019
Mineral Commodity Summaries 2019	The 42nd annual Mineral Commodity Summaries identifies events, trends, and issues in the domestic and international minerals industries from 2018. The report is the most comprehensive source of mineral production data for the world. It includes statistics on 88 mineral commodities that are important to the U.S. economy and national security. The report identifies events, trends, and issues in the domestic and international minerals industries.	USGS	2/28/2019

Biases in the literature on direct wildlife mortality from energy development	This review paper compared the availability of mortality studies among energy sources, wildlife groups, and regions, and assessed comparability of mortality indicators measured. The authors suggest several areas of research to better measure and report direct mortality effects from energy sources. These findings are important as direct wildlife mortality from energy development receives substantial public and scientific attention, yet it was previously unclear whether rigorous comparisons of mortality among energy sources was possible.	Bioscience	3/4/2019
Louisiana Black Bear Post-delisting Monitoring Report	At the request of the USFWS, USGS will provide an annual post-delisting monitoring report for the Louisiana black bear. The report is intended to indicate whether tipping points have been reached which might trigger the re-listing of the species. The report provides an assessment of data collected at sites in Atchafalaya and Tensas River Basins, Louisiana from roughly 2002/2006 to 2017.	Cooperator publication for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	April
Measuring seedlings of a problem nonnative plant species in two sites at Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona to better understand how invasions start	Prickly Russian thistle (tumbleweed) is a nonnative plant species and being able to predict if and when it will pose a serious problem is valuable for land managers when determining management strategies. This study measured the emergence of prickly Russian thistle seedlings at Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona to better understand the factors that contribute to the success of this problematic nonnative plant species.	Invasive Plant Science and Management	April
Changes in Genetic Diversity and Differentiation in Red-cockaded Woodpeckers (Dryobates borealis) Over the Past Century	The endangered red-cockaded woodpecker has declined in the southeastern US due to loss of habitat and fire suppression. An earlier genetic study conducted during the 1990's found low genetic diversity. USGS and others examined temporal change in genetic diversity and structure using microsatellite and mitochondrial DNA to assess genetic variability before and after the population decline.	Ecology and Evolution	March

Book Chapter: Global status of trout and char: conservation challenges in the 21st century	Freshwater ecosystems are among the most threatened ecosystems in the world, and freshwater fishes may now be the most threatened group of vertebrates. As of 2017 only 54% of the total described species of trout and char have been assessed by the IUCN. Of the 67 species that have been assessed, an estimated 73% are threatened with global extinction. This book chapter is the first global assessment of status and conservation of freshwater trout and char.	American Fisheries Society Book	May
An assessment of plant species differences on cellulose oxygen isotopes from Kenai Peninsula, Alaska peatlands: implications for hydroclimatic reconstructions	This paper evaluated the cellulose oxygen isotopes from a broad range of peat-forming plants from the Kenai Peninsula to understand the relationship to modern peat water, precipitation, and to each other. Results of this study are important as peat cellulose oxygen isotopes are a valuable tool for reconstructing past hydroclimatic change.	Frontiers of Earth Science	TBD
Considerations for Globigerinoides ruber (white and pink) paleoceanography: comprehensive insights from a long-running sediment trap	This study shows that two chromotypes of the planktic foraminifer, Globigerinoides ruber, (pink and white) can be used interchangeably to reflect mean annual surface ocean conditions, that the established ratio of shell Mg/Ca increase per degree Celsius temperature increase is an overestimate, and that pH has an important influence on Mg/Ca-derived ocean temperature records in this species. This paper also synthesizes 10 years of paired measurements of oxygen isotopic composition of seawater and salinity to develop new linear relationships for the two parameters in the Gulf of Mexico.	Paleoceanography and Paleoclimatology	TBD

Hormones and pharmaceuticals in groundwater used as a source of drinking water across the United States	Hormones and pharmaceuticals were measured in groundwater used for drinking across the U.S. The vulnerability of groundwater to this type of contamination was concluded to be generally low, although vulnerability in areas of fractured rocks is higher than in other areas. Exposure to hormones and pharmaceuticals at the concentrations detected are unlikely to have adverse effects on human health, based on comparisons to human-health benchmarks.	Environmental Science and Technology	3/1/2019
Regional patterns of anthropogenic influences on streams and rivers in the conterminous U.S., from the early 1970s to 2012	This study summarized broad patterns of change in major influences on water quality that occurred across the U.S. since the early 1970s. A key finding related to urban influences was the growth of urban and low-density residential areas (exurban areas) coincident with an increase in U.S. population. There were several key findings related to agriculture influences, such as increases in crop production, fertilizer use, livestock concentration, and irrigation during 1974-2012.	Journal of Land Use Science	3/1/2019
Assessing the lead solubility potential of untreated groundwater, USA	This study developed a chemical equilibrium model to estimate the potential solubility of lead (LSP) in groundwater used for drinking and applied it to more than 8,300 groundwater sites in the U.S. The estimated LSP in untreated groundwater is highest in parts of the eastern and southeastern U.S. Groundwater with high LSP generally has low pH, and has low alkalinity and low phosphate concentrations that prevent formation of lead-bearing minerals that could remove lead from water.	Environmental Science and Technology	3/1/2019

The Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (Earth MRI): Mapping the Nation's Critical Mineral Resources	Overview of critical minerals mapping initiative (aka 3DEEP), a partnership between the USGS and the Association of American State Geologists. Describes the types of data to be collected (geologic mapping, geophysical surveys, and lidar topographic surveys). Combined, these data will improve the Nation's ability to assess areas with critical mineral potential as well as inform groundwater resource, geologic hazard, and energy resource issues	USGS Fact Sheet	2/25/2019
GIS and Data Tables for Focus Areas for Potential Domestic Nonfuel Sources of Rare Earth Elements	USGS data release representing Rare Earth Element focus areas for use in outlining areas of critical mineral potential. The product will be used as a guide to acquisition of new geologic maps, geophysical surveys, and lidar topographic data collections.	USGS Data Release	3/1/2019
Focus Areas for Data Acquisition for Potential Domestic Sources of Critical Minerals—Rare Earth Elements	Methods used in the companion Data Release "GIS and Data Tables for Focus Areas for Potential Domestic Nonfuel Sources of Rare Earth Elements". The report describes the most common mineral deposit types known to host rare earth element (REE) critical minerals as products and byproducts of mining. Ten mineral deposit types are described and prioritized for their potential of improving the Nation's supply of REEs if developed.	USGS Open-File Report	3/1/2019
Petroleum systems framework of significant new oil discoveries in a giant Cretaceous (Aptian–Cenomanian) clinothem in Arctic Alaska	This article provides the technical foundation of the recent USGS oil and gas resource assessment of the Nanushuk and Torok Formations, Alaska North Slope. These formations have yielded significant oil discoveries in recent years. The publication documents the regional distribution of the formations and discusses the potential for additional discoveries. (USGS Fact Sheet 2017-3088 describing the resource assessment was released in December 2017.)	Bulletin of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists	3/4/2019

Rare Earth Element Mineral Deposits in the United States	Review of the major types of mineral deposits that are known to contain rare earth element (REE) resources as products and byproducts. Provides a high-level description of the major minerals that contain the REEs and how they occur in nature. The report prioritizes the mineral deposit types most likely to contain sufficient REE content that if developed would significantly impact US domestic supplies. This prioritization will be used to emphasize the REE-bearing mineral deposit types that are the focus of the first phase of the critical minerals mapping initiative.	USGS Circular	3/29/2019
Arizona Hedgehog Cactus (Echinocereus triglochidiatus var arizonicus)—A Systematic Data Assessment in Support of Recovery	The Arizona hedgehog cactus is a federally listed cactus due to loss of habitat attributed to mining, mineral exploration and highway development. At the request of USFWS, USGS estimated survival and population growth rates and provided suggestions on how to improve the collection of Arizona hedgehog cactus monitoring data.	USGS Open-File-Report	March
Viability of razorback-flannelback sucker hybrids	Dams have segmented the Colorado River, altering habitat and isolating native fish populations such as the endangered Razorback Sucker which are uncommon and hybridization could increase due to limited mates. To understand the impacts of hybridization on recovery of Razorback Suckers, USGS and partners compared hatch success and larval survival of artificially spawned Razorback Sucker, Flannelmouth Sucker, and their hybrid to successfully spawn and rear all combinations.	Southwestern Naturalist	March
Seed bank community and soil texture relationship in a cold desert	USGS measured aboveground plant abundance and seed density of invasive cheatgrass and native species in three sites in Arches National Park that varied in soil texture, but were likely similar in climate. The study provided an improved understanding of what is in the seedbank to directly affect seeding efforts and predictions of what plant communities will return following disturbance, with implications for grazing and wildlife.	Journal of Arid Environments	February

Element Concentrations in Tree Swallows (Tachycineta bicolor) from the U.S. and Binational Great Lakes' Areas of Concern	USGS assessed nestling tree swallows to see if elemental concentrations were affecting the Beneficial Use Impairments of Great Lakes Areas of Concern. Mercury concentrations were at background levels at all sites; elevated, non-toxic cadmium concentrations were associated with industry; non-toxic lead concentrations were highest in industrialized areas; and elevated selenium concentrations associated with reduced avian reproduction were associated with pollution from a coal-fired power plant.	Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology.	February
Rangeland live vegetation monitoring with satellite remote sensing: U.S. Geological Survey Administrative Report	USGS and partners developed a new satellite-based technology for high spatial and high frequency mapping of live vegetation in semi-arid and arid landscapes in Kenya's conservancies comprising the Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT). These technologies provide the needed mapping performance for management to protect iconic species such as elephants, rhinos, and cheetahs while supporting a pastoral population dependent on access to grazing areas for livestock.	USGS Open-File-Report	March
Lead in piscivorous raptors during breeding season in the Chesapeake Bay region of Maryland and Virginia, USA	USGS and others examined blood lead concentrations of osprey and bald eagles breeding at the largest estuary in the U.S., the Chesapeake Bay. Both of these species have increased in numbers since the ban on dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT), this study aimed to see if adults or chicks could be negatively affected by another toxicant, lead, and attempts to determine sources of exposure by testing paint, sediment, and forage fish.	Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry	TBD

Diurnal habitat selection of migrating whooping cranes in the Great Plains	USGS assessed daytime habitat selection of endangered whooping cranes throughout the U.S. portion of their migration corridor. Whooping cranes selected wetland habitats and lowland grasslands over other landcover types evaluated, including croplands. Given recent droughts and the likelihood of future landscape changes, directing conservation efforts toward protecting and enhancing wetland habitats may prove critical for continued growth of the last remaining wild population of whooping cranes.	Avian Conservation and Ecology	February
Keeping the Crown of the Continent Connected: In Interagency US2 Connectivity Workshop Report	Existing data, research gaps, and a framework are identified to incorporate future research on wildlife migration corridors to support mitigation of fragmentation along US Highway 2 in Montana, a transportation corridor that has the potential to fragment one of the largest contiguous protected regions in the continental U.S. This report is a useful tool in managing and maintaining connectivity of terrestrial wildlife populations including grizzly bears, wolverine, lynx, elk, mule deer, and other species.	Cooperator Report - NPS	February
The past and future roles of competition and habitat in the range-wide occupancy dynamics of northern spotted owls	To assess how habitat loss and competition with barred owls have been implicated in the decline of threatened spotted owls, USGS assessed the relative importance of barred owl competition and habitat on the probability of spotted owls occupying sites within their range. In addition, they modeled the probability of spotted owls occupying habitat for the next 50 years based on a range of habitat conditions and barred owl removals. These results provide insights for strategies to increase spotted owl populations.	Ecological Applications	February

Wind erosion and dust from US drylands: a review of causes, consequences, and solutions in a changing world	Over 148 million acres in the U.S. (~64% managed by the federal government) have been identified as vulnerable to wind erosion, which removes topsoil, decreases soil fertility, damages crops and property, deposits soil on roadways, generates dust that can affect human health, and can indirectly affect regional water supplies by influencing mountain snowmelt. This study assessed the factors driving wind erosion and dust generation, the consequences, and potential strategies that could mitigate the effects.	Ecosphere	TBD
Early genetic outcomes of American black bear reintroductions in the Central Appalachians, USA	American black bears were extirpated from most of the Central Appalachians in the early 20th century and reintroductions were conducted during the 1990s. An assessment of the early genetic outcomes of bear reintroduction illustrates sustained isolation and small effective population size. Results may warrant continued genetic monitoring to determine if gene flow from neighboring populations is established.	Ursus	TBD
Using environmental DNA to extend the window of early detection for dreissenid mussels	In order to better assess if environmental DNA (eDNA) can extend the seasonal window for dreissenid mussel early detection beyond that of warmer seasons, USGS examined the applicability of eDNA tools when mussel abundance is low and reflective of a new introduction. This study adds to a growing body of research that demonstrates eDNA is a highly sensitive tool for dreissenid mussel surveillance in newly invaded waters and in seasons when the organisms are likely to be rare.	Management of Biological Invasions	February

Topographic drivers of flight altitude over large spatial and temporal scales	In order to better understand drivers of golden eagle flight patterns, researchers tracked the birds, listed as a fully protected species in California, within all five bird conservation regions in California. By analyzing nearly 200,000 flight locations and examining topographic features such as roughness and aspect in conjunction with temporal parameters, researchers developed a relatively simple predictive model to assist with conservation and management.	Auk	TBD
Landscape and organismal factors affecting sagebrush-seedling transplant survival after megafire restoration	To provide insight to guide future allocation of resources to maximize probability of post-fire sagebrush restoration success, USGS worked in close partnership with BLM to examine how biotic and abiotic factors contribute to differences in survival of sagebrush planted after the 2015 Soda Wildfire, Idaho. Survival of over 3,000 sagebrush seedlings spanning more than 1,000 acres were evaluated in relation to organismal traits and landscape factors.	Restoration Ecology	TBD
Assessing the Quality of America's Public Aeromagnetic Data	The United States is well covered by first-generation geophysical surveys, which provide a big picture of the distribution of subsurface rock types. However, many of the surveys flown are out of date and used dated technology. The article uses these historical data to prioritize regions for more detailed geophysical surveys to characterize potential critical mineral resources, and publishes those gaps in map form for the larger scientific community.	Eos	TBD

Modelling Riparian Restoration Impacts on the Hydrologic Cycle at the Babacomari Ranch, SE Arizona, USA	This paper describes coupling field experiments with surface and groundwater modelling to investigate the use of erosion control structures to augment shallow and deep aquifer recharge in SE Arizona rangelands. Findings demonstrate how erosion-control structures could impact all components of the annual water budget and provide support for potential watershed-wide gabion installation to increase total aquifer recharge. The Walton Family Foundation contributed to project funding and partners included the Babacomari Ranch, the Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch of the National Audubon Society, and the University of Arizona.	Journal of Water, Special Issue: Hydrologic Modelling for Water Resources and Basin Management	TBD

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Hunting and Fishing at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge / Luke Clayton	March 2019	Recorded radio show on hunting, fishing, and hunting rule changes at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. Scheduled to air on 18 commercial radio stations and public radio in north Texas. www.catfishradio.org www.ketr.org
Monarch migration and recovery efforts	Unknown	Dan Zak with the Washington Post spoke with FWS Biologist Rachel Williams on monarch work and recovery.
Recovery Plan Amendments	TBD	Abby Bora, Editor, Cedar Park/Leander Community Impact Newspaper is doing a story on the threatened and endangered species in the community and had some questions about the recovery plan amendments related to the Karst invertebrates.
CBS Sunday Morning	Feb 2019	Feature on restoration of American paddlefish in Caddo Lake on the Texas-Louisiana line involving Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery, Texas Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

		https://www.cbsnews.com/news/nature-up-close-caddo-lake/
Winter Birding on Maxwell NWR/Huerfano World Journal/Sharon Niederman	February 7, 2019	Submitted to editor by author (Niederman) 2/4.
Arizona PBS	February 2019	Contacted Randy Van Haverbeke (AZFWCO) for an on-site interview at Lees Ferry (Colorado River, Grand Canyon). Questions focused on water conservation and native and nonnative aquatic species, including the endangered Humpback Chub. Randy responded on December 17th, 2018 and was interviewed along with staff from USGS-Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center.
Cronkite News at Arizona PBS	Continuing	Recorded TV interview regarding the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service program that utilized the tamarisk leaf beetle for biological control of saltcedar in riparian areas and the effects it has had on the southwestern willow flycatcher. Flycatcher lead Greg Beatty was interviewed. Print edition continues to circulate in newspapers, including the Arizona Republic.
Cronkite News at Arizona PBS	TBD	Reporter contacted Alchesay Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery to ascertain the work of all three national fish hatcheries in AZ.

Book author Peter Christie	TBD	Seeks to interview retired SAC Nick Chavez on illegal trade in exotic pets. Declined. Referred to Amy Jonach in HQ.
Book author Larkin Powell	TBD	Seeks information on warbler and vireo and birding near Ft. Hood for book manuscript on birding in the Plains states.
Arizona Highways Magazine (Kathy Montgomery)	Fall/winter 2018	Writer is researching ocelots in Arizona and Arizona's possible contribution to species recovery. (Updated information regarding fatality of an Arizona ocelot is being provided to reporter.)
KGUN-9 ABC (Tucson)	1/25/2019	TV news attributed to FWS a trail camera photo taken of a jaguar in the Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona. (FWS was furloughed during this time frame and neither captured nor posted the photo, nor was aware of the photo). University of Arizona citizen science program partner was source of the photo, which FWS is seeking to obtain. Animal is likely a previously identified male residing in Dos Cabazas Mountains area; spot identification confirmation not yet obtained.
Jimmy Tobias, freelance writer	TBD	Reporter contacted FWS inquiring about the lesser prairie-chicken and if the FWS had provided a species status recommendation to DOI.
Dean Russell Columbia Journalism School	TBD	Mexican wolf recovery and cross fostering

Morning Edition AZ station KJZZ	TBD	Reporter interviewed NMESFO Environmental Contaminant biologist on origins of mercury in the environment.
KUT Austin	December 4, 2018	Trey Shaar, reporter for KUT Austin, contacted the FWS regarding the CBD Notice of Intent on the salado and georgetown salamanders for failure to designate critical habitat.
New Mexico Wildlife magazine (New Mexico Dept of Game and Fish)	Winter 2018	Published stories from two USFWS employees. http://magazine.wildlife.state.nm.us/sunrise-14089/ http://magazine.wildlife.state.nm.us/outwitting-the-fish/
Tenkara Angler	Winter 2018-19	Published story on Gila trout conservation with attending video. Pg 70. https://issuu.com/troutrageous1/docs/tenkara_angler_winter_2018-19
Texas Wildlife (Texas Wildlife Assoc.)	Feb 2019	Published a feature story on importance of private lands conservation, penned by Regional Partners of Fish and Wildlife Coordinator.
Big Blend Magazines/ NationalParkTraveling.com	Feb 2019	Big Blend Video and Big Blend Radio interview with Wildlife Refuge Specialist Joshua Smith about plants and wildflowers on the Buenos Aires NWR. https://nationalparktraveling.com/listing/wildflower-wonderland-in-buenos-aires-nwr/
Deer & Deer Hunting magazine	April 2019	Unforgettable youth deer hunt at Sequoyah National Wild Refuge

Environmental Impact Statements - EIS Briefings

Nothing to report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel
Nothing significant to report.

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)
Nothing significant to report.

15-60 Day Look Ahead
Nothing significant to report.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings
Nothing significant to report.

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

Notice of Availability of Draft Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan. FWS will announce the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (and comment period) for the LLNB. The target date for the post-delisting monitoring plan is February 2019. No controversy anticipated. Communications package is prepared.

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

Lesser Prairie-Chicken litigation - On February 14, 2019, the Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife and Wild Earth Guardians, sued the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for failing to make a 12-month finding for the lesser prairie-chicken.

Two Sky Island Plants (Batram's stonecrop and beardless cinchweed) –FWS will make a proposed listing determination for two Arizona/Mexico plants. Bartram's stonecrop is a plant native to southern Arizona and northern Mexico. Proposed critical habitat is determined to be not prudent for Bartram's stonecrop due to the threat of collection. FWS will make a proposed listing determination and proposed critical habitat designation for beardless cinchweed, a plant native to southern Arizona and northern Mexico. The proposed approximately 10,604 acres as critical habitat for beardless cinchweed designation includes approximately 7,713 ac (3,121 ha) of currently occupied habitat and 2,891 ac (1,170 ha) of unoccupied habitat. The unoccupied critical habitat is a portion of historical populations where non-native grass species are limited. These actions are not expected to be opposed and media coverage is expected to be neutral. Interested stakeholders include the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land

Management, Arizona Department of Agriculture, and Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch (National Audubon Society). A regional news release to all interested parties and the media required but not yet completed. Target date for submitting to the *Federal Register* being re-evaluated in light of furlough delays. Notice of intent to sue over delay was submitted by Center for Biological Diversity during furlough.

Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS has competed the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC). FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS had the SSA Report reviewed by the external working group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics), independent peer reviewers, and the directors of the State Fish & Wildlife Agencies. The SSA Report provides the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the LPC. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the states and others.

American Burying Beetle 12-month finding – FWS has reached an agreement with the American Stewards of Liberty, the Independent Petroleum Association of America and Osage Producers Association (Plaintiffs) to publish a 12-month finding for the American burying beetle no later than April 30, 2019. The American burying beetle is currently listed as endangered and is known to have occurred in Arkansas, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and Texas. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned to occur at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. Region 2 is lead, and coordinating with Regions 3, 4, 5, and 6.

American Burying Beetle litigation - On September 4, 2018, the Center for Biological Diversity sued the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for failing to release documents related to the 12-month finding for the American burying beetle.

Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Petition to List as Threatened or Endangered - The FWS received a petition on June 1, 2018, from Defenders of Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity to list the dunes sagebrush lizard (DSL) as a threatened or endangered species and designate critical habitat. The Service will review the petition to determine whether or not it provides substantial information warranting a more in-depth 12-month status review. We must make initial findings on petitions within 90 days after receiving the petition, to the maximum extent practicable. FWS currently has a significant backlog of petition findings, and limited resources to complete these findings and other listing functions. The Service will review the petition to determine whether or

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Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

Lesser Prairie-Chicken litigation - On February 14, 2019, the Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife and Wild Earth Guardians, sued the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for failing to make a 12-month finding for the lesser prairie-chicken.

Two Sky Island Plants (Batram's stonecrop and beardless cinchweed) –FWS will make a proposed listing determination for two Arizona/Mexico plants. Bartram's stonecrop is a plant native to southern Arizona and northern Mexico. Proposed critical habitat is determined to be not prudent for Bartram's stonecrop due to the threat of collection. FWS will make a proposed listing determination and proposed critical habitat designation for beardless cinchweed, a plant native to southern Arizona and northern Mexico. The proposed approximately 10,604 acres as critical habitat for beardless cinchweed designation includes approximately 7,713 ac (3,121 ha) of currently occupied habitat and 2,891 ac (1,170 ha) of unoccupied habitat. The unoccupied critical habitat is a portion of historical populations where non-native grass species are limited. These actions are not expected to be opposed and media coverage is expected to be neutral. Interested stakeholders include the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Department of Agriculture, and Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch (National Audubon Society). A regional news release to all interested parties and the media required but not yet completed. Target date for submitting to the *Federal Register* being re-evaluated in light of furlough delays. Notice of intent to sue over delay was submitted by Center for Biological Diversity during furlough.

Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS has competed the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC). FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS had the SSA Report reviewed by the external working group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics), independent peer reviewers, and the directors of the State Fish & Wildlife Agencies. The SSA Report provides the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the LPC. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the states and others.

American Burying Beetle 12-month finding – FWS has reached an agreement with the American Stewards of Liberty, the Independent Petroleum Association of America and Osage Producers Association (Plaintiffs) to publish a 12-month finding for the American burying beetle no later than April 30, 2019. The American burying beetle is currently listed as endangered and is known to have occurred in Arkansas, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and Texas. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned to occur at time of publication in the *Federal Register*. Region 2 is lead, and coordinating with Regions 3, 4, 5, and 6.

American Burying Beetle litigation - On September 4, 2018, the Center for Biological Diversity sued the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for failing to release documents related to the 12-month finding for the American burying beetle.

Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Petition to List as Threatened or Endangered - The FWS received a petition on June 1, 2018, from Defenders of Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity to list the dunes sagebrush lizard (DSL) as a threatened or endangered species and designate critical habitat. The Service will review the petition to determine whether or not it provides substantial information warranting a more in-depth 12-month status review. We must make initial findings on petitions within 90 days after receiving the petition, to the maximum extent practicable. FWS currently has a significant backlog of petition findings, and limited resources to complete these findings and other listing functions. The Service will review the petition to determine whether or not it provides substantial information warranting a more in-depth 12-month status review. (See related DSL CCA/A entry in Recovery section below.)

Wright's marsh thistle listing and critical habitat – FWS anticipates publishing in late October a proposal to list as threatened the Wright's marsh thistle and designate 159 acres of critical habitat in southern New Mexico. Wright's marsh thistle is a wetland thistle that occurs in small wet meadows, alkaline seeps and cienegas, widely dispersed through five counties. The eight occupied areas are being proposed for critical habitat designation. Outreach planning is underway.

Other Items of Note

Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Texas Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances - The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an enhancement of survival (EOS) permit pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The permit application includes a draft candidate conservation agreement with assurances (CCAA) for the dune sagebrush lizard (DSL) in west Texas and covers Andrews, Gaines, Winkler, Ward, Ector and Crane counties in Texas. The CCAA, and associated permit, would authorize incidental take resulting from activities covered by the CCAA (e.g., oil and gas, sand mining, renewable energy, agriculture and ranching activities) as well as incidental take resulting from actions taken to avoid, minimize, and offset disturbance of DSL habitat that result from the covered activities. If approved the EOS and CCAA would be in effect for 30 years. Outreach, including issuing a news release and FAQs to media, congressionals and partners as well as posting information on social media is planned to occur at time of publication in the *Federal Register*.

[UPDATE] - Proposed Oil & Gas Industry Conservation Plan (ICP) extension - The FWS is proposing an amendment to extend the American burying beetle ICP application timeframe by five years. A previous amendment extended the ICP sign-up period for 3 years (until May 20, 2019) and this amendment would extend the sign-up period for an additional 5 years (until May 20, 2024). The ICP has been an effective way to streamline oil and gas industry compliance with the ESA while protecting federally-listed species. The current ICP is only open for new applications through May 20, 2019, and incidental take authorized through the ICP is unlikely to approach the 32,234 acres allowed by that date. The change in timelines is the only proposed revision to the ICP, EA, and BO. There are no proposed changes to the federally listed species or area covered, and no increases in the total amount of incidental take provided through this ICP amendment. This proposed extension of the ICP is likely to be supported by the oil and gas industry because it streamlines the permitting process. The ICP has also supported habitat protection for the endangered American burying beetle and contributed towards recovery of the species. The Notice published in the Federal Register on March 14, 2019. Outreach, including issuing a news release to media, congressionals and industry, as well as posting information on social media occurred at time of publication in the *Federal Register*.

Georgetown and Salado Salamanders litigation - On December 4, 2018, the Center for Biological Diversity filed a Notice of Intent to sue the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for failing to designate critical habitat in central Texas for the Georgetown and Salado salamanders.

Peppered chub Species Status Assessment (SSA) – The FWS is finalizing a SSA report that will be used to support a 12-month finding for the peppered chub. A multi-state team that included input from the states and species experts developed the SSA to address a 2007 petition to list the species. The draft SSA was reviewed by interested partners and sent to several peer reviewers; however, we did not receive any peer reviewer comments. The FWS will be contacting Federal partners to solicit information pertaining to the potential economic impacts of designating critical habitat for the species, should it be determined that listing is warranted. The 12-month finding is anticipated to be published in late spring of 2019.

Central Texas mussels Species Status Assessment (SSA) report – FWS has been working since spring 2017 with state and federal agencies, universities, and others to compile and analyze the best available data on the following four freshwater mussel species in central Texas- false spike, Texas fatmucket, Texas fawnsfoot and Texas pimpleback. The SSA was reviewed by peer reviewers and agency partners (including Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Comptroller of Public Accounts). The Service received important suggestions from the partner reviewers during the initial review related to the taxonomy for two species. The suggestions are reflected in the most recent update of the draft SSA Report through taxonomic revisions for the Texas fatmucket and the Texas pimpleback. The SSA will inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the four Central Texas mussels.

Leander Independent School District (LISD) Draft Habitat Conservation Plan and Incidental Take Permit – On August 21, 2018, LISD submitted a revised draft habitat conservation plan (HCP) in support of their application for an incidental take permit (ITP) on the proposed construction of a secondary access road at the joint Vandegrift High School and Four Points Middle School campus in northwest Travis County, Texas. The revised draft HCP is being reviewed. If approved by the FWS, a draft Environmental Assessment to analyse the effects of issuing an ITP will be published for public review and comment. A decision on issuance of the ITP will be made after the public comment period closes. The ITP would provide the applicant with compliance under the Endangered Species Act for activities including the construction, use and maintenance activities associated with a proposed secondary access road. Significant Congressional interest, as well as strong opposition from other parties.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the binational Jaguar Recovery Team have completed the final recovery plan for the jaguar, requiring Regional Director signature by September 28. The plan sets goals for improving the species' status through its entire 19-country range and provides a framework for achieving recovery. The recovery plan focuses on the cat's population in northwestern Mexico and the southwestern United States – recommending site-specific conservation actions such that the population can most effectively rebound and contribute to the entire species' recovery. Recovery team and cooperating partners have been advised. Release of the announcement of the plan has been repeatedly delayed pending more thorough reviews of the communications package (now complete). R2 seeks to announce in February.

Texas Hornshell Proposed Critical Habitat – FWS is proposing to designate 463.6 river miles of critical habitat for the Texas hornshell, a freshwater mussel found in Texas and New Mexico. The Texas hornshell was listed as endangered on February 9, 2018. The proposed critical habitat for the Texas hornshell is located in five units in the Rio Grande (304.1 river miles), Black River (9.7 river miles), Delaware River (31.1 river miles), Pecos River (85.7 river miles), and Devils River (33 river miles). The units are located in Eddy County, New Mexico and in Culberson, Brewster, Terrell, Pecos, Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick and Webb Counties, Texas. The Service is considering excluding Unit 1 (Black and Delaware Rivers) due to the Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA) and Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAAs) that are in place. In total, the Service is considering the exclusion of 40.8 river miles of the proposed critical habitat designation. The public will have 60 days to review and comment on the proposed rule, a draft economic analysis and draft environmental assessment of the proposed critical habitat designation. A full communications package has been drafted including a news release and FAQs.

Ocelot 5-year Review - The Ocelot is a medium-sized spotted cat found from southern Texas and southern Arizona through Central and South America into northern Argentina and Uruguay. It was listed as an endangered species in 1972. In July 2016, a final revised recovery plan for

ocelot was completed. That plan included involvement from partners in Arizona, Texas and Mexico. The recovery plan informed the development of a 5-year review for the ocelot that was completed in July 2018. The 5-year review recommends no status change for the ocelot. The 5-yr review will be shared on the Southwest Region's Ecological Services webpage.

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

[NEW] Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge (TX) coordinated with Sabine National Wildlife Refuge (LA) to increase wildlife observation opportunities on Anahuac NWR while promoting healthier habitat conditions. Using equipment loaned by Sabine NWR, Anahuac staff cleared 16 acres of dense vegetation within a popular auto tour loop and photography area. The staff were able to remove thick green stands of the invasive plant Phragmites, and remove the nuisance plant cattail. Clearing the vegetation increased photography opportunities and wildlife observation access, in addition to encouraging growth of more desirable wetland habitat.

[NEW] On Saturday, February 23, staff and volunteers of Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge (TX) joined outdoor recreation partners in providing hands-on activities and outreach for the 2019 Wildlife and Woodland Expo Spring Fling held by Texas A&M Forest Service in Conroe, Texas. The event was a huge success and drew an estimated 2,000 multicultural local visitors ranging from families, youth, to adults. Over 770 visitors stopped at the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge booth. Anahuac staff and volunteers of the Friends of Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge encouraged families to participate in the Refuge's local outdoor recreation opportunities, taught children and adults skills for wildlife observation, and shared wildlife tips regarding venomous and nonvenomous snake identification.

Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge (AZ) hosted the annual "Women's Javelina Hunt" sponsored by the Arizona Chapter of Safari Club International, The Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona Mule Deer Organization, and the Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW) initiative. The group used our newly established group campsite 2/14 -18/ 2019. The weather was less than ideal for javelina hunting but a couple participants managed to harvest animals.

Border-Related Activities

Border Coordination: Pedestrian Fence – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol on a Biological Assessment for fencing that starts near the Santa Teresa Port of Entry and then extends west for approximately 20 miles. The area is within the Mexican Wolf Experimental

Population Area, as designated under section 10(j) of the ESA. In 2017, a Mexican wolf crossed the border into the U.S. in this area and then returned to Mexico.

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

A short video documenting captive spawning of threatened Apache trout has gone viral on Facebook, reaching nearly 500,000 views. The video shows conservation workers from Alchesay Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery, Arizona Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office and White Mountain Apache Tribe collecting and fertilizing Apache trout eggs, as well as collecting ovarian fluid for health assessment by staff at the Southwestern Native Aquatic Resources and Recovery Center.

Migratory Birds

Issued a 30-year eagle incidental take permit to Osage Wind, LLC Dec 20th, and the final EA/FONSI should be posted to the website in the next couple of weeks. Currently waiting on 508 compliance and a potential furlough.

Science Applications

Nothing significant to report.

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Nothing significant to report.

Native American Programs

Arizona Ecological Services Office will hold its annual Arizona Inter-tribal coordination meeting ca. April 2-3.

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Executive Summary

Conserving the Nature of America
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is the oldest Federal conservation agency, tracing its lineage back to 1871, and the only agency in the Federal government whose primary responsibility is management of fish and wildlife for the American public. The Service helps ensure a healthy environment for people by providing opportunities for Americans to enjoy the outdoors and our shared natural heritage.

The first predecessor of the Service was the U.S. Fish Commission, which was established on February 9, 1871 under the Department of Commerce, and renamed the Bureau of Fisheries on July 1, 1903. The second predecessor bureau was the Office of Economic Ornithology and Mammalogy established in 1885 under the Department of Agriculture. In 1896, it was renamed the Division of Biological Survey and in 1905 renamed again the Bureau of Biological Survey. The Biological Survey was responsible for the protection of all non-fish species in the U.S. In 1900, the Biological Survey pioneered the Federal role in wildlife law enforcement with the passage of the *Lacey Act*. In 1903, as a result of an executive order by President Theodore Roosevelt, the Biological Survey began to administer the Pelican Island Bird Reservation, the first unit of what has become the modern National Wildlife Refuge System.

Kids ice fishing day at Genoa National Fish Hatchery. Credit: USFWS

In 1939 the Bureau of Biological Survey and the Bureau of Fisheries were merged and transferred to the Department of the Interior. One year later, the merged Bureau officially became the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Although at least three departments governed the bureau and many name changes occurred, the Service's mission has remained remarkably consistent for the last 148 years. The Service mission is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. A wide range of Federal laws and executive orders provide the Service with principal trust responsibility to protect and conserve migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, certain marine mammals, and inter-jurisdictional fisheries. This mission clearly contemplates fostering access to wildlife refuges in order to educate and inspire the public.

The Service believes connecting Americans directly with the Nation's wildlife heritage is a priority. To accomplish this goal, the Service will continue to make the wildlife refuges more welcoming to new and diverse audiences, and offer new hunting and fishing programs which serve the dual purpose of conservation and recreation.

The 2016 *National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation*, indicated that 101.6 million Americans, 38 percent of the U.S. population 16 years old and older, enjoyed some form of fishing, hunting, or wildlife-associated recreation. The report also noted that outdoor recreation is a huge contributor to our Nation's economy, spurring annual expenditures estimated at $156.3 billion. This

spending creates thousands of jobs, supports countless local communities and their economies, and provides vital funding for conservation.

The Service's National Wildlife Refuge System plays an essential role in providing outdoor recreation opportunities to the American public and the associated economic benefits to local communities. In FY 2018, over 55 million visitors to National Wildlife Refuges hunted, fished, observed or photographed wildlife, or participated in environmental education or interpretation on a refuge. The most popular visitor activities were use of our trails, wildlife auto routes, and wildlife observation programs. These activities help National Wildlife Refuges serve as an economic engine for local communities, helping to annually support 37,000 jobs and $2.4 billion in visitor expenditures according to the Service's latest *Banking on Nature* report, published in 2013.

American sportsmen and sportswomen are the backbone of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation that is admired around the globe. The 2020 budget sustains this commitment and also emphasizes the recovery of species, land health, and leveraged conservation partnerships. The budget invests in expanding access for sportsmen and sportswomen, supports the Administration's initiative to better protect habitat and research migration corridors for iconic North American big game species, and maintains support for important coastal and wetland restoration programs like the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Waterfowl hunting provides one important example of a traditional outdoor way of life. The Service provides opportunities for waterfowl hunting experiences across the Nation, and it ensures that this form of recreation can be practiced for years to come through sustainable harvests. Of the 567 wildlife refuges and 38 Wetland Conservation Districts, 377 are open to some type of hunting, and 312 are open to fishing. Over 2.4 million hunters and over 7.3 million recreational anglers visited these refuges last year.

A birding tour participant focuses in on a perched tree swallow. Credit: Larry Dean/USFWS

Of all the wildlife in the United States, birds attract the biggest following. According to the *2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation*, there were 45 million birdwatchers 16 years of age and older in the United States. Wildlife refuges provide wonderful places to observe birds, especially during major bird festivals that coincide with spring or fall migrations.

The Service is also responsible for implementing some of our Nation's most important and foundational environmental laws, such as the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA), *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* (MBTA), *Marine Mammal Protection Act, Lacey Act*, and international agreements such as the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species* (CITES).

While the Service holds the responsibility for conserving trust resources across broad landscapes, its work is impossible without vital partnerships with States, Tribes, and others to conserve natural resources. One area of particular focus for the Service is its partnerships with landowners. The Service invests in keeping landowners on their land, and preserving working landscapes for the benefit of plants, wildlife, and agriculture, ranching, timber and other traditional land uses. In many cases, species will greatly benefit from appropriately managed private lands. The Service has several tools to help private landowners be good

stewards of their lands, and has worked with landowners across the west to preserve open spaces. We have provided funding for habitat restoration and species recovery projects, such as the Malpai Borderlands project in Arizona and New Mexico to encourage ranching and other traditional land uses that will sustain the nature of the west for future generations. The group's efforts on behalf of the jaguar, the leopard frog, the long-nosed bat, and the ridge-nosed rattlesnake, among others, have resulted in a more secure future for those species as well as for the landowners whose livelihoods help maintain habitats.

The Service's Organization

The Service has headquarters in Washington, D.C. and Falls Church, Virginia, with regional offices located across the country and over 700 field stations. These stations include 567 units of the NWRS; seven National Monuments; 80 Ecological Services Field Stations; 70 National Fish Hatcheries; one historical National Fish Hatchery (D.C. Booth in South Dakota); eight Fish Health Centers; seven Fish Technology Centers; 51 Fisheries Offices; and waterfowl production areas in 209 counties managed within 38 Wetland Management Districts and 50 Coordination Areas. The Service works with diverse partners to accomplish its conservation mission, including other Federal agencies, State and local governments, Tribes, international organizations, and private organizations and individuals.

The Director reports to the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and has direct line authority over headquarters and the Regional Directors. Headquarter-based Assistant Directors provide policy, program management, and administrative support to the Director. The Regional Directors guide policy and program implementation, supervising the field structures, and coordinating activities with partners.

In 2019, the Service consolidated administrative functions into a single organization. The new Joint Administrative Operations (JAO), led by the Assistant Director for Management and Administration, fulfills the Service's needs for administrative support, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, and general services, at a reduced cost to the American taxpayer. In 2020, the Service proposes to restructure subactivities within General Operations to align with the JAO and deliver shared services to regional and field station managers.

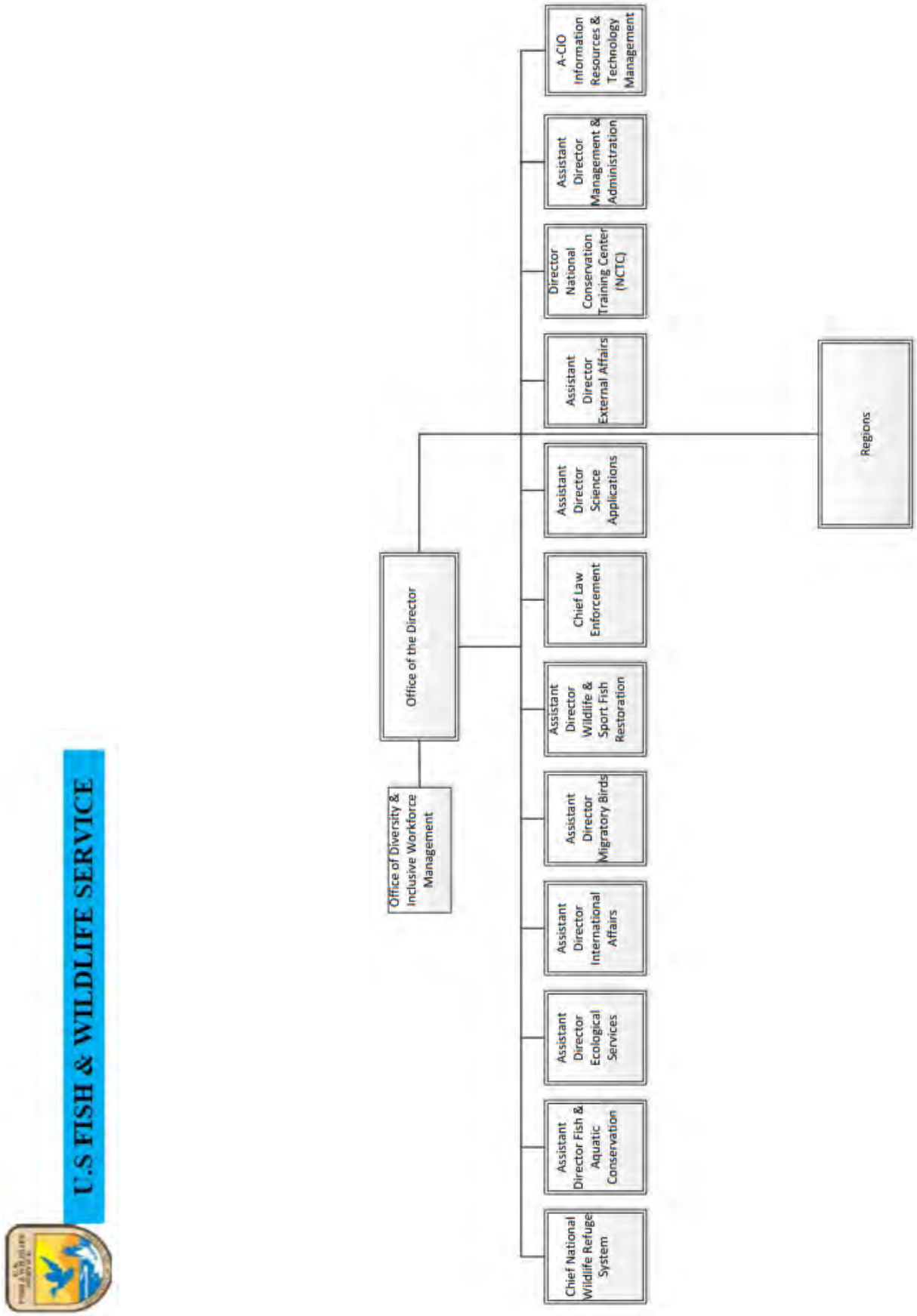
Over many decades, the Department of the Interior experienced new bureaus becoming established on an ad hoc basis with their own unique regional organizations. This ultimately resulted in a complicated series of 49 regional boundaries among 8 bureaus. This complexity led to the situation where bureau regional leadership was often focused on different geographic areas, did not have adequate and shared understanding of the needs and perspectives of regional stakeholders, and opportunities to share administrative capacity across bureaus were difficult to recognize and implement. Further, members of the public were often frustrated by problems in inter-bureau decision making where uncoordinated timelines and processes could lead to unnecessarily long delays in reaching a decision. The Department's reorganization is focused on making improvements across each of these areas.

The 2020 budget request for the Service includes $5.7 million to support the reorganization of the Department of the Interior. After working closely with stakeholders across the country on options to consolidate Interior's 49 different regions into common regions, on August 22, 2018, the Department announced the designation of Interior's 12 new unified regions. As a result of Tribal consultation, BIA, BIE, and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians will not realign their regional field structures.

Establishing unified regions across bureaus is the cornerstone of the reforms designed to improve Interior's service delivery to the public. Within each unified region, bureaus will focus work on the same resources and constituents and improve coordination across the Department. For the public, fewer regions make it easier to do business with Interior, particularly when the public interacts with several bureaus or jurisdictions.

As part of the reorganization reforms, Interior will relocate some bureau headquarters functions out West where the preponderance of Interior's assets and acres are located. The Service is currently assessing what headquarters functions could be delivered more effectively out West and identifying staff and functions to

be moved. Interior will leverage the unified regional structure to improve and streamline business operations using shared services and best practices across the Department, focusing primarily on human resources, information technology, and acquisition services. Work is underway in 2019 to plan implementation, conduct analysis, and identify areas for collaboration within the new regions.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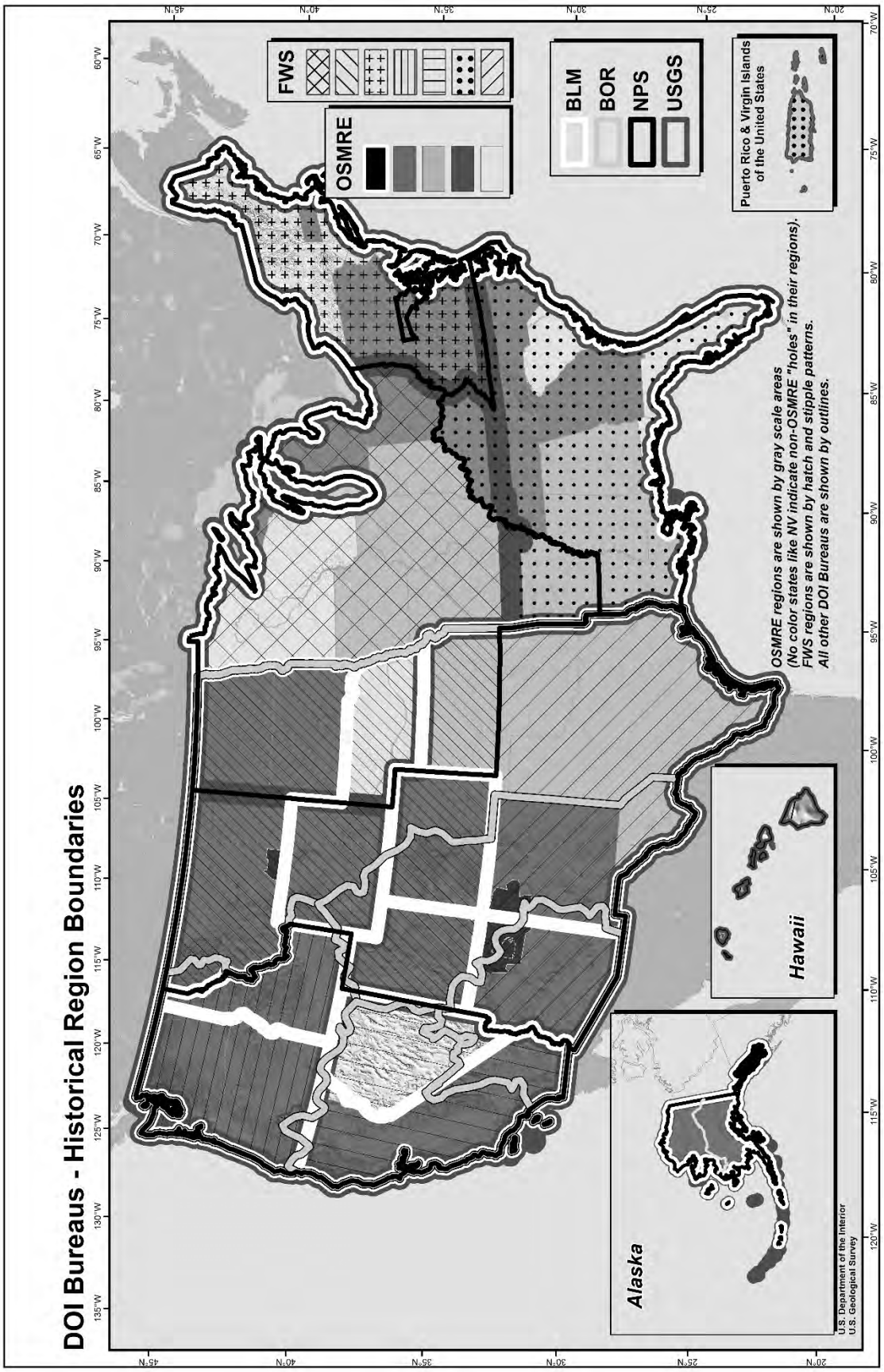
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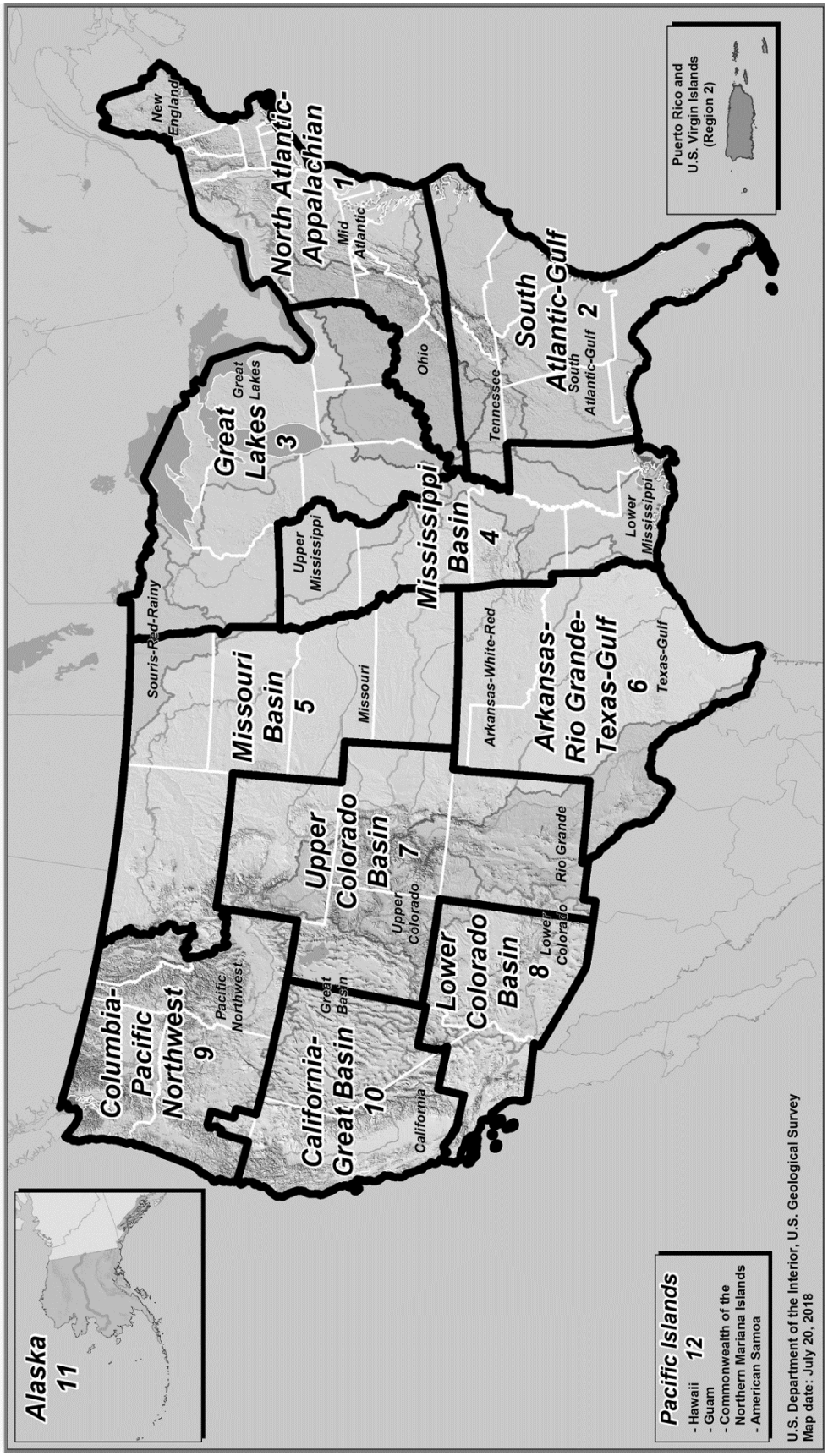

Overview of FY 2020 Budget Request

Budget Authority	*FY 2018 Actual*	2019 Annualized CR	2020 Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Discretionary Current Authority	1,594,646	1,594,646	1,363,904	-230,742
Cancellation of Balances[1]			-36,332	-36,332
Sub-total: Discretionary	1,594,646	1,594,646	1,327,572	-267,074
Supplemental Appropriation - Construction	210,629			+0
TOTAL: Discretionnary	1,805,275	1,594,646	1,327,572	-267,074
Mandatory	1,460,587	1,363,537	1,484,770	*+121,233*
Total $$$	**3,265,862**	**2,958,183**	**2,812,342**	**-145,841**
Discretionary	*6,682*	*6,682*	*6,618*	*-64*
Mandatory	*238*	*238*	*238*	*+0*
Transfers/Alloc.	*1,509*	*1,509*	*1,514*	*+5*
TOTAL FTEs	***8,429***	***8,429***	***8,370***	***-59***

[1] -$31.008 million CESCF and -$5.324 million Land Acquisition

Overview

The 2020 President's Budget request for the Service totals $2.8 billion, including current appropriations of $1.3 billion. The Budget also includes $1.5 billion available under permanent appropriations, most of which will be provided directly to States for fish and wildlife restoration and conservation. The Service estimates staffing will equal 8,370 full time equivalents (FTE) in 2020.

The Service's priorities reflect those of the Acting Secretary of the Interior, and provide the foundation for the Service's budget request.

1. Create a conservation stewardship legacy by expanding access to DOI lands for hunting and fishing;
2. Sustainably develop our energy & natural resources;
3. Restore trust & be a good neighbor;
4. Ensure Tribal sovereignty means something;
5. Increase revenues to support DOI and national interests;
6. Protect our people and the border;
7. Strike a regulatory balance;
8. Modernize our infrastructure; and
9. Reorganize DOI for the next 100 years.

Create a Conservation Stewardship Legacy

The Service's National Wildlife Refuge System embodies the Department's commitment to conserving our lands and waters and our Nation's commitment to conserving fish and wildlife for all Americans and future generations. With 567 refuges in all U.S. States and Territories, the Refuge System provides lands and waters for thousands of species of wildlife and plants, sanctuary for hundreds of threatened and endangered species, and secure spawning areas for economically and recreationally important native fish. Refuges are home to over 700 migratory bird species, 220 mammal species, 250 reptile and amphibian species, and more than 1,000 fish species, and offers protection to over 380 threatened or endangered plants or animals.

Another program that supports this Department goal is the Ecological Services Recovery Program, which strives to recover endangered and threatened species. The Service plays a vital role in guiding the recovery planning process, and in facilitating, supporting, and monitoring the implementation of recovery actions by the Service and others. The Service focuses on the Endangered Species Act (ESA) mandates that are inherently Federal, including development of recovery plans. Recovery plans are developed collaboratively with interested partners. Recovery plans may address multiple species and identify specific recovery tasks, establish downlisting and delisting criteria, and provide timetables and cost estimates. The Service works with other DOI bureaus, Federal agencies, States and other stakeholders to ensure all recovery plans have objective and measurable recovery criteria and address 5-year status review recommendations on the national workplan over the next three years. With proposed 2020 Recovery funding, the Service anticipates proposing or finalizing 36 delisting or downlisting rules.

Reducing the Regulatory Burden

The Service delivers conservation for imperiled species through its administration of the ESA, which provides a suite of voluntary tools for private landowners to undertake conservation practices for the benefit of species. The Service is committed to strengthening delivery of conservation under the ESA by making it easier to work with the agency on proactive conservation efforts for at-risk and threatened and endangered species.

The Service is committed to providing timely review and recommendations to facilitate decisions on proposed infrastructure, energy, and other development projects that contribute to job creation and economic growth, while ensuring that impacts to fish, wildlife, and their habitats are avoided, minimized or otherwise appropriately mitigated. The Service administers a variety of environmental review processes under various authorities. To ensure that the agency's regulations and policies are clear, effective, and do not pose unnecessary regulatory burden upon the public, the Service is reviewing current ESA regulations.

Expanding Outdoor Recreation and Access

There are 567 refuges and 38 wetland management districts in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Of these, 377 are open to hunting and 312 are open to fishing. The 2020 budget request prioritizes activities that support conservation stewardship in alignment with Secretarial Order 3347, *Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation*, that calls for improving game and habitat management and increasing outdoor recreation opportunities, particularly for hunters, anglers, and other sportsmen and women. Such activities include opening acres of wildlife refuges to hunting and fishing opportunities while aligning regulations with the States to better increase access and strike a regulatory balance.

The Service will work with States, sportsmen and sportswomen partners, and industry to enhance access to hunting, fishing and recreation opportunities; reduce unnecessary regulatory barriers to access; reevaluate habitat management strategies to support healthy game populations; increase access on Service owned lands; ramp up programs that contribute to recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters and anglers and engage new audiences.

Protecting Our People and the Border

Border security is critically important to the national security of the U.S. As managers of Federal properties along the U.S.-Mexico border, the Service coordinates closely with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on border security issues to assure their access and to address resource protection challenges related to border impacts. The Service also works with CBP on infrastructure projects in an effort to minimize impacts to fish and wildlife while meeting their national security mission. The Service will continue these efforts and respond to the Administration's policy and program milestones on the border.

Funding for Refuge Law Enforcement supports safe and secure refuges where more than 55 million people per year enjoy wildlife-dependent recreation. Refuge System officers will help ensure the safety and security of the visiting public, Service employees, government property, and wildlife and their habitats. This funding will enable Refuge Law Enforcement and the Service's Emergency Management personnel to receive the necessary training, equipment, and supplies to ensure safe public access to refuges along our borders for hunting, fishing, wildlife photography and observation, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation.

In addition, our International Wildlife Trade program protects our borders from invasive species and illegal trade of domestic and foreign wildlife and plants. With funding provided in this budget, the Service will modernize its permitting system, including moving toward fully electronic application submission and permit processing. We will also work with our State wildlife agency partners to ensure that trade in commercially valuable native species is legal and sustainable, such as by implementing recommendations of State and Tribal working groups regarding American ginseng management and trade.

Ensure Tribal sovereignty means something

While State fish and wildlife agencies are critically important partners in implementing the North American Model, arguably the strongest model of conservation in the world, the Department of the Interior has an equally important responsibility to follow through on its commitments to sovereign Indian Nations and territories. In addition to its consultation responsibilities, the Service works with Tribes on a variety of conservation efforts, from black-footed ferret recovery to fisheries management. The Service is committed to enhancing its relationships with Tribal partners and will take a series of actions to enhance government-to-government relationships with Tribes on conservation issues.

Department Wide Reorganization Plan

A priority of the Administration is to optimize operations of the Federal government through meaningful reorganization and increased administrative efficiency. This includes aligning our own transformation with larger efforts in the Department and government-wide. To build resilience and flexibility in our organization, the Service is working to transform its organization with the goal of streamlining operations with a focus on field operations and support. In 2019-2020 the Service will consolidate all administrative functions under a single Assistant Director for Management and Administration.

Modernizing Our Infrastructure

Interior and Agriculture manage an infrastructure asset portfolio with over $18 billion in deferred maintenance, which includes structures, trails, roads, utility systems, and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools. To address these needs, the budget includes $6.5 billion over 5 years for a Public Lands Infrastructure Fund. The Fund will support infrastructure improvements through an allocation of 70 percent for national parks, 10 percent for national forests, 10 percent for wildlife refuges, five percent for BIE schools, and five percent for lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The Fund will be supported by the deposit of 50 percent of all federal energy development revenue that would otherwise be credited or deposited as miscellaneous receipts to the Treasury over the 2020–2024 period, subject to an annual limit of $1.3 billion. Interior and Agriculture would prioritize projects, monitor implementation, and

measure results. This investment will significantly improve many of America's most visible, visited, and treasured places.

The facilities that the Service maintains for the public, from wildlife refuges to fish hatcheries, are suffering from a massive backlog of deferred maintenance totaling $1.3 billion. The maintenance backlog includes $280 million for roads, bridges and trails; $311 million for water management and habitat structures; nearly $355 million in hatcheries, boat docks, fishing piers, recreational sites and other public use infrastructure; and nearly $355 million for visitor centers, offices, housing and historic structures. As crown jewels of our public lands, the Service will continue to focus appropriations on the infrastructure and public works of these important places to ensure the public has welcoming, safe, and reliable wildlife dependent recreational access on their public lands.

Public Lands Infrastructure Fund

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Government Reform

President Trump signed an Executive Order to modernize and reform the executive branch and Interior is leading the way, developing and executing a program that will streamline processes and better serve the American people. The absolute first step in building a better and more efficient executive branch though is fostering a culture of ethics and respect amongst colleagues.

Interior has launched several top management objectives to better achieve Departmental goals and lead the agency moving forward. From day one of this Administration, Interior's leadership has made the work environment a priority. There is zero tolerance for any type of workplace harassment at Interior. The Department is instilling a culture change through clear management accountability, swift personnel actions, reporting procedures for harassment conduct, improved training, and substantive action plans.

In the area of anti-harassment efforts, each bureau and office has made significant headway in putting a diverse set of measures in place to prevent and address unacceptable conduct. Interior has also launched an internal Workplace Culture Transformation Advisory Council to include leadership from across the Department to keep a focus on Interior's commitment to the workplace environment. The Council will look at common issues raised in the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey, ways to improve employee engagement, and building career paths which cross bureau silos; all with the goal to transform Interior's workplace culture for our employees, so they can realize their individual potential and be their most productive selves for the American people.

Another management priority is creating a strong ethical culture to ensure Interior employees honor the public's trust to manage taxpayer funds responsibly and avoid conflicts of interest. The expectations for appropriate employee conduct have been made clear. The Department has set goals and expectations for qualified ethics officials within Interior sufficient to ensure our operations are conducted ethically and ensure all employees have access to prompt, accurate ethics advice.

Summary of Request

Ecological Services – The budget includes $240.0 million to conserve, protect, and enhance listed and at-risk fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats. The budget proposes $107.5 million to support environmental reviews, consultation services, and permitting that enables economic development and the creation of American jobs. The budget prioritizes funding to promote the recovery of listed species and toward completing recovery actions and five-year species status reviews as required by the ESA. The budget proposes $11.1 million for the Listing activity to focus available resources on the recovery of listed species.

Habitat Conservation – The request for Habitat Conservation includes $54.4 million for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. The Coastal Program request is $13.4 million.

National Wildlife Refuge System – Funding for the operation and maintenance of the National Wildlife Refuge System is requested at $509.5 million. The request ensures access to high-quality opportunities for all Americans to enjoy wildlife-dependent recreation, including wildlife photography, hunting, and fishing and maintain habitat and facilities across the refuge system.

The request for the refuge system includes $239.4 million for wildlife and habitat management. The request includes an additional $5 million for invasive species early detection and rapid response on refuges and in coordination with partners. Invasive species are one of the most serious threats to native wildlife, fish, and plants in the Refuge System, and these threats are expected to grow. In fact, invasive species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity and Federally-listed threatened and endangered species, with habitat loss the first. Invasive species negatively affect native species through habitat modification, disruption of vital ecosystem functions, competition, predation, herbivory, transmission of pathogens, and by hybridizing with natives. Invasive species also impose a significant economic burden, damage infrastructure, and exacerbate wildfire.

The budget request includes $80.9 million for Visitor Services. The Refuge System offers a variety of wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities and continues welcoming more visitors each year. The priority for wildlife refuges in FY 2020 is increasing opportunities and access for hunters and anglers. With more than 100 wildlife refuges within 25 miles of most major cities, wildlife refuges offer excellent opportunities for more Americans to enjoy all kinds of wildlife-dependent recreation. The budget continues support for hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching that benefit local communities. The budget also contains an additional $1 million to support the urban refuges program, which reaches out to urban residents to encourage interest in wildlife-dependent recreation and conservation.

The request includes $146.0 million for refuge facility and equipment maintenance. The budget prioritizes maintenance of Service-owned facilities and infrastructure such as water control structures and maintenance of administrative facilities. Addressing health and human safety deficiencies at existing facilities is the highest priority for maintenance funding.

Migratory Bird Management – To support cooperation with States on migratory bird management, the budget includes $49.5 million for migratory bird management. In 2016, the most recent year in which the Service conducted the *National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation*, 2.4 million migratory bird hunters generated $2.3 billion in economic activity, much of it in rural America supporting jobs in the travel, hospitality, and outdoor recreation industries. The 2020 budget request includes $7.3 million for monitoring of waterfowl populations, which provides critical data for developing annual migratory bird hunting frameworks that States rely on to establish hunting seasons and maintain this economic activity.

Law Enforcement – The budget provides $77.2 million for the law enforcement program to investigate wildlife crimes and enforce wildlife laws. The Service continues to cooperate with the State Department, other Federal agencies, and foreign governments to disrupt transportation routes connected to the illegal wildlife trafficking supply chain. The Service will continue to cooperate with other nations to combat wildlife trafficking to halt the destruction of some of the world's most iconic species, such as elephants and rhinos, by stopping illicit trade; ensuring sustainable legal trade; reducing demand for illegal products; and providing technical assistance and grants to other nations to develop local enforcement capabilities.

International Affairs – The budget includes a total of $16.6 million for the Service's international program. The Service provides technical and financial assistance to partners to support innovative projects that address wildlife poaching and trafficking by strengthening enforcement, reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife, and expanding international cooperation and commitment to mitigate this threat.

Fish and Aquatic Conservation – The budget includes a total of $155.6 million for Fish and Aquatic Conservation. The request includes $56.4 million for operation of the National Fish Hatchery System. The Service will address top priorities such as recovery of federally-listed threatened or endangered species, restoration of imperiled species, and fulfillment of Tribal partnerships and trust responsibilities. The Service will cooperate with Federal agency partners to mitigate impacts of Federal water projects via reimbursable service agreements. Mitigation hatcheries provide sportfish that increase opportunities for recreational fishing and contribute to local economies. The budget includes $25.8 million for maintenance of infrastructure including pumps and raceways at fish hatcheries.

The budget proposes $73.4 million for Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation, including $7.8 million for combating Asian carp and $14.0 million for fish passage improvements, including dam and culvert removal or replacement to open streams and rivers to native fish restoration. The budget maintains funding for management of subsistence fishing in Alaska and fishery monitoring, management, and restoration nationwide.

General Operations – The Service's General Operations budget totals $140.9 million. The Service is in its second year of consolidating administrative services, and changes are proposed to the funding structure to provide the new Management and Administration program a defined funding source. The request includes $7.0 million for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to support conservation projects, and $21.4 million for the operation and maintenance of the National Conservation Training Center.

Construction – The Service requests $15.7 million for construction in FY 2020.

Land Acquisition – The Service's request for the Land Acquisition account is $9.9 million. The FY2020 Budget focuses available funds on the protection and management of existing lands and assets. Acquiring new lands is a lower priority than funding ongoing operations and maintenance.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants (NAWCA) – The Service is requesting $40.0 million for NAWCA grants, which provide funding for land acquisition by non-Federal partners for wetlands conservation.

Multinational Species Conservation Fund – The 2020 request for this international species grant account is $6 million.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund – The Service proposes $3.9 million for these North American bird conservation grants.

State Wildlife Grants – The request for this program is $31.3 million. These grants are provided to States for wildlife conservation.

The full report on the Service's contributions to Departmental performance goals will be published as part of the Annual Performance Plan and Report. It will be available in March, 2019 as a companion report to this document. The report provides the a trend of accomplishments for the last five years, includes targets for the next two years and the associated current year funding and supporting strategic actions.

Agency Priority Goals

Ensure Clear, Quantitative Criteria for Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Plans Agency Priority Goal

Bureau Contribution

The ESA requires that the Service develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of endangered and threatened species found in the U.S., which incorporate objective, and measureable criteria for recovering listed species. Good, defensible criteria for recovering species is critical to inform priorities, engage partners in conservation activities and direct resources towards the most immediate needs.

Implementation Strategy

Recovery plans provide the Service, partners, stakeholders, and the public a road map and goals for achieving recovery of listed species. Clear criteria for delisting a species directs resources to activities and actions that will most benefit the listed species. This measure will report on the number of recovery plans that provide quantitative criteria for delisting a species under the ESA.

The data source for this measure is the Service's Threatened and Endangered Species System database (contained within the Service's Environmental Conservation Online System, ECOS). The database includes information on all listed species, including their recovery plans, and when the species final recovery plan was completed. Determining whether the criteria used in the plan is quantitative will be determined through a review of each plan and tracked in a separate file.

Performance Metrics

For published recovery plans, Ecological Services is the lead component within Service for reviewing these plans to confirm that each plan provides quantitative criteria. For recovery plans under development or not yet initiated, the Service will require quantitative criteria be developed as part of the drafting and finalizing of the recovery plan.

Strategic Objective Performance Summary

The Service contributes to meeting the Department's performance goals in three of the Department's six mission areas, as discussed below.

Departmental Mission Area: Conserving Our Land and Water

Bureau Contribution

The Service met or exceeded two of the four FY 2018 targets set for the Strategy: Provide stewardship of land, surface water, streams and shorelines performance metrics, contributing to the Department meeting its metrics for FY 2018 in this strategic objective.

The Service met or exceeded five of the seven FY 2018 targets set for the Strategy: Provide stewardship of wildlife, bird, fish, and plant species performance metrics, contributing to the Department's meeting or exceeding its metrics for FY 2018.

Funding in FY 2020 enables the Service to support the National Wildlife Refuge System, which administers a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the U.S. for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans. Wildlife refuges are home to more than 700 species of birds, 220 species of mammals, 250 reptile and amphibian species, and more than 1,000 species of fish. Wildlife refuges manage a full range of habitat types – wetlands; prairies; coastal and marine areas; temperate, tundra and boreal forests. Managing these habitats requires controlling or eradicating invasive species, using fire in a prescribed manner, assuring adequate water resources, and assessing external threats like development or contamination. The Service uses prescribed fire to reduce dangerously overgrown vegetation-known as hazardous fuels- to keep habitat in good condition. In FY 2018, the Refuge System conducted prescribed burns across more than 325,000 acres. These actions help reduce the risk of devastating wildfires that can threaten people, fish, wildlife and plants.

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program has grown into a large and diversified habitat restoration program assisting thousands of private landowners across the Nation and the Coastal Program provides incentives for voluntary protection of threatened, endangered and other species on private and public lands alike. The *North American Wetlands Conservation Act* provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife. The FY 2020 request will maintain the Service's support for work with partners on private, State, and other Federal lands to conserve and restore habitat for fish and wildlife and plant species.

As the principal Federal partner responsible for administering the ESA, the Service takes the lead in recovering and conserving our Nation's imperiled species by fostering partnerships, employing scientific excellence, and developing a workforce of conservation leaders. The FY 2020 request will provide funding for the Service to work in partnership with others, on two major goals, 1) conserve candidate species and species-at-risk so that listing under the ESA is not necessary; and 2) protect endangered and threatened

species, and pursue their recovery. These goals are achieved through the following activities: candidate conservation; consultations; grants; habitat conservation plans; international activities; listing and critical habitat; recovery; and working with Tribes.

The Service Fisheries Program works at the intersection of fisheries science and management, developing and using the latest techniques to conserve America's fisheries. Fisheries science is an integrative approach to understanding the biology, ecology, and economics of a fishery with the goal of sustainable management. The Service analyzes and approves new drugs and chemicals for aquatic species; monitors population levels and responses to environmental changes; maps habitat usage; identifies pathogens and diseases; breeds and grows fish; and evaluates population structure using genetics. The Service applies scientific data to focus conservation activities on high-priority species and habitats to protect and maintain stable populations and healthy habitats, and restore degraded habitats and depleted populations.

Funding in FY 2020 will allow the Service to maintain efforts to oversee its legal mandate and trust responsibility to maintain healthy migratory bird populations for the benefit of the American public. More than 25 laws, treaties, and conventions authorize the Service to conserve more than 1,000 species of migratory birds and their habitats. Primary among these mandates is the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918, which establishes Federal responsibility for protecting and managing migratory birds. It also implements four international treaties affecting migratory birds common to the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Japan and the former Soviet Union. Management activities include establishing hunting seasons, bag limits, and other regulations and issuing permits to possess or use migratory birds. Other important laws that directly and significantly impact program activities include the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, which promote habitat and bird conservation across North America and throughout the western hemisphere.

Implementation Strategy

The Service will continue its efforts improve land and water health and sustaining fish, wildlife and plant species in FY 2020. The response by species to changes in habitat (or other stressors on their health and sustainability) can take years before it can be measured and therefore, measures related to overall status of species tend to move slowly across the years. Also, especially on projects conducted with partners on private lands, results can vary widely from year to year based on the makeup of projects and the partnerships in effect in that time span. The Annual Performance and Plan and Report (APP&R) contains details on some of the variability of specific measures.)

More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics

The Service contributes to four DOI Strategic Plan measures in the Strategy: Provide stewardship of land, surface water, streams and shorelines; and seven DOI Strategic Plan measures in the Strategy: Provide stewardship of wildlife, bird, fish, and plant species.

The related performance measures (including data) are included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Departmental Mission Area: Expanding Outdoor Recreation and Access

Bureau Contribution

The Service met or exceeded both FY 2018 targets set for the Strategy: Promote hunting, fishing and other recreation on DOI lands and waters.

In response to Secretarial Orders (S.O.) 3347 and 3356, the Chief of the Refuge System has led an effort to assess the Service's hunting and sport fishing regulatory alignment to State regulations, and support Regional Directors' in identifying opportunities to increase access for hunters and anglers. A web-based tool called the Service's Hunt/Fish Opportunity Tool (SHOT) was developed, and a team of Regional Chiefs of Hunting and Fishing are assessing all Service lands and waters for regulatory alignment to State hunting and fishing regulations. As part of the 2018-2019 station-specific final rule, which published in the Code of Federal Regulations on September 10, 2018, 30 refuges opened or expanded opportunities for hunters and anglers on 251,000 acres of the Refuge System. As assessments are completed in 2019, this data will support further proposals to increase access for hunters and anglers for the 2019-2020 station-specific rule.

Implementation Strategy

The Service will continue its efforts in promoting hunting, fishing and other recreation on Service lands and waters in FY 2020. More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics

The Service contributes to two DOI Strategic Plan measure in this strategic objective. The related performance measures (including data) are included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Bureau Contribution

The Service met its FY 2018 target for the Strategy: Enhance the enjoyment and appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage by creating opportunities for play, enlightenment, and inspiration. A visitor survey, conducted at selected, representative Refuge System locations showed increased visitor satisfaction over previous years in all facets of their experience. This updated result helped the Department also meet its overall goal for visitor satisfaction.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 provides direction to the Refuge System to provide "…compatible wildlife-dependent recreational uses involving hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education and interpretation as priority public uses of the Refuge System." In addition, many of the Service's fish hatcheries also provide opportunities for the public to visit and learn more about aquatic wildlife, fish, and fish hatcheries, as well as take advantage of recreational activities on hatchery grounds. The FY 2020 request will enable the Service to maintain opportunities for outdoor recreation at National Wildlife Refuges and National Fish Hatcheries at levels similar to FY 2018.

Implementation Strategy
The Service will continue its visitor service programs at similar levels in FY 2020, compared to FY 2018, and expects to maintain its current high level of visitor satisfaction (90%). More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics
The Service contributes to one DOI Strategic Plan measure in this strategic objective. The related performance measure (including data) is included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and is not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Departmental Mission Area: Modernizing Our Organization and Infrastructure for the Next 100 Years

The Service met or exceeded one of the three FY 2018 targets for the Strategy: Maintain critical DOI infrastructure and facilities to ensure effective operations and service delivery, contributing to the Department meeting its metrics for FY 2018 in this strategic objective.

Bureau Contribution
The Refuge System is the Service's primary organization responsible for identifying, protecting, and sharing historic structures and historic resources. The three primary goals are to (1) evaluate, through a systematic, open-minded study by archeologists, historians, and other specialists to locate resources and to discover or substantiate their significance; (2) provide considerable thought to the problem of simultaneously protecting resources and making them available to the public; and (3) implement essential and appropriate treatment programs and protective measures. The FY 2020 request will maintain efforts to protect these resources at levels similar to FY 2018.

Established in 1896, D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archives, formerly Spearfish National Fish Hatchery, is one of the oldest operating hatcheries in the country. Still rearing trout for the Black Hills through a cooperative effort with the State, the hatchery is also a museum and archive that serves to protect and preserve our Nation's fishery records and artifacts for educational, research, and historic purposes. With over 155,000 visitors and 14,000 volunteer hours annually, the facility also strives to provide interpretive and educational programs for the public.

The National Conservation Training Center Museum and Archives houses films, photos, and documents chronicling the rich heritage of wildlife conservation. A museum and state-of-the-art research archive help the public, researchers and professional conservationists better understand the rich history of American wildlife conservation.

Implementation Strategy

The Service will continue its historic and heritage resource efforts at similar levels in FY 2020, compared to FY 2018. More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics

Service contributes to three DOI Strategic Plan measures in this strategic objective. The related performance measures (including data) are included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

For more information about DOI performance measures, the full performance plan can be found at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/fy2018-2022-strategic-plan.pdf

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
MAJOR ACCOUNT SUMMARY OF FISCAL YEAR 2020

Account		2018 Actual	2019 Annualized CR	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	2020 Change from 2019 (+/-)
Current Appropriations								
Resource Management	$000	1,279,002	1,279,002	+7,455	0	-29,296	1,257,161	-21,841
	FTE	6,522	6,522			-8	6,514	-8
Construction	$000	66,540	66,540	+23	0	-50,870	15,693	-50,847
	FTE	41	41		0	+0	41	+0
Land Acquisition	$000	63,839	63,839	+39		-54,014	9,864	-53,975
	FTE	79	79		0	-35	44	-35
National Wildlife Refuge Fund	$000	13,228	13,228	0	0	-13,228	0	-13,228
	FTE	0	0		0		0	+0
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund	$000	53,495	53,495	0	0	-53,495	0	-53,495
	FTE	13	13		0	-13	0	-13
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	$000	40,000	40,000	0	0	+0	40,000	+0
	FTE	6	6		0	+0	6	+0
Multinational Species Conservation Fund	$000	11,061	11,061	0	0	-5,061	6,000	-5,061
	FTE	3	3		0	+0	3	+0
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation	$000	3,910	3,910	0	0	-10	3,900	-10
	FTE	1	1		0	+0	1	+0
State and Tribal Wildlife Grants	$000	63,571	63,571	0	0	-32,285	31,286	-32,285
	FTE	17	17		0	-8	9	-8
TOTAL, Current Appropriations	**$000**	**1,594,646**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-238,259**	**1,363,904**	**-230,742**
	FTE	**6,682**	**6,682**		**+0**	**-64**	**6,618**	**-64**
CESCF -$31.008M and Land Acquisition -$5.324M cancellation of balances		0	0	0	0	-36,332	-36,332	-36,332
TOTAL, Current Appropriations w/ Cancellation of CESCF/ Land Acquisition balances. $000		**1,594,646**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-274,591**	**1,327,572**	**-267,074**
	FTE	**6,682**	**6,682**		**+0**	**-64**	**6,618**	**-64**
Supplemental Appropriation - Construction		**210,629**	**0**	**+0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**+0**
TOTAL, Current Appropriations w/ Cancellation and Supplemental. $000		**1,805,275**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-274,591**	**1,327,572**	**-267,074**

Budget at a Glance

2020 Budget At A Glance

(Dollars in Thousands)

	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers	Program Changes	2020 Request
Appropriation: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT						
ECOLOGICAL SERVICES						
LISTING	**18,818**	**18,818**	**+124**	**0**	**-7,877**	**11,065**
PLANNING AND CONSULTATION	**105,579**	**105,579**	**+1,338**	**0**	**+599**	**107,516**
Gulf Coast Restoration					-3,002	
NEPA Streamlining					-2,500	
General Program Activities					+6,101	
CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION	**32,396**	**32,396**	**+254**	**0**	**-6,209**	**26,441**
Environmental Contaminants					-1,785	
Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem					-1,506	
Candidate Conservation					-2,918	
RECOVERY	**91,032**	**91,032**	**+841**	**0**	**+3,127**	**95,000**
De-listing and Down Listing					-1,393	
Recovery Challenge					-5,000	
State of the Birds Activities					-3,000	
White Nose Syndrome					-2,000	
Wolf Livestock Loss Demonstration Program					-1,000	
General Program Activities					+15,520	
ECOLOGICAL SERVICES TOTAL	**247,825**	**247,825**	**+2,557**	**0**	**-10,360**	**240,022**
HABITAT CONSERVATION						
PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE	**51,633**	**51,633**	**+321**	**0**	**+2,463**	**54,417**
Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication					-688	
Environmental Data Quality/Access (WA Salmon Recovery)					-643	
WA Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups					-1,285	
General Program Activities					+5,079	
COASTAL PROGRAM	**13,375**	**13,375**	**+185**	**0**	**-185**	**13,375**
Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group					-184	
Long Live the Kings					-184	
General Program Activities					+183	
HABITAT CONSERVATION TOTAL	**65,008**	**65,008**	**+506**	**0**	**+2,278**	**67,792**
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM						
WILDLIFE AND HABITAT MANAGEMENT						
Refuge Wildlife & Habitat Management	**233,141**	**233,141**	**+1,365**	**0**	**+4,931**	**239,437**
Invasive Species					+5,000	
Inventory and Monitoring					-1,044	
General Program Activities					+975	
Refuge Visitor Services	**73,319**	**73,319**	**+430**	**0**	**+7,106**	**80,855**
Urban Wildlife Conservation Program					+1,000	
Youth and Careers in Nature					-2,000	
General Program Activities					+8,106	
Refuge Law Enforcement	**38,054**	**38,054**	**+212**	**0**	**+4,929**	**43,195**
General Program Activities					+4,929	
Refuge Conservation Planning	**2,523**	**2,523**	**0**	**0**	**-2,523**	**0**
Refuge Planning					-2,523	
Refuge Maintenance	**139,469**	**139,469**	**+555**	**0**	**+6,018**	**146,042**
Annual Maintenance					+950	
Equipment and Vehicle Management				-4,000		
Deferred Maintenance					+3,090	
Youth Conservation Corps					-649	
Maintenance Support				+4,000	+2,627	
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM TOTAL	**486,506**	**486,506**	**+2,562**	**0**	**+20,461**	**509,529**

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CONSERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT						
MIGRATORY BIRD MANAGEMENT						
Conservation and Monitoring	**31,126**	**31,126**	**+258**		**+698**	**32,082**
Monitoring					+988	
Aviation Management					+1,237	
Bird-Livestock Conflicts						
Energy						
Urban Bird Treaties						
General Program Activities					-1,527	
Permits	**3,424**	**3,424**	**+21**	**0**	**+254**	**3,699**
Duck Stamp Office	**556**	**556**	**+8**	**0**	**0**	**564**
North American Waterfowl Management Plan	**13,140**	**13,140**	**+62**	**0**	**-62**	**13,140**
General Program Activities					-62	
Migratory Bird Management Total	**48,246**	**48,246**	**+349**	**0**	**+890**	**49,485**
LAW ENFORCEMENT						
Law Enforcement Operations	**75,980**	**75,980**	**+256**	**0**	**+71**	**76,307**
Wildlife Trafficking					+986	
General Program Activities					-915	
Equipment Replacement	**910**	**910**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**910**
Law Enforcement Total	**76,890**	**76,890**	**+256**	**0**	**+71**	**77,217**
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS						
International Conservation	**8,290**	**8,290**	**+50**	**0**	**+381**	**8,721**
Wildlife Trafficking					+1,084	
Arctic Council Support					-550	
General Program Activities					-153	
International Wildlife Trade	**7,526**	**7,526**	**+86**	**0**	**+290**	**7,902**
General Program Activities					+290	
International Affairs Total	**15,816**	**15,816**	**+136**	**0**	**+671**	**16,623**
CONSERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT TOTAL	**140,952**	**140,952**	**+741**	**0**	**+1,632**	**143,325**
FISH AND AQUATIC CONSERVATION						
National Fish Hatchery Operations	**55,822**	**55,822**	**+376**	**0**	**+192**	**56,390**
Washington State Mass Marking					-1,475	
Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Program					-400	
General Program Activities					+2,067	
Maintenance and Equipment	**22,920**	**22,920**	**+38**	**0**	**+2,888**	**25,846**
Annual Maintenance					+2,888	
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation						
Habitat Assessment and Restoration	**33,987**	**33,987**	**+85**	**0**	**-6,569**	**27,503**
Chehalis Fisheries Restoration					-268	
Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement					-1,390	
Deleware River Basin					-5,000	
General Program Activities					+89	
Population Assessment and Cooperative Mgmt.	**30,150**	**30,150**	**+597**	**0**	**-1,006**	**29,741**
Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey					-489	
General Program Activities					-517	

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Aquatic Invasive Species	**21,748**	**21,748**	**+53**	**0**	**-5,654**	**16,147**
Asian Carp					-566	
Contract Fishing (Asian Carp)					-2,000	
Lake Tahoe Water Craft Inspections					-3,088	
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation Subtotal	**85,885**	**85,885**	**+735**	**0**	**-13,229**	**73,391**
FISH AND AQUATIC CONSERVATION TOTAL	**164,627**	**164,627**	**+1,149**	**0**	**-10,149**	**155,627**
COOPERATIVE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION	**12,988**	**12,988**	**0**	**0**	**-12,988**	**0**
SCIENCE SUPPORT						
Adaptive Science	**10,517**	**10,517**	**0**	**0**	**-10,517**	**0**
Service Science	**6,750**	**6,750**	**0**	**0**	**-6,750**	**0**
SCIENCE SUPPORT TOTAL	**17,267**	**17,267**	**0**	**0**	**-17,267**	**0**
GENERAL OPERATIONS						
Central Office Operations	**31,257**	**31,257**	**0**	**-9,613**	**+160**	**21,804**
Management and Administration	**40,866**	**40,866**	**0**	**+9,613**	**+4,387**	**54,866**
Servicewide Bill Paying	**35,781**	**35,781**	**-174**	**0**	**+163**	**35,770**
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	**7,022**	**7,022**	**0**	**0**	**-22**	**7,000**
National Conservation Training Center	**28,903**	**28,903**	**+114**	**0**	**-7,591**	**21,426**
General Program Activities					+2,226	
Yough and Careers in Nature					-3,913	
Annual Maintenance					-5,904	
GENERAL OPERATIONS TOTAL	**143,829**	**143,829**	**-60**	**0**	**-2,903**	**140,866**
TOTAL - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	**1,279,002**	**1,279,002**	**+7,455**	**0**	**-29,296**	**1,257,161**
Appropriation CONSTRUCTION						
Nationwide Engineering Services	5,475	5,475	+23	0	-130	5,368
Dam, Bridge and Seismic Safety	1,972	1,972	0	0	-740	1,232
Line Item Construction	59,093	59,093	0	0	-50,000	9,093
TOTAL - CONSTRUCTION	**66,540**	**66,540**	**+23**	**0**	**-50,870**	**15,693**
Appropriation LAND ACQUISITION						
Land Acquisition Management	12,773	12,773	+39	0	-3,286	9,526
Land Protection Planning	465	465	0	0	-465	0
Exchanges	1,500	1,500	0	0	-1,500	0
Inholdings, Emergencies and Hardships	5,351	5,351	0	0	-5,013	338
Sportsmen and Recreational Access	2,500	2,500	0	0	-2,500	0
Highlands Conservation Act	10,000	10,000	0	0	-10,000	0
Land Acquisition	31,250	31,250	0	0	-31,250	0
TOTAL - LAND ACQUISITION	**63,839**	**63,839**	**+39**	**0**	**-54,014**	**9,864**
Appropriation NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE FUND	**13,228**	**13,228**	**0**	**0**	**-13,228**	**0**
Appropriation COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND	**53,495**	**53,495**	**0**	**0**	**-53,495**	**0**

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	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers	Program Changes	2020 Request
Appropriation NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION FUND	40,000	40,000	0	0	0	40,000
Appropriation MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND	11,061	11,061	0	0	-5,061	6,000
Appropriation NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION FUND	3,910	3,910	0	0	-10	3,900
Appropriation STATE & TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANTS	63,571	63,571	0	0	-32,285	31,286
TOTAL, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (Current Disc.)	**1,594,646**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-238,259**	**1,363,904**
CANCELLATION OF PRIOR YEAR BALANCES						
Appropriation LAND ACQUISITION					-5,324	-5,324
Appropriation CESCF					-31,008	-31,008
TOTAL, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (Discretionary)					**-274,591**	**1,327,572**

FY 2020 Summary of Fixed Cost Changes by Appropriation

(Dollars in Thousands)

Fixed Cost Component	Resource Management	Construction	Land Acq.	TOTAL
Change in Pay Days	2,766	15	25	**2,806**
Pay Raise	0	0	0	**0**
FERS Employer Contribution Increase	1,705	8	14	**1,727**
Departmental Working Capital Fund	453	0	0	**453**
Workers' Compensation Payments	-627	0	0	**-627**
Unemployment Compensation Payments	0	0	0	**0**
GSA and non-GSA Space Rental Payments	3,158	0	0	**3,158**
TOTAL, Fixed Costs	**7,455**	**23**	**39**	**7,517**

Resource Management

Resource Management

Appropriations Language

For necessary expenses of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, as authorized by law, and for scientific and economic studies, general administration, and for the performance of other authorized functions related to such resources, $1,257,161,000 to remain available until September 30, 2021: Provided, That not to exceed $11,065,000 shall be used for implementing subsections (a), (b), (c), and (e) of section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533) (except for processing petitions, developing and issuing proposed and final regulations, and taking any other steps to implement actions described in subsection (c)(2)(A), (c)(2)(B)(i), or (c)(2)(B)(ii)).

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the Continuing Resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

African Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4201-4245, 1538). Authorizes funding for approved projects for research, conservation, management or protection of African elephants. Authorizes prohibitions against the sale, importation, and exportation of ivory derived from African elephants.

Agricultural Credit Act, (P. L. 100-233). Section 616 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer lands, interest therein, to Federal or State agencies for conservation purposes. The Fish and Wildlife Service assesses inventory lands to determine when such lands would be of benefit to the National Wildlife Refuge System and makes transfer recommendations.

Airborne Hunting Act, (16 U.S.C. 742 j-1). Section 13 of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 prohibits taking or harassing wildlife from aircraft, except when protecting wildlife, livestock, and human health or safety as authorized by a Federal or State issued license or permit.

Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 410hh-3233, 43 U.S.C 1602-1784). Provides for the designation and conservation of certain public lands in Alaska, including units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for the continuing subsistence needs of the Alaska Natives. Sec. 42(g) of this Act makes use of such Native lands subject to refuge regulations.

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, (43 U.S.C. 1601-1624). Provides various measures for settling the claims of Alaska Native peoples to land in Alaska, including authorization of selection and ownership of land within National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska by Native Corporations.

Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, (P. L. 89-304). Authorizes the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce to enter into cooperative agreements with the States and other non-Federal interests for the conservation, development, and enhancement of anadromous fish, including those in the Great Lakes, and to contribute up to 50 percent of the costs of carrying out such agreements.

Antarctic Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 2401). Provides for the conservation and protection of the fauna and flora of Antarctica, and their ecosystems.

Archaeological Resources Protection Act, (16 U.S.C. 470aa-47011)**.** Provides for protection of archaeological resources and sites on public and Tribal lands and for increased cooperation between

government authorities, the professional archaeological community, and private collectors with collections obtained before October 31, 1979.

Arctic Tundra Habitat Emergency Conservation Act, (P.L.106-108). Requires the Secretary of the Interior to prepare, and as appropriate implement, a comprehensive, long-term plan for the management of mid-continent light geese and conservation of their habitat.

Asian Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4261-4266, 1538). Provides for cooperative projects for the conservation and protection of Asian elephants.

Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, (16 U. S.C. 5151-5158). The purpose of this Act is to support and encourage development, implementation, and enforcement of effective interstate action regarding the conservation and management of Atlantic striped bass. The Act recognizes the commercial and recreational importance of Atlantic striped bass and establishes a consistent management scheme for its conservation. The three partners which share management responsibility for Atlantic striped bass are the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Every two years, the Services are required to produce an Atlantic Striped Bass Biennial Report to Congress on the status and health of Atlantic Coast Striped Bass Stocks.

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Ac*t*, **(**16 U.S.C. 668-668d). This Act provides for the protection of Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles by prohibiting take, possession, sale, purchase, transport, export or import of such eagles or their parts or nests. Take, possession, and transport are permitted for certain authorized purposes.

Brown Tree Snake Eradication and Control Act, (P.L. 108-384). Through this Act, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture support a multi-agency and partner effort to eradicate brown tree snakes in Guam and to prevent introduction or establishment of this invasive species on other Pacific islands or the U.S. mainland.

Billy Frank Jr. Tell Your Story Act, (P.L. 114-101). Establishes the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial within the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. The Department of the Interior must: (1) establish the boundaries of the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial and to provide for its administration and interpretation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and (2) coordinate with representatives of the Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Puyallup, and Squaxin Island Indian Tribes in providing for that interpretation.

Chehalis River Basin Fishery Resources Study and Restoration Act, (P. L. 101-452). Authorizes a joint Federal, State, and tribal study for the restoration of the fishery resources of the Chehalis River Basin, Washington.

Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990, (16 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) Requires the Secretary (delegated to the Service) to maintain the maps of the Coastal Barrier Resources System, to review the system at least every five years for changes which have occurred as a result of natural forces, and to make minor and technical changes to the maps of the System reflecting those natural changes. It also requires the Secretary to submit a study to Congress on the need to include the west coast in the system, and to lead an interagency task force to provide recommendations to Congress for legislative action and Federal policies on developed and undeveloped coastal barriers.

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act, (16 U.S.C. 3951-3156). Provides a Federal grant program for the acquisition, restoration, management, and enhancement of coastal wetlands of States

adjacent to the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, and the Pacific, including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Pacific U.S. insular areas. Provides that the Service update and digitize wetlands maps in Texas and conduct an assessment of the status, condition, and trends of wetlands in that State. Provides permanent authorization to appropriate receipts, coastal wetlands conservation grants and North American Wetlands Conservation projects.

Coastal Zone Management Act, (16 U.S.C. 1451-1464). Establishes a voluntary national program within the Department of Commerce to encourage coastal States to develop and implement coastal zone management plans. Activities that affect coastal zones must be consistent with approved State programs. The Act also establishes a National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS).

Colorado River Floodway Protection Act, (43 U.S.C 1600; 42 U.S.C. 4029). Establishes a Task Force to advise the Secretary of the Interior on the specific boundaries for and management for the area.

Colorado River Storage Project Act, (43 U.S.C. 620). Provides that facilities will be built and operated to mitigate losses of, and improve conditions for, fish and wildlife in connection with the Colorado River Storage.

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, (42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq.). Provides that responsible parties, including Federal landowners, investigate and clean up releases of hazardous substances. Trustees for natural resources, which includes the Secretary of the Interior, may assess and recover damages for injury to natural resources from releases of hazardous substances and use the damages for restoration, replacement or acquisition of equivalent natural resources. Provides permanent authorization to appropriate receipts from responsible parties.

Coral Reef Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.). Promotes wise management and sustainable use of coral reef ecosystems and develop sound scientific information on the condition of coral reef ecosystems and threats to them. Provides financial resources to local communities and nongovernmental organizations to assist in the preservation of coral reefs. It establishes a formal mechanism for collecting and allocating monetary donations from the private sector to be used for coral reef conservation projects.

Delaware River Basin Restoration Act, (P.L. 114-322). Establishes a Delaware River Basin restoration program and directs the Secretary to produce a basin-wide strategy that draws on existing conservation efforts, involves partners, and provides for the implementation of a shared set of science-based restoration and protection activities, including cost-effective projects with measurable results that maximize conservation outcomes with no net gain of Federal employees. Establishes a voluntary grant and technical assistance program. Sunsets on September 30, 2023. Enacted as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016.

Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2016, (P.L. 114-231). Sets forth a national policy on wildlife trafficking and several directions for the U.S. Secretary of State. Creates a Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, the co-chairs of which include the Secretary of the Interior. Authorizes anti-poaching and anti-trafficking programs. Amends the Pelly Amendment to the Fisherman's Protection Act to require that Pelly certifications made to the President by the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior be reported to Congress.

Emergency Wetlands Resources Act, (16 U.S.C. 3901). Provides for the collection of entrance fees, thirty percent of which may be used for refuge operations and maintenance, and for the Secretary of the Interior to establish and periodically review a national wetlands priority conservation plan for Federal and State wetlands acquisition, complete National Wetlands Inventory maps for the contiguous United States by

September 30, l998, to update the report on wetlands status and trends by September 30, 1990, and at 10-year intervals thereafter.

Endangered Species Act, (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544). Prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to and removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery; provides for interagency cooperation to avoid take of listed species and for issuing permits for otherwise prohibited activities; provides for cooperation with States, including authorization of financial assistance; and implements the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Indian Water Settlement Act, (P.L. 101-618). Establishes the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund. Funds are administered by the Service for use in restoring Lahontan Valley wetlands and recovering the endangered and threatened fish of Pyramid Lake. Section 206(a) authorizes the acquisition of water rights for restoring wetlands in Lahontan Valley. The Act stipulates that sufficient water rights be acquired to restore and sustain, on a long term average, approximately 25,000 acres of primary wetland habitat within Nevada's Lahontan Valley.

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Control Act, (7 U.S.C. 136-136y). Provides for the registration of pesticides to avoid unreasonable adverse effects to humans or the environment. Such registrations are considered Federal actions and are subject to consultations with the Service under the Endangered Species Act.

Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), **(**16 U.S.C. 6801-6814). Through this Act, Congress authorized Federal collection of fees for recreational use of public lands managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service.

Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA), (43 U.S.C. 2301-2306). Allows the sale of BLM lands identified for disposal, with sales proceeds used for land acquisition by the various land management agencies, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Federal Power Act, (161 S.C. 791a et seq.). Provides that each license for hydropower projects issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission includes fish ways prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior or Commerce, and that conditions for the protection, mitigation and enhancement of fish and wildlife based on recommendations of the Service and other agencies.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act), (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387)**.** Section 404 (m) authorizes the Service to comment on permit applications submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the discharge of dredged or fill material into navigable waters of the United States. Section 208(i) authorizes the Service to provide technical assistance to States in developing management practices as part of its water pollution control programs and to continue with the National Wetlands Inventory. Section 320 authorizes the establishment of a State/Federal cooperative program to nominate estuaries of national significance and to develop and implement management plans to restore and maintain the biological and chemical integrity of estuarine waters.

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, (16 U.S.C. 742(a)-754). Establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 2901-2911). Directs the Secretary of the Interior to undertake research and conservation activities, in coordination with other Federal, State, international and private organizations, to fulfill responsibilities to conserve migratory nongame birds under existing authorities. The Secretary is required, for all species, subspecies, and migratory nongame birds, to monitor and assess population trends and status; to identify environmental change and human activities; and to identify species in need of additional conservation and identify conservation actions to ensure perpetuation of these species.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, (16 U.S.C. 661-666(e)). Directs the Service to investigate and report on proposed Federal actions that affect any stream or other body of water and to provide recommendations to minimize impacts on fish and wildlife resources.

Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act, (16 U.S.C. 777 note; P.L. 106-502)**.** Congress reauthorized the Fisheries and Irrigation Mitigation Act (FRIMA) as part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, P.L. 111-11. FRIMA was established in 2000 and has been an important tool for addressing fish screening and fish passage needs in the Pacific Northwest States.

Fishery Conservation and Management Act, (Magnuson-Stevens Act), (16 U.S.C. 1801-1882, 90 Stat. 331). Authorizes the conservation and management of the fishery resources found within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States, including anadromous species, through eight Regional Fishery Management Councils. Establishes the Service as a nonvoting member of the Councils.

Food Security Act, (16 U.S.C. 801-3945). Provides that the Secretary of Agriculture consult with the Secretary of the Interior on the identification of wetlands, determinations of exemptions, and issuance of regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act. Requires the Service to concur in wetland mitigation plans in association with minimal effect exemptions and to concur in conservation plans for lands proposed for inclusion in the Wetlands Reserve program. Establishes a program to protect and restore wetlands on Farmers Home Administration inventory property and provides for the Service to identify such wetlands.

Great Ape Conservation Act*,* (16 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.). Authorizes grants to foreign governments, the CITES secretariat, and non-governmental organizations for the conservation of great apes. The funds are to be a sub-account of the Multinational Species Conservation Fund.

Great Lakes Critical Programs Act, (P.L. 101-596). Authorization for Service activities is contained in title III, the "Lake Champlain Special Designation Act of 1990".

Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act, (P.L. 109-326). The 2006 reauthorization places new emphasis on terrestrial wildlife projects, whereas the previous Acts were primarily devoted to fisheries. The bill also reauthorizes the existing State and Tribal grant program and provides new authority for the Service to undertake regional restoration projects. In addition, it directs the Service to create and maintain a website to document actions taken as a result of the Act. Under authority of the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 2006, the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act Grant Program provides Federal grants on a competitive basis to States, Tribes and other interested entities to encourage cooperative conservation, restoration and management of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat in Great Lakes basin..

Great Lakes Fishery Act, (16 U.S.C. 931-939). Implements the Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between the United States and Canada, and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior and the Service to undertake lamprey control and other measures related to the Convention.

Highlands Conservation Act, (P.L. 108-421). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania (Highland States) to preserve and protect high priority conservation land in the Highlands region, an area depicted on a National Forest Service map entitled "The Highlands Region" dated June 2004.

Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act, (16 U.S.C. 719 et seq.). Authorizes an annual Junior Duck Stamp competition and environmental education program for school children; provides for the licensing and marketing of winning designs, with proceeds used for awards and scholarships to participants. Public Law 109-166 reauthorizes the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act, (16 U.S.C.460ss et seq.). Requires the Secretary to develop and implement a restoration plan for the Klamath River Basin.

Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, (18 U.S.C. 42; 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378). Provides that the Secretary of the Interior designate injurious wildlife and ensure the humane treatment of wildlife shipped to the United States. Prohibits importation, exportation, transportation, sale, or purchase of fish and wildlife taken or possessed in violation of State, Federal, Indian Tribal, and foreign laws. Provides for enforcement of Federal wildlife laws, and Federal assistance to the States and foreign governments in the enforcement of non-Federal wildlife laws.

Marine Mammal Protection Act, (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407). Establishes a moratorium on taking and importing marine mammals, including parts and products. Defines the Federal responsibility for conservation of marine mammals, with management authority vested in the Department for the sea otter, walrus, polar bear, dugong, and manatee.

Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grants, (16 U.S.C. 1421f; 114 Stat. 2765. Title II of P.L. 106-555). Amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act to authorize grants to non-governmental organizations which participate in the rescue and rehabilitation of stranded marine mammals.

Marine Turtle Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6601-6607). Establishes a Marine Turtle Conservation Fund in the Multinational Species Conservation Fund. The fund is a separate account to assist in the conservation of marine turtles, and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries.

Migratory Bird Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 715-715d). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct investigations and publish documents related to North American birds, and establishes a Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) to approve areas recommended by the Secretary for acquisition. The MBCC also approves wetlands conservation projects recommended by the North American Wetlands Conservation Council under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, (16 U.S.C. 718). This Act, commonly referred to as the Duck Stamp Act, requires waterfowl hunters, 16 years of age or older, to purchase and possess a valid Federal waterfowl hunting stamp prior to taking migratory waterfowl. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to use $1 million from sales of migratory bird hunting and conservation stamps to promote additional sales of stamps.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, (16 U.S.C. 703-712). Implements four international treaties that affect migratory birds common to the United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan, and the former Soviet Union. Establishes Federal responsibility for protection and management of migratory and non-game birds, including the establishment of season length, bag limits, and other hunting regulations, and the issuance of permits to band, possess or otherwise make use of migratory birds.

National Aquaculture Development Act, (16 U.S.C. 2801-2810). Establishes a coordinating group, the Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture (JSA). The JSA has been responsible for developing the National Aquaculture Development Pan. The plan establishes a strategy for the development of an aquaculture industry in the United States.

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969**,** (NEPA), (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)**.** Provides that the Service examine the environmental impacts, incorporate environmental information, and use public participation in the planning and implementation of all actions; integrate NEPA with other planning requirements; prepare NEPA documents to facilitate better environmental decision making; and review Federal agency environmental plans and documents when the Service has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impacts involved.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, (16 U.S.C. 3701-3709)**.** Establishes a federally-chartered, nonprofit corporation to encourage and administer donations to benefit Service programs and other activities to conserve fish, wildlife, and plant resources.

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, (16 U.S.C. 470-470b, 470c-470n)**.** Directs Federal agencies to preserve, restore, and maintain historic cultural environments.

National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.)**.** Provides authority, guidelines and directives for the Service to improve the National Wildlife Refuge System; administers a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and restoration of fish, wildlife and plant resources and habitat; ensures the biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health of refuges is maintained; define compatible wildlife-dependent recreation as appropriate general public use of refuges; establishes hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education as priority uses; establish a formal process for determining compatible uses of refuges; and provide for public involvement in developing comprehensive conservation plans for refuges.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act*,* (P.L. 105-57)**.** Spells out wildlife conservation as the fundamental mission of the refuge system; requires comprehensive conservation planning to guide management of the refuge system; directs the involvement of private citizens in land management decisions; and provides that compatible wildlife-dependent recreation is a legitimate and appropriate use that should receive priority in refuge planning and management.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act, (P.L. 106-408)**.** Reinforces *National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act* provisions to raise public understanding and appreciation for the refuge system; calls on the Secretary of the Interior to establish a Centennial Commission to oversee special public outreach activities leading up to and during the Centennial year, leverage resources with public and private partners for outreach efforts, and plan and host a major conference in 2003; calls on the Service to develop a long-term plan to address the highest priority operations, maintenance, and construction needs of the National Wildlife Refuge System; and requires an annual report assessing the operations and maintenance backlogs and transition costs associated with newly acquired refuges lands.

National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act, (P.L. 111-357)**.** Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6101 et. seq.). Authorizes grants for the conservation of neotropical migratory birds in the United States and Latin America and the Caribbean, with 75 percent of the amounts made available to be expended on projects outside the United States. The funds

are to be a sub-account of the Multinational Species Conservation Fund. Title III of P.L. 109-363, reauthorized appropriations for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

New England Fishery Resources Restoration Act, (P.L. 101-593). Authorizes the Service to formulate, establish, and implement cooperative programs to restore and maintain nationally significant interjurisdictional fishery resources in New England river systems.

Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species Prevention and Control Act, as amended by the National Invasive species Act, (NISA, 16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.). Authorizes the Service to develop and implement a program to prevent and control infestations of zebra mussels and other nonindigenous aquatic invasive species in waters of the United States.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4401). Authorizes grants to public-private partnerships in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. to protect, enhance, restore, and manage waterfowl, other migratory birds and other fish and wildlife, and the wetland ecosystems and other habitats upon which they depend, consistent with the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. There is a Standard and a Small Grants Program. Both are competitive grants programs which require that grant requests be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 1-to-1 ratio. Funds from U.S. Federal sources may contribute towards a project, but are not eligible as match. Public Law 109-322 reauthorized the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Nutria Eradication and Control Act, (P.L. 108-16). Provides for the States of Maryland and Louisiana to implement nutria eradication or control measures and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

Oil Pollution Act, (P.L. 101-380)**.** Provides that the Service consult with others on the development of a fish and wildlife response plan for the protection, rescue, and rehabilitation of, and the minimization of risk of damage to fish and wildlife resources and their habitat harmed or jeopardized by an oil discharge.

Partnerships for Wildlife Act, (16 U.S.C. 3741-3744). This Act establishes a Wildlife Conservation and Appreciation Fund to receive appropriated funds and donations from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other private sources to assist the State fish and game agencies in carrying out their responsibilities for conservation of nongame species and authorizes grants to the States for programs and projects to conserve nongame species.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act, (16 U.S.C. 3771-3774). Provides for the restoration, enhancement, and management of fish and wildlife habitats on private land through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, a program that works with private landowners to conduct cost-effective habitat projects for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources in the United States.

Pelly Amendment to the Fishermen's Protective Act, (22 U.S.C. 1978). Authorizes the President to embargo wildlife products, including fish, and limit other imports from nations whose nationals are determined by the Secretary of the Interior or Commerce to be engaging in trade or take that undermines the effectiveness of any international treaty or convention for the protection of endangered or threatened species to which the United States is a party.

Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act, (P.L. 113-239). Authorizes the Service to permanently allow any State to provide hunting and conservation stamps for migratory birds (referred to as Federal Duck Stamps) electronically. The electronic stamps would remain valid for 45 days to allow for the physical stamps to arrive in the mail.

Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act*,* (16 U.S.C. 2602-2645) and ***Energy Security Act of 1980****, (16* U.S.C. 792-828(c)). Authorizes the Service to investigate and report on effects of hydropower development on fish and wildlife during the licensing process of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Recreational Use of Fish and Wildlife Areas, (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4). Commonly known as the Refuge Recreation Act of 1962, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to administer refuges, hatcheries, and other conservation areas for recreational use when such use does not interfere with the primary purpose for which these areas were established**.**

Refuge Recreation Act, (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4). Public Law 87-714, approved September 28, 1962 (76 Stat.653) as amended by Public Law 89-669, approved October 14, 1966, (80 Stat.930) and P.L. 92-534, approved October 23, 1972, (86 Stat. 1063). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to administer refuges, hatcheries and other conservation areas for recreational use, when such uses do not interfere with the areas primary purposes.

Resource Conservation Recovery Act, (42 U.S.C. 6901). Establishes standards for Federal agencies on the treatment, transportation, storage, and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes on Federal lands and facilities.

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act*,* (16. U.S.C. 5306(a), 1538). Authorizes grants to other nations and to the CITES Secretariat for programs directly or indirectly assisting in the conservation of rhinoceros and tigers. Prohibits the sale, importation, and exportation of products derived from any species of rhinoceros and tiger.

Salmon and Steelhead and Conservation and Enhancement Act of 1980, (16 U.S.C. 3301, 11-15, 21-25, 31-36, 41-45). Provides for management and enhancement planning to help prevent a further decline of salmon and steelhead stocks, and to assist in increasing the supply of these stocks within the Columbia River conservation area and the Washington conservation area.

Sikes Act, (16 U.S.C. 670a-670o). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Bureau of Land Management, and State agencies in planning, developing, maintaining and rehabilitating Federal lands for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat.

Strategic Response to Asian Carp Invasion Act, (P.L. 113-121). Requires the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey, to lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian Carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries by providing high-level technical assistance, coordination, best practices, and support to state and local government strategies, to slow, and eventually eliminate, the threat posed by such carp. Enacted in the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.

Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, (30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to regulate surface mining and reclamation at existing and future mining areas. The Service provides technical assistance for fish and wildlife aspects of the Department of the Interior's programs on active and abandoned mine lands.

Water Resources Development Act*,* (90 Stat. 2921). Authorizes the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan to mitigate fish and wildlife losses caused by power generation at four Corps of Engineers dams on the Lower Snake River in Washington.

Wild Bird Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916). Requires that all trade in wild birds involving the United States is biologically sustainable and to the benefit of the species, and by limiting or prohibiting imports of exotic birds when not beneficial to the species.

Youth Conservation Corps Act, (16 USC 1701-1706) as amended by P.L. 93-408, September 3, 1974. Expands and makes permanent the Youth Conservation Corps, and for other purposes. The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program, started in 1971, is a summer employment program for young men and women (ages 15–18) from all segments of society who work, learn, and earn together by doing projects for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wildlife Refuge System lands and National Fish Hatcheries. The objectives of this program (as reflected in Public Law 93-408) authorize the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service to operate the YCC Program.

Executive Orders

The Executive Orders listed are not an exhaustive list and are those most frequently referenced and used by the Service.

Floodplain Management, (Executive Order 11988)**.** Requires that federally-owned floodplains be protected through restricting future activities that would harm the floodplain resource or withhold such properties from lease or disposal to non-Federal public or private partners.

Migratory Birds, (Executive Order 13186). Directs Federal agencies taking actions that may have measurable negative impacts on migratory bird populations to enter into memoranda of understanding (MOU) with the Service to promote conservation of migratory bird populations and directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish a multi-agency Council for the Conservation of Migratory Birds.

Protection of Wetlands, (Executive Order 11990). Requires that federally-owned wetlands proposed for lease or conveyance to non-Federal public or private parties be protected through restricting any future uses that would degrade or harm the wetland resource in the conveyance or withhold such properties from lease or disposal.

Recreational Fisheries, (Executive Order 12962). Directs Federal agencies to improve the quantity, function, and sustainable productivity, and distribution of U.S. aquatic resources for increased resources for recreational fishing opportunities. The Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service are ordered to promote compatibility and to reduce conflicts between the administration of the *Endangered Species Act* and recreational fisheries. The Secretary of the Interior is directed to expand the role of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership council to monitor specific Federal activities affecting aquatic systems and the recreational fisheries they support.

Combating Wildlife Trafficking, (Executive Order 13648). Directs agencies to combat the illegal poaching and wildlife trade of protected species, both domestically and internationally. Wildlife trafficking not only endangers the survival of wildlife species, but also contributes to global instability and undermines security. The Secretary of the Interior will co-chair a Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking with the Secretary of State and Attorney General, or their designees.

Improving Performance of Federal Permitting and Review of Infrastructure Projects, (Executive Order 13604). Directs agencies to make the Federal permitting and review process of infrastructure projects efficient and effective to support economic growth while ensuring the health, safety, and security of the environment and communities. Agencies are to provide transparency, consistency, and predictability in the process for both project sponsors and affected communities.

Major Treaties and Conventions

The Service is party to numerous International Treaties and Conventions, all of which cannot be listed here due to space constraints. However, those listed below are more pertinent to the daily activities of Service programs.

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Flora and Fauna, (TIAS 8249). Parties who signed the Convention in March of 1973 agreed to restrict international trade in all species threatened with extinction (Appendix I species), all species which may be threatened with extinction unless trade is halted or restricted (Appendix II species), and all species which the parties identify as being subject to regulation for the purpose of preventing or restricting exploitation (Appendix III species). Many species listed under CITES are also listed under the *Endangered Species Act*. The Service is responsible for issuing all CITES permits in the United States.

Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere, (56 Stat. 1354). Signed in October of 1940, this Convention authorizes the contracting parties to establish national parks, national reserves, nature monuments, and strict wilderness reserves for the preservation of flora and fauna, especially migratory birds.

Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar), (TIAS 11084). The Ramsar Convention, ratified by over 90 nations, promotes the sustainable management of important wetlands around the world, especially as habitat for waterfowl. The Service's objective with this initiative is to strengthen worldwide collaboration regarding conservation and management of wetlands habitats which sustain resources stared by or of importance to all countries of the globe.

Summary of Requirements
Appropriation: Resource Management
(Dollars in Thousands)

	2018 Actual		2019 Annualized CR		Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers		Program Changes (+/-)		2020 Request		Change from 2019 (+/-)	
	FTE	Amount	*FTE*	Amount	(+/-)	*FTE*	Amount	*FTE*	Amount	*FTE*	Amount	*FTE*	Amount
Ecological Services													
Listing	*119*	18,818	*119*	18,818	+124	*0*	0	*-51*	-7,877	*68*	11,065	*-51*	-7,753
Planning and Consultation	*647*	105,579	*647*	105,579	+1,338	*0*	0	*+24*	+599	*671*	107,516	*+24*	+1,937
Conservation and Restoration	*200*	32,396	*200*	32,396	+254			*-10*	-6,209	*160*	26,441	*-40*	-5,955
Recovery	*469*	91,032	*469*	91,032	+841	*0*	0	*+22*	+3,127	*491*	95,000	*+22*	+3,968
Subtotal, Ecological Services	*1,435*	**247,825**	*1,435*	**247,825**	**+2,557**	***0***	**0**	***-15***	**-10,360**	***1,390***	**240,022**	***-45***	**-7,803**
Habitat Conservation													
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	*233*	51,633	*233*	51,633	+321	*0*	0	*+5*	+2,463	*238*	54,417	*+5*	+2,784
Coastal Program	*49*	13,375	*49*	13,375	+185	*0*	0	*0*	-185	*49*	13,375	*0*	0
Subtotal, Habitat Conservation	*282*	**65,008**	*282*	**65,008**	**+506**	***0***	**0**	*+5*	**+2,278**	***287***	**67,792**	***+5***	**+2,784**
National Wildlife Refuge System													
Wildlife and Habitat Management	*1,303*	233,141	*1,303*	233,141	+1,365	*0*	0	*+62*	+4,931	*1,365*	239,437	*+62*	+6,296
Visitor Services	*508*	73,319	*508*	73,319	+430	*0*	0	*+38*	+7,106	*546*	80,855	*+38*	+7,536
Refuge Law Enforcement	*229*	38,054	*229*	38,054	+212	*0*	0	*+28*	+4,929	*257*	43,195	*+28*	+5,141
Conservation Planning	*16*	2,523	*16*	2,523	0	*0*	0	*-16*	-2,523	*0*	0	*-16*	-2,523
Refuge Maintenance	*543*	139,469	*543*	139,469	+555	*0*	0	*+12*	+6,018	*555*	146,042	*+12*	+6,573
Subtotal, National Wildlife Refuge System	***2,599***	**486,506**	***2,599***	**486,506**	**+2,562**	***0***	***0***	***+124***	**+20,461**	***2,723***	**509,529**	***+124***	**+23,023**
Conservation and Enforcement													
Migratory Bird Management	*215*	48,246	*215*	48,246	+349	*0*	0	*0*	+890	*215*	49,485	*0*	+1,239
Law Enforcement	*341*	76,890	*341*	76,890	+256	*0*	0	*0*	+71	*341*	77,217	*0*	+327
International Affairs	*82*	15,816	*82*	15,816	+136	*0*	0	*+1*	+671	*83*	16,623	*+1*	+807
Subtotal, Conservation and Enforcement	***638***	**140,952**	***638***	**140,952**	**+741**	***0***	**0**	*+1*	**+1,632**	***639***	**143,325**	***+1***	**+2,373**
Fish and Aquatic Conservation													
National Fish Hatchery System Operations	*323*	55,822	*323*	55,822	+376	*0*	0	*0*	+192	*323*	56,390	*0*	+568
Maintenance and Equipment	*67*	22,920	*67*	22,920	+38	*0*	0	*+8*	+2,888	*75*	25,846	*+8*	+2,926
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation	*297*	85,885	*297*	85,885	+735	*0*	0	*-7*	-13,229	*290*	73,391	*-7*	-12,494
Subtotal, Fish and Aquatic Conservation	***687***	**164,627**	***687***	**164,627**	**+1,149**	**0**	**0**	***+1***	**-10,149**	***688***	**155,627**	***+1***	**-9,000**
Cooperative Landscape Conservation	***50***	**12,988**	***50***	**12,988**	**0**	***0***	**0**	*-50*	**-12,988**	***0***	**0**	*-50*	**-12,988**
Science Support													
Adaptive Science	*19*	10,517	*19*	10,517	0	*0*	0	*-19*	-10,517	*0*	0	*-19*	-10,517
Service Science	*14*	6,750	*14*	6,750	0	*0*	0	*-14*	-6,750	*0*	0	*-14*	-6,750
Subtotal, Science Support	***33***	**17,267**	***33***	***17,267***	**0**	***0***	**0**	***-33***	**-17,267**	***0***	**0**	***-33***	**-17,267**
General Operations													
Central Office Operations	*262*	31,257	*262*	31,257	0	*-42*	-9,613	*0*	+160	*220*	21,804	*-42*	-9,453
Management and Administration	*403*	40,866	*403*	40,866	0	*+42*	9,613	*0*	+4,387	*445*	54,866	*+42*	+14,000
Servicewide Bill Paying	*23*	35,781	*23*	35,781	-174	*0*	0	*0*	+163	*23*	35,770	*0*	-11
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	*0*	7,022	*0*	7,022	0	*0*	0	*0*	-22	*0*	7,000	*0*	-22
National Conservation Training Center	*110*	28,903	*110*	28,903	+114	*0*	0	*-11*	-7,591	*99*	21,426	*-11*	-7,477
Subtotal, General Operations	***798***	**143,829**	***798***	**143,829**	**-60**	***0***	0	***-11***	**-2,903**	***787***	**140,866**	***-11***	**-2,963**
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Total, Resource Management	***6,522***	**1,279,002**	***6,522***	**1,279,002**	**+7,455**	*0*	0	**+22**	**-29,296**	***6,514***	**1,257,161**	***-8***	**-21,841**

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Resource Management

Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days This row reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.	+2,772	+2,766
Pay Raise The 2020 request reflects a pay freeze for civilian employees.	+3,654	+0
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.	+0	+1,705
Departmental Working Capital Fund The change reflects expected changes in the charges for centrally billed Department services and other services through the Working Capital Fund. These charges are detailed in the Budget Justification for Departmental Management.	+995	+453
Worker's Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of compensating injured employees who suffer accidental deaths while on duty. Costs will reimburse the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Fund, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8147(b) as amended by Public Law 94-273.	-832	-627
Unemployment Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of unemployment compensation claims to be paid to the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Account, in the Unemployment Trust Fund, pursuant to Public Law 96-499.	+0	+0
Rental Payments The amounts reflect changes in the costs payable to the General Services Administration (GSA) and others for office and non-office space as estimated by GSA, as well as the rental costs of other currently occupied space. These costs include building security; in the case of GSA space, these are paid to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Costs of mandatory office relocations, i.e. relocations in cases where due to external events there is no alternative but to vacate the currently occupied space, are also included.	-407	+3,158
Baseline Adjustments for O&M Increases In accordance with space maximization efforts across the Federal Government, this adjustment captures the associated increase to baseline operations and maintenance (O&M) requirements resulting from movement out of GSA or direct-leased (commercial) space and into Bureau-owned space. While the GSA portion of fixed costs will go down as a result of these moves, Bureaus often encounter an increase to baseline O&M costs not otherwise captured in fixed costs. This category of funding properly adjusts the baseline fixed cost amount to maintain steady-state funding for these requirements.	+50	+0

Internal Realignments and Non-Policy/Program Changes (Net-Zero)	BY (+/-)
National Wildlife Refuge System/Equiptment and Vehicle Management This internal transfer is proposed to properly align funds with management of facilities and equipment.	-4,000
National Wildlife Refuge System/Maintenance Support This internal transfer is proposed to properly align funds with management of facilities and equipment.	+4,000
General Operations/Centeral Office Operations The internal transfer is proposed to reorganize administrative functions, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, budget and performance, and risk management.	-9,613
General Operations/Management and Administration The internal transfer is proposed to reorganize administrative functions, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, budget and performance, and risk management.	+9,613

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Ecological Services

Activity: Ecological Services

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Listing	($000)	18,818	18,818	+124	0	-7,877	11,065	-7,753
	FTE	*119*	*119*	*0*	*0*	*-21*	*68*	*-21*
Planning and Consultation	($000)	105,579	105,579	+1,338	0	+599	107,516	1,937
	FTE	*647*	*647*	*0*	*0*	*+24*	*671*	*+24*
Conservation and Restoration	($000)	32,396	32,396	+254	0	-6,209	26,441	-5,955
	FTE	200	200	0	0	*-40*	*160*	*-40*
Recovery	($000)	91,032	91,032	+841	0	+3,127	95,000	+3,968
	FTE	*469*	*469*	*0*	*0*	*+22*	*491*	*+22*
Total, Ecological Services	**($000)**	**247,825**	**247,825**	**2,557**	**0**	**-10,360**	**240,022**	**-7,803**
	FTE	***1,435***	***1,435***	***0***	***0***	***-45***	***1,390***	***-45***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Ecological Services

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Recovery Activities	+15,520	+103
• Planning and Consultation Activities	+6,101	+45
• Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Program	-1,000	-6
• De-listing and Down Listing	-1,393	-9
• Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem	-1,506	-10
• Environmental Response and Restoration	-1,785	-11
• White Nose Syndrome	-2,000	-13
• NEPA Streamlining	-2,500	-1
• Candidate Conservation	-2,918	-19
• State of the Birds	-3,000	-20
• Gulf Coast Restoration	-3,002	-20
• Recovery Challenge	-5,000	-33
• Listing	-7,877	-51
Program Changes	**-10,360**	**-45**

Program Mission

The Ecological Services (ES) Program contributes to the Acting Secretary's priority of creating a conservation stewardship legacy, sustainably developing our energy and natural resources, restoring trust with our neighbors and communities, supporting Tribal sovereignty, protecting our southern border, striking a regulatory balance between sustainable economic development and providing for conservation into the future.

ES Field Offices provide leadership in environmental response and restoration and assist communities in balancing economic growth and conservation through their work to conduct timely environmental reviews

of Federal permits and projects, conserve and recover species listed under the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA), and permit take of listed species.

Program Elements

The Ecological Services program is comprised of the following program elements:

- **Listing** – Uses the best scientific and commercial information available to identify foreign and domestic plant and animal species that are in danger of extinction or likely to become in danger of extinction within the foreseeable future and thus need protection under the ESA.
- **Planning and Consultation** – Provides integrated advanced project planning, environmental review, and permitting assistance to proactively address environmental concerns in support of economic growth, demand for new infrastructure, and community development.
- **Conservation and Restoration** – Delivers proactive species conservation efforts in partnership with States, Tribes, local governments, and landowners to prevent the need to list a species when possible; protects and restores habitat important to Federal trust species; and provides databases and mapping products that are essential tools for conservation and restoration of species and habitats by landowners, other Federal and State agencies, and the public.
- **Recovery** – Works with communities and stakeholders to recover endangered and threatened species, with the goal to minimize or reduce threats to a listed species and improve their status so the species can be secured and removed from Federal protection.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

Under various statutes and authorities, the Ecological Services Program is charged with providing technical solutions and compliance with a variety of conservation laws, most specifically the *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act* (FWCA); ESA; *Marine Mammal Protection Act* (MMPA); *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA); *Emergency Wetlands Resources Act*; *Clean Water Act*; *Coastal Barrier Resources Act* (CBRA); *Oil Pollution Act* (OPA); *Federal Power Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act* (CERCLA); and multiple Executive Orders. Through these operating authorities, the Service identifies potential impacts and provides solutions that prevent species and their habitats from becoming more imperiled and support the Secretary's priority of Conserving Our Land and Water.

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Listing

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Listing	($000)	18,818	18,818	+124	0	-7,877	11,065	-7,753
	FTE	*119*	*119*	*0*	*0*	*-51*	*68*	*-51*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Restoration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Listing	-7,877	-51
Program Changes	**-7,877**	**-51**

Program Overview

The purpose of the ESA is to conserve endangered and threatened species and the ecosystems on which they depend. Before a plant or animal species can receive the protection provided by the ESA, it must first be added to the Federal lists of threatened and endangered wildlife and plants. Placing a species on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife (50 CFR 17.11) or the List of Endangered and Threatened Plants (50 CFR 17.12), and designating critical habitat as required under the ESA, focuses resources and efforts by the Service and its partners on recovering the species. Through the Listing subactivity, the Service uses the best scientific and commercial information available to identify species that are in danger of extinction or likely to become so within the foreseeable future and thus need protection under the ESA.

The Service works closely with States and Tribes during the listing process, which often includes the development of a species status assessment (SSA) that reflects the best available scientific and commercial information regarding life history, biology, and the factors affecting the viability of a species. The Service maintains a national listing workplan to encourage States, Tribes and the public to undertake conservation activities now for species on the workplan so that the species does not need the protection of the ESA.[1]

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Listing is $11,065,000 and 68 FTE.

Listing (-$7,877,000/-51 FTE)

The request will be used by the Service to implement the approved National Listing workplan. This plan funds 90-day and 12-month petition findings, and listing, 4(d), and critical habitat rules that are required by law. The funds will support staff working on findings and rules, public hearings, printing, and economic analyses associated with critical habitat designations.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Support implementation of the approved National Listing Workplan. This plan identifies and prioritizes 90-day and 12-month findings, listing rules, and critical habitat rules that are required by law. Listing determinations will be based on Species Status Assessments.
- Support staff work on rules, public hearings, printing, and economic analyses for critical habitat.
- The Service has developed performance metrics to track and hold itself accountable for providing States the opportunity to provide their valuable scientific input in the SSA development process.

[1] https://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/listing-workplan html

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Planning and Consultation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Planning and Consultation	($000)	105,579	105,579	+1,338	0	+599	107,516	1,937
	FTE	*647*	*647*	*0*	*0*	*+24*	*671*	*+24*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Restoration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Planning and Consultation Activities	+6,101	+45
• NEPA Streamlining	-2,500	-1
• Gulf Coast Restoration	-3,002	-20
Program Changes	**+599**	**+24**

Program Overview

A pronghorn seen in the Pinedale Anticline natural gas field in Wyoming. Credit: Theo Stein/USFWS

Planning and Consultation is the primary customer service component of the Ecological Services program. Service staff advance the Secretary's priorities of sustainably developing our Nation's energy and natural resources, coordinating with Tribes, protecting our people and our border, striking a regulatory balance, and modernizing our Nation's infrastructure. With this funding, the Service works collaboratively with industry, agencies, Tribes, and other stakeholders to balance conservation and development needs. Service biologists work with stakeholders at the planning stages of Federally-authorized, licensed, or funded projects—from highway expansions to energy development—to ensure that development has minimal impact on wildlife and habitats. By engaging in project development and planning processes early, the Service can save taxpayers and developers money by minimizing environmental impacts of development projects, reducing threats to species in a way that helps prevent the need to list them as endangered or threatened in the future, streamlining the permitting process so that benefits are realized sooner, and reducing paperwork.

Early coordination and involvement in the project siting and design process can minimize the impacts of a project on wildlife. Engaging through the NEPA process, Ecological Services works closely with the lead Federal agency to streamline the review process for their Federal infrastructure projects. Through authority for interagency consultation under Section 7 of the ESA, the Service collaborates with its partners to identify opportunities to reduce adverse impacts of development activities with a Federal nexus. If an agency action is likely to adversely affect a listed species or critical habitat, the Federal agency must initiate consultations with the Service. This requirement may affect private individuals when their action involves Federal authorization—including permits— or funding. Service biologists provide technical assistance that identifies and explains ways to modify or reduce adverse effects of proposed projects on listed species and issue incidental take authorization for listed species so that projects can proceed on schedule and in compliance with the ESA.

Environmental review functions constitute a significant workload for the Service, and we are continuously looking for ways to improve the efficiency, consistency, transparency, and effectiveness of environmental reviews for infrastructure and other development projects. The Service is enhancing our Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) decision support system for streamlining the environmental review process. This allows for rapid identification of potential projects that will not affect listed species and expedites completion of requirements involving ESA section 7 consultations, section 10 HCPs, and other environmental review processes. In addition, the Service is undertaking a process to update species range maps in a way that is transparent and repeatable. Through improved range maps for listed species, the Service will be able to focus environmental reviews to areas where the species is most likely to occur.

Using the Habitat Conservation Planning authority under Section 10 of the ESA, the Service provides technical assistance to non-Federal entities in the development of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) and issues incidental take permits. The Service's incidental take permit program is a flexible process for addressing situations in which a property owner's otherwise lawful activities might result in incidental take of a listed species. Through HCPs, the Service facilitates private and other non-Federal land development with proactive species and conservation planning that strike a regulatory balance for development while addressing threats to species and fulfilling species recovery needs. The HCP program encourages applicants to explore different methods to achieve compliance with the ESA and choose an approach that best suits their needs.

The Service is implementing ways to streamline its review process in coordination with other Federal agencies and provide programmatic consultations where appropriate. The Service will continue to work closely with other Federal agencies in FY 2020 to advance infrastructure projects expeditiously while minimizing adverse impacts to fish, wildlife, and plants.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Planning and Consultation is $107,516,000 and 671 FTE.

Planning and Consultation Activities (+$6,101,000/+45 FTE)
The request enables the Service to build field capacity for technical assistance to Federal agencies and project proponents and continue to streamline the consultation and project review process through the development of web-based tools, reducing the regulatory burden and time commitments on project proponents, industries and other Federal agencies. Funding will support new web-based applications through IPaC as well as maintain and increase the scope and capability of existing applications to meet increased demand. In addition, the Service will invest in refined range maps for listed species to reduce the areas of consideration for consultation to those areas where development activities are most likely to affect a listed species.

NEPA Streamlining (-$2,500,000/ -1 FTE)
In FY 2018, Congress provided $2,500,000 to streamline the permitting process and achieve compliance with permitting and other statues. This work will continue to be funded under general Planning and Consultation Activities, as it continues to be a priority for the Service.

Gulf Coast Restoration (-$3,002,000/-20 FTE)
Through this funding, the Service works closely with the States and local communities in the Gulf Coast to provide timely environmental reviews of projects funded as part of the restoration from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Within the requested funding the Service will provide technical assistance to those activities that are critically important to the health and vitality of our Nation's natural and economic resources.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide integrated advanced project planning, environmental review, and permitting assistance to address environmental concerns in support of energy production, infrastructure, and other development activities.
- Support development and population of data in our web-based application, Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC), to help streamline the ESA consultation process, provide clarity and transparency, and increase predictability for Federal agencies and applicants.
- Collaborate with many internal and external partners by providing technical assistance in evaluating the impacts of proposed Federal activities on fish, wildlife, and plants.
- Focus our consultation and permitting efforts on Administration and Departmental priorities, particularly priority infrastructure and energy projects.

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Conservation and Restoration

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation and Restoration	($000)	32,396	32,396	+254	0	-6,209	26,441	-5,955
	FTE	200	200	0	0	-40	160	-40

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Restoration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem	-1,506	-10
• Environmental Response and Restoration	-1,785	-11
• Candidate Conservation	-2,918	-19
Program Changes	**-6,209**	**-40**

Program Overview

The Service supports collaborative species conservation efforts, works to protect and restore habitats that are important to Federal trust species, and provides mapping products and databases that are essential tools for conservation and restoration of species and habitats by other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public.

Candidate Conservation

Identification of candidate species can assist environmental planning efforts by providing advance notice of potential listings, and by allowing landowners and resource managers to alleviate threats and thereby possibly remove the need to list species as endangered or threatened. Funding through this subactivity focuses on conducting species assessments and facilitating voluntary conservation efforts. The Service routinely publishes a Candidate Notice of Review (CNOR) which is an updated list of plant and animal species native to the United States regarded as candidates for or have been proposed for listing under the ESA. By reducing threats to species and their habitats before they become critically imperiled, future conservation efforts are likely to be less costly, more flexible, and more likely to result in successful conservation over time. Even if we subsequently list a candidate species, the early notice provided can result in more options for species management and recovery by prompting earlier candidate conservation measures to alleviate threats to the species.

Marine Mammals

Also funded under this subactivity is the Service's work to conserve marine mammals. While NOAA is responsible for porpoises, dolphins and whales under the MMPA, the Service oversees protections for walruses, manatees, otters, and polar bears. Marine mammals are a resource of great cultural, aesthetic, economic, and recreational significance. The MMPA provides protection by prohibiting (with certain exceptions): (1) "take" of marine mammals in U.S. waters and by U.S. citizens on the high seas and (2) the import, export, and sale of marine mammals and marine mammal parts, and products in the U.S. Under the MMPA, marine mammal populations, and the health and stability of marine ecosystems upon which they depend, are required to be maintained at, or returned to, healthy levels.

Sea Otters are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Photo Credit: Randall Davis

Meeting the Service's mandate for the conservation of marine mammal species requires communication and cooperation with other Federal agencies, State governments, Alaska Native Organizations, scientists from numerous institutions and organizations, industry groups, and nongovernmental organizations.

National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)
The Service is the principal Federal agency tasked with providing information to the public on the distribution as well as the status and trends of our Nation's wetlands. The National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) provides a publicly available online mapping resource that gives detailed information on the abundance, characteristic, and distribution of America's wetlands. The wetland data layer underlying the mapper provides the best available data to the Nation. The Service works extensively with other Federal and State partners to continually update the data. These maps expedite conservation and business decisions on, for instance, siting of development projects near a wetland. In FY 2020, the Service will be completing the collection of data for the sixth decadal report to Congress on the status and trends of the Nation's wetlands. As required by law, the next report will provide an assessment of the health, quality, and quantity of America's wetlands that informs policy and management decisions across the Federal Government.

Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA)
In the early 1980s, Congress recognized that certain Federal actions and programs have historically subsidized and encouraged development on coastal barriers, resulting in the loss of natural resources; threats to human life, health, and property; and the expenditure of millions of tax dollars each year. To remove the Federal incentive to develop these areas, CBRA designated relatively undeveloped coastal barriers along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts as part of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS), and made these areas ineligible for most new Federal expenditures and financial assistance. CBRA does not prohibit or restrict development conducted with non-Federal funds.

CBRA is a map-based law, and the Service continues to take significant steps to improve efficiencies and effectiveness of CBRA administration including: (1) the release of an online CBRS Mapper that makes CBRS boundary data more accessible to property owners, project proponents, and other stakeholders who need to know whether properties or project sites may be affected by the CBRA; (2) the release of an online validation tool for the public and other Federal agencies to make a self-determination as to whether individual properties are located "in" or "out" of the CBRS which is important for the issuance of flood insurance policies, real estate transactions and federal expenditures within the CBRS; (3) finish remapping 44 percent of the total units representing 16 percent of the total acreage between Virginia and New Hampshire; and (4) resolving property determinations requested by Congress and/or property owners that require extensive land research and imagery analysis.

Environmental Response and Restoration
Our coasts, rivers, estuaries, wetlands and other natural places are home to spectacular native wildlife and provide Americans with unrivaled places to fish, hunt, and get outdoors. They also play a critical role in our economy, generating revenues from tourism and recreational activities, while providing us with clean water and performing countless other important ecological functions. The Service's Environmental Response and Restoration Program protects and restores fish and wildlife, as well as habitats that have been injured by oil discharges, and the release of hazardous substances or emerging contaminants of concern. In order to be effective in responding to emergency spills, the Service must maintain a cadre of trained responders. Funding in this subactivity is critical to maintain the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's required training certificates or medical monitoring, to supply responders and Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) practitioners with the equipment and supplies to prevent exposure to spilled oil or environmental contaminants, and to conduct associated pre-assessment investigations. Trained responders will increase the Service's capacity to provide technical support and expertise to the U.S. Coast Guard and Environmental Protection Agency during spill events.

The Environmental Response and Restoration program within Ecological Services oversees the NRDAR activities nationwide. In order to achieve restoration, the Service must provide technical expertise to convert damage assessment awards to on-the-ground restoration. The Service uses this funding to provide support to ongoing cases and conduct early investigations that could potentially lead to restoration projects worth millions of dollars. For example, through ongoing cases in FY 2018, the Service, in coordination with co-trustees, put more than $120 million on the ground to restore fish and wildlife for the American people: enhancing or restoring nearly 2,000 acres, managing more than 40,000 acres, and protecting more than 7,000 acres. As a result, nearly 6,000 acres were made available for recreational use through the use of NRDAR funds. In FY 2017, the NRDAR program managed more than $13.5 million in funds recovered from responsible parties to implement restoration projects for the benefit of the American people. Based upon a recent report, the Service estimated that FY 2017 projects generated approximately $46 million for the economy and 480 year-long jobs.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Conservation and Restoration is $26,441,000 and 160 FTE.

Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem (-$1,506,000/-10 FTE)
With the requested funding, the Service will continue to work with Federal and State partners to implement important on the-ground conservation efforts for species within the sagebrush ecosystem.

Environmental Response and Restoration: (-$1,785,000/-11 FTE)
The Service will prioritize work in spill response and engagement with NRDAR trustees.

Candidate Conservation (-$2,918,000/-19 FTE)
Priority will be given to administering the Candidate Notice of Review (CNOR). The Service will rely on the States to assume the role in providing technical assistance for all CCAAs and CCAs. Guided by the national listing workplan, the States can leverage their expertise and relationships to provide landowners with technical assistance to achieve specific conservation goals for candidate and petitioned species and thus potentially eliminate the need to list a species.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Deliver proactive species conservation efforts in partnership with other Federal agencies, States, Tribes, local governments, and landowners to prevent the need to list a species when possible; protect and restore habitat important to Federal trust species; and provide databases and mapping products that are essential tools for conservation and restoration of species and habitats by landowners, other Federal and State agencies, and the public.

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Recovery

		2018 Actual	2019 Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Recovery	($000)	91,032	91,032	+841		+3,127	95,000	+3,968
	FTE	469	469			+22	491	+22

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Recovery

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Recovery Activities	+15,520	+103
• Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Program	-1,000	-6
• De-listing and Down Listing	-1,393	-9
• White Nose Syndrome	-2,000	-13
• State of the Birds	-3,000	-20
• Recovery Challenge	-5,000	-33
Program Changes	**+3,127**	**+22**

Program Overview

Preventing extinction and achieving recovery of listed species has always been, and will continue to be, one of the Service's highest priorities. It serves the Acting Secretary's objective of conserving our land and water by managing its fish and wildlife. The goal of Recovery is to minimize or remove the threats that led to the species' listing and to work toward reclassifying the species from endangered to threatened, and toward delisting the species altogether. This process requires technical leadership, monitoring, planning, and management together with close coordination with Service partners. The Service plays a vital role in guiding the recovery planning process, and in facilitating, supporting, and monitoring the implementation of recovery actions by the Service and others.

Recovery plans, non-regulatory blueprints for the work that needs to be done to achieve downlisting or delisting a species under the ESA, are required under the ESA. Recovery plans are developed collaboratively with interested partners. Recovery plans may address multiple species, identify specific recovery tasks, establish downlisting and delisting criteria, and provide timetables and cost estimates. There is a public review process for each draft recovery plan. The Service advances the Secretary's priorities of creating a conservation stewardship legacy and striking a regulatory balance by enhancing and increasing partnerships with agencies and organizations to implement highest priority recovery actions identified in recovery plans for endangered and threatened species under the trusteeship of the Service in the United States and its Territories, such that known threats to the species may be reduced or eliminated.

The ESA requires the Service to review the status of listed species once every five years to determine whether the current listing status, as endangered or threatened, is still appropriate. This assessment includes a notice to the public requesting information on the species under review. These documents are important tools to gather new information, assess threats to the species, and validate whether protection under the ESA is still necessary.

Service biologists support the implementation of the ESA via collaborative conservation actions that are advantageous, feasible, and practicable for all parties. Staff provides technical assistance to our partners to champion recovery projects on the ground. Recovery projects can range from habitat restoration to captive rearing and reintroduction to landowner agreements that will provide Safe Harbors to one or more listed

species for a set period of time. Safe Harbor Agreements provide assurances that non-Federal conservation actions (e.g., habitat restoration, reintroduction), will not result in additional regulation on the landowner.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Recovery of Listed Species is $95,000,000 and 491 FTE.

Recovery Activities (+$15,520,000/+103 FTE)
The Service is focused on the ESA mandates that are inherently Federal, including development of recovery plans, five-year status reviews, and has prioritized rulemakings to downlist or delist species whose status has improved. In FY 2018, the Service developed a national workplan for downlisting and delisting rulemakings and submitted a total of 26 proposed or final rules to reclassify a species, exceeding the target of eight rules. In FY 2019, the Service anticipates proposing or finalizing 36 delisting and downlisting actions. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Service expects to propose or finalize 36 delisting or downlisting rules. The request will support the Service's capacity to work with other DOI bureaus, Federal agencies, States, and other stakeholders, to ensure recovery plans have objective and measurable recovery criteria and address five-year status review recommendations on the national workplan. The Service has established a process to revise recovery plans to ensure that each plan has quantitative criteria for what constitutes a recovered species, and is implementing a streamlined approach to recovery planning to facilitate timely development of plans for all newly listed species.

Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Program (-$1,000,000/-6 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

Delisting and Downlisting (-$1,393,000/-9 FTE)
The Service remains committed to prioritizing delisting and downlisting rulemakings through species recovery activities. The request will support implementation of the Service National Delisting and Downlisting Workplan in addressing five-year status review recommendations and substantive petitions to downlist and delist species over the next three years (FY 20-22).

White Nose Syndrome (-$2,000,000/-13 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

State of the Birds (-$3,000,000/-20 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

Recovery Challenge (-$5,000,000/-33 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Support our work to complete the recovery responsibilities required of the Service by statute - preparing recovery plans for newly listed species within two and a half years of the final listing, working through recovery plan backlog, completing five-year reviews for approximately 20% of the species annually, acting on the recommendations to reclassify or delist species, and encourage collaborative partnerships with others for recovery implementation. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Service expects to finalize 36 delisting or downlisting rules.
- Ensure that all final recovery plans have quantitative criteria for what constitutes a recovered species and are completed in a timely manner.

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Habitat Conservation

HABITAT CONSERVATION

Activity: Habitat Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	($000)	51,633	51,633	+321	0	+2,463	54,417	+2,784
	FTE	*233*	*233*	*0*	*0*	*+5*	*238*	*+5*
Coastal Program	($000)	13,375	13,375	+185	0	-185	13,375	0
	FTE	*49*	*49*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*49*	*0*
Total, Habitat Conservation	**($000)**	**65,008**	**65,008**	**+506**	**0**	**+2,278**	**67,792**	**+2,784**
	FTE	***282***	***282***	***0***	***0***	***+5***	***287***	***+5***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Habitat Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Partners for Fish and Wildlife Activities	+5,079	+5
• Washington Salmon Recovery/Environmental Data Quality and Access	-643	0
• Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication	-688	0
• WA Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group	-1,285	0
• Coastal Program Activities	+183	0
• Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	-184	0
• Long Live the Kings	-184	0
Program Changes	**+2,278**	**+5**

Program Mission

Habitat Conservation, which includes the Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program and the Coastal Program, provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and other conservation partners to voluntarily protect, conserve, and restore their lands. By working together, the Service helps landowners keep their working lands in traditional uses and implement habitat improvement and conservation projects.

Program Elements

The PFW and Coastal Programs take a cooperative approach to deliver on-the-ground conservation in targeted geographic areas. Locally-based field biologists have an intimate knowledge of the natural resource concerns and conservation challenges in their communities. Field staff work with local communities, private landowners, and other stakeholders to leverage partners' resources and Federal dollars to support conservation strategies on public and private lands. These efforts help conserve America's traditional land uses for future generations, support robust fish and wildlife populations for recreational use by the American public, address conservation challenges such as invasive species and habitat fragmentation, and buffer important infrastructure from storm damages.

A large part of PFW work includes coordinating with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide technical assistance in the development, implementation, and evaluation of Farm Bill conservation

programs and initiatives to meet shared conservation goals. This work includes delivery of fish and wildlife technical assistance associated with implementation of any new programs, rules, or policies resulting from the passage of the Farm Bill in FY 2019, as well as the continuation of effective partnerships with USDA that help sustain wildlife populations and agricultural production.

Activity: Habitat Conservation
Subactivity: Partners for Fish and Wildlife

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	($000)	51,633	51,633	+321	0	+2,463	54,417	+2,784
	FTE	*233*	*233*	*0*	*0*	*+5*	*238*	*+5*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Partners for Fish and Wildlife Activities	+5,079	+5
• Washington Salmon Recovery/Environmental Data Quality and Access	-643	0
• Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication	-688	0
• WA Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group	-1,285	0
Program Changes	**+2,463**	**+5**

Program Overview

The PFW Program is a voluntary, citizen, and community-based stewardship program for fish and wildlife conservation on private land. Through the PFW Program, the Service and private landowners work collaboratively to implement local conservation strategies. In turn, these restored areas provide valuable benefits to the surrounding communities by supporting tourism and recreation, protecting infrastructure from flood damage, and supporting America's agricultural production by conserving soil, controlling pests, and benefitting pollinators. Funds spent in support of restoration projects create jobs, generate tax revenues, and economic activity as wages and purchases flow through the economy. A Service report found that for every $1 the program contributed to a project, $15.70 was generated in economic returns.[1]

To promote pollinator habitat, the Service teamed up with Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever to promote shooting sports and plant seed at the same time through this innovative Pollinating Pigeon. When used for target shooting, native grass and flower seeds are delivered across fields, providing habitat and vegetation for wildlife such as monarchs, deer, and quail. Credit: USFWS

In FY 2018, the PFW Program worked with private landowners and partners to complete 2,439 project accomplishments across the Nation. In total, the PFW Program has restored approximately 6.4 million acres of habitat while leveraging program dollars at a ratio of 4:1 or greater. These acres, coupled with over 13,500 miles of enhanced stream habitat, provide valuable habitat for Federal trust species while allowing enjoyment by the American people and their families, for generations to come.

[1] https://www.fws.gov/home/pdfs/restoration-returns.pdf p. 7

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Partners for Fish and Wildlife is $54,417,000 and 238 FTE.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Activities (+5,079,000/+5 FTE)
At the requested funding level, the Service will restore and enhance an estimated 34,497 wetland acres, 211,073 upland acres, 620 riparian miles, and 115 fish passage structures.

Washington Salmon Recovery/ Environmental Data Quality and Access (-$643,000/+0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication (-$688,000/+0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, this program will control bio-monitoring and ensure eradication efforts have been successful.

Washington Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group (-$1,285,000/+0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

In FY 2020, the PFW Program will focus on implementing DOI priorities, including restoring trust and being a good neighbor by delivering voluntary restoration and enhancement projects. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, PFW will restore and enhance approximately 34,497 wetland acres, 211,073 upland acres, 620 riparian miles, and 115 fish passage structures. The PFW program will continue to pursue solutions for public access on private lands to enhance recreational opportunities and support Secretarial Order 3362, *Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors* along with Secretarial Order 3356, *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation.*

In support of SO 3362, PFW is delivering habitat to support big-game migration corridors across the West to benefit species such as this pronghorn. Credit: USFWS

Activity: Habitat Conservation
Subactivity: Coastal Program

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Coastal Program	($000)	13,375	13,375	+185	0	-185	13,375	0
	FTE	*49*	*49*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*49*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Habitat Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Coastal Program Activities	+183	0
• Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	-184	0
• Long Live the Kings	-184	0
Program Changes	**-185**	**0**

Program Overview

The Coastal Program is a voluntary, partnership-based program that delivers technical and financial assistance for habitat conservation in coastal watersheds. Locally-based field staff work with diverse partners, including private landowners, to improve and protect habitat on both public and private lands.

Coastal habitats are highly dynamic and diverse regions of great complexity and significance. Coastal areas are home to 40 percent of the U.S. population, and coastal tourism and recreation contribute approximately $116 billion to the U.S. GDP annually.

The Coastal Program provides value to the public by leveraging partners' resources at a ratio of 8:1, effectively maximizing the Service's impact. This investment stimulates local economies by supporting jobs necessary to deliver habitat conservation, including environmental consultants, engineers, construction workers, surveyors, assessors, and nursery and landscape workers. These jobs also generate indirect economic activities that benefit local hotels, restaurants, stores, and gas stations. The Service estimates that the average Coastal Program project directly supports 12 jobs and eight businesses.

Partnerships in Action: habitat conservation along the coast can benefit wildlife, local communities, and peoples' livelihoods. Organizations, industry, and State and Federal agencies have partnered in the Chesapeake Bay to restore oyster reefs that improve water quality, provide fish and wildlife habitat, and support the local seafood industry. An oyster can filter as much as 50 gallons of water per day, and healthy oyster populations lead to greater oyster harvests. Credits: Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center and Harris Seafood Company

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Coastal Program is $13,375,000 and 49 FTE.

Coastal Program Activities (+$183,000/0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, the Service will restore or protect an estimated 16 miles of stream/shoreline, 9,358 wetland acres, 7,625 upland acres, and improve 23 barriers to fish passage.

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (-$184,000/0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

Long Live the Kings (-$184,000/0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

2020 Program Performance

In FY 2020 the Coastal Program will focus on priority geographic areas, delivering on-the-ground conservation in coordination with local communities to support resilient habitats for the benefit of wildlife and people. The program's strategic landscape design, capacity building, and other technical assistance will continue to support Departmental priorities, Service programs, Federal and State agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and coastal communities. Important on-the-ground projects will be delivered in priority areas such as the Gulf of Mexico, Florida Everglades, Great Lakes, and Chesapeake Bay. The Coastal Program typically achieves a ratio of at least 8:1 partner dollars for every Coastal Program dollar invested in a coastal enhancement project. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Coastal Program would be able to restore or protect about 16 miles of stream/shoreline, 9,358 wetland acres, 7,625 upland acres, and improve 23 fish passage barriers.

National Wildlife Refuge System

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Wildlife and Habitat Management	($000)	233,141	233,141	+1,365	0	+4,931	239,437	+6,296
	FTE	*1,303*	*1,303*	*0*	*0*	*+62*	*1,365*	*+62*
Refuge Visitor Services	($000)	73,319	73,319	+430	0	+7,106	80,855	+7,536
	FTE	*508*	*508*	*0*	*0*	*+38*	*546*	*+38*
Refuge Law Enforcement	($000)	38,054	38,054	+212	0	+4,929	43,195	+5,141
	FTE	*229*	*229*	*0*	*0*	*+28*	*257*	*+28*
Conservation Planning	($000)	2,523	2,523	0	0	-2,523	0	-2,523
	FTE	*16*	*16*	*0*	*0*	*-16*	*0*	*-16*
Refuge Operations	**($000)**	**347,037**	**347,037**	**+2,007**	**0**	**+14,443**	**363,487**	**+16,450**
	FTE	***2,056***	***2,056***	***0***	***0***	***+112***	***2,168***	***+112***
Refuge Maintenance	($000)	139,469	139,469	+555	0	+6,018	146,042	+6,573
	FTE	*543*	*543*	*0*	*0*	*+12*	*555*	*+12*
Total, National Wildlife Refuge System	**($000)**	**486,506**	**486,506**	**+2,562**	**0**	**+20,461**	**509,529**	**+23,023**
	FTE	***2,599***	***2,599***	***0***	***0***	***+124***	***2,723***	***+124***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for the National Wildlife Refuge System

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Invasive Species	+5,000	+56
• Wildlife and Habitat Management Activities	+975	+6
• Inventory and Monitoring	-1,044	0
• Refuge Visitor Services	+8,106	+35
• Urban Wildlife Conservation Program	+1,000	+3
• Youth and Careers in Nature	-2,000	0
• Refuge Law Enforcement	+4,929	+28
• Refuge Planning	-2,523	-16
• Deferred Maintenance	+3,090	0
• Maintenance Support	+2,627	+12
• Annual Maintenance	+950	0
• Youth Conservation Corps	-649	0
Program Changes	**+20,461**	**+124**

Program Mission

The National Wildlife Refuge System's mission is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and restoration of fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

Program Elements

With wildlife refuges in every State and many territories, the Refuge System is the front door of the Service. Refuges are accessible to nearly all Americans, from rural communities and suburbs to urban centers, and from the mainland to far away Pacific and Arctic islands. Over 55 million visitors are welcomed each year and provided opportunities for hunting, fishing, environmental education and interpretation, photography, wildlife viewing, and other recreational activities. Refuges are the world's most extensive network of public lands and waters and are dedicated to maintaining our Nation's legacy of stewardship and conservation of fish, wildlife, and plants.

The Refuge System manages 855.6 million acres of lands and waters and includes 567 National Wildlife Refuges, 38 wetland management districts, 50 coordination areas, seven National Monuments, and 19.1 million acres in Marine National Monuments under other authorities.

The 567 National Wildlife Refuges include all of the Refuge System lands, waters, and interests administered by the Service as wildlife refuges, wildlife ranges, wildlife management areas, game preserves, and conservation areas.

The Service's 38 wetland management districts administer 4.0 million acres of waterfowl production areas (WPAs). WPAs are small natural wetlands and associated grasslands located primarily in the upper Midwest, which the Service acquires under the authority of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act.

The Refuge System's 50 coordination areas are Federal lands that States manage as wildlife habitat under cooperative agreements with the Service, furthering the Secretary's priority of restoring trust with local communities and building relationships with neighbors bordering our lands.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The National Wildlife Refuge System is implemented under the following authorities:

- The *Fish and Wildlife Act* (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j) establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means;

- The *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act* (16 U.S.C. 661-666e) directs the Service to investigate and report on proposed Federal actions that affect any stream or other body of water, and to provide recommendations to minimize impacts on fish and wildlife resources;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act* (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) provides authority, guidelines, and directives for the Service in administering the lands and waters of the National Wildlife Refuge System, including establishing six wildlife-dependent recreation activities as priority uses;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act* (P.L. 105-57) spells out wildlife conservation as the fundamental mission of the Refuge System, requires comprehensive conservation planning to guide management of the Refuge System, directs involvement of private citizens in land management decisions, and provides that compatible wildlife-dependent recreation is a legitimate and appropriate use that should receive priority in refuge planning and management;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act* (P.L. 111-357) authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and promotes volunteer, outreach, and education programs;

- The *Refuge Recreation Act* (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to administer refuges, hatcheries, and other conservation areas for recreational use, when such uses do not interfere with the area's primary purposes;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act* (P.L. 106-408) reinforces National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act provisions to raise public understanding and appreciation for the Refuge System;

- The *Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act* (16 U.S.C. 410hh-3233, 43 U.S.C. 1602-1784) provides for the designation and conservation of certain public lands in Alaska, including units of the Refuge System, and for the continuing subsistence needs of Alaska Natives;

- The *Migratory Bird Conservation Act* (16 U.S.C. 715-715d. 715e, 715f-715r) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct investigations and publish documents related to North American birds, and establishes a Migratory Bird Conservation Commission to approve areas recommended by the Secretary for acquisition;

- The *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act* (16 U.S.C. 718a-718k) requires waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to possess a valid Federal Duck Stamp;

- The *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* (16 U.S.C. 703-712) establishes Federal responsibility for protecting and managing migratory birds; and

- The *Wilderness Act* (16 U.S.C. 1131-1136) establishes a National Wilderness Preservation System for the permanent good of the whole people.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Wildlife and Habitat Management

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Wildlife and Habitat Management	($000)	233,141	233,141	+1,365	0	+4,931	239,437	+6,296
	FTE	*1,303*	*1,303*	*0*	*0*	*+62*	*1,365*	*+62*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Wildlife and Habitat Management

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Invasive Species	+5,000	+56
• Wildlife and Habitat Management Activities	+975	+6
• Inventory and Monitoring	-1,044	0
Program Changes	**+4,931**	**+62**

Program Overview

This subactivity provides the basic operating funding for the National Wildlife Refuge System, which works collaboratively to leverage resources to provide public access and achieve effective conservation. Improving dialogue and relationships with stakeholders and entities bordering our lands fosters partnerships for balanced stewardship and allows individual refuges to respond more effectively to resource challenges and opportunities to provide for increased public use of refuge lands. These partnerships help restore trust in Federal management of resources through consulting with our neighbors and recognizing their concerns.

Active management of land and water resources supports conservation and wildlife dependent recreation. At Rice Lake NWR (MN), installation of a beaver deterrent helps maintain appropriate water levels and prevents flooding. Credit: USFWS

Wildlife and Habitat Management funds vital refuge operations that identify best practices to manage land and water resources. This helps the Refuge System achieve its dual mission of conservation and wildlife-dependent recreation, which contributes to the Departmental priority of creating a conservation stewardship legacy.

These activities include:

- Monitoring plant and animal populations;
- Restoring wetland, forest, grassland, and marine habitats;
- Managing habitats through manipulation of water levels, prescribed burning, haying, grazing, timber harvest, and planting vegetation;
- Controlling the spread of invasive species;
- Assessing water quality and quantity;
- Monitoring air quality;
- Preventing and controlling wildlife disease outbreaks;
- Investigating and cleaning contaminants;
- Ensuring the exercise of oil and gas rights on wildlife refuges occurs efficiently, consistently, and without undue burden on operators or the public;

- Inventory and monitoring (I&M) of the biological resources, ecological processes, physical environment, and human interactions to provide the information necessary to implement the Service's adaptive management framework; and
- Managing five Marine National Monuments, which support healthy fisheries and can act as sources for fish and wildlife populations outside of the monuments, including commercially fished populations.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Wildlife and Habitat Management is $239,437,000 and 1,365 FTE.

Invasive Species (+$5,000,000/+ 56 FTE)

Invasive species are one of the most serious threats to native wildlife, fish, and plants in the Refuge System and across the country, and these threats are expected to grow due to increasing international trade. Invasive species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity and Federally-listed threatened and endangered species, second only to habitat loss[1]. Invasive species negatively affect native species through habitat modification, disruption of vital ecosystem functions, competition, predation, herbivory, transmission of pathogens, and by hybridizing with natives. Invasive species can also significantly affect infrastructure such as transportation and power generation systems, dams, levees, and structures. Because invasive species ignore human jurisdictional boundaries, a multi-stakeholder approach is optimal in dealing with them.

The most cost-effective strategies to manage invasive species are prevention, early detection and rapid response (EDRR), and complete eradications of small, incipient populations. EDRR aims to limit the establishment or range expansion of invasive species and prevent the need for the more costly ongoing treatments often required once they are established (e.g., Asian Carp). In the Refuge System, prevention and EDRR activities are delivered through five Invasive Species Strike Teams.

The FY 2020 request builds on the success of the existing Strike Teams in combatting invasive species by establishing 11 new Strike Teams to apply proven early EDRR techniques. The request will support a new Strike Team in Alaska, which is on the early end of the invasion curve that will work with the State government to establish a framework for cooperative and multi-jurisdictional application of EDRR techniques. This State-Federal cooperation on EDRR may become a model for other parts of the country.

Wildlife & Habitat Management Activities (+$975,000/+6 FTE)

The Service requests funding to hire six biologists to support Secretarial Orders (S.O.) 3347, *Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation*; 3356, *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories*; 3366, *Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters*; and 3349, *American Energy Independence,* which will expand increased hunting, fishing, and other recreational opportunities; improve public access by facilitating management of big game, migratory waterfowl, and other species enjoyed by the visiting public; and streamline regulatory processes related to oil and gas exploration. These biologists will have the natural resources expertise necessary to manage wildlife and their habitats to provide robust fish and wildlife populations for premium hunting, fishing, and recreational experiences in the greatest number of areas possible. These biologist will also be critical links in the streamlining of regulatory efforts as they relate to energy independence, while ensuring sound science is used in the decision making process.

[1] Introduced Species: The Threat to Biodiversity & What Can Be Done. Dr. Daniel Simberloff; http://www.actionbioscience.org/biodiversity/simberloff.html#primer

Inventory and Monitoring (-$1,044,000/+0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, priority species and habitats will continued to be monitored in support of our adaptive management framework and S.O. 3362. The Service will complete I&M surveys in the field that are a critical first step to more effectively manage habitats for wildlife and plant species

2020 Program Activities and Performance

The 2020 budget request will enable the Service to focus on wildlife and habitat management activities in support of Secretarial priorities, including conservation stewardship, utilizing natural resources, expanding access for outdoor recreation, and using science to identify best practices to manage land and water resources. This includes using traditional approaches, such as water level manipulation, prescriptive grazing, and selective timber harvesting, to achieve desired habitat conditions for fish and wildlife. Healthy habitats are vital to ensure sustainable wildlife populations, whether they are imperiled or game species. In 2020, the Service expects to actively manage more than 3 million acres of habitat. Invasive species management includes Invasive Species Strike Teams with a focus on EDRR to recently established infestations that will control both the number of acres with invasive plants and animal populations on refuges at relatively current levels, and promote interagency and intergovernmental cooperation on EDRR in Alaska.

The budget level requested will support the refuge Inventory & Monitoring program. At the requested funding level, the Service will complete I&M surveys in the field that are a critical first step for the Service to more effectively manage habitats for wildlife and plant species, albeit at a reduced amount. In 2020, the Refuge System plans to implement approximately 2,000 threatened and endangered species recovery actions, 1,100 population management actions, and six refuge contaminant cleanup actions. These actions contribute to the Department's focus on recovery and delisting of threatened and endangered species, which reduces regulatory burdens of the Endangered Species Act on communities and industries, as well as helps sustain robust populations of game fish and wildlife species in support of S.O.s 3356 *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories* and 3366 *Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by Department of the Interior.*

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Refuge Visitor Services

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Refuge Visitor Services	($000)	73,319	73,319	+430	0	+7,106	80,855	+7,536
	FTE	*508*	*508*	*0*	*0*	*+38*	*546*	*+38*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Refuge Visitor Services

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Refuge Visitor Services	+8,106	+35
• Urban Wildlife Conservation Program	+1,000	+3
• Youth and Careers in Nature	-2,000	0
Program Changes	**+7,106**	**+38**

Program Overview

Refuge Visitor Services provides essential public access and high-quality outdoor recreational opportunities on National Wildlife Refuges to over 55 million visitors each year. This program is on the front line of implementing a number of Secretarial priorities including ensuring a thriving wildlife conservation legacy by working with partners to foster outdoor skills and recreation for future generations. Refuges are places where wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities are a priority, such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation; along with biking, photography, boating, environmental education, and interpretative programs. With units and staff across the country from rural communities to large cities, Visitor Services are central to advancing the Secretarial priority to restore trust and engage with local communities. Through a community-centered approach, Visitor Services professionals work closely with neighboring communities to develop partnerships, build a volunteer cadre, and inspire the next generation of hunters, anglers, and wildlife enthusiasts in communities across the nation.

A Federal Wildlife Officer and a Maine Game Warden provided helping hands to this very happy veteran during the annual Veteran's Fishing Day event at Moosehorn NWR. Credit: Keith Ramos/USFWS

Economic Benefits to Local Communities

Opportunities for outdoor recreation draw millions of people each year to wildlife refuges, boosting local economies. Many visitors take part in heritage sports of long standing such as hunting and fishing. Others enjoy hiking, paddling, and wildlife viewing or nature photography. The public services delivered by the Visitor Services program strategically advance the Secretarial priority to generate economic benefits to local communities. Of the Refuge System's $453 million spending in FY 2013, final demand—the economic impact on local communities from recreation visits—totaled

$2.4 billion of spending in regional economies, according to the *Banking on Nature 2013* report,[2] which looked at 21 national wildlife refuges across the country. This final demand generated $792.7 million in job income and over 35,000 jobs nationally.

The Refuge System provides an additional benefit to landowners and residents in nearby communities because of the positive financial impact that its open-space amenities has on property values. Property values surrounding refuges are higher than equivalent properties elsewhere.[3] The study found that homes within 0.5 miles of a refuge and within eight miles of an urban center were valued at three to nine percent higher than other homes, depending on the region of the country.

Urban Wildlife Conservation Program

The Urban Wildlife Conservation Program delivers an innovative model for increasing awareness and outdoor engagement with the 80% of Americans that live in or near cities. S.O. 3370, *Improving Conservation Stewardship of and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges,* directs the FWS to encourage and assist Americans, particularly those who live in urban areas, to experience the outdoors within their local communities.

With 101 refuges within 25 miles of a population center of 250,000 or more people, these refuges provide strategic opportunities to promote wildlife conservation and enjoyment of hunting, fishing and other recreational activities in the heart of where people live. Additionally, several Service programs, especially Migratory Birds, Fish and Aquatic Conservation, and Ecological Services, have joined efforts with the Refuge System to improve access to new audiences through 29 partnerships in local communities around the country. In 2018, the Service formed two new partnerships in Kansas City, MO and Lowell, MA.

A Refuge employee and volunteer instruct youth on how to hit a bullseye at a free pop-up archery range on Cecil Street in Philadelphia. Credit: USFWS

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Refuge Visitor Services is $80,855,000 and 546 FTE.

Refuge Visitor Services (+$8,106,000/+35 FTE)

The Visitor Services program welcomes and orients the public to national wildlife refuges and delivers positive outdoor experiences through quality programming and well-maintained facilities. This funding will support Departmental priorities, specifically S.O. 3366, by adding new programs and additional visitor services staff at field stations to expand public access, increase hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and other recreational opportunities; improve infrastructure; and adopt new technologies.

[2] https://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/Banking-on-Nature-Report.pdf

[3] *Amenity Values of Proximity to National Wildlife Refuges* prepared by the Center for Environmental and Resource Economic Policy at North Carolina State University in April 2012

Urban Wildlife Conservation Program (+$1,000,000/+3 FTE)
This funding will be used to support Departmental priorities, specifically S.O. 3370, to increase access and provide safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for outdoor recreational opportunities on national wildlife refuges in urban areas. Additional staff and new programs will focus on cultivating new partnerships in urban communities, addressing barriers to public access and working with States to introduce new and non-traditional audiences to hunting, fishing and other recreational activities.

Youth and Careers in Nature (-$2,000,000/+0 FTE)
No funding is requested for this program.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

In the FY 2020 budget, the Visitor Services program will direct funds to implement Secretarial priorities by: increasing access to FWS managed lands and waters; introducing new users to hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation; improving our digital infrastructure and offering new technologies; and aligning our regulations and efforts with the States. he requested funds will allow the Service to improve visitor satisfaction and continue quality public services that foster a conservation legacy in nearby communities. The Service will continue to strategically balance the expected increases in public demand for services while sustaining high rates of visitor satisfaction (90 percent) and ensuring the continued conservation of plants, animals, and habitat.

Where possible, employees will maintain and improve visitor facilities; expand interpretive and educational programs; construct and maintain trails and boardwalks; improve hunting, angling, and other outdoor access; and design outreach materials to better inform and educate the public about recreational opportunities on national wildlife refuges. In FY 2020, we expect to host over 2,500 special events with nearly one million participants. We also expect to host about 2.4 million hunting visits and 7.3 million fishing visits.

In FY 2020, the Visitor Services Program will also direct efforts to the Secretarial priority to restore trust with local communities through community-centered conservation efforts. Service staff will train and supervise approximately 40,000 volunteers, who contribute over 1.3 million hours annually, to deliver programs for the public. The Service will continue support for refuges working with Friends organizations. In addition, continued engagement with local communities and industry partners by developing private/public partnerships will increase opportunities for outdoor recreation awareness and skill building activities for youth and their families.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Refuge Law Enforcement

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Refuge Law Enforcement	($000)	38,054	38,054	+212	0	+4,929	43,195	+5,141
	FTE	*229*	*229*	*0*	*0*	*+28*	*257*	*+28*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Refuge Law Enforcement

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Refuge Law Enforcement	+4,929	+28
Program Changes	**+4,929**	**+28**

Program Overview

The Refuge Law Enforcement program supports the Department of the Interior priority of protecting our people and the border by funding salaries, training, equipment, supplies, management of the Refuge System's Federal Wildlife Officers, and Regional and Headquarters management support staff.

A Federal Wildlife Officer celebrating a youth angler catch a fish THIS BIG in Florida. Credit: USFWS

Refuge Law Enforcement

Federal Wildlife Officers are often the first and most recognizable employees that the public sees. They serve as ambassadors for the Refuge System and the Service by providing important public services above and beyond law enforcement, such as information and guidance to visitors on fishing, hunting, hiking, and wildlife viewing opportunities.

Federal Wildlife Officers provide safety and security for the visiting public and Service staff; protect fish, wildlife, cultural, and archaeological resources on refuges; educate the public about the Service's mission; contribute to environmental education and outreach; assist local communities with law enforcement and disaster recovery; and help protect subsistence rights.

In 2018, Federal Wildlife Officers provided protection services for more than 55 million visitors and participated in over 7,500 education encounters, such as school programs, scout programs, game warden camps, and community organizations, or otherwise educating visitors about hunting, trapping, rules, and regulations. They serve the public as hunter safety instructors, coordinate with veterans and disabled sportsman's groups to create hunting opportunities, and lead youth shooting, hunting and fishing events on refuges. They are routinely involved with local and other Federal law enforcement agencies in cooperative efforts to combat the Nation's drug problems, address border security issues, and aid in other security challenges.

A Federal Wildlife Officer patrolling the Southwest Border. Credit: USFWS

Since May 2018, the Service has deployed over 100 Federal Wildlife Officers to supplement staffing levels at South Texas National Wildlife Refuge Complex (TX) and Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge (AZ) in support of the Department of the Interior Priority #6 "Protecting our people and the border." As of December 2018, nearly 75% of Federal Wildlife Officers have deployed in support of the surge mission to assist Customs and Border Protection.

Emergency Management and Physical Security
The Service's Emergency Management and Physical Security program (EMPS) supports the Secretary's priority of protecting our people by providing expertise and leadership for the Service's emergency management and physical security responsibilities nationwide. We participate in activities described in Homeland Security's National Response Framework, the guide to how the Nation responds to all types of disasters and emergencies. Through this effort, the Service supports activities to prevent, protect against, prepare for, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from all hazards that may affect any part of the Service and the people and communities we serve.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Refuge Law Enforcement is $43,195,000 and 257 FTE.

Refuge Law Enforcement (+$4,929,000/+28 FTE)
The request will fund Federal wildlife officer positions. These officers will increase capacity for the Service to provide safe and secure refuges where more than 55 million visitors per year enjoy wildlife-dependent recreation. These officers will also help ensure the safety and security of the visiting public, Service employees, government property, and wildlife habitats. This funding would enable officers to receive the necessary training, equipment, and supplies to ensure safe public access to refuges for hunting, fishing, wildlife photography and observation, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

In FY 2020, the Division of Refuge Law Enforcement will continue to ensure the safety and security of the visiting public, Service employees, government property, and wildlife habitats. New Refuge Law

Enforcement personnel will receive the necessary training, equipment, and supplies to ensure safe public access to refuges for hunting, fishing, wildlife photography and observation, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation. The annual national hires will help support the continued expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities.

The Refuge Law Enforcement Program continues to support the Administration's priority of securing the southern border by building partnerships with Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, including the Customs and Border Protection, and State agencies. Rotational deployments of officers to Service lands in Texas and Arizona will continue. The program will also work to provide career development for new and existing employees. Providing career ladder opportunities for lower and mid-grade positions will increase retention within the division and limit instabilities to both the field and the Refuge System's mission.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Conservation Planning

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation Planning	($000)	2,523	2,523	0	0	-2,523	0	-2,523
	FTE	*16*	*16*	*0*	*0*	*-16*	*0*	*-16*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation Planning

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Refuge Planning	-2,523	-16
Program Changes	**-2,523**	**-16**

Justification of 2019 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Conservation Planning is $0 and 0 FTE..

Refuge Planning (-$2,523,000/-16 FTE)

No funding is requested for this program. Individual refuges will fund completion of Comprehensive Conservation Plans (required by the Refuge Improvement Act) from base funds.

Program Overview

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act requires the Service to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for every unit of the Refuge System and revise each CCP every 15 years, as may be necessary. The Refuge Planning subactivity funds development of CCPs and associated step-down plans, such as Habitat Management Plans and Visitor Services Plans, which "step down" the CCP and guide the management of a specific refuge to inform local conservation action. Refuge System planning processes are administered to include public input, engage stakeholders and local communities, and with aim to enhance public access while reducing potential regulatory burdens on the public.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Refuge Maintenance

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Maintenance Support	($000)	55,230	55,230	+555	+4,000	+1,978	61,763	+6,533
Annual Maintenance	($000)	26,350	26,350	0	0	+950	27,300	+950
Deferred Maintenance	($000)	42,901	42,901	0	0	+3,090	45,991	+3,090
Equipment and Vehicle Management	($000)	14,988	14,988	0	-4,000	0	10,988	-4,000
Refuge Maintenance	**($000)**	**139,469**	**139,469**	**+555**	**0**	**+6,018**	**146,042**	**+6,573**
	FTE	***543***	***543***	***0***	***0***	***+12***	***555***	***+12***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Refuge Maintenance

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Deferred Maintenance	+3,090	0
• Maintenance Support	+2,627	+12
• Annual Maintenance	+950	0
• Youth Conservation Corps	-649	0
Program Changes	**+6,018**	**+12**

Program Overview

The Refuge Maintenance subactivity underpins every management activity that occurs in the Refuge System, including wildlife and habitat management, fire management, law enforcement, and public access and outdoor recreation.

Nationwide Portfolio of Refuge System Constructed Facility Assets
As of September 30, 2018

Asset Grouping	Asset Count		Replacement Value		Deferred Maintenance	
	Quantity	% of Total	$ (Millions)	% of Total	$ (Millions)	% of Total
Buildings	5,255	14.69%	$6,121	14.41%	$285	26.41%
Water Management Structures	8,595	24.02%	$17,158	40.40%	$303	28.08%
Roads, Bridges, and Trails	13,846	38.69%	$14.404	33.91%	$252	23.35%
Other Structures	8,088	22.60%	$4,790	11.28%	$239	22.15%
Total	**35,784**	**100%**	**$42,474**	**100%**	**$1,079**	**100%**

At a Glance: Maintenance of Facilities, Fleet, and Equipment

The Refuge System maintenance program optimizes the alignment between infrastructure investments and mission delivery. Enabling activities include repairing and replacing:

- Roads, trails, and visitor facilities that allow over 55 million people to enjoy refuge lands and wildlife, and allow access for management purposes including fire prevention, law enforcement, and fish and wildlife management;
- On- and off-road vehicles needed to carry out everyday field activities of approximately 2,700 FTE and 40,000 volunteers;
- An extensive fleet of agricultural and construction equipment needed to actively manage habitat and to maintain constructed real property assets; and
- A portfolio of constructed assets valued at $42.4 billion that provides the base of operations for all refuge programs and enables all fish and wildlife management on Refuge System lands and waters that occur throughout the U.S. and its various island territories.

The Refuge Maintenance budget consists of four program elements:

Refuge Maintenance Support

Refuge Maintenance Support includes supplies, materials and salaries for maintenance and facilities management. Maintenance employees are critical in properly maintaining facility and equipment assets, which enable the Service to accomplish habitat management and refuge operations goals and provide the public safe and reliable recreational and educational opportunities. Maintenance employees spend about half their time maintaining infrastructure and equipment and the other half maintaining habitat and supporting public recreational activities.

Annual Maintenance

Annual Maintenance encompasses all non-staff expenditures for preventative maintenance needed to keep the Service's infrastructure and mobile equipment fleet functioning for its intended purpose. It is required to achieve the expected life of infrastructure and equipment. Annual maintenance includes: utilities, custodial care, and snow removal for offices, administrative, and public buildings; repair of system failures before they are deferred; and preventive maintenance—including scheduled servicing, repairs, and parts replacement—required to achieve the expected life of facilities and equipment.

Proactively maintaining facilities through Maintenance Support and Annual Maintenance is 30 to 40 percent more cost effective on average than waiting until maintenance is deferred. These funds are critical in providing the American taxpayers the maximum return on investment.

Deferred Maintenance

Deferred Maintenance projects repair, rehabilitate, dispose of, or replace constructed real property assets. Available funds are directed to the highest priority mission critical projects based upon facilities condition, asset priority, consequences of failure to act, and return on investment (in reducing Deferred Maintenance, operations costs and obtaining outside funding) in accordance with Departmental guidance. Prioritization of projects is completed by utilizing the DOI priority scoring and by the front line field, operations, and facilities managers that know firsthand the field based mission impacts, return on investment, and outside funding opportunities available and are reported to DOI and OMB in the five-year deferred maintenance plans annually.

6-Year History of Deferred Maintenance Backlog by Four Major Categories of Assets

Category	Refuge System Deferred Maintenance (beginning of FY) ($ millions)					
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Buildings	315	316	302	306	292	285
Water Management	343	299	286	286	335	303
Roads/Bridges/Trails	849	383	296	305	255	252
Other	240	286	281	279	276	239
Total	**1,747**	**1,284**	**1,165**	**1,176**	**1,158**	**1,079**

The Service uses a strategic, portfolio-based approach to manage assets in a manner that informs decision-making and maximizes efficient and effective mission delivery with an emphasis on mission-critical assets and the protection of investments through long-term life cycle management.

Modernizing Infrastructure by Reducing the Deferred Maintenance Backlog

The Refuge System has worked to reduce the deferred maintenance backlog through the use of Maintenance Action Teams, proactive investments, improved policies, improved data quality and increased focus on preventative and routine maintenance investments. This improved focus and investment of resources in areas with the largest return has resulted in reducing the Refuge System's deferred maintenance backlog by about 50 percent. From FY 2019 through FY 2023, 60 percent of Refuge System Deferred Maintenance funding will be dedicated to retaining, restoring and enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities and the supporting habitats.

Equipment and Vehicle Management

The Refuge System requires an extensive fleet of vehicles and equipment to successfully carry out the conservation mission and provide safe and reliable public recreation and education opportunities. The Refuge System employs rental and leasing options to provide a cost-effective, efficient program. Equipment and Vehicle Management funds optimize the management of fleets to meet mission needs and serve as an example for the efficient use of public assets. The Refuge System is actively focusing on modernizing our equipment and vehicle fleet, implementing utilization and age standards, and investing in a smaller, more agile, and modernized fleet.

Heavy Equipment Safety Training at Balcones Canyonlands NWR (TX). The Refuge System uses heavy equipment to maintain roads and trails, and to create and maintain healthy wildlife habitats. Credit: USFWS

Fleet Management

The majority of the 3,600 vehicles used on refuges are four wheel-drive trucks and utility vehicles for transporting personnel, equipment, materials, and tools to remote sites for firefighting, wildlife and habitat management, and law enforcement. The vehicles must be capable of operation under on-road and off-road conditions, which limits the ability to utilize two-wheel drive vehicles, vans, or sedans and limits the

applicability of recommended annual vehicle mileage use typical of non-natural resource agencies.

Small Equipment
Specialized equipment such as all-terrain vehicles, small aircraft, boats, small tractors, snowmobiles, trailers, agricultural implements, and similar equipment is needed to access, maintain, and restore habitats in remote or rugged areas. In total, the Refuge System's small equipment fleet consists of about 5,000 assets.

Heavy Equipment
Heavy equipment management includes acquisition, rental, and repair of heavy equipment. Agricultural, earthmoving, and construction equipment are used to maintain wetland impoundments and roads; construct and maintain wildlife habitat; control invasive plants; and maintain and construct visitor facilities such as boardwalks, observation platforms, fishing piers, hunt blinds, tour routes, and trails. The Service owns nearly 4,000 heavy equipment assets with a combined replacement value of about $423 million.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Refuge Maintenance is $146,042,000 and 555 FTE.

Deferred Maintenance (+$3,090,000/+0 FTE)
This request will allow the Service to complete about 135 of the highest priority deferred maintenance projects, which will generate an estimated $143 million and 841 jobs in local and State economies and provide opportunities for public-private partnerships. This funding will also allow the Service to invest in infrastructure projects to reduce deferred maintenance backlog and operational costs, ultimately saving taxpayer dollars. Improved infrastructure provides safe and reliable outdoor recreational access for the American public.

Maintenance Support (+$2,627,000/+12 FTE)
This funding will be invested in maintenance staffing at priority refuges. Maintenance staff provide critical preventative maintenance expertise that ultimately reduces deferred maintenance and saves taxpayer dollars.

Annual Maintenance (+$950,000/+0 FTE)
This funding will allow the Service to invest in proactive preventative maintenance and repairs. Combined with the investment in maintenance support, these funds will contribute to the prevention and elimination of $5 million in deferred maintenance which will save the American tax payers 40% over investing in deferred maintenance alone.

Youth Conservation Corps (-$649,000/-0 FTE)
This funding is not requested so the Service can address other priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Service will support maintenance staffing for field stations to carry out a wide variety of activities that provide safe and reliable outdoor access and habitat management. The request supports the replacement of mobile equipment and fleet assets, further implementing an initiative to improve management and modernize the vehicle and equipment fleet. In total, this funding level will allow the Service to continue supporting refuge programs and prioritize projects that maintain wildlife habitats that expand and improve safe and reliable outdoor recreation for the American public.

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Migratory Bird Management

Activity: Conservation and Enforcement
Program Element: Migratory Bird Management

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation and Monitoring	($000)	31,126	30,126	+258	0	+698	32,082	+956
	FTE	*137*	*137*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*137*	*0*
Permits	($000)	3,424	3,424	+21	0	+254	3,699	+275
	FTE	*30*	*30*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*30*	*0*
Federal Duck Stamp	($000)	556	556	+8	0	0	564	+8
	FTE	*2*	*2*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*2*	*0*
North American Waterfowl Management/ Joint Ventures	($000)	13,140	13,140	+62	0	-62	13,140	0
	FTE	*46*	*46*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*46*	*0*
Total, Migratory Bird Management	**($000)**	**48,246**	**48,246**	**+349**	**0**	**+890**	**49,485**	**+1,239**
	FTE	***215***	***215***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***215***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Migratory Bird Management

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Aviation Management	+1,237	+1
• Monitoring	+988	+6
• Permits	+254	0
• North American Waterfowl Management Plan/Joint Venture Activities	-62	0
• Conservation and Monitoring Activities	-1,527	-7
Program Changes	**+890**	**0**

Program Mission

The Service has the legal mandate and trust responsibility to ensure the continued existence of healthy migratory bird populations for the benefit of the American public. Migratory birds are central to several traditional recreational pastimes, including hunting and birdwatching. Migratory birds provide various ecosystem services to people as well, including insect and rodent control, plant pollination, and seed dispersal.

Waterfowl banding crew removing ducks from traps in southern Alberta, August 2018. Photo Credit Sarah Yates, USFWS

The Migratory Bird Program works to conserve birds and to preserve traditional outdoor recreational pursuits involving birds. The Program works with partners such as national sportsmen's groups, conservation organizations, Tribes, State wildlife agencies, and others to conserve habitats needed to support these populations for future generations of Americans to enjoy.

Program Elements

Four elements comprise the Migratory Bird Management program:

- Conservation and Monitoring – Conducts surveys and other monitoring activities to determine the status and health of migratory birds, using the results to develop bird harvest and other regulations that secure healthy wild bird populations. These actions provide recreational opportunities for sportsmen and other users while promoting bird conservation and sustainable use.
- Permits – Provides a means to balance hunting harvest and other take of protected migratory bird species with their conservation, enabling the public to engage in legitimate take-related activities through a permit or other authorization. The permit program assists biologists to track the impact of these activities, and permits ensure that such activities are carried out in a manner that safeguards migratory bird populations and promotes conservation efforts.
- Federal Duck Stamp Program – Produces the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp), which is required for anyone 16 years of age and older to hunt waterfowl. Proceeds from the sale of the stamp are deposited into the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund, and expended to protect wetland habitats within the National Wildlife Refuge System.
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan and Migratory Bird Joint Venture Partnerships – Employs a tripartite agreement among North American nations as a basis for supporting and promoting collaborative, voluntary partnerships that restore or protect waterfowl habitat and identify, develop, and apply regionally prioritized science needed for migratory bird conservation through the Migratory Bird Joint Venture Partnerships.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

More than 25 laws, treaties, and conventions mandate that the Service sustain over 1,000 species of migratory birds and their habitats. Primary among these is the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* (MBTA) (16 U.S.C. 703-712), which establishes Federal responsibility for protecting and managing migratory birds. Other important laws that directly and significantly impact program activities include the *Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act* (16 U.S.C. 668-668d), the *North American Wetlands Conservation* (16 U.S.C. 4401-4412) and the *Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation* (16 U.S.C. 6101-6109) *Acts*, which promote habitat and bird conservation across North America and throughout the western hemisphere through competitive grants. Additionally, the *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act* (U.S.C. 718-718j) requires waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to possess a valid Federal Duck Stamp.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: Conservation and Monitoring

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation and Monitoring	($000)	31,126	31,126	+258	0	+698	32,082	+956
	FTE	*137*	*137*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*137*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Monitoring

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Aviation Management	+1,237	+1
• Monitoring	+988	+6
• Conservation and Monitoring Activities	-1,527	-7
Program Changes	**+698**	**0**

Program Overview

The Migratory Bird Program works with partners to conserve and monitor birds to ensure that they can continue to be enjoyed by hunters, bird watchers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. Our success in working with others to conserve birds across the country provides a model for wildlife conservation that others in the world can follow.

Conservation

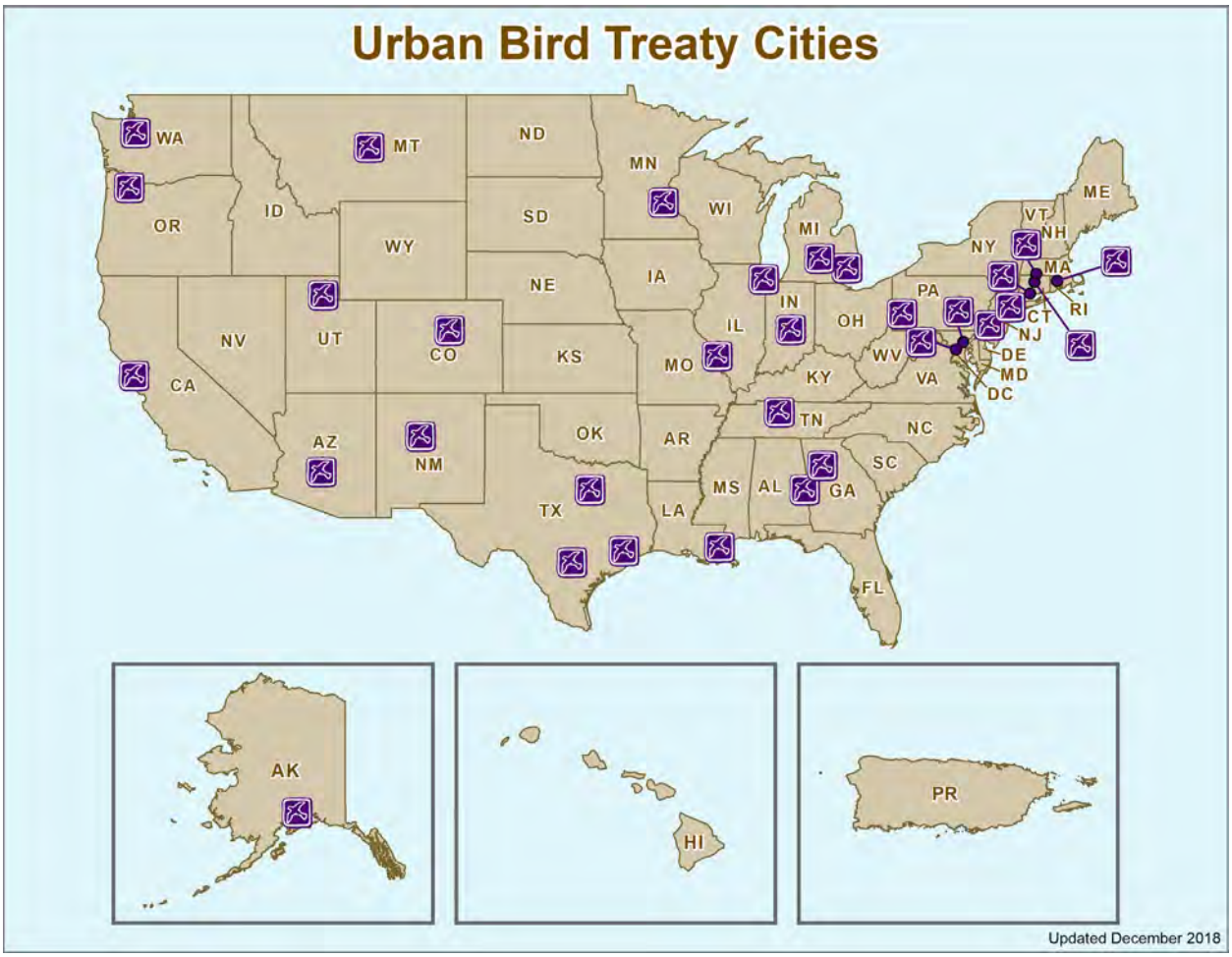
The Service's Migratory Bird Program coordinates and supports a number of multi-partner conservation efforts, including the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, the Migratory Bird Joint Ventures, Partners in Flight, the U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan, and Waterbird Conservation for the Americas. The Migratory Bird program serves as a hub for many conservation partners and is uniquely positioned to help share information, identify complementary activities, eliminate duplicative efforts, and provide technical assistance across this diverse network of partnerships. These multi-stakeholder efforts contribute significantly to the identification of bird species that need increased attention across jurisdictional boundaries. The Service works with individuals committed to the conservation of birds throughout their range to provide access for hunting and birding, and protect the habitats that make these activities possible.

Cinnamon teal (front) and blue-winged teal (rear) captured during The Service, with the support of organizations waterfowl banding operations in southern Alberta, August 2018. Photo Credit Sarah Yates, USFWS

The Urban Bird Treaty Program

In our urban and suburban landscapes, birds are often the most colorful and observable wildlife, and are many residents' principal connection to nature. Through the Urban Bird Treaty Program, the Service works with participating U.S. cities to create bird-friendly environments and help citizens learn about birds and their habitats. The Urban Bird Treaty Program emphasizes habitat conservation through invasive species control and native plant restoration; hazard reductions through bird-safe building programs; citizen science activities involving bird and habitat monitoring; and recreation and outreach programs. These programs provide people with improved access to urban green space, opportunities to learn about and appreciate birds and their habitats, and ways to participate in bird conservation. Participating cities get the distinction of becoming Urban Bird

Treaty cities and receive small grants that promote bird conservation. There are currently 31 Urban Bird Treaty cities[1].



Promoting Migratory Bird Conservation

The Service continues to work with partners by providing technical assistance and developing guidance and recommendations to empower the public, Federal and State agencies, and industries to seek voluntary, non-regulatory solutions to address both direct and indirect impacts to migratory birds. Recent guidance includes recommendations for reducing bird collisions with building glass and developing a national list of suggested conservation measures. These resources are available from the Migratory Bird program's webpage[2] to anyone seeking to reduce impacts to migratory birds.

The Service is committed to working with our stakeholders to address bird/human activity conflicts while ensuring the continued conservation of migratory bird species. The Migratory Bird Program will continue to collect information to identify management alternatives to resolve conflicts, including identifying if lethal take is appropriate, at what amount, and what are the cumulative impacts.

[1] https:// www. fws.gov/ birds/grants/urban-bird-treaty.php

[2] https://www.fws.gov/birds/index.php

Monitoring

Monitoring is essential to the science-based conservation approach used by the Service to ensure the sustainability of migratory bird populations and, where necessary, to take actions to address declines that may lead to their listing under the Endangered Species Act. For example, each year, the Service conducts extensive migratory game bird population, habitat, and harvest surveys across North America, and then produces reports that assess the status of these species. These reports include the most current data on breeding populations, production, and harvest information available for waterfowl, sandhill cranes, woodcock, dove, rail and other migratory game birds in North America. These reports are necessary for developing annual hunting seasons and bag limits that can maximize hunter satisfaction while ensuring bird conservation. These surveys and the migratory bird hunting regulatory frameworks are the result of cooperative efforts with the States, the Canadian Wildlife Service and provincial agencies, Tribes, and private conservation partners. Monitoring bird populations also allows the Service to determine the need for species management, to identify conservation actions that will be effective, and to evaluate the success of actions taken to conserve species.

Aviation

The safety and training oversight of the Fish and Wildlife Service's fleet of planes and pilots is the responsibility of the National Aviation Management Branch, presently nested within the Migratory Bird program. The Assistant Director of the Migratory Bird Program serves as the agency's Aviation Executive overseeing this Branch and representing the Service as a voting member of the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Executive Aviation Committee, which is responsible for promulgating all DOI Aviation policy. The National Aviation Management Branch is in charge of Service-wide aviation policy development and ensures compliance by the Service's nearly 60 pilots—many of whom are also biologists—who fly primarily wildlife monitoring or support missions for the Service. Additionally the National Aviation Management Branch is responsible for the Service's Aviation Fire program, Unmanned Aircraft System program development within DOI, and Service Emergency Management related to aviation. The National Aviation Management Branch administers all Service aircraft acquisitions and vendor contracts. The Service currently operates and maintains 59 percent of the DOI fleet aircraft (53 airplanes and 1 helicopter) and accounts for 25 percent of all DOI flight hours. The Service has identified and is implementing six priorities that will immediately improve the Service's Aviation Enterprise: Automated Flight Following, Crew Resource Management, Improved Pilot Training program, Standardized Risk Assessment Processes, Aviation Management Communications, and a Kodiak Aircraft Training Plan.

View from the cockpit of Quest Kodiak on a waterfowl survey in central Newfoundland, May 2018. Photo Credit Mark Koneff, USFWS

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Conservation and Monitoring is $32,082,000 and 137 FTE.

Aviation Management (+$1,237,000/ +1 FTE) – The 2020 request for the Service-wide Aviation Management Program supports the Service's continued efforts to improve aviation safety, training for pilots and aerial observers, and provide critical oversight of aviation operations at the national level. This funding will enable Service Fleet Pilots to transport staff and materials to remote sites in the National Wildlife Refuge System, conduct biological monitoring and surveys critical to informing conservation efforts, and participate in prescribed fires that help prevent or mitigate wildland fires on Federal land. The Aviation Management Program is the Service's lead on developing policy and procedures on the use of Unmanned Aviation Systems (UAS), also known as drones. This work is expanding as the availability and practicality of using UAS increases within the Service. Additionally, the funding will assist the Aviation Management Program to improve safety and training through the implementation of automated flight following, crew resource management, pilot/instructor pilot training program, standardized risk assessment processes, aviation management communications, centralized dispatching of all Service flights, and the development of a Kodiak aircraft training plan that covers the entire Department of the Interior.

Monitoring (+$988,000/ +6 FTE) – The 2020 request for the Monitoring Program allows for continued investments in the Service's modernization efforts of our monitoring programs that support migratory bird hunting. This includes investing in new technologies and internet-based approaches, which ultimately will reduce costs while improving data acquisition, management, and sharing procedures for information collected from our monitoring programs. These investments support our ability to collect, analyze, and disseminate the population and harvest data needed to ensure that annual migratory bird hunting regulations are based on sound science.

Conservation and Monitoring Activities (-$1,527,000/ -7 FTE) – At the requested 2020 level, the Service proposes to shift funding from general conservation activities to monitoring activities that support the establishment of annual migratory bird hunting seasons that, in turn, provide hunting opportunities and preserve the Nation's hunting heritage. Improved monitoring, closer collaboration with States, and the incorporation of hunter survey information will enable the Service to respond better to changing hunter expectations and measures of satisfaction.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Monitor migratory game bird species and establish annual hunting seasons.
- Begin implementing national comprehensive cormorant management strategy, as informed by activities conducted in FY 2019 (e.g., State workshops and NEPA analysis).
- Support efficient permitting of infrastructure and energy projects for the take of Bald and Golden Eagles.
- Continue work to enhance the safety of the Service's pilots through investments in aircraft enhancements and improved pilot training.
- Continue work to improve the Service's National Aviation program, including investigating new technologies and better management of the Service's air fleet.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: Permits

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Permits	($000)	3,424	3,424	+21	0	+254	3,699	+275
	FTE	*30*	*30*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*30*	*+0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Permits

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Permits	+254	0
Program Changes	**+254**	**0**

Program Overview

The mission of the Migratory Bird Permits program is to promote long-term sustainability of migratory bird populations, while providing opportunities for the public to study, use, and enjoy migratory birds consistent with the provisions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA).

Permits authorizing take and possession of migratory birds are issued for scientific study, depredation control, falconry, raptor propagation, rehabilitation of injured birds, educational use, taxidermy, waterfowl sale, and Native American religious use. The Service processes more than 11,000 such permit applications annually.

The Service continues to focus on streamlining permitting procedures and requirements to improve the permit applicant's experience while ensuring that the Service delivers on its trust responsibilities related to migratory birds. In 2020, the Service will complete the modernization of the Service's Permits Issuance and Tracking System (SPITS), which will reduce the processing time for permits, provide a more user-friendly interface for the public, and provide electronic payment methods for permittees.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Permits Program is $3,699,000 and 30 FTE.

Permits (+254,000/0 FTE) – The 2020 request enhances the Service's ability to receive, process, and respond to permit applications, which will provide a better and more efficient process for our customers.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Continue to issue permits efficiently for the use of birds protected under the MBTA and BGEPA.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: Federal Duck Stamp Program

		2018Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Federal Duck Stamp	($000)	556	556	+8	0	0	564	+8
	FTE	*2*	*2*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*2*	*0*

Program Overview

2018-2019 Federal Duck Stamp with art by Robert Hautman, of Minnesota

2018-2019 Junior Duck Stamp with art by Georgia student Rayen Kang

The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (commonly known as the Duck Stamp) is required for waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older. The Federal Duck Stamp program supports conservation of important migratory bird habitat through the purchase of wetland and associated upland habitats within the National Wildlife Refuge System. Many non-hunters also buy Federal Duck Stamps to support habitat conservation in the Refuge system. In 2016, the most recent year with complete information, Duck Stamp sales totaled more than $40 million. Since 1934, the stamps have raised over $1 billion for the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF). These monies, along with other contributions to the MBCF, have enabled the protection of 14 million acres of prime waterfowl habitat within the National Wildlife Refuge System. In addition to places for waterfowl to breed, stopover on migration, and overwinter, these lands also provide Americans with opportunities to enjoy the outdoors by engaging in activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, photography, and wildlife viewing. Increasing the amount of wildlife habitat held in trust for Americans provides compatible public use of natural resources, increases opportunities for and access to outdoor recreation, and provides private landowners and local communities with economic and environmental benefits.

The Service also attracts youth to the outdoors through the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program (Junior Duck Stamp Program) and its associated art contest. The Junior Duck Stamp Program employs a science-based curriculum with an art focus to teach students about wildlife conservation, waterfowl, and the importance of wetlands. Students in the program are encouraged to submit artwork for their State's Junior Duck Stamp art competition. Each year the individual State winners compete in the national contest for the honor of having their artwork featured on that year's Junior Duck Stamp. Annually, over 30,000 students participate in these competitions and share their knowledge and experience with their communities. This engagement with the natural world will help create future conservation stewards that value that protection of our natural resources for future generations.

Electronic Duck Stamp Program

The issuance of the 2018-2019 Federal Duck Stamp marked the 11th year of the Electronic Duck Stamp (E-Stamp) program. The E-Stamp program provides a valuable customer service, making Duck Stamps available quickly and conveniently from anywhere in the U.S. This popular program enables someone to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp through a participating State's website at any time, and receive an

immediate certification of purchase that is valid for waterfowl hunting anywhere in the United States. Interest in this program remains high, with 24 States now providing E-Stamp certification. Sales of E-Stamps have continued to grow with each successive year—from over 58,000 in 2008, to more than 823,000 in 2016-2017. In just the first four months of availability of the 2018-2019 Duck Stamp, from July through October 2018, E-Stamp sales reached 475,000. The Service plans to add up to 10 additional States over the next two years, expanding access to the stamp and associated outdoor recreation opportunities. The growth of the E-Stamp program has allowed the Service to modernize stamp dispersal through partnerships with States and to deploy technology appropriately to attract new and retain existing hunters.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Federal Duck Stamp Program is $564,000 and 2 FTE.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Manage the production and sale of the Federal Duck Stamp.
- Investigate new and emerging methods to promote the Duck Stamp.
- Expand the Electronic Stamp program.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP)/Joint Ventures

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
North American Waterfowl Management/ Joint Ventures	($000)	13,140	13,140	+62	0	-62	13,140	0
	FTE	*46*	*46*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*46*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for North American Waterfowl Management / Joint Ventures

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• North American Waterfowl Management Plan/Joint Venture Activities	-62	0
Program Changes	**-62**	**0**

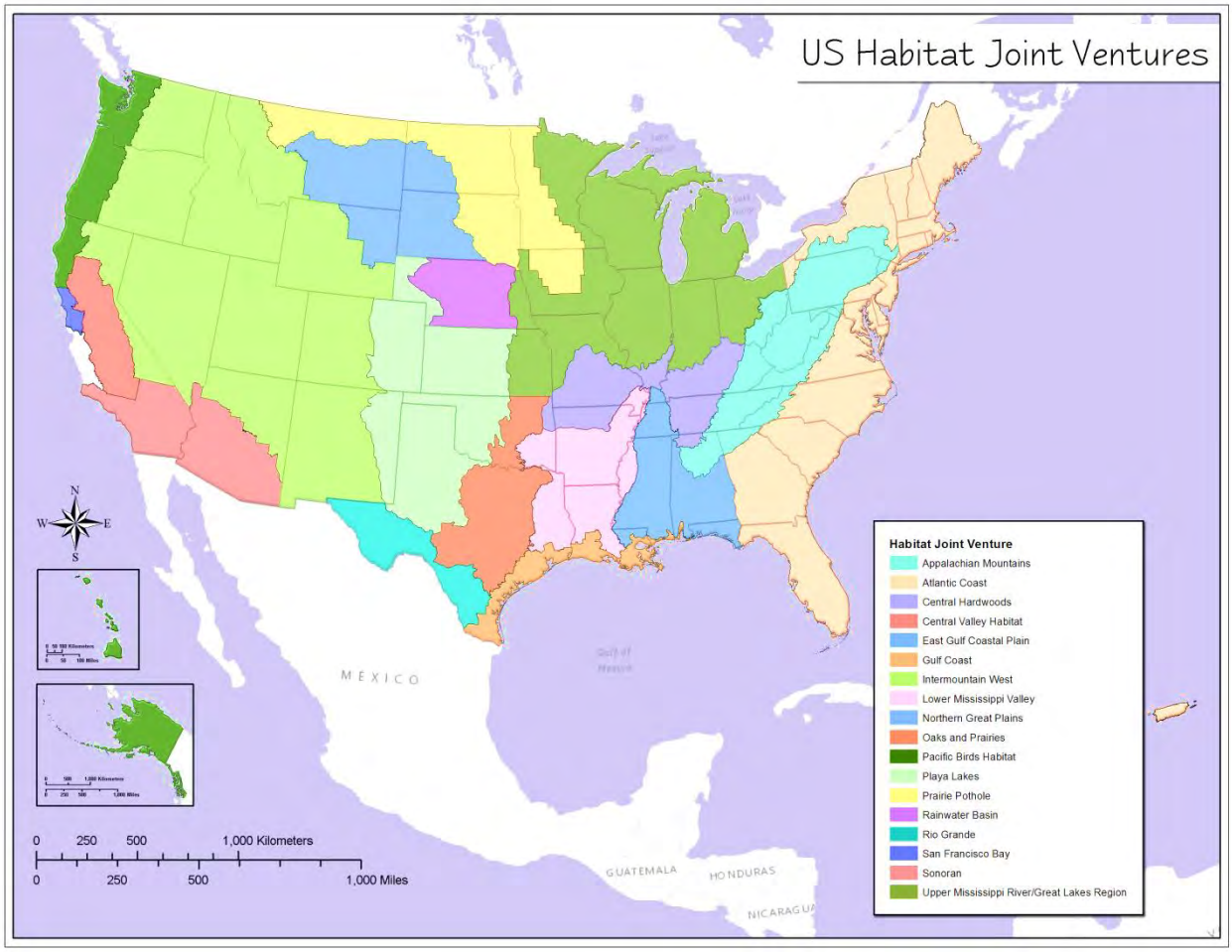
Program Overview

The North American Waterfowl Management Plan (Plan) is an international accord signed by the U.S. and Canada in 1986 and, in 1994, by Mexico. It is the foundational bird conservation partnership upon which many others have been modeled. For the past three decades, the Plan has guided efforts to sustain abundant waterfowl and other wetland dependent bird populations across North America through voluntary partnerships driven by sound science. The Plan is updated regularly - most recently in 2018 -adapting strategies and objectives to lessons learned through science, population management, and habitat conservation.

The habitat goals outlined in the Plan, as well as the conservation and management priorities of national and international shorebird, waterbird, and landbird partnership initiatives, are primarily implemented by Migratory Bird Joint Ventures (JVs). These regional, self-directed partnerships include Federal, State, and local governments; corporations; individuals; and non-government conservation groups. Together, they form a network for habitat conservation that benefits waterfowl, other wildlife, and people.

The JVs leverage Federal contributions with non-Federal funds and in-kind contributions, and foster collaboration from local to international scales, thereby improving the effectiveness of conservation.

One of the most significant responsibilities of the JVs is the development of landscape-level bird conservation plans. The JVs utilize science to support the decisions and activities that implement the habitat conservation priorities identified in these plans. These landscape-level plans along with the targeted habitat projects that come from them bring a broad population-based perspective to local conservation delivery. The JVs work closely with their stakeholders/partners in a collaborative manner, incorporating their input to develop and implement these landscape management plans.



Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the North American Waterfowl Management Plan is $13,140,000 and 46 FTE.

North American Waterfowl Management Plan/Joint Ventures (-$62,000/0 FTE) – At the requested 2020 level, the NAWMP/JV program will ensure that all 21 Migratory Bird Joint Ventures receive funding to step-down large landscape-scale plan priorities into effective, locally delivered conservation activities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Continue to implement the 2018 Plan update via partners and the JVs to achieve NAWMP waterfowl population, habitat, and human dimension objectives.
- Design and develop habitat strategies that work with landowners and other partners to conserve migratory bird resources across the landscape; and collect and analyze data on Black Duck, Arctic Geese, and Sea Duck species to inform harvest strategies that lead to hunter opportunities.

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Law Enforcement

Activity: Conservation and Enforcement
Subactivity: Law Enforcement

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Operations	($000)	75,980	75,980	+256	0	+71	76,307	+327
Equipment Replacement	($000)	910	910	0	0	0	910	0
Total, Law Enforcement	**($000)**	**76,890**	**76,890**	**+256**	**0**	**+71**	**77,217**	**+327**
	FTE	***341***	***341***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***341***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Law Enforcement

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Law Enforcement Operations (Wildlife Trafficking)	+71	0
Program Changes	**+71**	**0**

Program Mission

The mission of the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) is to protect wildlife and plant resources through the effective enforcement of Federal laws. By working with Federal, State, Tribal, and foreign enforcement agencies, and other conservation partners, we help recover endangered species, conserve migratory birds, preserve wildlife habitat, safeguard fisheries, combat invasive species, and promote international wildlife conservation.

Program Overview

OLE fulfills its mission by facilitating a multi-billion dollar legal wildlife trade, while simultaneously interdicting illegal wildlife and wildlife products and investigating wildlife trafficking crimes. Service special agents, wildlife inspectors, intelligence analysts, forensic scientists, and support staff provide critical work in the fight against wildlife trafficking and the successful prosecution of criminals who break Federal and international wildlife laws.

A defendant was sentenced to prison for illegally trafficking parts from endangered tigers and African lions. Credit: USFWS

Transnational criminal organizations are largely responsible for the growing illegal wildlife trade. Addressing the involvement of transnational criminal organizations requires strong and effective law enforcement, both in the U.S. and abroad. OLE works with INTERPOL, the State Department and other agencies to reduce criminal activity involving wildlife worldwide.

The U.S. remains one of the world's largest markets for legal and illegal wildlife and wildlife products. The Service upholds the Nation's responsibility to facilitate the legal wildlife trade, stop the illegal activity in protected species, provide assistance to improve wildlife enforcement in other countries, detect and deter the illegal import and export of wildlife, and protect our Nation's borders by preventing invasive species and potential diseases from entering the U.S.

Through law enforcement efforts, the Service disrupts criminal networks, apprehends violators, refers wildlife trafficking cases for prosecution, seizes and forfeits property of the crimes, and applies penalties to deter and prevent others from committing such wildlife crimes. Effective enforcement is critical to the Service's conservation mission.

Law Enforcement Investigations

The Service's investigation of wildlife trafficking disrupts and dismantles highly organized transnational smuggling networks engaged in the illegal wildlife trade around the world. OLE special agents are plainclothes criminal investigators who enforce Federal wildlife laws. Agents investigate crimes by collecting evidence, interviewing witnesses and subjects, conducting surveillance, executing Federal search warrants, making arrests, preparing cases for Federal court, and assisting local, Tribal, State, Federal, and international counterparts with wildlife crime investigations. Agents often work undercover to infiltrate wildlife trafficking syndicates, and other criminal groups, to document violations from the "inside." Covert and complex investigations often are multi-year operations. To provide additional operational and investigative field support, the Service hires and trains new agents.

Inspection and Facilitation of Wildlife Trade

The Service's trade monitoring activities at U.S. ports provide a front-line defense against massive, global wildlife trafficking, as well as facilitating robust legal wildlife trade. The work of Service wildlife inspectors significantly impacts our Nation's public health, safety, economy, and natural resources. Service wildlife inspectors process declared shipments, intercept wildlife contraband, conduct proactive enforcement operations to interdict smuggled wildlife and wildlife products, ensure the humane transport of live wildlife, and work with special agents to investigate businesses and individuals engaged in wildlife trafficking. Their work also prevents the introduction of invasive species, which if established, would contribute to an estimated $120 billion in annual economic damage to the U.S. and ecological impacts caused by these damaging species.

A wildlife inspector canine team inspects cargo for illegal wildlife and wildlife products. Credit: USFWS

The Service has strategically placed wildlife inspector canine teams at seven critical ports of entry. Since the program began in 2013, trained canines and wildlife inspectors have enhanced the interdiction of smuggled plants, wildlife, and wildlife parts and products by being able to examine a greater volume of international cargo and mail. Wildlife inspector canine teams have alerted to and intercepted many illegally transported items. As a result of their work, domestic and international investigations were initiated that led to the arrest and successful criminal prosecutions of wildlife traffickers. In addition, potential diseases and invasive species were prevented from being introduced and spread to the U.S. population, native wildlife, and wildlife habitats, which could have negatively affected U.S. domestic agriculture industries such as fruits, vegetables, wine, poultry, cattle, and swine.

To increase customer service while protecting our Nation's borders from the illegal wildlife trade, the Service will station 11 wildlife inspectors at nine currently unstaffed ports and create four additional wildlife inspector canine teams. The canine teams will be strategically placed to enhance U.S. port coverage.

International Collaboration and Capacity Building through the International Operations Unit and the Branch of Training and Inspections

In support of the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act and President Trump's Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking, the International Operations Unit has stationed Service special agent attachés throughout the world in areas that are considered high-risk for wildlife crimes. At present, one attaché is posted at each of the following seven U.S. embassies: Botswana (Gaborone), China (Beijing), Gabon (Libreville), Mexico (Mexico City), Lima (Peru), Tanzania (Dar es Salaam), and Thailand (Bangkok). Service attachés are vital members of "country teams" and participate with partners in broader enforcement working groups. They function on a regional basis to create, maintain, and use government-to-government relationships to combat wildlife crime; and build wildlife crime enforcement capacity. Through the program, the Service is positioned to assist in investigations, as well as provide technical assistance and training to international counterparts. Attachés are the main conduit between our foreign partners and the advanced technical assistance the Service provides. They also coordinate U.S. and other government agencies, and provide support to wildlife enforcement networks throughout their areas of responsibility. To further boost the program's effectiveness and enhance the ability to fight global wildlife trafficking, the Service will increase the number of locations where attachés are stationed to 12 in 2019.

To further build international capacity, OLE's Branch of Training and Inspections (BTI) partnered with the National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs and created the International Conservation Chiefs Academy (ICCA). The first cohort of U.S. State conservation law enforcement officers and African officials trained together in 2016. Since then, the ICCA has grown from one cohort per year to two and has expanded the geographic range of attendees to include Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. This in-person training is critical to form global alliances, create collaborative law enforcement initiatives, open the flow of communication, and strengthen law enforcement at a local, State, Federal, and international level.

OLE is also building international capacity through expanding its training programs. For the first time, BTI conducted an Executive Symposium on Wildlife Trafficking at the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA). This symposium brought together executive level agency delegates from Africa and Southeast Asia, which developed model law and policy that was taken back in their respective countries for action. Newly created training programs include the Attaché Training Program, the Service's International Affairs Program, additional training programs at ILEAs, and the ICCA will conduct its first alumni event bringing together sub-Saharan Africa attendees from the first cohort to discuss ways to further collaborate and continue the fight against wildlife trafficking on a global scale. These new training missions will focus on wildlife crime scene investigation, crime scene management, seizures, cybercrime, and inspection.

Wildlife Intelligence Unit

The Service's Wildlife Intelligence Unit is responsible for the collection and analysis of information on all aspects of wildlife trafficking to support Service investigations, inspections, and smuggling interdiction efforts. Through this unit, Service investigators have access to a multitude of law enforcement tools and resources, which assist them to identify and disrupt wildlife trafficking networks. The unit also coordinates information sharing with other law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and other countries. In addition, it has

established and maintains a broad network of domestic and international contacts with conservation groups, trade associations, and other entities involved in, or concerned with, wildlife trade.

Digital Evidence Recovery and Technical Support Unit

The Digital Evidence Recovery and Technical Support Unit (DERTSU) is based in Jacksonville, Florida and supports the OLE globally by providing digital evidence seizure and analysis as well as technical surveillance equipment and support. The DERTSU is staffed with experienced senior special agents and digital evidence specialists. The DERTSU's expertise in analyzing seized digital evidence from computers, smart phones, GPS units, and many other types of devices is an important asset for the field agent in furthering their investigative and prosecutorial efforts to combat wildlife trafficking. Digital evidence services include on-scene search warrant operations, lab based data extraction, and detailed investigative analysis. Additionally, the DERTSU equips and trains field agents with the latest technical surveillance technology, to include audio and video surveillance platforms, GPS based trackers, and custom-built solutions to the unique situations faced by our field agents.

A senior special agent conducts a digital evidence analysis in support of a wildlife trafficking investigation. Credit: USFWS

National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory

The National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory (NFWFL) in Ashland, Oregon is vital to Service's efforts to fight wildlife trafficking. It is the world's only full-service, highly accredited, crime laboratory devoted exclusively to supporting wildlife law enforcement investigations.

NFWFL forensic scientists provide the physical evidence analysis, and supporting expert witness testimony, for officials to successfully investigate and prosecute serious violations of wildlife law. These scientists identify the source species of mammal, bird, reptile, fish, plant, and wood parts and products, which is a function needed by Service special agents, wildlife inspectors, and Department of Justice prosecutors. Conclusive evidence of criminal activity in wildlife investigations often hinges on the investigators' and prosecutors' ability to establish flora and fauna parts to the species level, making the NFWFL's capabilities integral to Service enforcement efforts.

Laboratory scientists conduct research to develop new analytical techniques needed in wildlife forensics and build databases to help spot trafficking trends of protected species. To support successful law enforcement operations and criminal prosecutions, they continuously evolve their research and analytical methods to ensure accuracy, and maintain efficiency, throughout the necessary scientific identification process. Identification of evidence items is done by comparing it against known reference specimens. To continue advancing the role as a world leader in wildlife forensic science, the NFWFL is building a center to store, curate, and maintain the collection of reference specimens. Many of the specimens are one-of-a kind, and this modern day "Noah's Ark" of dead wildlife specimens needs vigilant protection so they endure for the benefit of the American people.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service has the statutory mandate and trust responsibility to fulfill its mission derived from the Nation's wildlife and plant protection laws. Brief descriptions of these various laws follow:

- The Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42; 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378) prohibits the importation, exportation, transportation, sale, or purchase of fish, wildlife, or plants taken or possessed in violation of Federal, State, Tribal, or foreign laws.
- The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712) makes it unlawful to pursue, hunt, kill, capture, possess, buy, sell, purchase, or barter any migratory bird including their parts and products.
- The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668C) prohibits import, export, or take of bald or golden eagles including their parts and products without permits, and prohibits the sale, purchase, or barter of their parts or products.
- The Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) prohibits the importation, exportation, taking, and interstate or foreign commerce of fish, wildlife, and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species.
    - The Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) is an international treaty to which 183 countries are parties, including the United States. CITES is implemented in the United States under the ESA and provides a set of universal protections and controls involving the international movement of plant and animal species engaged in significant global trade.
- The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718) requires waterfowl hunters to purchase and possess a valid federal waterfowl hunting stamp before take of migratory waterfowl.
- The Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407) establishes a moratorium on the take and importation of marine mammals, including parts and products.
- The Airborne Hunting Act (16 U.S.C. 742j-l) prohibits taking or harassing wildlife from aircraft.
- The National Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) provides guidelines for administration and management of all areas in the refuge system.
- The African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4201-4245) places a moratorium on the importation of raw or worked ivory from African elephant-producing countries that do not meet certain criteria.
- The Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901) limits or prohibits the importation of exotic bird species as necessary to ensure that their populations are not harmed by international trade.
- The Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 5301-5306) prohibits the import, export, or sale of any product, item, or substance containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, any substance derived from tiger or rhinoceros.
- The Antarctic Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 2401) makes unlawful for any citizen to take, possess, or sell any native bird or mammal from Antarctica.
- The Archeological Resources Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 470aa) prohibits excavation, removal, damage, or alteration to any archaeological resource located on public or Indian lands without a permit.
- The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-644) is a truth-in-advertising law that prohibits misrepresentation in marketing of Indian arts and crafts products within the United States.
- In conducting investigations of wildlife crimes, the OLE frequently encounters and investigates violations of other Federal laws to include conspiracy, smuggling, money laundering, narcotics, cybercrimes, unlawful possession and trafficking of firearms, mail fraud, tax evasion, wire fraud, corruption, and bribery.
- The Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act (P.L. 114-231) authorizes support for law enforcement training, investigative capacity building, range state conservation programs, and other important tools to protect and sustain wild populations of imperiled species in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and other critical locations.
- The Presidential Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking (issued February 9, 2017) strengthens enforcement of federal law in order to thwart transnational criminal organizations and

subsidiary organizations, including criminal gangs, cartels, racketeering organizations, and other groups engaged in illicit activities. This Executive Order specifically lists wildlife trafficking as a targeted transnational crime that presents a threat to public safety and national security.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Office of Law Enforcement is $77,217,000 and 341 FTE.

Law Enforcement Operations (Wildlife Trafficking) (+$71,000/ +0 FTE)
Wildlife Trafficking is a major concern of the Service, the Department, and the Administration. With wildlife poaching reaching unprecedented levels worldwide, the request will further support the President's Executive Order on combating wildlife trafficking, and continue implementing the Administration's inter-agency National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking. Wildlife trafficking has been identified as a threat not only to conservation of species, but to global prosperity and peace. The unprecedented levels of trade in illegal fish, wildlife, and plant products are often intertwined with other major types of criminal activity. Governmental and private sector entities, both inside and outside of the United States, have turned to the Office of Law Enforcement for leadership role in the coordination, guidance and implementation of a workable strategy in combatting this illegal activity.

This request will bolster efforts to establish a permanent commitment to combat and pursue traffickers of natural resources on the internet and high-speed transport. The OLE will continue to build its Intelligence Program capabilities and forge permanent liaisons with the .S. intelligence community along with other federal law enforcement agencies.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will continue to fully utilize its network of special agent/international attaches and build on past successes in combating global wildlife trafficking. Investigations will continue to prioritize crimes that jeopardize wild populations of protected species nationally and around the world that are being devastated by poaching, black market trafficking, and transnational profiteering.
- The Service will hire 24 new agents in 2020 to continue efforts to address staffing shortfalls due to attrition and mandatory retirements that affect the program's ability to perform its ongoing enforcement work. Federal law enforcement officers and firefighters are subject to mandatory retirement at age 57 if they have 20 years of service.
- The program will continue to strengthen forensic capabilities to address wildlife trafficking and expand the capacity of the Special Investigations Unit so that it can maximize the scope and effectiveness of Service efforts to respond to poaching crisis and shutdown trafficking of elephant ivory. This funding, in concert with implementation of the agent/attaché program, will increase Service investigations involving species that are subject to illegal trade.

International Affairs

Activity: Conservation and Enforcement
Subactivity: International Affairs

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
International Conservation	($000)	8,290	8,290	+50	0	+381	8,721	+431
International Wildlife Trade	($000)	7,526	7,526	+86	0	+290	7,902	+807
Total, International Affairs	**($000)**	**15,816**	**15,816**	**+136**	**0**	**+671**	**16,623**	**+807**
	FTE	***82***	***82***	***0***	***0***	**+1**	**83**	**+1**

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for International Affairs

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Combating Wildlife Trafficking	+1,084	+1
• International Affairs Activities	+137	0
• Arctic Council Support	-550	0
Program Changes	**+671**	**+1**

Program Mission

The International Affairs Program leads domestic and international efforts to protect, restore, and enhance the world's diverse wildlife and their habitats with a focus on species of concern to the American people. The Service works to ensure that wildlife trade is both legal and sustainable to benefit the survival of species and domestic economies through the implementation of the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora* (CITES) and domestic wildlife laws.

Program Elements

The International Affairs program is comprised of the following program elements:

- **International Conservation** – Species and regional programs provide technical and financial assistance to partners around the globe to conserve high-priority species and habitats.
- **International Wildlife Trade** – This program is responsible for implementing CITES and stricter domestic laws of the United States to ensure international wildlife trade does not threaten the survival of listed animals and plants in the wild.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service has the legal mandate and responsibility to engage in the conservation of wildlife species both within and beyond our borders in the context of several long-standing commitments. These obligations are contained in domestic laws, international treaties, and other multilateral agreements, such as CITES, the *Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt* (END*) Wildlife Trafficking Act*, the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee, the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA), the *Lacey Act*, the *Wild Bird Conservation Act*, the *Marine Mammal Protection Act*, the *Western Hemisphere Convention*, the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act*, the

Cartagena Convention and the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife, and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention).

Program Overview

The International Affairs Program leads domestic and international efforts to protect, restore, and enhance the world's diverse wildlife and their habitats with a focus on species of international concern. The Service works to ensure wildlife trade results in sustained plant and animal populations and supports livelihoods of people who depend on international trade in wildlife through implementation of CITES and domestic conservation laws. The Service plays a leadership role in the implementation of the National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking, addressing urgent conservation and global security threats posed by poaching and illegal trade in wildlife. Through technical and financial assistance, the Service works with partners to strengthen enforcement, reduce demand for illegally-traded wildlife, and expand international cooperation and commitment to address the growing threat.

Pangolins are the most trafficked animals in the world
Credit: Maria Diekmann

Elephants, rhinos, tigers, marine turtles, and apes are just a few of the species of foreign origin that captivate the hearts and minds of the American public. Of U.S. citizens traveling abroad in 2017, 32 percent visited a national park or monument, 8 percent camped or hiked, 8 percent went on an environmental or eco-excursion, and 3 percent fished or hunted while in other countries. These visitors choose to spend their free time with wildlife, sharing these experiences with family and friends, and educating their children about conservation. In addition, Americans have purchased more than 41 million Save Vanishing Species stamps to support the international conservation efforts of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds.

The Service works closely with State agencies and Tribes to ensure legal and sustainable wildlife trade. The Service provides technical and financial assistance to strengthen capacity within other countries to address conservation of species that are important to the U.S. economy and have intrinsic value to the American people. The Service works with partners to find innovative solutions to combat the most urgent threats to species survival. This work addresses transnational wildlife trafficking, wildlife disease, habitat loss, illegal and unsustainable trade, and inadequate law enforcement. Through these efforts, the Service's work supports sustainable use and conservation of plants and animals, from helping to establish protected areas and supporting boots on the ground enforcement to leading high-level international trade negotiations.

The Service funds, facilitates, and supports vital efforts to conserve wildlife and high value landscapes that provide economic, geopolitical, and other benefits to the American people. Since 1989, the Service has provided more than 4,200 grants for international conservation totaling nearly $283 million. The Service has worked with more than 700 partners in developing countries who have contributed almost $436 million in additional, non-Federal matching support for grant projects, more than doubling the impact of our funding. In 2017 alone, the Service awarded 289 grants, totaling more than $36 million and matched by nearly $45 million in non-Federal support.

Sustainable Use of Wildlife

The United States is one of the world's largest importers and exporters of wildlife and wildlife products, and plays a significant role in the global legal wildlife trade, currently valued in billions of dollars annually. To facilitate legal and sustainable trade and ensure international trade does not threaten the survival of animals and plants in the wild, the Service is responsible for implementation of CITES in the U.S. Each Party to the agreement designates Management and Scientific Authorities to issue permits, make legal and scientific findings, and monitor trade. For the U.S., these authorities reside in the Service's International Affairs Program.

Paddlefish is the most common species harvested for caviar in the U.S. Credit: Ryan Hagerty/USFWS

Through implementation of CITES, the Service facilitates more than $675 million in trade per year. In addition, the Service compiles and maintains trade records for U.S. imports and exports. In conjunction with reports from other CITES Parties, the Service uses this data to monitor trade levels, determine trends over time, and help ensure that plant and animal trade is sustainable. The Service works with importers and exporters of wildlife products to ensure compliance with the law and to facilitate and streamline the permitting process. The Service aims to strike a regulatory balance that minimizes the burden on the public and U.S. companies, while also conserving wildlife for generations to come.

Native Species Support Local Economies

The international trade in CITES-listed native species such as bobcats and alligators and plants such as cacti and American ginseng, provides livelihoods for rural communities in the U.S. As an example of the value of this trade, from 2013 to 2015 the declared values of U.S. exports of skins from American alligators, bobcats, and river otters totaled more than $390 million. The Service works to restore trust and be a good neighbor by working directly and closely with State agencies to implement CITES for species of economic importance. Examples of this collaboration include assessing the status of native species impacted by trade, seeking input on CITES permit findings, facilitating participation on U.S. delegations to CITES meetings, and coordinating CITES export programs. Through the CITES Coordination Committee, the Service also works closely with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) to facilitate communication between State wildlife agencies and the Service's CITES Authorities.

American alligator credit: Sue Slick/Creative Commons

The recovery of the American alligator, together with the transformation of U.S. industry practices, is a success story that illustrates how conservation and sustainable use can go hand-in-hand. Once hunted to near extinction, the American alligator made a full recovery due to collaboration between the Federal government, State wildlife agencies, and the leather industry. Today, the management program for

American alligators includes a sustainable harvest, supporting industry while also conserving the species. This is a model of collaboration and cooperation that the Service aims to replicate with other native species.

Creating a Responsive and Efficient Permitting Process

In 2018, the Service received applications from over 5,000 applicants and issued over 40,000 permits to authorize a wide variety of wildlife trade activities. The Service uses the best available biological information to make findings on whether the import or export of CITES-listed species may be detrimental to their survival, or whether the trade will enhance the survival and not jeopardize the continued existence of species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Decisions on whether to issue permits frequently must be made in close consultation with foreign CITES authorities, state wildlife agencies, other Federal agencies, the CITES Secretariat, other relevant experts, and applicants.

2017 marked the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act. Credit: Ganesh Raghunathan

The Service recently increased the number of people dedicated to permit application review and processing to help ensure a responsive and efficient system for the American public and businesses. The Service has also been working to increase the use of electronic applications to facilitate more efficient transfer of data between applicants and the Service. We are developing an electronic permitting system, which requires updating our existing permitting database, the Service-wide Permit Issuance and Tracking System (SPITS). The new e-permitting system, once fully implemented, will further streamline the permitting process by better integrating data submitted electronically into the permit database. It will also allow for the development of "expert" systems that will automate portions of the application review, permit issuance, and reporting.

Conserving Priority Species

Multinational Species Conservation Fund Species

The Service has developed a large international network of key projects and trusted implementing partners as a result of its nearly 30-year Congressional mandate to conserve elephants, great apes, rhinos, tigers, and marine turtles; iconic species that a majority of the American public wants to see roam the Earth for hundreds of years to come. Service staff have decades of expertise on wildlife management in the U.S. and in developing countries and are the ideal partners to assist staff in national parks and protected areas overseas in their efforts to conserve species loved by the American people.

Species Threatened by Wildlife Trafficking

Conserving species impacted by wildlife trafficking is vitally important to wildlife, as well as people. Wildlife trafficking is a serious transnational crime that involves the unlawful harvest of and trade in live animals and plants or parts and products derived from them, and threatens conservation, security, economic prosperity, and the rule of law. Organized crime syndicates are well structured, often violent, and capable of moving large volumes of poached wildlife and wildlife products. Combating this illicit trade takes a significant human toll and it is estimated that worldwide, a ranger is killed in the line of duty every three days. The illegal trade is a multi-billion-dollar business that depletes natural resource assets and revenues by driving numerous species of economic value to the brink of extinction. The cross-border smuggling of live wildlife leaves countries at risk to the spread of wildlife-borne diseases and the introduction of invasive species, which, once established, cause $120 billion in economic impacts annually in the U.S alone. Invasive species also are at least partially responsible for more than 40 percent of all listings under the ESA. The Service provides technical and financial assistance to counter wildlife trafficking worldwide through several programs. Through CITES, the Service advances global policy that supports legal and sustainable trade and combats illegal trade. Financial and technical assistance from Service programs provide resources for on the ground conservation actions for species targeted by the illegal trade and for building capacity of other countries to combat wildlife trafficking.

Rampant poaching has driven ploughshare tortoises to the brink of extinction. Credit: Peter Paul van Diik

In FY 2016, the Service launched the Combating Wildlife Trafficking (CWT) grants program to support innovative projects that aim to halt wildlife poaching and trafficking. Through the grants program, the Service is focusing its efforts on species threatened by illegal trade that have not typically received international attention or significant resources. The Service provides an opportunity to develop projects and cutting-edge technologies, which benefit many species at once. For example, a project based on the island of Sumatra to strengthen law enforcement is intended to conserve Sumatran tigers, the helmeted hornbill, and Malay pangolin, since the same poaching syndicates and "kingpins" are believed to be closely linked with the illegal trade in each of these species. Asiatic black bears, pangolins, sturgeon, saiga antelope, snow leopards, ploughshare tortoises, African grey parrots, flying foxes, and precious timber species such as ebony and rosewood are among the many and varied species that have benefited from the support of the CWT program.

Wildlife Trafficking: Global Solutions for a Global Problem

The Service works in a collaborative, whole-of-government approach to combat wildlife trafficking, as outlined in the National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking and codified by the Eliminate Neutralize and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act and the Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking (signed February 2017). To address the serious and urgent threats posed by illegal trade in wildlife, the Strategy outlines three key priorities: strengthening enforcement; reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife; and expanding international cooperation and commitment to combat illegal trade. The Service coordinates and implements the U.S. Government and non-Federal partner efforts to address this growing threat to imperiled species and U.S. economic and security interests.

The Service is investing to strengthen the implementation of CITES, which provides the global framework for legal and sustainable trade, to enhance enforcement of wildlife laws and regulations and to combat wildlife trafficking. Implementation of CITES is complex and highly technical. It requires dedicated and knowledgeable staff to guide political governments to engage in the global dialog and make wise decisions about international trade in wildlife resources. In 2018, the Service supported the completion of coursework of up-and-coming professionals of foreign CITES Authorities in the prestigious Master's Degree Program on the Management and Conservation of Species in Trade: the International Framework (CITES Master's Course) at the Universidad Internacional de Andalucia, in Spain. By supporting self-sufficiency of other Governments to implement CITES, we are not only contributing to wildlife conservation and thwarting illegal wildlife trade, we are also working to level the playing field for U.S. business trading in wildlife by ensuring requirements are being applied comparably among CITES Parties.

Capture for the pet trade is the most significant threat to wild African grey parrots. Credit: Paul Balfe / Creative Commons license

Species of Economic Importance

In the U.S., wildlife trafficking undercuts legal trade and reduces populations of in-demand domestic species that are of significant economic value, threatening livelihoods for American communities. The Service's coordination of American ginseng conservation exemplifies how the Service works with States and Tribes to ensure sustainable use of America's natural resources. In 2017, the harvest of wild American ginseng roots exceeded 41,000 dried pounds, with most of this ginseng exported to Asia. Harvesters ('diggers'), the first tier in the economic chain for the sale and export of American ginseng, received $400 to $500 a pound for dried wild American ginseng roots. Conservative estimates have placed the wholesale value of wild American ginseng roots at roughly $26.9 million per year. The Service is working with the State and Tribal ginseng program officials in four American ginseng Working Groups (enforcement, biology, regulatory, and outreach) to address issues and challenges associated with a legal and sustainable trade in American ginseng. Each Working Group has identified needed steps to improve the sustainability of wild ginseng. In 2019-2020, in coordination with the States and Tribes, the Service will work to support and implement measures that these Working Groups recommended

Partnerships to Advance Shared Conservation Goals

Working with others towards shared conservation goals is a theme that runs throughout the Service's international work. Whether it's assisting the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to develop a paddlefish sport fishing program that supports conservation; coordinating with Canada and Mexico to manage shared wildlife species; engaging with zoo staff to strategize how captive rhinos and outreach programs in America can contribute to the survival of wild rhinos; or working with JetBlue Airlines to preserve the beauty of the Caribbean, the Service's partnerships increase the impact and reach of our work and establish the Service as a trusted and respected partner in wildlife conservation around the globe.

Nesting leatherback sea turtle in Pongara National Park along Gabon's Atlantic Coast. Credit: Tatiana Hendrix / USFWS.

A Strategic, Results-Based Vision for Central Africa

The Service benefits from nearly three decades of experience working in Central Africa with foreign governments, multi-donor agencies, other U.S. government agencies, NGOs, and civil society. Building on this experience, the Service has established a strategic, results-based vision for wildlife conservation in Central Africa. This vision emphasizes direct action in the field and strengthening individual and institutional capacity, including improved law enforcement. The Service's expertise is critical in the face of the urgent conservation needs of the region. As an example of these pressures, the region has experienced a loss of an estimated two-thirds of its forest elephants due to poaching for ivory and bushmeat.

In partnership with Gabon's National Parks Agency (ANPN), the Service is safeguarding forest elephants, great apes, and other species by protecting the resilience of tropical forests and biodiversity and conserving ecologically important marine ecosystems. In 2017, the Government of Gabon expanded its Marine Protected Area (MPA) network by adding nine new marine parks and 11 new aquatic reserves, making it the largest MPA network in Africa. This would not have been achieved without the Service's support to ANPN's marine initiative *Gabon Bleu*. This support led to an unprecedented transformation of marine management in Gabon, with a focus on reviving fisheries productivity while conserving biodiversity. In working towards an expanded MPA network as part of *Gabon Bleu*, ANPN, in collaboration with the Gabonese Navy and Gabon's national fisheries agency, succeeded in bringing together diverse stakeholders ranging from coastal communities to companies involved in offshore oil production. Controlling large-scale illegal fishing, mainly by foreign trawlers, is a shared interest between conservationists and energy producers. Working together through *Gabon Bleu*, these stakeholders were able to meet biodiversity goals and enable the safe and responsible development of Gabon's energy resources, which exports a majority of its oil output to the U.S.

Conserving the Western Hemisphere's High-biodiversity Value Landscapes

Populations of guanacos, the wild relative of the domesticated llama, have declined in a similar fashion to the bison of the American West. Credit: Richard Ruggiero / USFWS.

A stable and secure Western Hemisphere is critical to the safety and economy of the American people. To that aim, the Service provides technical and financial support for conservation efforts in Central and South America that help to support American business and recreation in the region and strengthen rule of law. This work helps to protect shared species that provide important economic benefits for the American people, such as migratory bats that contribute an estimated $3.7 billion to U.S. agriculture in pest control. Specifically, the Service is supporting projects to conserve five distinct Central American landscapes with high biodiversity value, while promoting regional integration for conservation. In South America, the Service is working with the Government of Peru and other key partners to curb illegal wildlife trade in the Tropical Andes region. For example, this past year the Service provided integral support in the adoption of Peru's first National Wildlife Strategy and will aim to expand this effort to other countries in the region. Working with partners such as the Wildlife Conservation Society and the Governments of Argentina and Chile, the Service is conserving Patagonia's priority landscapes and unique species. Through the "Trilateral Committee," the Service collaborates with the wildlife agencies of Mexico and Canada to implement a joint regional agenda including topics such as monarch butterfly conservation; wildlife law enforcement; CITES implementation; and conservation of shared ecosystems, species of conservation concern, and migratory birds.

Conserving Latin America and the Caribbean

A stable and secure Latin America/Caribbean Region is critical to the safety and economy of the American people. In Latin America, the Service supports efforts to reduce threats to key wildlife populations from wildlife trafficking, unsustainable resource use, and human-wildlife conflict.

The Service provides technical and financial support to reduce removal of wildlife and plants (including timber) from natural ecosystems for illegal and/or unsustainable consumption, commercial sale, or trade. The objectives are:

- Combat poaching, illegal resource extraction, and habitat degradation in high value conservation areas;
- Increase local and national political will and capacity to improve compliance with wildlife and protected area laws;
- Raise public awareness to change behaviors to combat wildlife trafficking and associated illegal wildlife pet trade; and
- Reduce the availability of and markets for wild animals and plants (including timber) illegally and/or unsustainably harvested.

These objectives are achieved by:

- Supporting implementation of wildlife law compliance and enforcement in the region;
- Strengthening the capacity of Latin America governments to address the wildlife crime chain at any critical stage of enforcement in range, transit and consumer countries;

- Assisting indigenous people and rural communities affected by illegal clearing of wildlife habitat, poaching and/or wildlife trafficking activities by strengthening their capacity to monitor and control illegal activities within community managed lands;
- Working with local communities to promote rural stability and greater security for people and wildlife in order to prevent wildlife poaching and trafficking;
- Supporting public outreach campaigns to influence behavior change in recognition of wildlife poaching and trafficking and its negative impacts.

In the Caribbean, in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development, the Service supports three key objectives:

1. Conservation of endangered coastal and marine species and their habitats;
2. Combating illegal trade of wildlife in the Caribbean; and
3. Managing coastal and marine protected areas through institutional capacity building and local community engagement.

The Service works with counterparts in Russia to conserve walruses. Credit: Joel Garlich Miller/USFWS

Decades of Dialogue with China and Russia

The U.S. has shared conservation interests with countries across Europe and Asia, and the Service has been a conduit for conservation information exchange. The U.S. shares populations of wildlife species that migrate between the U.S. and northeast Asia. The Service partners with those countries to share information and improve wildlife management. For example, the Service maintains a decades-long dialogue with wildlife managers in Russia to ensure that populations of polar bears, walrus, and migratory birds will be maintained for future generations. In China, the Service encourages improved capacity to manage wetlands and natural areas that provide habitat to rare species of concern to the American people.

Good for Wildlife, Good for Business

To engage a broader public, beyond the traditional conservation community, the Service is spearheading private-public partnerships that significantly increase the reach of our messages. Consumers, particularly international travelers, can unknowingly fuel the illegal wildlife trade by purchasing souvenirs or trinkets that are illegal to bring into the U.S. In 2017, JetBlue aired a short in-flight video, produced in partnership with the Service, to inform their customers about responsible travel and shopping practices that help to protect the beauty and wildlife of the Caribbean. JetBlue and the Service furthered this partnership in 2018 through a campaign to educate travelers to the Dominican Republic about illegal wildlife products that they may encounter during their trip. In January 2017, the Service, in coordination with the U.S. Wildlife Trafficking Alliance and its members, released a digital toolkit that provides travel and tourism industry

The Caribbean "Be Informed. Buy Informed." Traveler's Guide uses photos of confiscated wildlife items, like the sea turtle items pictured here, to educate travelers about items to avoid purchasing. Credit: Sarah Metzer/USFWS

leaders with resources they can use to engage travelers in the fight to stop wildlife trafficking. The toolkit was distributed to members of the Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA), American Society for Travel Agents (ASTA), and Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), which together serve more than 25 million travelers annually.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for International Affairs is $16,623,000 and 83 FTE.

Combating Wildlife Trafficking (+$1,084,000 / +1 FTE)
The recent escalation in poaching of protected species and the corresponding illegal trade poses an urgent threat to conservation and global security. Wildlife trafficking is a multibillion-dollar illegal trade fueled by demand and enabled by corruption, limited legal authorities, insufficient law enforcement capabilities, and weak institutions. Wildlife trafficking generates billions of dollars in illicit revenues each year, contributing to the illegal economy, fueling global instability, and undermining regional security.

The Service provides technical and financial assistance to partners to support innovative projects that address wildlife poaching and trafficking by strengthening enforcement, reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife, and expanding international cooperation and commitment to mitigate this threat. The Service will utilize this funding to support approximately 18 additional projects, a significant investment to protect imperiled species threatened by illicit trade.

International Affairs Activities (+$137,000 / 0 FTE)
In contrast to wildlife trafficking, the legal, sustainable trade of wildlife and wildlife products supports local communities, provides important sources of revenue to U.S. businesses, and incentivizes conservation of commercially valuable species and the habitats on which they depend. The International Affairs program oversees the Service's international wildlife trade permitting responsibilities and implements the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and other Federal wildlife laws that ensure that wildlife trade is legal and sustainable. This request will support efforts to modernize its permitting system, including moving toward fully electronic application submission and permit processing. We will also work with our State wildlife agency partners to ensure that trade in commercially valuable native species is legal and sustainable, such as by implementing recommendations of State/tribal working groups regarding American ginseng management and trade.

Arctic Council Support (-$550,000 /0 FTE)
Funding is not requested or needed to support the U.S. chairmanship of the Arctic Council, which has ended.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Work with partners around the world to improve the conservation of species of international concern and their habitats through technical and financial assistance programs.
- Expand efforts to combat wildlife trafficking through technical and financial assistance programs that strengthen enforcement, reduce demand for illegally traded wildlife, and expand international cooperation and commitment.
- Support the Service's work to implement CITES and other U.S. wildlife laws in the U.S. and to ensure international wildlife trade does not threaten the survival of animals and plants in the wild. Specifically this subactivity supports:
    - Processing of CITES import and export permits and the permit requirements of other laws, including the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Wild Bird Conservation Act, Lacey Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

- Combating wildlife trafficking through improved CITES implementation, technical and financial assistance and policy implementation.
- Representing the United States' interests at high-level international wildlife trade negotiations at CITES Meetings of the Conference of Parties and Animal, Plant, and Standing Committees.

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Fish and Aquatic Conservation

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change From 2019 (+/-)
National Fish Hatchery Operations	($000)	55,822	55,822	+376	0	+192	56,390	+568
	FTE	*323*	*323*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*323*	*0*
Maintenance and Equipment	($000)	22,920	22,920	+38	0	+2,888	25,846	+2,926
	FTE	*67*	*67*	*0*	*0*	*+8*	*75*	*+8*
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation	($000)	85,885	85,885	+735	0	-13,229	73,391	-12,494
	FTE	*297*	*297*	*0*	*0*	*-7*	*290*	*-7*
Total, Fish and Aquatic Conservation	($000)	**164,627**	**164,627**	**+1,149**	**0**	**-10,149**	**155,627**	**-9,000**
	FTE	***687***	***687***	***0***	***0***	***+1***	***688***	***+1***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Fish and Aquatic Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Annual Maintenance	+2,888	+8
• Hatchery System Operations	+2,067	+8
• Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities	+89	0
• Chehalis Fisheries Restoration	-268	0
• Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership	-400	0
• Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey	-489	0
• Population Assessment and Cooperative Management Activities	-517	-3
• Asian Carp	-2,566	-2
• Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement	-1,390	-2
• Washington State Mass Marking	-1,475	-8
• Lake Tahoe Restoration Act	-3,088	0
• Delaware River Basin Conservation Act	-5,000	0
Program Changes	**-10,149**	**+1**

Program Mission

The Fish and Aquatic Conservation program works with partners and the public to manage fish and other aquatic resources for the continuing benefit of the American people. For over 145 years, the Service has fostered outdoor recreational opportunities and provided economic and ecological benefits through the conservation of aquatic species and habitats. Since its inception as the United States Commission on Fish and Fisheries in 1871, the Service's Fisheries Program has worked collaboratively with Native American Tribes, States, landowners, partners and stakeholders to achieve the goals of healthy, self-sustaining populations of fish and other aquatic species, and the conservation or restoration of their habitats.

Program Elements

The Fish and Aquatic Conservation program comprises the following program elements:

- National Fish Hatchery System – propagates healthy, genetically diverse aquatic species to help support wild populations and fulfill Tribal obligations while ensuring access to angling opportunities.
- Maintenance and Equipment – maintains property and equipment, including the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of constructed assets, for 86 National Fish Hatchery System facilities and a National network of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices (Fisheries Offices). The Service's ability to accomplish its mission and ensure safety of employees and visitors is dependent upon the condition of key assets associated with water delivery, aquatic species propagation, and effluent management.
- Population Assessment and Cooperative Management – Fish & Wildlife Conservation Offices (Fisheries Offices) are the boots on-the-ground fish conservation arm of the Service, where field staff work in close cooperation with Tribal, State, and Federal partners to analyze the status and trends of our Nation's aquatic resources and proactively manage these complex systems. Due to restructuring of individual facilities, the Service currently maintains a national network of 51 Fisheries Offices.
- Habitat Assessment and Restoration – coordinated through a nationwide network of Fisheries Offices—works to improve riparian and water habitats for aquatic species, utilizing programs such as the National Fish Passage Program and the National Fish Habitat Partnership.
- Aquatic Invasive Species - prevents the introduction and reduces the spread of invasive species, which is a primary threat to the Nation's natural resources and economy. This is accomplished through leadership of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, injurious wildlife listings, risk assessments, and voluntary efforts with industry, States, Tribes, and other stakeholders to educate and engage the public.

Economic Benefits

The economic value of fisheries conservation is substantial and well documented. The Service's 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation[1] reported that 35.8 million Americans went fishing that year. They took 383 million fishing trips, spent a total of 459 million days fishing, and expended $46.1 billion for the fishing trips and to purchase equipment and other supplies. Fishing and other aquatic-based recreational opportunities are also multi-cultural, multi-generational experiences that bring substantial economic returns to local communities, increase jobs, and lead to improved quality of life for the American people.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service's Fish and Aquatic Conservation program is authorized by a wide range of statutes, treaties, compacts, court orders, mitigation agreements, and cooperative agreements.

- ***The Fish and Wildlife Act*** (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j)—establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.
- ***The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act*** (16 U.S.C. 661-666(e))—directs the Service to investigate and report on proposed Federal actions that affect any stream or other body of water and to provide recommendations to minimize impacts on fish and wildlife resources.
- ***The Endangered Species Act*** (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544)—prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to and removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery.

[1] https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/nationalsurvey/national_survey.htm

- ***The Mitchell Act*** (16 U.S.C. 755-757)—authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to carry on activities for conservation of fishery resources in the Columbia River Basin.
- ***The Colorado River Storage Project Act*** (43 U.S.C. 620)—provides that facilities will be built and operated to mitigate losses of, and improve conditions for, fish and wildlife in connection with the Colorado River Storage Project.
- ***The Sikes Act*** (16 U.S.C. 670a-670o)—authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Bureau of Land Management, and State agencies in planning, developing, maintaining and rehabilitating Federal lands for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat.
- ***The Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species Prevention and Control Act***, as amended by the *National Invasive Species Act*, (NISA, 16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.)—authorizes the Service to develop and implement a program to prevent and control infestations of zebra mussels and other nonindigenous aquatic invasive species in waters of the United States.
- ***The Lacey Act Amendment***, (18 U.S.C. 42; 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378)—provides that the Secretary designate injurious wildlife and ensure the humane treatment of wildlife shipped to the United States.

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation
Subactivity: National Fish Hatchery System Operations

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change From 2019 (+/-)
National Fish Hatchery Operations	($000)	55,822	55,822	+376	0	+192	56,390	+568
	FTE	*323*	*323*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*323*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Fish Hatchery System Operations

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Hatchery System Operations Activities	+2,067	+8
• Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership	-400	0
• Washington State Mass Marking	-1,475	-8
Program Changes	**+192**	**+0**

Program Overview

The National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS) consists of 70 National Fish Hatcheries, one historic National Fish Hatchery, eight Fish Health Centers, seven Fish Technology Centers, and the Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership Program. The NFHS operates facilities across the Country under the authority of numerous treaties and consent decrees, statutes, and recovery and restoration plans.

Hatcheries propagate fish to bolster or re-establish self-sustaining populations in the wild, to fulfill Tribal responsibilities, and to mitigate impacts to fish populations associated with Federal water projects. In 2018, 65 fish species and 30 other aquatic species (amphibians, mollusks, plants, and reptiles) were propagated and distributed from Service hatcheries. These facilities also provided refugia for 31 listed species facing catastrophic events such as wildfires, droughts, or floods. Hatcheries implemented 423 recovery actions in approved Recovery Plans and Biological Opinions, benefitting 72 federally-listed species. In addition, to help preclude further ESA listings, NFHS facilities implemented over 1,541 tasks, benefitting at least 66 non-listed species, in Fisheries Management Plans and other agreements.

Fish Technology Centers

Fish Technology Centers (FTCs) provide the scientific foundation for recovery and restoration programs and enable fisheries professionals to more effectively carry out their work. The seven FTCs conduct practical research in animal culture biology, genetics, ecological physiology, nutrition, biometrics and modeling, and cryopreservation for application in aquatic resource management. The knowledge gained through FTC studies informs conservation and benefits the aquaculture industry and other fish propagation efforts. Service FTCs have published over 1,000 papers in peer-reviewed journals over the last 30 years, including 42 papers in 2018. These publications cover a broad range of topics, which have an impact well beyond the Service.

Fish Health Centers

Aquatic animal health biologists operating at eight Fish Health Centers (FHCs) detect, monitor, and mitigate disease-causing pathogens that threaten aquatic species. Their findings inform decisions that improve the health of captive fishes at both Federal and partner hatcheries and of fish populations in the wild. Fish health professionals also investigate emerging health issues, such as invasive species that can be vectors for disease, to help prevent the introduction or spread of dangerous aquatic pathogens.

Aquatic Animal Health
The Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership (AADAP) program works with other Federal agencies, along with State and industry partners, to obtain U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of safe and effective new drugs needed for aquaculture and fisheries management. In addition to Federal appropriations, the program receives financial support generated by the National Investigational New Animal Drug (INAD) Program. The INAD Program provides fishery managers and aquaculture facilities across the country with legal access to experimental fish medications for which AADAP is pursuing FDA approval. In addition to Service programs, over 200 non-Service facilities in 45 States receive direct benefits through participation in this unique program.

Mitigation
The Service conducts mitigation programs under the broad authorities of the *Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956*, the *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act*, as well as authorities for specific Federal water development projects. The Service supplies fish for Federal agencies to mitigate the impacts of Federal water development projects on fisheries that are important for recreation and for Tribal sustenance. These propagation programs are funded by the water development agencies and conducted at Service hatcheries. Mitigation propagation programs are operated on a user-pay basis and are dependent on outside funding to fully reimburse the Service for its costs. The National Fish Hatchery System conducts mitigation fish production for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tennessee Valley Authority, Bureau of Reclamation, National Marine Fisheries Service and the Bonneville Power Administration.

Recreation and Education
The NFHS also provides opportunities for the public to visit and learn more about fish propagation and conservation as well as to take advantage of recreational activities on hatchery grounds. The Service's work to propagate and conserve fish and their habitats contributes annually to the enjoyment of tens of millions of recreational anglers.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for National Fish Hatcheries Operations is $56,390,000 and 323 FTE.

Hatchery Operations Activities (+$2,067,000/+8 FTE)

Hatchery Operations activities support a network of highly skilled biologists in our National Fish Hatchery System that work with States, Tribes, industry, non-government organizations, and private citizens to enhance recreational fishing opportunities, fulfill our Tribal trust responsibilities, and conserve and restore aquatic species. This request will focus on propagating fish and other aquatic species to sustain wild populations, carry out Tribal obligations, and increase fishing opportunities. In addition, these funds will allow the Service to significantly expand public angling, outreach, and education activities throughout the NFHS.

Animal Drug Approval Partnership (-$400,000/ +0 FTE)

At the requested level the Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership will continue to work with other Federal agencies, along with State and industry partners, to obtain U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of safe and effective new drugs needed for aquaculture and fisheries management.

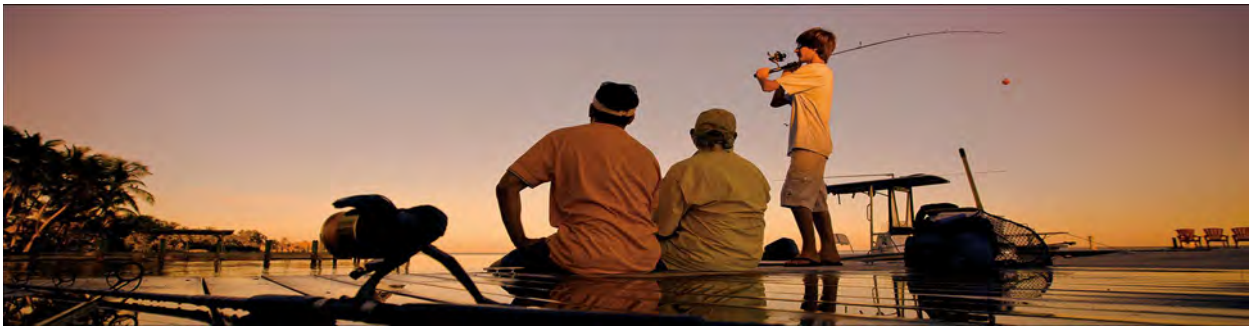
Washington State Mass Marking (-$1,475,000/ -8 FTE)

No funding is requested for this program in order to support higher priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will support work to propagate healthy, genetically diverse aquatic species to help sustain wild populations and fulfill Tribal obligations while ensuring continued access to quality angling opportunities.

- The program will continue to implement Secretarial Order 3347 - *Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation* and Secretarial Order 3356 - *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories* by providing more educational opportunities, expanding annual events, and recruiting more anglers.



Let's Go Fishing and Catch the Fun!

The Service is working in partnership with State fish and wildlife agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders to bring the fun of fishing to anglers of all ages. In 2018, nearly 1.3 million people, individually and through over 1,000 fishing and educational events, visited National Fish Hatcheries and other Service FAC facilities to fish, picnic, or learn about the Nation's fisheries resources. To increase fishing opportunities on all public lands, the Service has joined the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) in placing a "widget" on RBFF and Service websites that connects web-page visitors to fishing license and boating registration outlets in all 50 States. To continue to implement Secretarial Orders 3347 (Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation) and 3356 (Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories) the Service's goal for FY 2019 is to help more and more people to go fishing and "Catch the Fun!" This initiative will include new, improved fishing opportunities on Service-managed waters that are supported by outreach and educational tools to help beginners and experienced anglers. To find out more, visit: **https://www.fws.gov/fisheries/fishing.html**

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation
Subactivity: Maintenance and Equipment

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change From 2019 (+/-)
National Fish Hatchery Maintenance and Equipment	($000)	22,402	22,402	+38	0	+2,888	25,328	+2,926
	FTE	*67*	*67*	*0*	*0*	*+8*	*75*	*+8*
FWCO Maintenance and Equipment	($000)	518	518	0	0	0	518	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Total, Maintenance and Equipment	**($000)**	**22,920**	**22,920**	**+38**	**0**	**+2,888**	**25,846**	**+2,926**
	FTE	***67***	***67***	***0***	***0***	***+8***	***75***	***+8***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Maintenance and Equipment

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Annual Maintenance	+2,888	+8
Program Changes	**+2,888**	**+8**

Program Overview

Hatcheries produce fish and other aquatic species to meet management needs and provide public access to hatchery facilities for recreation and education. Properly functioning infrastructure is essential to fish production and to the safety of Service employees and visitors. Hatcheries employ tanks, ponds, and raceways for propagation and boats and trucks for transport. The propagation process requires a consistent, well oxygenated water supply that is heated or cooled to the correct temperature. Hatchery assets, such as water wells, pumps, pipelines, and heating/cooling equipment must be well-maintained to prevent mortality and meet production goals. Similarly, public access areas must be maintained to provide safe recreational use. A proactive asset management system helps to ensure safe, efficient, and successful hatchery operations.

National Fish Hatchery System Maintenance and Equipment

Maintenance and equipment funding provides maintenance and upkeep for the NFHS and enables the program to carry out the mission of the Service and ensure the safety of employees and visitors. The Service's ability to accomplish its mission is largely determined by the condition of key assets associated with water delivery, aquatic species culture, and effluent management. Although the reliability of these assets is especially important with respect to threatened and endangered species, three-fourths of the NFHS' $2.8 billion of real property assets are mission-critical water management assets.

In alignment with the Acting Secretary's initiative to modernize our infrastructure, the Service has developed asset performance measures and a strategy to ensure effective operations and service delivery. The Department measures real property asset conditions using a Facility Condition Index (FCI), a ratio of repair cost to replacement cost. A rigorous condition assessment process ensures that repair needs are determined objectively and associated costs are appropriately estimated, using industry standards. The Service's Asset Management Plan and Regional Asset Business Plans are used to manage assets, address repair needs, and dispose of assets that are low in priority or excess to the Government's needs.

Annual maintenance funds ensure timely upkeep of NFHS real property and equipment. These funds are used for salaries of our maintenance staff, to purchase maintenance-related supplies, and to replace small equipment costing less than $5,000. Deferred maintenance funds are directed at the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of constructed assets within the NFHS. The Service has identified $194 million in current deferred maintenance needs for the NFHS. The NFHS equipment funds pay for maintenance, repair, and replacement of equipment. Fisheries Office maintenance and equipment funds are used to purchase and maintain over $34 million in assets such as boats, vehicles, and specialized fisheries equipment.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Maintenance and Equipment is $25,846,000 and 75 FTE.

Annual Maintenance (+$2,888,000/ +8 FTE)

This request will ensure the health and safety of employees and visitors while allowing the Service to maintain complex water system capabilities for production of fish. These funds will enable the Service to significantly improve the condition of critical NFHS assets nationwide that now comprise over $194 million in backlog for deferred maintenance needs.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will support maintenance of property and equipment, including the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of constructed assets, for 86 NFHS facilities and 51 Fisheries Offices. The Service's ability to accomplish its mission and ensure safety of employees and visitors is dependent upon the condition of key assets associated with water delivery, aquatic species culture, and effluent management.

Service Asset & Maintenance Management System

Under the auspices of the *Occupational Safety and Health Act* and DOI standards, the Service developed an Asset Management Plan that guides management of the NFHS's $2.8 billion in essential real and personal property inventories, including systematic and objective tracking, evaluation, reporting of asset condition, and prioritization of asset management. Using the Service Asset Maintenance Management System (SAMMS), an integrated web-based information system, the Service standardizes asset management, corroborates deferred maintenance needs with objective condition assessment data, identifies short- and long-term maintenance needs, and analyzes annual operating and maintenance expenditures.

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation
Subactivity: Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change From 2019 (+/-)
Habitat Assessment and Restoration	($000)	33,987	33,987	+85	0	-6,569	27,503	-6,484
	FTE	*95*	*95*	*0*	*0*	*-2*	*93*	*-2*
Population Assessment and Cooperative Management	($000)	30,150	30,150	+597	0	-1,006	29,741	-409
	FTE	*137*	*137*	*0*	*0*	*-3*	*134*	*-3*
Aquatic Invasive Species	($000)	21,748	21,748	+53	0	-5,654	16,147	-5,601
	FTE	*65*	*65*	*0*	*0*	*-2*	*63*	*-2*
Total, Aquatic Habitat & Species Conservation	**($000)**	**85,885**	**85,885**	**+735**	**0**	**-13,229**	**73,391**	**-12,494**
	FTE	***297***	***297***	***0***	***0***	***-7***	***290***	***-7***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities	+89	0
• Chehalis Fisheries Restoration	-268	0
• Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey	-489	0
• Population Assessment and Cooperative Management Activities	-517	-3
• Asian Carp	-566	-2
• Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement	-1,390	-2
• Asian Carp Contract Fishing	-2,000	0
• Lake Tahoe Restoration	-3,088	0
• Delaware River Basin Conservation	-5,000	0
Program Changes	**-13,229**	**-7**

Program Overview

The Fisheries Offices are strategically located across the Nation and play an important role in implementing the Service's fisheries and aquatic resource programs. These field offices work with a broad range of partners and utilize non-regulatory conservation tools to protect, enhance, and restore aquatic resources. Fisheries Offices are under increasing demands for their services, because they provide important technical and biological information to partners on the condition of the habitat and populations of fish and other species. This information is used to inform decisions under the ESA and for determining frameworks for management of recreational fisheries. It also informs resource management decisions that lead to on-the-ground conservation actions conducted by Fisheries Offices in collaboration with private landowners, non-profit organizations and local, State, and Federal agencies. Additionally, Fisheries Office staff work closely with Tribal nations to fulfill trust responsibilities associated with fisheries and aquatic resources. The work of Fisheries Offices is essential to the understanding and collaborative management of anadromous and other migratory and inter-jurisdictional species, such as Pacific salmon, Striped bass, Lake trout, and American shad.

Habitat Assessment and Restoration Program Overview
This program funds habitat restoration for aquatic organisms through initiatives such as the National Fish Habitat Action Plan (Action Plan) and the National Fish Passage Program. Utilizing its National network of Fisheries Offices, the Service organizes projects with partners, provides technical expertise, enlists voluntary efforts of landowners and local communities, and delivers cost-shared resources to complete habitat conservation projects. This work improves environmental conditions and restores ecological connectivity to strengthen the resiliency of our Nation's aquatic resources.

The Action Plan is supported by 20 Fish Habitat Partnerships (Partnerships) that are geographically located across the Nation. These Partnerships marshal funds, knowledge, and other resources for conservation projects that enlist landowners, fishing clubs, school groups, and businesses to restore stream banks, plant vegetation, renovate oyster reefs, and otherwise improve fish habitat. In addition to restoring aquatic connectivity by removing or bypassing barriers that prevent fish from accessing vital habitat, the National Fish Passage Program's infrastructure investments help protect local communities from flooding.

Population Assessment and Cooperative Management Program Overview
Fishery Offices focus on management, restoration, inventory and monitoring to maintain self-sustaining, healthy, and diverse populations of fish and other aquatic species. The Service's Fisheries Offices evaluate the causes of species decline, determine the limiting factors for aquatic populations, and implement actions to restore those populations across habitat types and jurisdictional boundaries.

The Service works with partners to develop and implement resource management plans for Federal trust species on Federal, State, and local lands and waters. Service biologists collect and evaluate population data and develop models to estimate population trends and inform management actions such as harvest limits. Restoration activities on large, connected natural areas and the monitoring and assessment of the Service's propagation programs provide an important component in developing and maintaining self-sustaining aquatic populations.

As part of the Service's trust responsibilities, Fisheries Offices work with tribal resource agencies to manage fish and wildlife on 56 million acres of Tribal trust lands and 44 million acres of Alaska Native lands. The Service also works closely with the Department of Defense and the military services, stewards of millions of acres of land, to protect and enhance natural areas on military installations.

Aquatic Invasive Species Overview
The negative impacts of invasive species are second only to habitat destruction among causal factors in the decline of fish, wildlife, and habitat in the United States. Nearly half of the imperiled species in the United States are threatened by invasive species.[2] Species such as Asian carp, quagga mussel, giant salvinia, lionfish, and brown tree snake cause tens of billions of dollars of economic and ecological impacts each year in diminished fish and wildlife resources, recreational opportunities, agricultural productivity, personal property values, human health and safety, and public utility capacity.

The Service works to prevent or reduce the introduction and spread of invasive species through its leadership of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (ANS Task Force). The ANS Task Force, which the Service co-chairs with NOAA, provides a national forum for collaborative discussion and decision making. The Service supports the funding and implementation of 44 State/Interstate Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plans that address State and Tribal priorities through cost-sharing and technical assistance. Relying on these funds, State aquatic invasive species programs coordinate with their partners to prevent the introduction and spread of unwanted organisms and have planned, directed, and

[2] Wilcove, D.W., Rothstein, D., Bubow, J.,Phillips, A., Losos, E., 1998. Quantifying threats to imperiled species in the United States. Bioscience 48(8): 607-615.

accomplished significant regional and landscape-level invasive species prevention and management resource outcomes. The ANS Task Force has also approved nine national species control and management plans.

Quagga and zebra mussels cause an estimated $500 million annually in economic burden to utilities and industry in the Great Lakes. Should invasive mussels become established in the Columbia River Basin, they will have a similar impact on consumer electric rates and irrigated agriculture. The Aquatic Invasive Species program continues to target quagga and zebra mussels and Asian carp as high-priority species, leveraging prevention, containment, and outreach resources among partners. The spread of Asian carp toward the Great Lakes is one of the most acute threats facing this key natural resource and its $7 billion sport and recreational fishery. The Service plays a key role in coordinating across Federal, State, and local agencies to control the spread of these species.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation is $73,391,000 and 290 FTE.

Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities (+$89,000/ +0 FTE)
Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities provides the operational support for the Habitat Assessment and Restoration program, providing funding for our national network of Fisheries Offices that deliver on-the-ground fish and aquatic species conservation. These funds will allow the Service to continue a broad range of habitat assessment and restoration initiatives, such as fish population surveys and stream restoration, for which costs have increased.

Chehalis Fisheries Restoration (-$268,000/ +0 FTE)
The budget does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey (-$489,000/ +0 FTE)
The Service does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

Population and Assessment and Cooperative Management Activities (-$517,000/ -3 FTE)
Funding at the requested level will provide for field staff, who work in close cooperation with Tribal, State, and Federal partners, to analyze the status and trends of aquatic resources and manage these complex systems.

Asian Carp (-$2,566,000/ -2 FTE)
Funding at the requested level will be used to continue the implementation of the *Management and Control Plan for Bighead, Black, Grass, and Silver Carps in the United States* and the associated collaborative multi-State Asian Carp Control Strategy Frameworks. The Service, along with our State and Federal partners, have been working to detect and track the leading edges of the Asian carp invasion in the Illinois, Ohio, and Upper Mississippi Rivers, and to develop and implement technologies to deter upstream movement and control populations. No funding is requested for contract fishing in order to support other priorities.

Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (-$1,390,000/ -2 FTE)
Funding at the requested level will allow staff to continue to support habitat work for salmon, steelhead and other native fish in the Klamath Basin.

Lake Tahoe Restoration (-3,088,000/ +0 FTE)
The budget does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

Delaware River Conservation (-$5,000,000/ +0 FTE)
The budget does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

The program will:

- Utilize partnership programs such as the National Fish Passage Program and the National Fish Habitat Partnership to implement numerous local fish habitat restoration projects to improve riparian and aquatic habitats.
- Work with partners to inventory, monitor, manage and restore fish and other aquatic species to maintain self-sustaining, healthy and diverse populations.
- Work to prevent the introduction and reduce the spread of invasive species; a primary threat to the Nation's natural resources, infrastructure, and economy. The program continues to target quagga and zebra mussels and Asian carp as high-priority species, leveraging containment, prevention, and outreach resources among partners.

Cooperative Landscape Conservation

Activity: Cooperative Landscape Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Cooperative Landscape Conservation	($000)	12,988	12,988	0	0	-12,988	0	-12,988
	FTE	*50*	*50*	*0*	*0*	*-50*	*0*	*-50*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Cooperative Landscape Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
Landscape Conservation Cooperatives	-12,988	-50
Program Changes	**-12,988**	**-50**

Program Mission

The Cooperative Landscape Conservation program works with States to deliver conservation on a landscape scale and build collaborative approaches to conservation through coalitions with States and other partners.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

- ***Fish and Wildlife Act***, (16 U.S.C 742(a)-754)—establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (-$12,988,000/-50 FTE)

The budget does not request funding for the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives program. Service programs will continue to coordinate with State resource management agencies and other partners.

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Science Support

Activity: Science Support

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Adaptive Science	($000)	10,517	10,517	0	0	-10,517	0	-10,517
	FTE	*9*	*9*	*0*	*0*	*-19*	*0*	*-19*
Service Science	($000)	6,750	6,750	0	0	-6,750	0	-6,750
	FTE	*17*	*17*	*0*	*0*	*-14*	*0*	*-14*
Total, Science Support	**($000)**	**-17,267**	**-17,267**	**0**	**0**	**-17,267**	**0**	**-17,267**
	FTE	***33***	***33***	***0***	***0***	***-33***	***0***	***-33***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Science Support

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Adaptive Science	-10,517	-19
• Service Science Activities	-6,750	-14
Program Changes	**-17,627**	**-33**

Program Mission

The Service is committed to science. All Service programs have a part to play in improving the use of science in conservation and management, including the generation, sharing, and application of scientific processes and products. The Service's operational programs including Ecological Services, Refuges, Fisheries, and Migratory Birds devote considerable resources to the practical application of science every day. These programs also leverage resources with other entities on shared science partnership priorities. Nationally, regionally, and locally, Science Support staff work directly with Service biologists, project leaders, and others to form strategic and issue-oriented networks to answer management-oriented questions.

The Service's goal for its science activities is to strengthen the agency's tradition of scientific excellence in the conservation of fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitat. This is accomplished by:

- Sustaining its capacities to acquire, apply, and communicate scientific information;
- Promoting scientific integrity and active involvement of the Service and its employees in the larger scientific community; and
- Encouraging strengthened partnerships between the Service and other scientific organizations, while working with Cooperative Research Units whenever possible.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

- ***Fish and Wildlife Act***, (16 U.S.C 742(a)-754)—Establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife

resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Adaptive Science (-$10,517,000/-19 FTE)
The budget does not request funding for this activity. Future science needs will be addressed by each Service program.

Service Science (-$6,750,000/-14 FTE)
Future science needs will be addressed by each Service program. The budget does not request funding for this activity.

General Operations

Activity: General Operations

Proposed Structure

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Central Office Operations	($000)	31,257	31,257	0	-9,613	+160	21,804	-9,453
	FTE	*262*	*262*	*0*	*-42*	*0*	*220*	*-42*
Management and Administration	($000)	40,866	40,866	0	+9,613	+4,387	54,866	+14,000
	FTE	*403*	*403*	*0*	*42*	*0*	*445*	*42*
Servicewide Bill Paying	($000)	35,781	35,781	-174	0	+163	35,770	-11
	FTE	*23*	*23*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*23*	*0*
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	($000)	7,022	7,022	0	0	-22	7,000	-22
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
National Conservation Training Center	($000)	28,903	28,903	114	0	-7,591	21,426	-7,477
	FTE	*110*	*110*	*0*	*0*	*-11*	*99*	*-11*
Total, General Operations	**($000)**	**143,829**	**143,829**	**-60**	**0**	**-2,903**	**140,866**	**-2,963**
	FTE	***798***	***798***	***0***	***0***	***-11***	***787***	***-11***

Old Structure

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Central Office Operations	($000)	37,965	37,965	0	0	+5,261	43,226	+5,261
	FTE	*262*	*262*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*262*	*0*
Regional Office Operations	($000)	33,574	33,574	0	0	-714	32,860	-714
	FTE	*403*	*403*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*403*	*0*
Servicewide Bill Paying	($000)	36,365	36,365	-174	0	+163	36,354	-11
	FTE	*23*	*23*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*23*	*0*
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	($000)	7,022	7,022	0	0	-22	7,000	-22
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
National Conservation Training Center	($000)	28,903	28,903	+114	0	-7,591	21,426	-7,477
	FTE	*110*	*110*	*0*	*0*	*-11*	*99*	*-11*
Total, General Operations	**($000)**	**143,829**	**143,829**	**-60**	**0**	**-2,903**	**140,866**	**-2,963**
	FTE	***798***	***798***	***0***	***0***	***-11***	***787***	***-11***

Program Mission

The General Operations Program provides the management and support that allows the Service's programmatic activities and organizations to accomplish their goals and mission. Primarily, it provides headquarters, regions, and field offices with the resources (e.g., people, funding, facilities, access to data, etc.) they need to carry out the work of the Service to benefit the American people. General Operations also ensures that the Service is in compliance with legal, regulatory, and Departmental policies for all administrative areas and functions.

To further the reorganization approved by Congress in FY 2019, the Service is proposing to realign funding within the General Operations Activity to reflect the changes in its organizational structure. The reorganization will enable the Service to maximize available resources for mission delivery.

Program Elements

Five subactivities comprise the General Operations Program:

- Central Office Operations – Headquarters offices provide the Service with the leadership, strategic direction, and necessary resources to accomplish mission priorities and goals. These functions include: policy provision from Administration-appointed officials; implementation of equal employment opportunity and diversity programs; coordination of Service contact with Native American Tribes; and communications and outreach.
- Management and Administration – Renamed to align with the new organizational structure, Management and Administration funds human resources, contracting, safety, budget and finance, and information technology services to the regions and Headquarters offices. Service support functions are consolidated under this subactivity in FY 2020 instead of being split between Central Office Operations and Regional Office Operations. This corresponds to with the new organizational structure, whereby all administrative functions are now centrally managed. The subactivity previously called Regional Office Operations is renamed Management and Administration and contains funding for the new joint regional/Headquarters administrative organization and the Associate Chief Information Officer (ACIO) organization. The Assistant Director for Management and Administration encompasses Budget and Performance, Human Resources, Business Management Operation. The ACIO supervises Information Resources and Technology Management.
- Servicewide Bill Paying – This subactivity provides a means to centrally budget and pay for nationwide operational support and infrastructure costs that the Service incurs in the course of accomplishing its mission. A non-exhaustive list of expenses paid from this subactivity include Information Technology (IT) and communication needs, payments to the DOI Working Capital Fund (WCF), mail delivery and distribution, and some printing.
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) – NFWF runs a competitive challenge grant program with a statutory non-Federal matching requirement of 1:1 for all awards of federally appropriated funds. However, in recent years the non-Federal match has been closer to 3:1, greatly multiplying the impact of the Service's funding for on-the-ground conservation projects.
- National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) – Opened in 1997 and located on 533 acres along the Potomac River in Shepherdstown, WV, NCTC is the Service's primary training facility. In addition to training Service employees, NCTC provides training on a reimbursable basis to conservation professionals from DOI, other Federal, State and local governments, not-for-profit conservation organizations, private landowners and the business community. In this way, NCTC programs expand their reach and impact and help Service professionals build collaborative partnerships for conservation.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: Central Office Operations

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Central Office Operations	($000)	31,257	31,257	0	-9,613	+160	21,804	-9,453
	FTE	*262*	*262*	*0*	*-42*	*0*	*220*	*-42*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Central Office Operations

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Central Office Operations	+160	0
• **Program Changes**	**+160**	**0**

Program Overview

The Service's Central Office Operations provide leadership, strategic direction, and organizational management required to accomplish mission priorities and goals. These functions include: policy provision from Administration-appointed officials; implementation of equal employment opportunity; coordination of Service contact with Native American Tribes; and communications and outreach.

Headquarters and Regional Management, which includes the Office of the Director and the offices of the Regional Directors. This funds key Service leadership positions and their immediate staff.

Diversity and Inclusive Workforce Management supports the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program for the Service. The ODIWM provides direction, policy formulation, and oversight of the Service's Diversity and Inclusion Implementation Plan with regard to applicable civil rights laws and directives.

Native American Programs Coordination serves as a key point of contact for Native American Tribes, and works to expand the Service's capacity to work cooperatively with Tribes to further the Service's conservation mission.

External Affairs (EA) oversees and coordinates the communications activities of the Service, including internal communications, public affairs, media services, congressional and legislative affairs, partnerships, webpage development, policy and compliance, printing and publishing, and other multimedia communications.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Central Office Operations is $21,804,000 and 220 FTE.

Central Office Operations (+160,000/0 FTE)

The budget will allow the Service to provide leadership, strategic direction, and necessary resources to support the mission, and will continue to focus on consolidating administrative functions, eliminating duplication, and implementing process efficiencies across the organization.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide the Service with the leadership, strategic direction, and necessary resources to accomplish mission priorities and goals. Specifically, this subactivity:
    - Provides policy direction and implementation at Headquarters and regional levels.
    - Supports implementation of equal employment opportunity.
    - Coordinates Service consultation with Native American Tribes.
    - Provides communications and outreach Servicewide.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: Management and Administration

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Management and Administration	($000)	40,866	40,866	0	+9,613	+4,387	54,866	+14,000
	FTE	*403*	*403*	*0*	*+42*	*0*	*445*	*+42*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Management & Administration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• DOI Reorganization Implementation	+5,700	0
• Information Resources and Technology Management	+851	0
• Management and Administration	-2,164	0
Program Changes	**+4,387**	**0**

Program Overview

Management and Administration is responsible for most administrative functions including human resources, budget and performance, finance, contracting, and other functions. In FY 2018, the Service initiated a plan to consolidate some Central Office Operations to more efficiently provide needed administrative support to Service programs. In 2019, the Service consolidated administrative functions into one organization. The new organization, under the Assistant Director for Management and Administration, fulfills the Service's needs for administrative services, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, and general services, at a reduced cost to the American taxpayer. In 2019, the Service continues to implement enterprise shared services and consolidate resources into the Joint Administrative Operations (JAO) to deliver shared services to regional and field station managers. The new organization is expected to be fully functional by June 2019.

This organization also works with Service programs and the Directorate to formulate budget proposals and conduct workforce and succession planning to support its mission and goals. This function provides essential oversight to ensure the agency is following appropriations law and the guidance of our Appropriations Committees, as well as managing Federal Register notices, and directives management. Staff also coordinate programmatic Internal Controls under OMB Circular A-123, and serve as the liaison with the Government Accountability Office and the Office of the Inspector General. Management and Administration staff also provide direction, policy formulation, oversight and management in the areas of finance, contracting, asset management, safety, economic analyses, and other support functions.

Information Resources and Technology Management: The Service's Associate Chief Information Officer (ACIO) provides secure, efficient and effective management of information resources and technology that allows the Service to accomplish its mission. This office provides reliable mission essential connectivity for email, internet, network applications, records and the Freedom of Information Act across the Service. The Service's cyber security program maintains and monitors network security subsystems to ensure a stable and dependable environment for the network and its users. The ACIO also plays a pivotal role ensuring that the Service is in compliance with all Federal IT laws, regulations, and requirements.

DOI Reorganization Implementation: The 2020 request continues support for the reorganization of the Department of the Interior with funding to stand up the unified regions, relocate certain headquarters staff and functions as appropriate, and improve operations through the use of technology, shared services, and consistent practices. The Service will utilize funding to:

- Support and participate in standing up the unified regions, including collaboration across bureaus.
- Transition internal business operations to the new regional structure.
- Relocate selected functions closer to Interior's assets, customers, and mission areas out West to provide more responsive service.
- Implement shared service solutions to improve delivery of one or more of human resources, information technology, and acquisition services.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Management and Administration is $54,866,000 and 445 FTE.

DOI Reorganization Implementation (+$5,700,000/0 FTE)
At the 2020 request level of $5.7 million, the Service will support implementation of the 12 unified regions, relocation of certain headquarters staff and functions West, and modernization of Interior's administrative services. The request will support:

- Implementation of Unified Regions. Funds will support bureau planning and implementation needed to transition to the new regions and implement shared service solutions.
- Relocation and Regional Stand Up. This request helps relocate some staff closer to assets and customers.
- Modernizing Interior's Business. Deployment of common shared service solutions to improve delivery of human resources, information technology, and acquisition services.

Starting in FY 2018, the Service began implementing shared services for all administrative functions and generated over $8 million in savings. In FY 2019, the Service will continue on this path, ensuring that we are providing exceptional service and building capacity to service our mission. The Service's Joint Administrative Operations organization is a model for the Department on providing efficient and effective shared services.

Information Resources and Technology Management (+$851,000/0 FTE)
The requested funding will be used for rising costs of software licenses and core infrastructure operational and maintenance requirements.

Management and Administration (-$2,164,000/0 FTE)
The requested funding will provide daily support to the headquarters and over 700 geographically diverse field offices, including human resource, budget, finance, and contracting.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide human resources support for Headquarters and the regions.
- Coordinate budget formulation, presentation, and execution.
- Provide finance, acquisition, and contracting management.
- Provide management of IT throughout the Service.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: Servicewide Bill Paying

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Servicewide Bill Paying	($000)	35,781	35,781	-174	0	+163	35,770	-11
	FTE	*23*	*23*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*23*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Servicewide Bill Paying

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Servicewide Bill Paying	+163	0
Program Changes	**+163**	**0**

Program Overview

The Servicewide Bill Paying subactivity covers bills received by the Service for charges by the Department or other outside entities. These are fixed costs that the Service must cover.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Servicewide Bill Paying is $35,770,000 and 23 FTE.

Servicewide Bill Paying (+163,000/0 FTE)
Funding will be used to address Working Capital Fund Centralized Bills to reduce the amount assessed from programs.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Funding to centrally budget and pay for nationwide operational support and infrastructure costs that the Service incurs in the course of accomplishing its mission. Specifically, this subactivity:
  - Pays expenses for Information Technology and communication needs.
  - Supports worker's compensation and unemployment compensation payments.
  - Manages payments for DOI Working Capital Fund and other DOI bills.
  - Manages payments for mail delivery and distribution and printing.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	($000)	7,022	7,022	0	0	-22	7,000	-22
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	-22	0
Program Changes	**-22**	**0**

Program Overview

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) runs a competitive challenge grant program with a statutory non-Federal matching requirement of 1:1 for all federally-appropriated dollars that NFWF awards. In recent years NFWF has averaged a 3:1 match. All grantee matching funds are non-Federal funds provided in cash or as in-kind services. One hundred percent of the congressionally appropriated funds provided to NFWF by the Service is directed to on-the-ground projects and is not used to support NFWF's administrative expenses. NFWF uses the funding to leverage additional commitments of resources from corporations, foundations, and conservation partners. The funds are invested through outcome-focused grant programs guided by conservation business plans developed in partnership with the Service. Individual projects are reviewed by diverse outside reviewers (e.g., Federal, State, non-profit, educational and private sector), NFWF, and the Service.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is $7,000,000 and 0 FTE.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (-$22,000/0 FTE)

The requested funding will provide competitive grants to State, local, non-profit, and private organizations to leverage additional resources for natural resource conservation.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide funding to State, local, non-profit, and private organizations for conservation and management of fish, wildlife, and plant resources through the grant process.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: National Conservation Training Center

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
National Conservation Training Center	($000)	28,903	28,903	114	0	-7,591	21,426	-7,477
	FTE	*110*	*110*	*0*		*-11*	*99*	*-11*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Conservation Training Center

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Operations	-1,687	-11
• Annual Maintenance	-5,904	0
Program Changes	**-7,591**	**-11**

Program Overview

Opened in 1997 and located on 533 acres along the Potomac River in Shepherdstown, WV, the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) is the Service's primary training facility. In addition to training Service employees, NCTC provides training on a reimbursable basis to conservation professionals from DOI, other Federal, State, and local governments, not-for-profit conservation organizations, private landowners and the business community. In this way, NCTC programs expand their reach and impact to help Service professionals build collaborative partnerships for conservation.

NCTC will deliver approximately 200 annual onsite training sessions and provide over 1,500 on-line courses and training modules to employees. NCTC supports the FWS with approximately 1,500 inter-library loan requests and over 400,000 scientific journal searches. NCTC also preserves the heritage of the Service by collecting, interpreting, and disseminating the history of the Service and American conservation. The NCTC Museum and Archives helps the public, researchers, and professional conservationists to better understand the rich history of American wildlife conservation by managing over 500,000 objects. NCTC serves as a place where the Service and our partners come together to help solve the urgent conservation challenges facing our nation.

The Service is currently working with State, Federal, and NGO partners under Secretarial Order 3356 to recruit, retain and reactivate sportsmen through the R3 initiative, which seeks to create new participants or increase participation rates of current or lapsed outdoor recreationists. The Service is using the NCTC facility and staff to grow and support the Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation (R3) designed to restore American's connection with the outdoors through collaborative workshops, symposia, and training. The Service, working closely with the Association of State Fish and Wildlife Agencies, States, and other partners serves as the basis for the nationwide expansion of the R3 effort.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the National Conservation Training Center is $21,426,000 and 99 FTE.

Operations – General Program Activities (-$1,687,000/-11 FTE)
This funding will allow the Service to continue to provide training opportunities to internal as well as external partner audiences.

Maintenance (-$5,904,000/0 FTE)
The requested funding will allow the Service to maintain day-to-day operational maintenance.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provides training opportunities for the Service, DOI and other Federal and non-Federal partners in conservation, applied landscape, leadership and communication.
- Provides collections management and stewardship to care for and preserve artifacts, films, photographs, and documents.

Construction

Appropriations Language

For construction, improvement, acquisition, or removal of buildings and other facilities required in the conservation, management, investigation, protection, and utilization of fish and wildlife resources, and the acquisition of lands and interests therein; $15,693,000, to remain available until expended.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service has the legal mandate and responsibility to ensure its inventory of assets, facilities, and infrastructure is safe and adequate to accomplish its conservation mission and that operations are conducted in compliance with applicable regulations. More than 19 laws, statutes, and executive orders govern what the Construction program must do with the funding it receives from Congress. Governing authorities are discussed below.

Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4). Authorizes development of fish and wildlife areas for recreational use, including land acquisition and facilities construction and management.

National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to award contracts for the provision of public accommodations of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715-715d, 715e, 715f-715r). Provides for land acquisition, construction, maintenance, development, and administration for migratory bird reservations.

Fish and Wildlife Act (16 U.S.C. 742a-742f). Authorizes the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources, including the acquisition and development of existing facilities.

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 9601-9675). Authorizes Federal agencies to conduct cleanup and/or recover costs associated with hazardous materials removal, remediation, cleanup, or containment activities from responsible parties.

Federal Facilities Compliance Act (42 U.S.C. 6961). Requires Federal agencies to comply with Federal, State, and local solid and hazardous waste laws in the same manner as any private party.

Pollution Prevention Act, (42 U.S.C. 13101, 13101 note, 13102-13109), as amended by P.L. 101-508. Requires pollution that cannot be prevented at the source to be recycled in an environmentally sound manner and disposal as a last resort.

Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act (42 U.S.C. 7701 -7706). Establishes an earthquake hazards reduction program.

National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467). Provides for Federal agencies to implement the Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety, which established management practices for dam safety at all Federal agencies.

National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8152-8259). Establishes an energy management program in the Federal government and directs Federal agencies to perform energy surveys and implement energy conservation opportunities to reduce consumption of nonrenewable energy resources in buildings, vehicles, equipment, and general operations.

Energy Policy Act (EPAct) (P.L. 109-58). Extends previous Congressional direction to Federal facility managers with even greater goals of energy efficiency improvements in existing and new facilities, mandates increased use of renewable energy sources, sustainable building design and construction, metering of all Federal buildings, and procurement of Energy Star equipment. This legislation contains energy efficiency tax credits and new ways to retain energy savings.

Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) (P.L. 110-140). Intends to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security; increase production of clean renewable fuels; protect consumers; increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles; promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options; and improve the energy performance of the Federal Government.

(16 U.S.C. 695k-695r). Provides for limitations on reduction of areas by diking or other construction in California and Oregon in the case of migratory waterfowl and other refuges, as well as other construction provisions.

(16 U.S.C. 760-760-12). Provides for the construction, equipping, maintenance, and operation of several named fish hatcheries.

(23 U.S.C. 144 and 151). Requires bridges on public highways and roads to be inspected.

Executive Orders

Presidential Memorandum of October 4, 1979. Directs all Federal agencies to adopt and implement the Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety as prepared by the Federal Coordinating Council for Science, Engineering, and Technology. (Secretary of the Interior Order No. 3048, implements and assigns responsibility for a Department-wide dam safety program in accordance with the President's memorandum.)

Executive Order 12088, Federal Compliance with Pollution Control Standards (October 13, 1978). Requires agencies to ensure that facilities comply with applicable pollution control standards; ensure that sufficient funds for environmental compliance are requested in their budgets; and include pollution control projects in an annual pollution abatement budget plan.

Executive Order 13717, Establishing a Federal Earthquake Risk Management Standard (February 2016). Updates performance goals to strengthen the security and resilience of the Nation against earthquakes, to promote public safety, economic strength, and national security. New Implementation Guidelines (January 2017) provide Federal agencies with clarifying guidance for implementing Executive Order 13717.

Executive Order 13834, Efficient Federal Operations (May 17, 2018). Directs Federal agencies to manage their buildings, vehicles, and overall operations to meet statutory requirements related to energy and environmental performance. Agencies shall meet such statutory requirements in a manner that increases efficiency, optimizes performance, eliminates unnecessary use of resources, and protects the environment. In implementing this policy, each agency shall prioritize actions that reduce waste, cut costs, enhance the resilience of Federal infrastructure and operations, and enable more effective accomplishment of its mission.

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Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days This column reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.	+14	+15
Pay Raise The 2020 request reflects a pay freeze for civilian employees.	+19	+0
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.	+0	+8

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		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Nationwide Engineering Services	($000)	5,475	5,475	+23	0	-130	5,368	-107
	FTE	*41*	*41*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*41*	*0*
Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	($000)	1,972	1,972	0	0	-740	1,232	-740
Line-Item Construction Projects	($000)	59,093	59,093	0	0	-50,000	9,093	-50,000
Total, Construction	**($000)**	**66,540**	**66,540**	**+23**	**0**	**-50,870**	**15,693**	**-50,847**
	FTE	***41***	***41***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***41***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Engineering Services	-130	0
• Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	-740	0
• Line-Item Construction Projects	-50,000	0
Program Changes	**-50,870**	**0**

Mission

The Service's infrastructure projects help millions of visitors experience our national treasures, provide water to the West, and support American jobs. The Construction program delivers exceptional engineering design and construction, facility maintenance, and regulatory compliance to provide these benefits and deliver the Service mission to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The program performs this wide range of functions for the Service's entire inventory of assets, including 567 National Wildlife Refuges, 70 National Fish Hatcheries and one historic fish hatchery, and 51 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices. The program accomplishes its mission in accordance with more than 19 applicable laws, statutes, and executive orders, in addition to Departmental and Service priorities.

Activities

Three activities comprise the Construction appropriation:

- Nationwide Engineering Services (NES) – This activity manages the numerous construction and maintenance projects undertaken each year; protects employees, visitors, and volunteers by ensuring operations comply with safety and environmental laws and regulations; supports access to Service lands; guides energy conservation; and maintains Service facilities that are structurally and environmentally safe, require minimal resources to operate, and maximize resources efficiency.
- Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety – This activity supports the safety and security of the Service's dams, bridges, and buildings. This primarily is accomplished for the most critical structures through inspections, assessments, and monitoring. Many of the functions carried out in this activity are prescribed by law. Rehabilitation, repair, and mitigation to help assure public safety, contribute to recreational and other public access, are accomplished through Line-Item construction.
- Line-Item Construction – This activity contains the specific construction projects requesting funding in a given year. These projects reconstruct, repair, rehabilitate, and replace existing buildings or other structures/facilities, including dams and bridges. New buildings and structures/facilities also may be included. Funding may be used for project-specific planning, design, and construction management; construction, demolition, site work, and land acquisition; and the purchase of associated furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Completed individual projects from Line-Item Construction with authority remaining may transfer unspent balances of less than $1,000,000 for unforeseen reconstruction,

replacement, or repair of facilities or equipment damaged or destroyed by storms, floods, fires, and similar unanticipated events.

Appropriation: Construction
Activity: Nationwide Engineering Services

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Engineering Services	($000)	5,475	5,475	+23	0	-130	5,368	-107
	FTE	*41*	*41*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*41*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Engineering Services	-130	0
Program Changes	**-130**	**0**

Program Overview

The Nationwide Engineering Services activity supports implementation of safe construction and maintenance projects, regardless of funding source, and provides guidance to comply with environmental and energy laws. The three program elements that comprise this activity are discussed below.

Core Engineering Services – Funding in this program element provides technical oversight for construction and maintenance projects throughout the Service, regardless of funding source. Engineers provide technical expertise and assistance to the field for the entire construction life cycle for Line-Item projects, Deferred Maintenance, and Federal Highways projects. Accomplishing these varied projects requires Headquarters policy development, budget formulation and execution, coordination for efficiency, and national technical consistency, as well as day-to-day supervision and technical guidance from regional managers.

Environmental Compliance – This program supports resource stewardship and protects the health and safety of employees, visitors, and volunteers. On-site environmental compliance audits help ensure safe drinking water, acceptable wastewater discharge to rivers and streams and proper management of hazardous waste and hazardous materials. The program provides oversight, technical assistance, and training for more than 700 field stations to help field staff comply with complex environmental laws and regulations at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal levels. The program also provides project oversight and technical assistance for the clean-up of large-scale environmental contamination of air, water and soil pollution that may adversely affect human health and the environment. Recently completed clean-ups demonstrate the positive impact on wildlife and benefit to the local community associated with beneficial reuse of formerly contaminated areas. For example, at a refuge in Illinois, hundreds of acres of land contaminated by previous industrial use have been cleaned up, with the restored land supporting an active agricultural program that includes haying, row crop production, and cattle grazing. These historical agricultural lands are still farmed through cooperative agreements with the Refuge.

Waste Prevention, Recycling and Environmental Management Systems –This program element supports implementation of Service-wide sustainable practices to help facilities minimize energy and water use, improve efficiencies in program areas such as fleet management and pollution prevention, and adopt work practices that advance sustainable acquisition of goods and services.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Engineering Services activity is $5,368,000 and 41 FTE.

Engineering Services (-$130,000/+0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, engineers will provide technical expertise and assistance for construction and maintenance projects throughout the Service, regardless of funding source for Line-Item projects, Deferred Maintenance, and Federal Highways projects.

Appropriation: Construction
Activity: Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Dam Safety and Security	($000)	1,113	1,113	0	0	-418	695	-418
Bridge Safety	($000)	739	739	0	0	-277	462	-277
Seismic Safety	($000)	120	120	0	0	-45	75	-45
Total, Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	**($000)**	**1,972**	**1,972**	**0**	**0**	**-740**	**1,232**	**-740**
	FTE	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	-740	0
Program Changes	**-740**	**0**

Program Overview

The Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety activity provides the information needed for engineers to assess the safety and security of the Service's dams, bridges, and buildings. The three program elements that comprise this activity are discussed below.

Dam Safety and Security – This program element supports the safety and security of 18 high hazard dams of the Service's 300 inventory dams. Located on refuges and hatcheries for the purpose of resource or facility management, these dams provide vital benefits such as recreation, habitat, flood risk reduction, irrigation, wetland creation, water supply for hatcheries, nesting habitat for waterfowl, and fishing. Funding supports the most critical activities to ensure existing dams are maintained, identified for rehabilitation, and properly operated to protect human life, property, and the valuable natural resources on Service lands.

The Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) provide site-specific guidance for on-site detection and mitigation of conditions that may cause dam failures; communication protocols for notifying and evacuating downstream populations also are provided in the EAPs. Periodic Safety Evaluation of Existing Dams (SEED) inspections identify dam deficiencies at the earliest stages and, when addressed, may stave off more serious repairs, consequences, or interventions, and avoid increasing the maintenance backlog.

SEED inspections include performing and reassessing hazard classifications— which are based upon estimates of loss of life and property damage should a dam fail. This program element also funds engineering analyses of the response and safety impacts of a dam as a result of increased magnitude of flood and earthquake predictions. The Service uses the hazard classification, a risk assessment, and the overall condition of the dam to identify and prioritize dam repair and rehabilitation projects.

The Service requests funding to complete needed dam safety repair projects separately in its Line-Item Construction activity. Management of major rehabilitation or construction work is accomplished under the supervision of the Service's Dam Safety Officer. Consistent with practice from past years, unobligated funds from dam safety projects may be used to address ongoing Dam Safety and Security needs (e.g., additional SEED inspections, minor dam safety repairs, low hazard dam inspections) or used for emergency construction projects. The inspection of low hazard dams are the lowest priority, tthough conducting these inspections would help ensure compliance with State dam safety programs.

Bridge Safety – This funding supports work towards the safety and integrity of the Service's approximately 700 bridges through the application of technically current design guidelines and a comprehensive inspection, appraisal, and inventory program. Bridge inspections are conducted at time intervals required by statute. During bridge inspections, Service staff determine and verify safe load-carrying capacity; identify and recommend mitigation of unsafe conditions; and identify maintenance, rehabilitation, or reconstruction needs. Similar to dam safety projects, funding for bridge safety projects is requested as part of the Line-Item Construction activity.

During FY 2020, the Bridge Safety Program will pursue completion of bridge inspections required by law. The inspections will prioritize in the following order: public use bridges in less than satisfactory condition; non-public use bridges in less than satisfactory condition; public use bridges in satisfactory condition or better; and non-public use bridges in satisfactory condition or better. Consideration also will be given, on a case-by-case basis, to approximately 30 bridges recommended for scour inspection, as a result of a 2015 Program Review recommendation.

By prioritizing inspections as described, the Service will maximize staff and public safety and access. Safety remains the top priority for the Service; if safe conditions cannot be verified, the Service will remove a bridge from service to preserve safety.

Seismic Safety – This program element funds planning and analysis of the seismic safety of the Service's approximately 6,500 buildings. The work fulfills the requirements of Executive Order 13717 (Establishing a Federal Earthquake Risk Management Standard, February 2016) and allows the Service to identify buildings that present a substantial risk to the safety of Service personnel, volunteers, and visitors in the event of a significant earthquake. Program staff screens Service-owned buildings to identify those that are *exceptionally high risk* (EHR). Any building found to meet EHR criteria undergoes a rigorous engineering analysis, which includes development of a cost estimate to mitigate seismic deficiencies. Engineering analysis has identified 73 seismically deficient Service-owned buildings that would sustain life-threatening damage in a seismic event. Preliminary screening has identified an additional 125 EHR buildings that pose a similar life-safety risk. Engineering analysis and mitigation projects are funded via the Line-Item Construction activity.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety activity is $1,232,000 and 0 FTE.

Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety (-$740,000/ 0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, the Dam Safety and Security Program will prioritize the inspection of high hazard dams according to risk-based criteria and develop Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) for dams that threaten downstream populations. The Bridge Safety Program will pursue completion of bridge inspections required by law. Seismic Safety staff screen Service-owned buildings to identify risk level and recommend exceptionally high risk buildings for engineering analysis, which includes development of a cost estimate to mitigate seismic deficiencies.

Appropriation: Construction
Activity: Line-Item Construction

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Line-Item Construction	($000)	59,093	59,093	0	0	-50,000	9,093	-50,000
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Line-Item Construction Projects	-50,000	0
Program Changes	**-50,000**	**0**

Program Overview

A list of the proposed Line-Item projects for FY 2020 is provided below. A Project Data Sheet (PDS) for each project is provided that includes key information about the purpose, justification, cost, and schedule. Additionally, after the individual PDSs, a Summary PDS for FYs 2020-2024 presents the Service's five-year construction plan and reflects funding directed to the most critical needs (i.e., health, safety, natural resources, and access). The Service selects and ranks projects in accordance with Department of Interior and Service guidance and priorities.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Line-Item Construction activity is $9,093,000 and 0 FTE.

Line-Item Construction (-$50,000,000/0 FTE)

At the requested funding level, the Service will fund the eight projects shown in the project list below.

2020 Construction Project Listing by Program					
DOI Rank Score	**Unified Region**	**Station**	**State**	**Project Title/Description**	**Request ($000)**
National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS)					
90	Lower Colorado	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge	CA	Flood Protection Levee Rehabilitation Phase II	5,875
Subtotal, NWRS					**5,875**
National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS)					
70	Great Lakes	Jordan River National Fish Hatchery	MI	Rehabilitate Raceways 57-58	500
70	Appalachia	Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery	VA	Construct Mussel Rearing Building	558
60	South Atlantic - Gulf	Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery	GA	Repair Main Water Supply Line for Raceways	816
55	Upper Colorado	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery [ic]	WY	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities	644
Subtotal, NFHS					**2,518**
Other					
70	Headquarters	Branch of Dam Safety	N/A	Dam Safety – Evaluation of Newly Acquired Dams Phase IV of V	250
70	Headquarters	Branch of Dam Safety	N/A	Nationwide Seismic Investigations and Mitigations Phase I of V	200
70	Headquarters	Information Resources & Technology Management	N/A	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase II of V	250
Subtotal, Other					**700**
TOTAL, CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS					**9,093**

Notes: p = planning, d = design, ic = initiate construction, cc = complete construction

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	90
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Flood Protection Levee Rehabilitation Phase II				
Project Number	2017291191	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge		
Unified Region:	Lower Colorado	**Congressional District:**	15	**State:**	CA

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40162300	10068160	100	0.07	0.00

Project Description (PD):
Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge serves one of the largest urban communities in the United States and offers year round fishing and hunting for Canada geese. The Refuge welcomes more than 750,000 people each year and offers a range of wildlife recreation that serves families with young children as well as first-time recreationists, veterans, people with disabilities, and the full array of citizens in this bustling community. Equally important, the Refuge's Mountain View and Aviso Ponds provide critical flood protection for Silicon Valley businesses and the 4.6 million people across the South Bay who call this community home. These funds will be leveraged by partnering with the other Federal agencies, local communities, businesses, and non-profit organizations to address the full $55,000,000 in Deferred Maintenance needed for levees and water control structures across the Refuge. Phase III will address interior restoration, at $7,125,000.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project supports the South San Francisco Bay Ecosystem and Tidal Marsh Ecosystem Recovery Plan and will help ensure the safety of the local communities, as well as supporting the success of the local businesses, industries and economy.

Investment Strategy (IS):
The project has $2 million in non-Federal matching funds and is expected to enable our partners to continue to expand these public-private partnerships.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
Failure to act would result in further deterioration of the levee system, which could lead to levee breaches and flooding of adjacent infrastructure and communities. The levees provide a level of flood protection for vulnerable communities including many tech industry businesses adjacent to the Refuge. Failure of the levee system would also reduce or close waterfowl hunting and other recreational opportunities currently offered due to unsafe conditions.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.07	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning		Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	Y	**Total Project Score**	90
VE Study:	D	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)		

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 5,875,000	100
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0
Total:	$ 5,875,000	100

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ 6,400,000
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 5,875,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ 7,125,000
Total:		$ 19,400,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	B
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22

Project Data Sheet	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Prepared/Last Update	08/18	Yes

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	418	Projected	0	Net Change	-418

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Rehabilitate Raceways 57-58				
Project Number	2017284631	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Jordan River National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	Great Lakes	**Congressional District:**	01	**State:**	MI

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40500400	10050268	100	0.80	0.00

Project Description (PD):
Jordan River National Fish Hatchery produces native lake trout for the Great Lakes. Production Raceways 57-58 consist of eight reinforced concrete raceways inside a building. Constructed in 1963, the raceways are beginning to show their age as documented in the Comprehensive Condition Assessment from 2016. Cracks and joints are beginning to open up causing water loss, and the once smooth surface is rough which negatively impacts fish health and ability to effectively clean. This project will clean and seal all cracks and joints, then apply a polymer treatment to the entire surface to prolong the raceway life by 20-30 years.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project supports the Fish and Wildlife Service meeting the obligations in the multi-jurisdictional fishery management plans and the "United States vs. Michigan 2000 Consent Decree."

Investment Strategy (IS):
By completing this project, annual operating costs will be reduced by an estimated 30%. Less time will be required for staff to clean the tanks as a result of the smoother surface. Fish health will improve since the culture tanks will be cleaner and smoother.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
These tanks are a critical part of the early rearing phase of the native species reared at the facility. Without the tanks, the early rearing phase of the fish reared at the facility will be compromised.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.80	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 500,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 500,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ -
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 500,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ -
Total:		$ 500,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22

Project Data Sheet	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Prepared/Last Update	07/18	Yes

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	1522	Projected	1100	Net Change	-422

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Construct Mussel Rearing Building				
Project Number	2017291779	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	Appalachia	**Congressional District:**	03	**State:**	VA

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	51210	100	0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
Construction of a 1,500 square foot, pre-engineered mussel rearing building with trench drains, including connection to existing water delivery, drains, and electrical, is required to meet the mission of the Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery. The station's cooperative, interagency freshwater mussel program is of regional importance in addressing culture needs for imperiled mussels endemic to Atlantic Slope rivers, including Federally threatened endangered species. The station will receive long-term funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (2017-2020) and Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (2018-2028) to continue technology development work for large-scale production and release of tagged sub-adult mussels for recovery and restoration actions. Without the construction of the requested culture building, the station lacks the space, specialized propagation infrastructure, and the rearing systems needed to achieve the stocking targets for upcoming interagency conservation actions.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
Completion of the project allows for stocking a wide array of imperiled mussels endemic to Atlantic Slope rivers, including Federally endangered species (James spiny mussel, dwarf wedge mussel), those expected to be Federally-listed soon (Atlantic pigtoe, green floater, brook floater, yellow lance), and others that are declining and of concern to State partners (notched rainbow, triangle floater, creeper, yellow lampmussel, alewife floater, northern lance, eastern elliptio). This stocking is vital to ongoing restoration and recovery efforts.

Investment Strategy (IS):
The project will not increase the annual operations and maintenance costs as those costs are being covered by matching partner funding averaging $260,000 per annum under the long-term cooperative agreement. Service dollars are not used for Operations and Maintenance.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
Failure to complete the project will result in insufficient climate-controlled rearing space, and the agency's failure to complete the large-scale production and release of tagged sub-adult mussels for recovery and restoration.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning		Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score**	70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)		

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ -	0%	Appropriated to Date	$ -
Capital Improvement Work:	$ 558,000	100%	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 558,000
Total:	$ 558,000	100%	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ -
			Total:	$ 558,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	07/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Dam Safety Program - Evaluations of Newly Acquired Dams - Phase IV of V				
Project Number	2017293676	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Branch of Dam Safety		
Unified Region:	*	**Congressional District:**	*	**State:**	*

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	98510	100	0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
The Service Dam Inventory is growing as more dams are identified through field investigations at Service facilities and cross checks with the real property inventory. Many of these dams have not been evaluated for hazard classification potential, dam failure consequences, or compliance with Service dam safety standards.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project provides required evaluations and risk analyses of dams added to the inventory to identify any unsafe structures and to assess the hazard classification potential, structural deficiencies, and response to potential dam failure modes. This information will be used to categorize the new dam, prioritize remedial actions, prepare emergency action plans and standard operating procedures, and estimate future needs for operation and maintenance and inspections.

Investment Strategy (IS):
This project is a necessary investment that provides net savings when including the potential loss of valuable resources, costs of dam failures, and more expensive repairs if work is delayed.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
People in local communities are at risk when dams deteriorate and need repair. Significant benefits including habitat, recreation, fishing and downstream flood reduction may be impacted.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 250,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 250,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ 750,000
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 250,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ 250,000
Total:		$ 1,250,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	08/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase I of V				
Project Number	2017297501	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Branch of Dam Safety		
Unified Region:	*	**Congressional District:**	*	**State:**	*

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	98510	100	0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
This project supports ongoing efforts to analyze Service buildings at risk of collapse due to an earthquake, by providing retrofit options and preliminary cost estimates to mitigate identified seismic deficiencies, and beginning to retrofit seismically deficient buildings. Previous preliminary screening level assessments have identified more than 100 Service buildings that have a significant risk of collapse in the event of an earthquake. More detailed engineering analysis of these buildings is required to identify retrofit options, develop preliminary cost estimates and subsequently implement economically feasible mitigation strategies to reduce the risk of bodily harm in the event of an earthquake.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
The project supports Department Mission Area #6 – Modernizing Our Organization and Infrastructure for the Next 100 Years; Goal #3 – Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs and reduce deferred maintenance backlog; Strategy #1 –Maintain critical DOI infrastructure and facilities to ensure effective operations and service delivery.

Investment Strategy (IS):
This project will evaluate risk from earthquakes and implement retrofit strategies that will result in earthquake-resistant buildings.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
This project will help to ensure maximum safety of visitors and employees in the event of seismic activity, by evaluating risk and recommending mitigation strategies.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study: N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)	

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 200,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 200,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ -
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 200,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ 800,000
Total:		$ 1,000,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	YY

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet** (mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update 06/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22		

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase III of V				
Project Number	2016278916	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Information Resources and Technology Management		
Unified Region:	*	**Congressional District:**	*	**State:**	*

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	90200		0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
These funds will be used to perform required radio tower evaluations of Service buildings per DOI policy. Preliminary screening has identified more than 150 Service-owned and leased radio systems lacking sufficient initial safety and structural inspection. Detailed investigations are necessary, and engineering evaluations are the next required analysis to confirm the systems are safe for operational use, develop a comprehensive maintenance and repair plan, and expand options for shared use of Service, other Federal agency, or bureau tower sites. The engineering evaluations will provide technical evidence to determine risk, determine where mitigation efforts are required and provide locations where towers should be removed from operations and demolished. The project supports Department Mission Area #6 – Modernizing Our Organization and Infrastructure for the Next 100 Years; Goal #3 – Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs and reduce deferred maintenance backlog; Strategy #1 –Maintain critical DOI infrastructure and facilities to ensure effective operations and service delivery

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project supports necessary efforts to identify radio facilities conditions and risks, identify mitigation options, and develop preliminary cost estimates to reduce the risk or remove the systems from operations.

Investment Strategy (IS):
The project will evaluate risk and identify retrofit strategies that will result in expanded opportunities to share radio related facilities. It will not change annual operations and maintenance costs or leverage non-DOI resources.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
The Service has not yet evaluated radio facilities as required by DOI policy, leaving unknown levels of risk associated with current operations. Failure to fulfill these responsibilities could endanger the life and health of USFWS employees and visitors.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)		Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)				Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)				Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning		Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score**	70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)		

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 250,000	100%	Appropriated to Date	$ 500,000
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 250,000
Total:	$ 250,000	100%	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ 500,000
			Total:	$ 1,250,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	07/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

US Fish and Wildlife Service
PROJECT DATA SHEET

Total Project Score/Ranking:	60
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Repair Main Water Supply Line for Raceways				
Project Number	2017297511	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	South Atlantic-Gulf	**Congressional District:**	09	**State:**	GA

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40710400	10014111	100	0.65	0.00

Project Description (PD):
The current main water distribution line constructed in 1965 is exhibiting signs of deterioration and substantial water escapement. The 800-foot long asbestos concrete and steel pipe provides nearly all the rearing water to the raceways. In 2017, efforts were initiated to pinpoint the leak through video examination and determine the extent of any voids that may have been developing. Multiple cracks were observed but excavation is needed to determine severity. The current pipeline will be repaired or replaced as needed, any voids or sinkholes will be repaired, and pavement and landscape returned to current condition. The asbestos concrete pipe will be demolished and handled according to applicable code and disposed of responsibly. The repaired water line will ensure adequate water is delivered to raceways that support Federal water development mitigation activities in the Southeast.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project ensures an adequate water supply to rearing units used in mitigating reimbursed Federal water development projects by repairing the only incoming water line.

Investment Strategy (IS):
There are no matching contributions for this project. Operating costs are not expected to change with project.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
Failure to address this project could lead to sudden failure and catastrophic loss of fish produced to mitigate Federal water development projects having a negative effect on the production of recreational fish in the Southeast.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.65	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 60
VE Study: N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)	

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 816,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 816,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ -
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 816,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ -
Total:		$ 816,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet** (mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update 07/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22		

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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PROJECT DATA SHEET

Total Project Score/Ranking:	55
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities [ic]				
Project Number	2011182226	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	Upper Colorado	**Congressional District:**	AL	**State:**	WY

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40710300	10024803	100	0.32	0.00

Project Description (PD):

Rehabilitate the water treatment system that was constructed in 1995, by replacing old drum filters, ultra violet system, water pumps, piping, packed columns, and associated items. Most of the equipment was manufactured in another country and replacement parts are expensive and difficult to obtain. The UV system is worn out and routinely needs new parts. The hatchery is in the process of filing water rights on a new spring. The added water from this spring cannot be used because the current drum filter and UV system is undersized for this additional water. The water treatment system is needed to provide water free of disease to the trout being reared at the hatchery. The hatchery supplies 2 million lake trout eggs for restoration in the Great Lakes region and 2-3 million brown trout eggs to Federally mandated waters for mitigation. This project supports fish restoration goals.

Scope of Benefits (SB):

Maintenance of a lake trout broodstock meets the strategic goals of the Service for restoration of imperiled species.

Investment Strategy (IS):

Fully utilizing new water rights for the production of fish and utilizing up to date water reuse equipment should reduce maintenance costs but will increase operations costs for utilities.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):

Protection and utilization of water rights is essential for current lake trout egg production and any other aquatic species production in the future. Without

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	100	)=	40
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.21	Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	-25	)=	-5
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 55
VE Study: N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)	

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 644,000	100	Appropriated to Date	$ -
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 644,000
Total:	$ 644,000	100	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ 458,000
			Total:	$1,102,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	19	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	02/19	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/21			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	301	Projected	10,000	Net Change	9,699

*This project was updated from the project description included in the Department of the Interior Budget in Brief, Fiscal Year 2020.
The revised estimate now includes $458,000 proposed as a separate phase of the project in 2021 of the FWS five-year construction plan.

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Plan Fund FY	Priority	Facility or Unit Name	Project Title	State	Cong. District	DOI Score	Project Cost Information ($000)					Remaining to be Funded ($000)	Future Years of Funding for Other Phases
							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2020	1	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Flood Protection Levee Rehabilitation Phase II	CA	15	90	**$19,400**	$6,400	$5,875	$0	**$5,875**	$7,125	outside scope of plan
2020	2	Jordan River National Fish Hatchery	Rehabilitate Raceways 57-58	MI	01	70	**$500**	$0	$500	$0	**$500**	$0	
2020	3	Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery	Construct Mussel Rearing Building	VA	03	70	**$558**	$0	$0	$558	**$558**	$0	
2020	4	Branch of Dam Safety	Dam Safety Program - Evaluations of Newly Acquired Dams Phase IV of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$750	$250	$0	**$250**	$250	2021
2020	5	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase I of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$0	$200	$0	**$200**	$800	2021-2024
2020	6	Information Resources & Technology Management	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase III of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$500	$250	$0	**$250**	$500	2021-2022
2020	7	Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery	Replace Main Drain Line for Raceways	GA	09	60	**$816**	$0	$816	$0	**$816**	$0	
2020	8	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities [ic]	WY	AL	55	**$1,102**	$0	$644	$0	**$644**	$458	2021
			Total for Fiscal Year 2020								**$9,093**		

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									DM	CI	Total		
2021	9	Bears Bluff National Fish Hatchery	Replace and Relocate Laboratory [p/d/ic]	SC	06	90	**$1,464**	$0	$800	$200	**$1,000**	$464	2023
2021	10	Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Repair Umbarger Dam	TX	19	90	**$2,100**	$300	$1,800	$0	**$1,800**	$0	
2021	11	Makah NFH	Replace Diversion Dam and Fish Barrier Phase II of IV	WA	06	80	**$5,208**	$1,687	$1,000	$0	**$1,000**	$2,521	2022, outside scope of plan
2021	12	Branch of Dam Safety	Dam Safety Program - Evaluations of Newly Acquired Dams Phase V of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$1,000	$250	$0	**$250**	$0	
2021	13	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase II of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$200	$200	$0	**$200**	$600	2022-2024
2021	14	Information Resources & Technology Management	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase IV of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$750	$250	$0	**$250**	$250	2022
2021	15	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities [cc]	WY	AL	55	**$1,102**	$644	$458	$0	**$458**	$0	
2021	16	Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge	Construct Multi-purpose Building and Public Recreational Facilities [p/d]	WA	03	50	**$6,625**	$0	$0	$400	**$400**	$6,225	2024
2021	17	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	Remediate and Demolish Bureau of Indian Affairs Infrastructure	AK	AL	40	**$13,925**	$1,200	$3,675	$0	**$3,675**	$9,050	2022-2023
2021	18	Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery	Demolish Residence 6	AZ	01	36	**$60**	$0	$60	$0	**$60**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2021								**$9,093**		

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							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2022	19	Neosho National Fish Hatchery	Replace Feed Storage and Vehicle Storage Building	MO	07	90	**$500**	$0	$500	$0	**$500**	$0	
2022	20	Makah National Fish Hatchery	Replace Diversion Dam and Fish Barrier Phase III of IV	WA	06	80	**$5,208**	$2,687	$2,063	$0	**$2,063**	$458	outside scope of plan
2022	21	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase III of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$400	$200	$0	**$200**	$400	2023-2024
2022	22	Information Resources & Technology Management	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase V of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$1,000	$250	$0	**$250**	$0	
2022	23	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	Remediate and Demolish Bureau of Indian Affairs Infrastructure	AK	AL	40	**$13,925**	$4,875	$6,050	$0	**$6,050**	$3,000	2023
2022	24	Iron River National Fish Hatchery	Demolish Dilapidated Milking Barn	WI	07	40	**$30**	$0	$30	$0	**$30**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2022								**$9,093**		

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							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2023	25	Bears Bluff National Fish Hatchery	Replace and Relocate Laboratory [cc]	SC	06	90	**$1,464**	$1,000	$464	$0	**$464**	$0	
2023	26	Genoa National Fish Hatchery	Construct Aeration Tower and Head Box	WI	03	80	**$1,000**	$0	$0	$1,000	**$1,000**	$0	
2023	27	Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery	Update Waste Water Treatment Plant For NPDES Compliance	ME	02	80	**$442**	$0	$442	$0	**$442**	$0	
2023	28	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase IV of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$600	$200	$0	**$200**	$200	2024
2023	29	Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge	Remove Debris and Hazardous Waste	MQ	*	70	**$8,019**	$0	$3,225	$0	**$3,225**	$4,794	outside scope of plan
2023	30	Alchesay National Fish Hatchery	Effluent Treatment System [ic]	AZ	01	65	**$912**	$150	$0	$762	**$762**	$0	
2023	31	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	Remediate and Demolish Bureau of Indian Affairs Infrastructure	AK	AL	40	**$13,925**	$10,925	$3,000	$0	**$3,000**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2023								**$9,093**		

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							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2024	32	Creston National Fish Hatchery	Replace Raceways 12-29	MT	AL	80	**$1,400**	$0	$1,400	$0	**$1,400**	$0	
2024	33	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase V of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$800	$200	$0	**$200**	$0	
2024	34	D D Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery	Construct Wildlife Water Production System - Treatment Building	VT	AL	70	**$850**	$0	$15	$835	**$850**	$0	
2024	45	Ennis National Fish Hatchery	Construct Water Intake By-Pass	MT	AL	60	**$418**	$0	$0	$418	**$418**	$0	
2024	36	Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge	Construct Multi-purpose Building and Public Recreational Facilities [cc]	WA	03	50	**$6,625**	$400	$0	$6,225	**$6,225**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2024								**$9,093**		

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Land Acquisition

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out chapter 2003 of title 54, United States Code, including administrative expenses, and for acquisition of land or waters, or interest therein, in accordance with statutory authority applicable to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, $9,864,000, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and to remain available until expended: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated for specific land acquisition projects may be used to pay for any administrative overhead, planning or other management costs: Provided further, that of the unobligated balances available under this heading, $5,324,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: Provided further, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

The Fish and Wildlife Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j). Authorizes acquisition of additions to the National Wildlife Refuge System for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources by purchase or exchange of land and water or interests therein.

Refuge Recreation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460-460k-4). Authorizes acquisition of areas that are adjacent to or within existing fish and wildlife Conservation Areas administered by the Department of the Interior, and suitable for (1) incidental fish and wildlife-oriented recreation development, (2) the protection of natural resources, (3) the conservation of listed, threatened, or endangered species, or (4) carrying out two or more of the above.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460l-4608). Authorizes appropriations to the Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire land for National Wildlife Refuges as otherwise authorized by law. Authorization of Appropriations:

National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee). Establishes overall policy guidance, places restrictions on the transfer, exchange, or other disposal of refuge lands, and authorizes the Secretary to accept donations of land.

Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1534-1544). Authorizes the acquisition of land, waters, or interests therein for the conservation of fish, wildlife, and plants, including those that are listed as endangered or threatened species, with Land and Water Conservation Fund Act appropriations.

Emergency Wetlands Resources Act (P.L 99-645; 100 Stat. 3582). Authorizes the purchase of wetlands, or interests in wetlands, consistent with the wetlands priority conservation plan established under the Act.

Highlands Conservation Act (P.L. 108-421). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to work in partnership with the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial assistance to the Highlands States to preserve and protect high priority conservation land in the Highland region.

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Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days This column reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.	+26	+25
Pay Raise The 2020 request reflects a pay freeze for civilian employees.	+34	+0
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.	+0	+14
Departmental Working Capital Fund The change reflects expected changes in the charges for centrally billed Department services and other services through the Working Capital Fund. These charges are detailed in the Budget Justification for Department Management.	+0	+0
Worker's Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of compensating injured employees and dependents of employees who suffer accidental deaths while on duty. Costs for the BY will reimburse the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Fund, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8147(b) as amended by Public Law 94-273.	+0	+0
Unemployment Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of unemployment compensation claims to be paid to the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Account, in the Unemployment Trust Fund, pursuant to Public Law 96-499.	+0	+0
Rental Payments The amounts reflect changes in the costs payable to General Services Administration (GSA) and others for office and non-office space as estimated by GSA, as well as the rental costs of other currently occupied space. These costs include building security; in the case of GSA space, these are paid to Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Costs of mandatory office relocations, i.e. relocations in cases where due to external events there is no alternative but to vacate the currently occupied space, are also included.	+0	+0
Baseline Adjustments for O&M Increases In accordance with space maximization efforts across the Federal Government, this adjustment captures the associated increase to baseline operations and maintenance requirements resulting from movement out of GSA or direct-leased (commercial) space and into Bureau-owned space. While the GSA portion of fixed costs will go down as a result of these moves, Bureaus often encounter an increase to baseline O&M costs not otherwise captured in fixed costs. This category of funding properly adjusts the baseline fixed cost amount to maintain steady-state funding for these requirements.	+0	+0

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Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days	+26	+25
This column reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.		
Pay Raise	+34	+0
There is no pay raise for 2019 or 2020 (0.0%).		
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System	+0	+14
The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.		

Appropriation: Land Acquisition

	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Request				Change from 2019 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Land Acquisition Management ($000)	12,773	12,773	+39	0	-3,286	9,526	-3,247
Land Protection Planning ($000)	465	465	0	0	-465	0	-465
Exchanges ($000)	1,500	1,500	0	0	-1,500	0	-1,500
Inholdings / Emergencies and Hardships ($000)	5,351	5,351	0	0	-5,013	338	-5,013
Highlands Conservation Act ($000)	10,000	10,000	0	0	-10,000	0	-10,000
Sportsmen and Recreational Access ($000)	2,500	2,500	0	0	-2,500	0	-2,500
Federal Refuges/Projects ($000)	31,250	31,250	0	0	-31,250	0	-31,250
Total, Land Acquisition ($000)	**63,839**	**63,839**	**+39**	**0**	**-54,014**	**9,864**	**-53,975**
FTE	***79***	***79***	***0***	***0***	***-35***	***44***	***-35***
Cancellation of Prior Year Balances *($000)*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*-5,324*	-5,324	-5,324
Total, Current and Prior Year ($000)	**63,839**	**63,839**	**+39**	**0**	**-54,014**	**4,540**	**-53,975**
FTE	***79***	***79***	***0***	***0***	***-35***	***44***	***-35***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Land Acquisition

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Land Protection Planning	-465	-3
• Exchanges	-1,500	-12
• Sportsmen and Recreational Access	-2,500	0
• Land Acquisition Management	-3,286	-19
• Inholdings/Emergencies and Hardships	-5,013	0
• Highlands Conservation Act	-10,000	-1
• Land Acquisition Projects	-31,250	0
Program Changes	**-54,014**	**-35**

Program Overview

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was established by Congress in 1964 to fulfill a bipartisan commitment to safeguard our natural areas, water resources, and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities to all Americans. The fund invests revenues from offshore oil and gas leasing to help strengthen communities, preserve our history, and protect important fish, wildlife, and plant habitats. Acquired lands and waters become part of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) or National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS). When acquired in fee title, these lands and waters provide the public opportunities to hunt, fish, observe and photograph wildlife, and enjoy environmental education and interpretation.

The Service purchases the minimum interest in land that is necessary to meet the Service's conservation mission. Therefore, if conservation easements will meet biological objectives, then typically the Service will pursue those rather than buying the land in fee.

Each new refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge System is strategically planned to give migrating birds safe havens on their journeys, provide fish with clean waters, and ensure that our children and grandchildren have wild places to explore. The Service's Strategic Growth Policy directs the Service to focus on acquiring lands and waters that support three conservation priorities: 1) Recovery of threatened and endangered species; 2) Implementing the North American Waterfowl Management Plan; and 3) Conserving migratory birds of conservation concern.

A landowner and FWS staff discuss the benefits of a conservation easement to the ranch and to the tallgrass prairie ecosystem. Grazing of domestic livestock mimics the effects of grazing historic bison herds. Credit: Emily Fischer, USFWS.

Using these three priorities, a Service interdisciplinary team developed the Targeted Resource Acquisition Comparison Tool (TRACT). The TRACT provides a biological, science-based, transparent process for evaluating proposed Refuge System land acquisitions based on each of these three conservation priorities. The TRACT does not assign weights to the three priorities and does not produce a single numerical ranking that combines all of the Service's priorities. The TRACT's rankings are instead intended to provide decision makers with an objective analysis that is grounded in the best available science; it is a decision support tool to inform the decision maker, but does not make the decision. Consideration is also given to how an acquisition supports DOI and Service goals to provide connectivity of wildlife corridors and to increase public recreational opportunities, especially near urban areas.

The Service acquires land and interests in land from willing sellers only. For every project for which the Service requests LWCF funding, the Service has an approved Land Protection Plan and has completed the required National Environmental Policy Act review process.

Land Acquisition Management

This activity supports efforts directly related to the acquisition of lands within approved acquisition boundaries of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The funding supports all costs for staff and the administration, implementation, coordination, and evaluation of the Service's Federal land acquisition program in our Headquarters, Regional, and field offices. The land acquisition staff maintains the maps and property records for Service-managed lands, and prepares right-of-way permits for oil, gas, and other pipelines, electrical transmission lines, and other infrastructure. This budget activity also includes approximately $2 million for the land acquisition program's share of Service-wide infrastructure needs and assessments, including leased space and information technology investments. Land acquisition management also funds contract boundary surveys, title work, and appraisals when the specific project appropriation is insufficient to fund these costs in addition to land costs.

Land acquisition staff provides specialized support for several realty-based functions, including:

- Working with willing sellers, from initial explanations of Federal acquisition options to the final acquisition, including processing and accepting donations;

- Preparing right-of-way permits for oil and gas and other pipelines, electrical transmission lines, telecommunications, and other infrastructure that crosses Service-managed lands;
- Developing and maintaining tools that inform the decision-making process;
- Working collaboratively with States, local governments, landowners, non-governmental organizations, and other land management agencies to acquire land for wildlife corridors and public recreation;
- Creating, maintaining, and updating geospatial data, and property records for Service-managed lands. This supports the Service's GIS/mapping capacity for land use and the Service's contributions to the Protected Areas Database of the United States (PAD-US), which is a single, continuously updated geospatial database/official national inventory of federal and state protected areas. PAD-US includes all conservation areas managed by Federal and State agencies; conservation areas owned by nonprofits; and private lands protected by conservation easements. PAD-US serves many users, and is developed through partnerships with States, Federal agencies, and non-profit organizations;
- Preparing responses to information requests from a variety of sources; and
- Providing land surveying services to resolve encroachment and other boundary issues.

The Service acquired through donation a public hiking trail easement over 0.7 acres for Ridgefield NWR. The easement connects to a popular hiking trail and provides an additional 0.17 miles of trail through wetlands and upland forests. Credit: Charlie Parrott, USFWS.

Inholdings / Emergencies and Hardships

The Service uses funding in this activity to expedite purchases of smaller tracts of land from willing sellers for three categories: inholdings, emergencies, and hardships. The Service defines any land within an approved acquisition boundary as an inholding. The Service frequently uses funding for inholdings to purchase lands that connect with private- or State-conserved lands, to create larger contiguous blocks of protected wildlife habitat and to expand public recreational opportunities. The Service also uses funding for inholdings to acquire small tracts of land when doing so will improve refuge management effectiveness or efficiency, eliminate a costly management problem, or provide or expand public access to existing refuge lands for hunting, fishing, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation. An emergency that may be best addressed with land acquisition from a willing seller could be a proposed development or a conversion to other uses that would result in the permanent loss of wildlife habitat. Funding is also used to purchase lands when the owner is experiencing financial

The Service acquired 581 acres for Mortenson Lake NWR, Wyoming, to help recovery of the Federally-listed endangered Wyoming Toad (Bufo Baxteri). The toad needs open areas along lakeshores, and the Service uses grazing to maintain these open areas. Credit: Sarah Armstrong, USFWS.

hardship and must quickly sell his or her land that is within an approved refuge acquisition boundary. This funding allows the Service to capitalize on emergent opportunities to conserve fish and wildlife habitat and to be a good neighbor to local landowners.

Use of Residual LWCF Funds
Federal land acquisition projects sometimes have small amounts of funds remaining after land has been acquired. These residual funds are insufficient to acquire additional land. The Service reallocates residual project funds of less than $50,000 to the Inholdings / Emergencies and Hardships line item to be used to protect other lands that do not have project funding. This shift enables the Service to acquire valuable wildlife habitat within approved refuge acquisition boundaries that becomes available for acquisition between appropriations cycles.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Land Acquisition is $9,864,000 and 44 FTE, a program change of -$54,014,000 and -35 FTE from the 2019 CR Baseline. The budget request proposes cancelling $5,324,000 of prior year Land Acquisition unobligated balances.

Land Protection Planning (-$465,000/-3 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Exchanges (-$1,500,000/-12 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Sportsmen and Recreational Access (-$2,500,000/+0 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Land Acquisition Management (-$3,286,000/-19 FTE)
The Service will continue to prioritize land acquisition activities such as acquiring inholdings that provide connectivity for public recreation and wildlife corridors and previously funded acquisitions; streamlining the process for obtaining right-of-way permits; updating maps and geospatial data; and resolving encroachment and other boundary issues.

Inholdings, Emergencies, and Hardships (-$5,013,000/+0 FTE)
The Service is requesting $338,000 for the inholdings, emergencies, and hardships program. The Service will use the requested funding to acquire tracts that provide connectivity for public access and for wildlife corridors.

Highlands Conservation Act (-$10,000,000/-1 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Land Acquisition Projects (-$31,250,000/+0 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

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National Wildlife Refuge Fund

Appropriations Language

The budget proposes to eliminate discretionary funding for this program. Therefore, appropriations language is not necessary.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (P.L. 116–5). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

Refuge Revenue Sharing Act (16 U.S.C. 715s). Authorizes payments to be made to offset tax losses to counties in which Service fee and withdrawn public domain lands are located.

Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Sections 1002 and 1008 (16 U.S.C. 3142 and 3148). These sections address the procedures for permitting oil and gas leases on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge coastal plain (Section 1002) and other non-North Slope Federal lands in Alaska (Section 1008).

Appropriation: National Wildlife Refuge Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Appropriations	($000)	13,228	13,228	0	0	-13,228	0	-13,228
Receipts*	($000)	9,415	8,132	0	0	+364	8,496	+364
Total, National Wildlife Refuge Fund	**($000)**	**22,643**	**21,360**	**0**	**0**	**-12,864**	**8,496**	**-12,864**
	FTE	***3***	***3***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***3***	***0***

*The amount presented in 2018 and 2019 includes the sequestration in accordance with Sec. 251(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, 2 U.S.C 901(a). In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Wildlife Refuge Fund

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Appropriations	-13,228	0
TOTAL Program Changes	**-13,228**	**0**

Program Overview

The purpose of the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act is to share revenues derived from refuge lands with counties and other units of local government to compensate for lost tax revenues from Federal land acquisitions. The Act authorizes revenues and direct appropriations to be deposited into a special fund, the National Wildlife Refuge Fund (NWRF), and used for payments to counties in which lands are acquired in fee (fee land) or reserved from the public domain (reserved land) and managed by the Service for fish and wildlife purposes, minus any associated costs. These revenues are typically between six and eight million dollars each year, and are derived from the sale or disposition of products (e.g., timber and gravel); other privileges (e.g., rights-of-way and grazing permits); and/or leases for public accommodations or facilities (e.g., oil and gas exploration and development) incidental to, and not in conflict with, refuge purposes.

The Act authorizes payments for Service-managed fee lands based on a formula that entitles counties to whichever is the highest of the following amounts: 1) 25 percent of the net receipts; 2) 3/4 of 1 percent of the fair market value of the land; or 3) 75 cents per acre.

The refuge revenue sharing payments made on lands reserved from the public domain and administered by the Service are always 25 percent of the net receipts collected from the reserved land in the county. If no receipts are collected, there is no revenue sharing payment. However, the Department of the Interior makes Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) (31 U.S.C. 6901-6907) on all public domain lands, including Service-reserved lands. The Service reports to the Department annually on all Service reserved land acres and the revenue sharing amounts already paid on those acres. The Department then calculates the PILT

Oil and gas revenues from reserved lands are deposited into the U.S. General Treasury. Oil and gas revenues from fee lands are deposited in the National Wildlife Refuge Fund to be shared with counties and other units of local government. Credit: Pedro Ramirez, Jr., USFWS.

amounts, subtracts the amounts the Service has already paid, and makes the PILT payments to the local governments.

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) addresses procedures for oil and gas leasing on non-North Slope Federal lands in Alaska and for transportation and utility systems in and across the Alaska conservation system units. Applicants pay the costs to process applications or administer permits relating to utility and transportation systems or seismic exploration. These payments directly reimburse the Service for its management costs.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Discretionary Appropriations (-$13,228,000/ +0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for the appropriated (discretionary) portion of the National Wildlife Refuge Fund in order to support higher priorities. This Fund was intended to compensate communities for lost tax revenue from Federal land acquisitions, but fails to take into account the economic benefits refuges provide to communities.

Mandatory Receipts: The 2020 estimate for National Wildlife Refuge Fund revenue is $8,496,000. The Refuge Revenue Sharing Act authorizes the Service to deduct certain expenses incurred in connection with revenue producing activities. The table below shows how the Service derives the funding amount available for payments to counties and other units of local government.

(Dollars in Thousands)

National Wildlife Refuge Fund	2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Estimate	Program Change (+/-)
Receipts / Expenses				
Receipts Collected	9,814	8,000	8,000	0
Sequestration*	-628	-496	0	+496
Recoveries	23	100	100	0
Expenses for Sales	-2,127	-2,514	-2,514	0
ANILCA Expenses	-10	-50	-50	0
Estimated User-Pay Cost Share	-58	-60	-60	0
Net Receipts				
Available during the following year	7,014	4,980	5,476	+496
Payments to Counties				
Receipts Available - collected previous year		7,014	4,980	-2,034
Sequestration Restored		628	496	-132
Appropriations		13,228	0	-13,228
Total Available for Payments to Counties		**20,870**	**5,476**	-15,394

*2020 amount assumes no sequestration.

Revenues from grazing permits, timber sales, and other activities are deposited in the National Wildlife Refuge Fund to be shared with counties and other units of local government.

Above: Thinning forests at Little Pend Oreille NWR, Washington.

Right: Cattle grazing at Red Rock Lakes NWR, Montana.

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

Appropriations Language

Of the unobligated balances available under this heading, $31,008,000 *are hereby permanently cancelled. Provided, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.*

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the Continuing Resolution.

Authorizing Statute

Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to and removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery; provides for interagency cooperation to avoid take of listed species and for issuing permits for otherwise prohibited activities; and implements the provisions of the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna* (CITES).

Appropriation: Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation Grants	($000)	12,508	12,508	0	0	-12,508	0	-12,508
Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants	($000)	7,485	7,485	0	0	-7,485	0	-7,485
Species Recovery Land Acquisition	($000)	11,162	11,162	0	0	-11,162	0	-11,162
HCP Land Acquisition Grants to States	($000)	19,638	19,638	0	0	-19,638	0	-19,638
Administration	($000)	2,702	2,702	0	0	-2,702	0	-2,702
Total Current Year Appropriated Funds	($000)	**53,495**	**53,495**			**-53,495**	**0**	**-53,495**
	FTE	***13***	***13***	***0***	***0***	***-13***	***0***	***-13***
Cancellation of Prior Year Balances							-31,008	
Total Current Year and Prior Year	**($000)**	**53,495**	**53,495**	**0**	**0**	**-53,495**	**-31,008**	**-84,503**
		13	**13**	**0**	**0**	**-13**	**0**	**-13**
Mandatory – Unavailable Receipts**	($000)	74,695	69,654			+1,896	71,550	+1,896

** Amounts shown reflect an annual deposit of an amount equal to 5 percent of total Federal Aid/Sport Fish and Lacey Act violation collections above $500,000 into this Special Fund. The Special Fund amounts are not available in the fiscal year in which they are collected, but are available for subsequent appropriation to the CESCF.

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Conservation Grants	-12,508	0
• HCP Planning Assistance Grants	-7,485	0
• Species Recovery Land Acquisition Grants	-11,162	0
• HCP Land Acquisition Grants	-19,638	0
• Administration	-2,702	-13
Program Changes	**-53,495**	**-13**

Program Overview

The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF; Section 6 of the ESA), administered by the Service's Ecological Services program, provides grant funding to States and Territories for species and habitat conservation actions on non-Federal lands, including habitat acquisition, conservation planning, habitat restoration, status surveys, captive propagation and reintroduction, research, and education.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (-$53,495,000/-13 FTE)

The Service is not requesting funding for these activities in order to support higher priorities. The budget request proposes cancelling $31,008,000 of prior year CESCF funding.

North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4401 et seq.), $40,000,000 to remain available until expended.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989, (16 U.S.C. 4401-4414). Section 4406 of the Act (NAWCA) authorizes fines, penalties, and forfeitures from violations of the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* to be made available for wetlands conservation projects. Section 4407 authorizes interest on excise taxes for hunting equipment deposited for wetlands conservation grants and costs for administering this grant program. Such amounts have been permanently appropriated as provided in Public Law 103-138. The Act authorizes appropriations to be used to encourage partnerships among public agencies and other interests to protect, enhance, restore, and manage wetland ecosystems and other habitats for migratory birds and other fish and wildlife; to maintain current or improved distributions of migratory bird populations; and to sustain an abundance of waterfowl and other migratory birds consistent with goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and international obligations with other countries.

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act, (16 U.S.C. 3951-3956). Establishes the National Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Program within the Sport Fish Restoration Account for projects authorized by NAWCA in coastal States.

Aquatic Resources Trust Fund, (26 U.S.C. 9504). Authorizes appropriations from the Sport Fish Restoration Account to carry out the *Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act*.

Appropriation: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund
Activity: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Appropriations: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	($000)	40,000	40,000	0	0	0	40,000	0
Receipts (Mandatory): Migratory Bird Treaty Act Fines	($000)	11,496	15,289	0	0	-14,589	700	-14,589
Total, North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	**($000)**	**51,496**	**55,289**	**0**	**0**	**-14,589**	**40,700**	**-14,589**
	FTE	***9***	***9***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***9***	***0***

* The amounts presented in 2018 and 2019 include the sequestration in accordance with Sec. 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

Since 1990, *the North American Wetlands Conservation Act* (NAWCA) has supported partnerships that protect, enhance, and restore habitat for wetland-dependent birds and other wildlife—from the boreal forest of Canada, to the Mississippi delta, to the mangroves of Mexico, and from coast to coast. Through NAWCA, Federal funds are typically leveraged at twice the legally required 1:1 non-Federal match-to-grant ratio supporting projects that not only provide significant conservation of North America's highly-valued waterfowl resource, but also:

- Sustain hunting and fishing by increasing both the quality and quantity of opportunities for outdoor recreation.
- Promote flood control, recharge groundwater stores, and improve water quality for local communities.
- Support the recovery of endangered and threatened species.
- Help implement the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and other national and international bird conservation plans.
- Achieve the Department's and Service's long-term goal of supporting healthy and sustainable migratory bird populations.

Partners in NAWCA projects include private landowners, States, local governments, conservation organizations, national and local sportsmen's groups, Tribes, trusts, and corporations.

Investments that Matter

NAWCA funds are invested in thousands of public-private partnerships that protect and improve the health and integrity of wetland-dominated landscapes across North America. These habitats are critically important for sustaining North American waterfowl populations and a diversity of native fish and wildlife species. NAWCA-funded projects also improve hydrologic functions in and around project areas, benefiting nearby human communities and industry.

Project proposals and grantees undergo a rigorous review process to ensure they comply with the purposes of the Act and financial assistance requirements. Once grant funding is awarded, the Service monitors projects to confirm that project objectives are met and to ensure regulatory compliance. This oversight promotes the successful implementation of strategic, long-term habitat conservation and ensures program accountability.

Through FY 2018, the NAWCA program supported over 2,800 projects in 50 U.S. States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, 13 Canadian provinces and territories, and 31 Mexican States. The Service has helped nearly 6,000 partners conserve 31.3 million acres.

NAWCA GRANT PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1991-2018

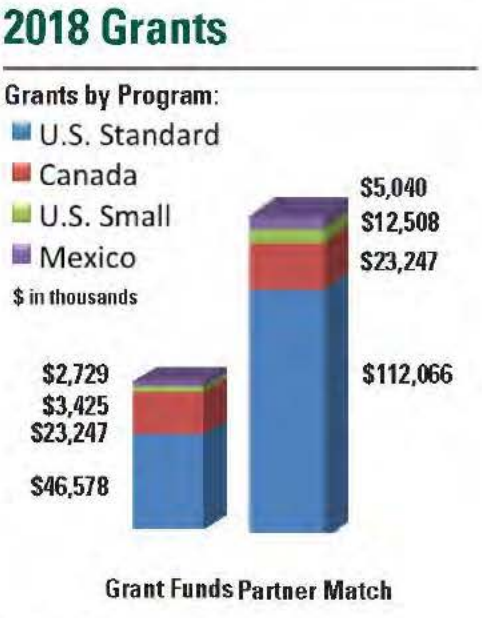
Country	Protected Acres	Enhanced, Restored, and Created Acres	Number of Projects
Canada	14,930,457	*3,355,344	562
Mexico	2,329,102	1,672,962	312
U.S.	4,785,748	4,266,501	1,949
All Countries	22,045,307	9,294,807	2,823

Acreages represent total proposed acres approved for funding in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico through FY 2018. Some acres are included in both "Protected" and "Enhanced, Restored, and Created" due to multiple activities occurring on the same properties. Additionally, some protection is not perpetual. Therefore, the two categories should not be added to demonstrate total acres affected over the life of the program.

* This figure includes 413,910 acres of moist soil management completed prior to 1998.

Supporting Service-Wide Priorities

- NAWCA is a critical funding source for migratory bird habitat conservation; additionally, these funds contribute to the conservation of other wetland-dependent species and support national and international conservation priorities. NAWCA-supported projects complement Service conservation efforts through the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Endangered Species Act, National Wildlife Refuge System, and other programs.
- NAWCA supports the Service's mission to ensure the conservation of wildlife for the benefit and enjoyment of all Americans, providing funding to projects that enrich and increase outdoor recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, and bird-watching.
- NAWCA depends on partnerships with public and private stakeholders to design and execute wetlands conservation projects.
- The NAWCA grant program also complements conservation actions of other Federal agencies, including the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Defense.



Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund is $40,000,000 and 9 FTE.

Mandatory Receipts – Receipts are derived from court-imposed fines for violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and vary greatly from year to year. The FY 2020 estimate is $700,000 for this account, which reflects a significant decrease from previous years because FY 2019 was the last year in which the Service received fine monies from the Deepwater Horizon settlement.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Process and issue NAWCA grants that support waterfowl and wetland habitat conservation.

NAWCA-funded enhancement at Rockefeller state refuge in Louisiana. Credit: John Hoffman, Ducks Unlimited

Multinational Species Conservation Fund

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the African Elephant Conservation Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 4201 et seq.), the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4261 et seq.), the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), and the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6601 et seq.), $6,000,000, to remain available until expended.

Note.— A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115–245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

African Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4201-4203, 4211-4214, 4221-4225, 4241-4246,1538). Authorizes funding for approved projects for research, conservation, management and protection of African elephants and their habitats, and combating ivory trafficking. The Act authorizes prohibitions against the sale, importation, and exportation of illegally obtained ivory derived from African elephants. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2012.

Asian Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4261-4266, 1538). Authorizes financial assistance for the conservation and protection of wild Asian elephants and their habitats. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2012.

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act, (16. U.S.C. 5301-5306, 1538). Authorizes funding to assist in the conservation of rhinoceroses and tigers in Asia and Africa, and combating trafficking of parts. Prohibits the sale, importation, and exportation of products derived from any species of rhinoceros or tiger. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2012.

Great Ape Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6301-6305, 1538). Authorizes financial assistance for the conservation of great apes within their ranges in Africa and Asia. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2010.

Marine Turtle Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6601-6607). Authorizes financial assistance for the conservation of marine turtles and their nesting habitats, and addresses other threats to marine turtles, such as stopping mortality due to bycatch. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2009.

Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act, (39 U.S.C. 416 note) as amended. Requires the United States Postal Service to issue and sell a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp. The stamp was to be made available to the public for at least six years, a period which has since expired. The proceeds from stamp sales are divided equally among the existing Multinational Species Conservation Funds and are used to help fund priority activities supported by those Funds. By law, the proceeds cannot affect or influence the disposition of discretionary appropriations.

Appropriation: Multinational Species Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Estimate	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
African Elephant Conservation Fund	($000)	2,582	2,582	0	0	-1,181	1,401	-1,181
Asian Elephant Conservation Fund	($000)	1,557	1,557	0	0	-712	845	-712
Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund	($000)	3,440	3,440	0	0	-1,575	1,865	-1,575
Great Ape Conservation Fund	($000)	1,975	1,975	0	0	-904	1,071	-904
Marine Turtle Conservation Fund	($000)	1,507	1,507	0	0	-689	818	-689
Total, Multinational Species Conservation Fund	**($000)**	**11,061**	**11,061**	**0**	**0**	**-5,061**	**6,000**	**-5,061**
	FTE	***3***	***3***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***3***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Multinational Species Conservation Fund

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Multinational Species Conservation Fund	-5,061	0
Program Changes	**-5,061**	**0**

Program Mission

To provide technical and financial assistance to local communities, wildlife authorities, and non-governmental organizations in developing countries for on-the-ground conservation work to protect elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, great apes, and marine turtles.

Program Overview

Elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, great apes, and marine turtles are among the world's most recognized and beloved animals. Yet, these iconic species face severe threats and some even teeter on the brink of extinction due to poaching, habitat loss, and wildlife trafficking. Key populations of these species are found in developing countries where these threats are compounded by political instability, expanding human populations, and a severe lack of funding and capacity for conservation.

The Multinational Species Conservation Funds (MSCFs) were authorized through five Congressional Acts to provide critical technical and financial assistance to local communities, government agencies, and non-government organizations that are working to protect and safeguard the future of wildlife. Through this support, the Service assists foreign countries to sustainably manage their wildlife populations and attract substantial leveraged or matched funding, while also building considerable good will toward the United States. From 2013 to 2017, the MSCFs provided more than $47 million in appropriated funds through grants and cooperative agreements for on-the-ground conservation and leveraged nearly $92 million in additional matching dollars. Since the Program's inception, the MSCFs have engaged nearly 600 domestic and foreign

partners in over 54 foreign countries. The provision of financial assistance to protect these priority species helps to ensure the U.S. restores trust outside our borders and creates a conservation stewardship legacy on behalf of the American people.

The MSCF project selection is highly competitive and enables the Service to direct assistance to key populations and the most urgently needed activities. Priority activities include establishing protected areas; monitoring wildlife populations; improving law enforcement and prosecution to stop wildlife trafficking; reducing consumer demand for illegal wildlife products; and providing vital infrastructure, training, and equipment to effectively manage protected areas. Several of the species covered by the MSCFs, including rhinoceroses, tigers and African elephants, are under unprecedented pressure due to poaching and wildlife trafficking. These programs provide emergency support to quickly and effectively respond to escalating threats.

African Elephant Conservation Fund

Poaching of African elephants has reached crisis levels with an estimated 20,000-30,000 elephants illegally killed per year. The African Elephant Conservation Fund provides critical support to curb this poaching epidemic; to combat trafficking of ivory, elephant meat, and other illegal elephant products; and to reduce the demand for these products. In 2018, these funds supported essential frontline protection in elephant habitat in West, Central, East and Southern Africa; sponsored technological innovations to better detect and intercept ivory in transit; and supported the installation of modern management systems for seized ivory in range states.

An estimated 20,000-30,000 elephants are illegally killed each year. Credit: Joe Milmoe/USFWS

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund (RTCF)

Tiger at Ranthambore National Park. Credit: Chandru Fotografia/Creative Commons

Rhinoceros poaching has skyrocketed in less than a decade, from 13 animals poached in South Africa in 2007 to more than 1,000 poached per year every year since 2013.[1] In the last 100 years, wild tiger populations have been reduced by 97% due to poaching, habitat loss, and human wildlife conflict. The Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund, which supports wildlife conservation in both Asia and Africa, has been essential in responding to this crisis while also addressing other critical threats facing rhinos and tigers. Program activities aim to protect existing populations; to restore animals to their original habitat; and to combat trafficking of tiger skins, bones, live animals, and rhino horn and other rhino products.

[1] Poaching Statistics. (2016). Retrieved from https://www.savetherhino.org/rhino_info/poaching_statistics.

The ASECF is the key source of funding for Asian elephants in range states. Credit: Cory Brown/USFWS

Asian Elephant Conservation Fund

Large herds of elephants once roamed freely throughout Asia's forests and grasslands. Today, wild population estimates range from 30,000 to 50,000 individuals, with continued declines caused primarily by habitat loss, human-elephant conflict, and poaching. The Asian Elephant Conservation Fund is the key source of funding for activities addressing the major threats to wild Asian elephant populations within range states. Program activities include law enforcement training and monitoring, public education campaigns via television and radio programming, forest ranger and patrol training, research on population dynamics, human-elephant conflict mitigation, strengthening counter-wildlife-trafficking efforts, wildlife veterinary capacity building, and promotion of elephant-centric land-use planning

Projects supported by the GACF have been integral to identify key orangutan populations in Malaysia. Credit: Cory Brown/USFWS

Great Ape Conservation Fund

The great apes, highly intelligent beings and humans' closest living relatives, are under extreme threat. Their slow rate of reproduction makes their populations less resilient to losses, and all are at risk of extinction. The Great Ape Conservation Fund (GACF) supports efforts to conserve all apes, including chimpanzees, gorillas, and bonobos in Africa and orangutans and gibbons in Asia. The Fund supports combating poaching and trafficking in great apes, enhancing habitat protection, establishing protected areas, developing ape range country capacity to address conservation threats, and creating long-term buy-in and stewardship for great ape conservation amongst local communities.

Kemp's Ridley sea turtle hatchlings. Credit: National Park Service

Marine Turtle Conservation Fund

Marine turtles are truly the ancient mariners of the world's oceans, with ancestors dating back more than 100 million years. These animals are important components of the ecosystems they inhabit, and as a flagship species, their conservation helps to sustain benefits to many other species of wildlife. Once abundant, marine turtle populations now are a fraction of what they once were. This Fund helps organizations and countries protect and increase their sea turtle populations through a variety of projects, including educational initiatives for communities, patrols of critical nesting beaches, and scientific research that benefits conservation.

Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp
The Save Vanishing Species semipostal stamp was first issued in September 2011 to raise public awareness and garner support for critically important global conservation work. The intent is to give the public an easy and inexpensive way to help conserve tigers, rhinos, elephants, great apes, and marine turtles around the world. The stamp, which features the image of an Amur tiger cub, sells just slightly above the cost of first-class postage with proceeds directed to the MSCFs. Since issuance, more than 49 million stamps have been sold, raising more than 5.4 million in direct funding for international wildlife conservation.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Multinational Species Conservation Fund is $6,000,000 and 3 FTE.

Multinational Species Conservation Fund (-$5,061,000/ +0 FTE)
The Service anticipates funding approximately 60 on-the-ground conservation projects that mitigate the threats to these iconic, imperiled species. MSCF grants fund conservation projects that address immediate threats such as habitat loss, poaching, illegal trade, and invasive species. Several of the species covered by the MSCFs, including rhinoceroses and African elephants, are under unprecedented pressure due to poaching and wildlife trafficking. Therefore, each project supports specific on-the-ground actions to address these threats. For example, without these efforts, a poaching ring may remain active, a wildlife trafficking route may continue operations, or habitat encroachment may continue to threaten a subspecies on the brink of extinction.

Since 2013, more than 1,000 rhinos have been poached every year in South Africa. Credit: Bryan Arroyo/USFWS

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Support the Service's work with partners around the world, to improve the conservation of elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, great apes, and marine turtles and their habitats through technical and financial assistance programs.

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Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), $3,900,000 to remain available until expended.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statute

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2006, (16 U.S.C. 6101-6109). For expenses necessary to carry out the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.). Authorizes a competitive grants program for the conservation of Neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

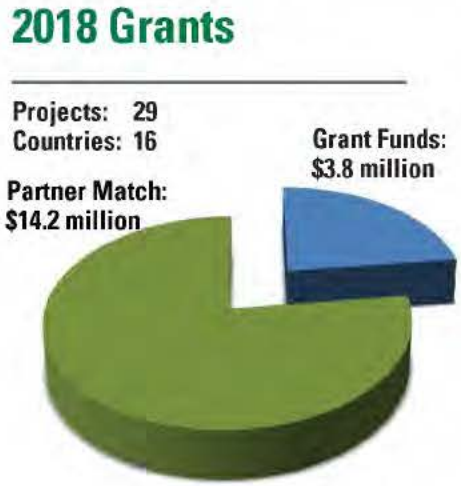
Appropriation: Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund	($000)	3,910	3,910	0	0	-10	3,900	-10
	FTE	*1*	*1*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*1*	*0*

Program Mission

The Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA or the Act) program provides matching grants to partners throughout the Western Hemisphere to promote the conservation of Neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

Program Overview



Over 380 species of Neotropical migratory birds breed in the United States and Canada and winter in Latin America and the Caribbean, including warblers, thrushes, sparrows, sandpipers, and raptors. Although many of these species travel tens of thousands of miles on their annual journeys, they also appear close to home in backyards, parks and local natural areas, making them an integral part of the resources that the Service seeks to conserve for the American people. As a result of habitat loss, predation, collisions with man-made structures and other sources of mortality, populations of many of these birds are declining. Eleven of these neotropical species are currently listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and sixty-two such species are on the Service's list of birds of conservation concern. Conservation actions funded through this program help to keep more of these species from being listed under the ESA by supporting projects on their breeding and wintering grounds.

NMBCA grants help achieve the Department's and Service's long-term goal of promoting healthy and sustainable migratory bird populations by supporting conservation projects that leverage nearly four dollars of non-Federal match for every Federal grant dollar invested—even in Latin America and the Caribbean, where resources for migratory bird conservation are scarce. The Act directs that at least 75 percent of the funds available each year go to projects in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Canada; the remaining funds go to projects in the United States. NMBCA grants are highly competitive with project demand greatly exceeding available funds, so only the highest quality proposals receive funding. In FY 2018, the Service funded 29 grants, leaving 16 proposals and over $1.8 million in projects unfunded.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund is $3,900,000 and 1 FTE.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Activities (-$10,000/ +0 FTE) – At the requested 2020 level, the NMBCA program will support priority national and international initiatives to engage people in the conservation of birds that are loved and enjoyed by birdwatchers, and that also benefit local communities

and local economies. The birds conserved under NMBCA provide significant benefits to local communities and economies through revenue generated from birding festivals and wildlife watching (purchasing of bird food, binoculars, etc.) and the jobs created in association with these recreational opportunities. The NMBCA supports and enhances the Department of the Interior's and the Service's efforts to get people outdoors and enjoy recreational opportunities on public lands. Additionally, NMBCA-funded actions support communities in other countries, which further sustain our shared bird resources.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Process and issue NMBCA grants that support the conservation of Neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

American Oystercatcher banding at Breezy Point, NY. Part of the Conserving Shorebirds at Jamaica Bay, NY project. Credit: Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon

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State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

STATE AND TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANT PROGRAM

Appropriations Language

For wildlife conservation grants to States and to the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa under the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, for the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitat, including species that are not hunted or fished, $31,286,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That $2,000,000 is for a competitive grant program for States, territories, and other jurisdictions, and at the discretion of affected States, the regional Associations of fish and wildlife agencies, not subject to the remaining provisions of this heading: Provided further, That the Secretary shall, after deducting $2,000,000 and administrative expenses, apportion the amount provided herein in the following manner: (1) to the District of Columbia and to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, each a sum equal to not more than one-half of 1 percent thereof; and (2) to Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, each a sum equal to not more than one-fourth of 1 percent thereof: Provided further, That the Secretary shall apportion the remaining amount in the following manner: (1) one-third of which is based on the ratio to which the land area of such State bears to the total land area of all such States; and (2) two-thirds of which is based on the ratio to which the population of such State bears to the total population of all such States: Provided further, That the amounts apportioned under this paragraph shall be adjusted equitably so that no State shall be apportioned a sum which is less than 1 percent of the amount available for apportionment under this paragraph for any fiscal year or more than 5 percent of such amount: Provided further, That the Federal share of planning grants shall not exceed 75 percent of the total costs of such projects and the Federal share of implementation grants shall not exceed 65 percent of the total costs of such projects: Provided further, That the non-Federal share of such projects may not be derived from Federal grant programs: Provided further, That any amount apportioned in 2020 to any State, territory, or other jurisdiction that remains unobligated as of September 30, 2021, shall be reapportioned, together with funds appropriated in 2022, in the manner provided herein.

Note.— A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115–245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544). Prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to or removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery; provides for interagency cooperation to avoid take of listed species and for issuing permits for otherwise prohibited activities; provides for cooperation with States, including authorization of financial assistance; and implements the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

Fish and Wildlife Act (16 U.S.C. 742(a)-742j). Establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take steps required for the development, management,

advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-666(e)). The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to provide assistance to, and cooperate with, Federal, State, and public or private agencies and organizations in the development, protection, rearing, and stocking of all species of wildlife, resources thereof, and their habitat, in controlling losses of the same from disease or other causes, in minimizing damages from overabundant species, and in providing public shooting and fishing areas, including easements across public lands for access thereto.

Activity: State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
State Wildlife Grants (Formula)	($000)	53,000	53,000	0	0	-23,714	29,286	-23,714
State Wildlife Grants (Competitive)	($000)	6,362	6,362	0	0	-4,362	2,000	-4,362
Tribal Wildlife Grants	($000)	4,209	4,209	0	0	-4,209	0	-4,209
Total, State and Tribal Wildlife	**($000)**	**63,571**	**63,571**	**0**	**0**	**-32,285**	**31,286**	**-32,285**
	FTE	**17**	***17***	***0***	***0***	**-8**	**9**	***-8***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• State Wildlife Grants (Formula)	-23,714	-5
• State Wildlife Grants (Competitive)	-4,362	-2
• Tribal Wildlife Grants	-4,209	-1
Program Changes	**-32,285**	**-8**

Program Overview

The State and Tribal Wildlife Grant (STWG) Program provides Federal grant funds to States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and Territories (States), to develop and implement programs for the benefit of fish and wildlife and their habitats, including species that are not hunted or fished. The program was first funded through the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2002 (Public Law 107-63).

Family Pheasant Hunting. Credit: USFWS

The STWG Program is the primary Federal funding source for States to implement proactive conservation targeting iconic American wildlife species, before they decline to levels that require listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Funding supports projects that conserve species identified in States' Wildlife Action Plans. Through preventative measures, such as habitat restoration and species management, the STWG Program helps to prevent imperiled species from becoming listed under the ESA. States may also choose to dedicate STWG Program funds to helping de-list and down-list Threatened or Endangered species. The STWG program accomplishes its goals by leveraging Federal funding through cost-sharing provisions with State fish and wildlife agencies and other partners. Working with interested stakeholders, State fish and wildlife agencies translate pressing conservation needs into practical actions and on-the-ground results. The STWG Program has played a crucial and indispensable role in reducing or preventing Service listings involving species such as Lake Erie water snake, Delmarva fox squirrel, pygmy rabbit, and New England cottontail rabbit, among many others.

Private Landowner Technical Assistance. Credit: USFWS

Current STWG Program investments allow State fish and wildlife agencies to improve habitat for important pollinators such as the monarch butterfly and regal fritillary, which are scheduled for Service status reviews in 2019 and 2022, respectively. Nationally, pollinators are in decline and further species loss could impose significant costs on American agricultural producers. Other States are focusing STWG Program investments on raising and releasing native mussels and other freshwater invertebrates in river systems in Texas, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, and many other States. Mussels are important in watershed health because they act as filters to provide clean water for agricultural and recreational uses as well as for municipal drinking water. Five species of freshwater snails and mussels are currently listed by the Service as Candidate species, while many others are scheduled for status reviews in the near future including Tennessee pigtoe and clubshell mussels.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for State and Tribal Wildlife Grants is $31,286,000 and 9 FTE.

State Wildlife Grants (Formula) (-$23,714,000/ -5 FTE)
The Service is requesting $29,286,000 for Formula State Wildlife Grants. This funding will support State fish and wildlife agencies in working with their many partners to update and improve their State Wildlife Action Plans, which identify common priorities for fish and wildlife conservation across the Nation. Formula funds often support timely conservation actions that aid the Service in removing species listings under the ESA. This benefits State agencies by returning species management authority to the State while reducing or eliminating potential barriers to economic growth. More commonly, State agencies use Formula funds to study and conserve species in decline before they require listing under the ESA, helping ensure sufficient data and information on agreements for future conservation are made available to the Service for use in the listing review process. Many potential species listings have been averted, in part due to States' efforts funded through Formula grants. Ongoing work targeting Candidate species is expected to continue, and additional successes of the Federal-State partnership in minimizing new species listings are expected.

State Wildlife Grants (Competitive) (-$4,362,000/ -2 FTE)
The Service is requesting $2,000,000 for funding big game research and science-supported conservation activities within 11 western State-identified priority corridors in support of Secretarial Order 3362.

Tribal Wildlife Grants (-$4,209,000/- 1 FTE)
The Service does not request in order to address higher priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will administer and implement financial assistance to States to develop and administer programs for the benefit of fish and wildlife and their habitats. Specifically, the request supports formula-based grant funds to State fish and wildlife agencies. State fish and wildlife agencies continue to coordinate effectively with Federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, universities, private landowners, and industry representatives in revising and updating the Wildlife Action Plans. Involving many stakeholders with different perspectives helps ensure that the Plans are strategic, thoroughly vetted, and leveraged with resources from many partners. Implementation activities include a wide range of strategies from research and monitoring to direct species and habitat management. For example, STWG Program funds have been used by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to enhance habitat for Kirtland's Warbler, a species the Service proposed for delisting in 2018. Funds dedicated to habitat improvements to benefit the threatened Gopher Tortoise in Mississippi were credited with tripling the relative abundance of Northern Bobwhite—a popular game bird—in the State's Marion County Wildlife Management Area. Best practices and lessons learned from these projects inform the States' planning processes and are

incorporated in periodic Plan revisions, demonstrating how the program facilitates an adaptive management approach to species conservation.

- The program will support ongoing efforts of States and their partners to reduce species listings under the ESA. An internal analysis of past performance found that between 2001 and 2015 States played an important role in helping to preclude listing of 19 Candidate species and in helping de-list or down-list seven threatened and endangered species using STWG Program funds. The Competitive subprogram provides incentives to encourage State fish and wildlife agencies to focus efforts on Service Candidate species, when doing so is consistent with priorities expressed in the Plans. Aside from Gopher Tortoise, which is a Candidate species in the eastern portion of its range, State fish and wildlife agencies are using STWG Program funds to protect and conserve additional Candidate species including Striped Newt, Island Marble Butterfly, Penasco Least Chipmunk, Sierra Nevada Red Fox, Red Tree Vole, Red-Crowned Parrot, Rattlesnake Master-Borer Moth, and several Candidate freshwater mussel species.
- The program will fund research and conservation activities within 11 western States to improve understanding of wildlife migration corridors and habitat conditions within corridors to benefit western species. Alone, and through financial assistance from the Service, a number of western State fish and wildlife agencies are making concerted efforts to collect adequate data and map migration corridors. For example, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is currently using STWG Program funds to support implementation of the *Oregon Connectivity Framework Mapping Project* which seeks to describe, understand, and enhance species connectivity to ensure the long-term viability of both game and non-game species throughout the State. In the rapidly developing western United States, these funds will facilitate understanding of where the most important corridors exist and provide for habitat conservation activities that support the full diversity of wildlife.

Table 1
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018
CFDA: 15.634

STATE	State Wildlife - 5620 (65/35 Match)
ALABAMA	$793,807
ALASKA	2,582,350
AMERICAN SAMOA	129,118
ARIZONA	1,300,078
ARKANSAS	599,338
CALIFORNIA	2,582,350
COLORADO	1,099,511
CONNECTICUT	516,470
DELAWARE	516,470
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	258,235
FLORIDA	2,354,617
GEORGIA	1,364,984
GUAM	129,118
HAWAII	516,470
IDAHO	614,578
ILLINOIS	1,692,522
INDIANA	896,275
IOWA	629,951
KANSAS	747,265
KENTUCKY	685,963
LOUISIANA	745,424
MAINE	516,470
MARYLAND	682,276
MASSACHUSETTS	754,719
MICHIGAN	1,385,042
MINNESOTA	1,024,540
MISSISSIPPI	575,737
MISSOURI	1,020,803
MONTANA	889,339
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	129,118
NEBRASKA	609,591
NEVADA	881,167

NEW HAMPSHIRE	516,470
NEW JERSEY	995,954
NEW MEXICO	870,134
NEW YORK	2,364,738
NORTH CAROLINA	1,315,186
NORTH DAKOTA	516,470
OHIO	1,472,114
OKLAHOMA	778,944
OREGON	931,973
PENNSYLVANIA	1,619,847
PUERTO RICO	258,235
RHODE ISLAND	516,470
SOUTH CAROLINA	667,570
SOUTH DAKOTA	516,470
TENNESSEE	913,027
TEXAS	2,582,350
UTAH	751,506
VERMONT	516,470
VIRGIN ISLANDS	129,118
VIRGINIA	1,084,457
WASHINGTON	1,092,107
WEST VIRGINIA	516,470
WISCONSIN	915,889
WYOMING	581,335
TOTAL	**$51,647,000**

Table 2
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019
CFDA: 15.634

STATE	State Wildlife - 5620 (65/35 Match)
ALABAMA	$480,861
ALASKA	1,564,300
AMERICAN SAMOA	78,215
ARIZONA	787,543
ARKANSAS	363,059
CALIFORNIA	1,564,300
COLORADO	666,046
CONNECTICUT	312,860
DELAWARE	312,860
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	156,430
FLORIDA	1,426,347
GEORGIA	826,861
GUAM	78,215
HAWAII	312,860
IDAHO	372,291
ILLINOIS	1,025,272
INDIANA	542,933
IOWA	381,603
KANSAS	452,668
KENTUCKY	415,533
LOUISIANA	451,553
MAINE	312,860
MARYLAND	413,300
MASSACHUSETTS	457,183
MICHIGAN	839,011
MINNESOTA	620,632
MISSISSIPPI	348,762
MISSOURI	618,368
MONTANA	538,732
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	78,215

NEBRASKA	369,270
NEVADA	533,781
NEW HAMPSHIRE	312,860
NEW JERSEY	603,315
NEW MEXICO	527,098
NEW YORK	1,432,478
NORTH CAROLINA	796,695
NORTH DAKOTA	312,860
OHIO	891,757
OKLAHOMA	471,858
OREGON	564,557
PENNSYLVANIA	981,249
PUERTO RICO	156,430
RHODE ISLAND	312,860
SOUTH CAROLINA	404,391
SOUTH DAKOTA	312,860
TENNESSEE	553,081
TEXAS	1,564,300
UTAH	455,237
VERMONT	312,860
VIRGIN ISLANDS	78,215
VIRGINIA	656,927
WASHINGTON	661,561
WEST VIRGINIA	312,860
WISCONSIN	554,815
WYOMING	352,153
TOTAL	**$31,286,000**

Table 3
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020
CFDA: 15.634

STATE	State Wildlife - 5620 (65/35 Match)
ALABAMA	$450,130
ALASKA	1,464,300
AMERICAN SAMOA	73,215
ARIZONA	737,196
ARKANSAS	339,850
CALIFORNIA	1,464,300
COLORADO	623,466
CONNECTICUT	292,860
DELAWARE	292,860
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	146,430
FLORIDA	1,334,189
GEORGIA	774,018
GUAM	73,215
HAWAII	292,860
IDAHO	348,492
ILLINOIS	959,685
INDIANA	508,235
IOWA	357,209
KANSAS	423,731
KENTUCKY	388,961
LOUISIANA	423,091
MAINE	292,860
MARYLAND	386,981
MASSACHUSETTS	428,026
MICHIGAN	784,917
MINNESOTA	580,960
MISSISSIPPI	326,470
MISSOURI	578,850
MONTANA	504,296
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	73,215

NEBRASKA	345,661
NEVADA	499,658
NEW HAMPSHIRE	292,860
NEW JERSEY	564,681
NEW MEXICO	493,403
NEW YORK	1,340,935
NORTH CAROLINA	745,786
NORTH DAKOTA	292,860
OHIO	834,780
OKLAHOMA	441,694
OREGON	528,492
PENNSYLVANIA	918,520
PUERTO RICO	146,430
RHODE ISLAND	292,860
SOUTH CAROLINA	378,570
SOUTH DAKOTA	292,860
TENNESSEE	517,722
TEXAS	1,464,300
UTAH	426,135
VERMONT	292,860
VIRGIN ISLANDS	73,215
VIRGINIA	615,454
WASHINGTON	619,496
WEST VIRGINIA	292,860
WISCONSIN	519,396
WYOMING	329,644
TOTAL	**$29,286,000**

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Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration

Appropriation Language

The Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration account does not require appropriations language because there is permanent authority, established August 31, 1951 (65 Stat. 262), to use the receipts deposited into the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund in the fiscal year following their collection.

Applicable Statutes

The Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950, now referred to as the *Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act* (16 U.S.C. 777 et seq.), as amended by the Deficit Reduction and Control Act of 1984 (P.L. 98-369), the *Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Act of 1987* (P.L. 100-17), the *Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1987* (P.L. 100-448), the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century* (P.L. 105-178), the *Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000* (P.L. 106-408), the *Surface Transportation Act of 2003* (P.L. 108-88), SAFETEA-LU, and the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94), which expires in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, authorizes assistance to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (States) to carry out projects to restore, enhance, and manage sport fishery resources. In addition to sport fishery projects, these acts allow for the development and maintenance of boating access facilities and aquatic education programs.

The Appropriations Act of August 31, 1951 (P.L. 82-136, 65 Stat. 262) authorizes receipts from excise taxes on fishing equipment to be deposited into the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, established as a permanent, indefinite appropriation. Receipts and interest distributed to the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund are available for use and distribution by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to States in the fiscal year following collection.

The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 3951 et. seq.) provides for three Federal grant programs for the acquisition, restoration, management, and enhancement of coastal wetlands in coastal States. A coastal State means a State of the United States, bordering on the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, or one or more of the Great Lakes, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the trust territories of the Pacific Islands. The Service administers two of the three grant programs that this Act provides funding for, including the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program and the North American Wetlands Conservation Grant Program. The latter program receives funds from other sources, as well as from the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Program. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers administers the third grant program that receives funding because of this Act. It also requires the Service to update and digitize wetlands maps in Texas and assess the status, condition, and trends of wetlands in Texas, and provides permanent authorization for coastal wetlands conservation grants and North American Wetlands Conservation projects. The *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94), authorizes funding for the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act through FY 2021.

The Clean Vessel Act of 1992 (16 U.S.C. 777c) Section 5604 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide grants to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands for the construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of sewage pumpout stations and dump stations,

as well as for educational programs designed to inform boaters about the importance of proper disposal of their onboard sewage. Section 5604 also amended the *Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act* to provide for the transfer of funds out of the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund for use by the Secretary of Homeland Security (U.S. Coast Guard) to fund State recreational boating safety programs. The *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94) authorizes funding for the Clean Vessel Act of 1992 and boating infrastructure improvement through Fiscal Year 2021.

The Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998 (16 U.S.C. 777c-777g) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to develop national outreach plans to promote safe fishing and boating, and to promote conservation of aquatic resources through grants and contracts with States and private entities. The Act contains provisions for transferring funds to the U.S. Coast Guard for State recreational boating safety programs. In addition, it authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide funds to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to construct, renovate, and maintain tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters in vessels 26 feet or more in length, and to produce and distribute information and educational materials under the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program. The *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94) authorizes funding for boating infrastructure improvement through FY 2021.

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-408) amends the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. It authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant Program for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects identified as priority projects by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. These high priority projects address problems affecting States on a regional or national basis. It also provides $200,000 each to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission; and $400,000 to the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council. The Act provides 12 allowable cost categories for administration of the Act.

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users of August 10, 2005 (P.L. 109-59) made several changes to the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. SAFETEA-LU changed the distribution of Sport Fish Restoration receipts from amounts primarily specified in law to a percentage-based distribution. The Act extends program authorizations for the Clean Vessel Act Program, the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program, and the National Outreach and Communications Program through FY 2009, and it extends the authority to use Sport Fish Restoration receipts for the U.S. Coast Guard's State Recreational Boating Safety Program through FY 2009. The Act authorizes the expenditure of remaining balances in the old Boat Safety Account through FY 2010, for Sport Fish Restoration and State recreational boating safety programs and redirected 4.8 cents per gallon of certain fuels from the general account of the Treasury to the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (P.L. 114-94, December 4, 2015) changes several sections of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. It amends Sections 3 and 4 of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777b and 16 U.S.C. 777c), changing the funding distribution percentages and extends funding authorizations for Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act, Boating Infrastructure Improvement (combining funding for the Clean Vessel Act of 1992 and the Boating Infrastructure Grant Programs), and the National Outreach and Communications program through FY 2021.

Appropriation: Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Payments to States	($000)	352,672	362,424	0	0	+19,994	382,418	+19,994
Administration	($000)	11,211	11,480	0	0	+945	12,425	+945
Boating Infrastructure Improvement	($000)	[24,525]	[25,198]	0	0	[+1,389]	[26,587]	[+1,389]
- Clean Vessel	($000)	12,263	12,599	0	0	+695	13,294	+695
- Boating Infrastructure Grant Program	($000)	12,262	12,599	0	0	+694	13,293	+694
National Outreach	($000)	12,263	12,599	0	0	+695	13,294	+695
Multistate Conservation Grant Program	($000)	3,009	3,012	0	0	+174	3,186	+174
Coastal Wetlands	($000)	17,173	17,644	0	0	+974	18,618	+974
Fishery Commissions	($000)	802	803	0	0	+47	850	+47
Sport Fishing & Boating Partnership Council	($000)	401	401	0	0	+24	425	+24
Subtotal	($000)	**422,056**	**433,561**	**0**	**0**	**+24,242**	**457,803**	**+24,242**
	FTE	***53***	***53***	***0***	***0***		***53***	
North American Wetlands	($000)	17,173	17,644	0	0	+974	18,618	+974
	FTE	*5*	*5*	*0*	*0*	0	*5*	*0*
TOTAL, Sport Fish	($000)	**439,229**	**451,205**	**0**	**0**	**+25,216**	**476,421**	**+25,216**
	FTE	***58***	***58***	***0***	***0***	**0**	***58***	***0***

The 2018 and 2019 amounts include sequestration in accordance with section 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C. 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

The Sport Fish Restoration Program provides Federal aid to State fish, wildlife, and boating agencies for the management and restoration of fish having material value in connection with sport or recreation. Since 1950, this stable source of funding has been critical to the recovery of many of the Nation's sport fish species, and has provided over $9 billion. The Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act programs have expanded over time through a series of Congressional actions and now encompass several grant programs that address increased conservation and recreation needs of States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and territorial governments. Partner agencies, within set program boundaries, determine the best use of these Federal funds to meet these needs. The various programs enhance the Nation's sport fish resources in both fresh and salt waters. They also provide funding for projects that improve and manage aquatic habitats, protect and conserve coastal wetlands, and provide important infrastructure for recreational boaters. Through administering these programs, the Service helps to create and maintain strong conservation stewardship by supporting local communities in sustainably utilizing natural resources.

Deyo Reservoir– a community driven project for anglers, boaters, and outdoor recreationists. Photo credit: Idaho Department of Fish and Game

The economic impacts of boating and sport fishing in the United States are considerable. According to the *2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation,* 35.8 million people participated in fishing and generated over $46.1 billion in retail sales. According to the American Sportfishing Association's 2018 report *Sportfishing in America: An Economic Force for Conservation*, anglers supported over 800,000 jobs in 2016.

The Sport Fish Restoration Program funds many important projects across the United States. For example, the program has improved fishing and boating access opportunities on Devo Reservoir in Idaho and provided more boat access and facilities for the Big Bend area on the Colorado River in Nevada, as well as provided enhanced sportfish opportunities (and the local economy) for Guadalupe Bass in The Hill Country, Texas. In addition, advances from program funding include development of a revolutionary new app that will allow recreational boaters to find operational pump out stations. Research activities include building knowledge about recreationally important coastal and estuarine fishes including snook, red drum, and red snapper in Florida as well as monitoring the health of Walleye populations to benefit anglers and local businesses in the Ceded Territory of Wisconsin. Outreach activities include support for aquatic education programs including ice fishing, fly tying, kayak fishing, fly-fishing, and basic fishing for kids and families in New Hampshire. The Sportfish program also supports raising and stocking approximately 3 million sport fish per year by supporting operations and maintenance at 11 fish hatcheries in West Virginia.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act programs is $476,421,000 and 58 FTE. The estimate is based on current law projections provided by the Department of the Treasury's Office of Tax Analysis.

Table 1

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF DINGELL-JOHNSON
SPORT FISH RESTORATION FUNDS

STATE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
ALABAMA	$6,146,495	$6,180,946	$6,684,091
ALASKA	$17,595,869	$17,694,493	$19,120,900
AMERICAN SAMOA	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
ARIZONA	$7,310,431	$7,351,405	$7,761,107
ARKANSAS	$5,332,944	$5,362,835	$5,813,375
CALIFORNIA	$16,687,017	$16,780,547	$17,929,359
COLORADO	$9,009,283	$9,059,780	$9,946,036
CONNECTICUT	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
DELAWARE	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
FLORIDA	$12,167,291	$12,235,487	$13,301,729
GEORGIA	$7,790,928	$7,834,595	$8,757,869
GUAM	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
HAWAII	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
IDAHO	$6,356,717	$6,392,346	$6,992,859
ILLINOIS	$6,678,118	$6,715,549	$7,157,062
INDIANA	$4,660,915	$4,687,039	$4,967,465
IOWA	$4,566,470	$4,592,064	$4,909,700
KANSAS	$5,021,082	$5,049,224	$5,409,923
KENTUCKY	$5,314,709	$5,344,498	$5,639,364
LOUISIANA	$6,820,988	$6,859,219	$7,529,977
MAINE	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
MARYLAND	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
MASSACHUSETTS	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
MICHIGAN	$10,694,454	$10,754,396	$11,618,003
MINNESOTA	$12,516,355	$12,586,508	$13,581,406
MISSISSIPPI	$3,996,986	$4,019,389	$4,357,237
MISSOURI	$7,885,443	$7,929,640	$8,325,869
MONTANA	$8,550,906	$8,598,833	$9,405,457
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
NEBRASKA	$4,448,888	$4,473,824	$4,874,104
NEVADA	$5,047,741	$5,076,033	$5,399,112
NEW HAMPSHIRE	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
NEW JERSEY	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
NEW MEXICO	$6,156,125	$6,190,630	$6,791,989
NEW YORK	$7,832,921	$7,876,824	$8,496,222
NORTH CAROLINA	$10,313,854	$10,371,663	$11,242,669

STATE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
NORTH DAKOTA	$4,138,620	$4,161,816	$4,487,444
OHIO	$7,076,842	$7,116,507	$7,481,968
OKLAHOMA	$7,179,528	$7,219,768	$8,403,233
OREGON	$7,913,820	$7,958,177	$8,489,601
PENNSYLVANIA	$8,523,176	$8,570,948	$9,317,674
PUERTO RICO	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
RHODE ISLAND	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
SOUTH CAROLINA	$5,020,641	$5,048,782	$5,313,517
SOUTH DAKOTA	$4,479,021	$4,504,125	$4,879,523
TENNESSEE	$7,560,698	$7,603,075	$8,094,605
TEXAS	$17,595,869	$17,694,493	$19,120,900
UTAH	$6,428,959	$6,464,993	$6,958,556
VERMONT	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
VIRGIN ISLANDS	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
VIRGINIA	$5,144,344	$5,173,178	$5,660,343
WASHINGTON	$7,159,364	$7,199,491	$7,724,469
WEST VIRGINIA	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
WISCONSIN	$11,430,383	$11,494,449	$12,413,227
WYOMING	$5,267,811	$5,297,337	$5,796,261
TOTAL	**$351,917,385**	**$353,889,852**	**$382,418,000**

Table 2

FY 2018 Clean Vessel Act Grant Program Awards

State	Coastal/Inland	Federal Share
Alabama	Coastal	$ 197,587.00
Alabama	Inland	$ 68,274.00
Arkansas	Inland	$ 867,454.00
California	Coastal	$ 851,213.00
California	Inland	$ 1,342,500.00
Connecticut	Coastal	$ 1,396,384.00
Connecticut	Inland	$ 52,196.00
Florida	Coastal	$ 1,314,655.00
Florida	Inland	$ 502,109.00
Georgia	Inland	$ 82,281.00
Idaho	Inland	$ 30,000.00
Maine	Coastal	$ 405,280.00
Massachusetts	Coastal	$ 788,903.00
Michigan	Coastal	$ 266,864.00
Michigan	Inland	$ 48,000.00
New Hampshire	Coastal	$ 110,403.00
New Hampshire	Inland	$ 51,718.00
North Carolina	Coastal	$ 115,641.00
North Carolina	Inland	$ 52,132.00
Ohio	Coastal	$ 383,631.00
Ohio	Inland	$ 9,601.00
Oregon	Coastal	$ 646,179.00
Oregon	Inland	$ 805,959.00
South Carolina	Coastal	$ 901,464.00
South Carolina	Inland	$ 484,931.00
Tennessee	Inland	$ 392,539.00
Vermont	Inland	$ 97,966.00
Virginia	Coastal	$ 322,190.00
Virginia	Inland	$ 93,907.00
Washington	Coastal	$ 1,458,446.00
Washington	Inland	$ 1,075,319.00
Wisconsin	Coastal	$ 175,841.00
Wisconsin	Inland	$ 50,000.00
	Total	**$ 15,441,567.00**

Table 3

FY 2018 Boating Infrastructure Grant Program – Tier 1 Awards

State/Territory	Federal Share
Alabama	$ 170,133
California	$ 197,000
Connecticut	$ 200,000
Georgia	$ 198,484
Idaho	$ 200,000
Kentucky	$ 135,000
Louisiana	$ 200,000
Maine	$ 36,992
Massachusetts	$ 195,668
Michigan	$ 200,000
Mississippi	$ 200,000
Missouri	$ 200,000
New Jersey	$ 200,000
New York	$ 191,490
Oregon	$ 100,000
Rhode Island	$ 199,913
South Carolina	$ 200,000
Tennessee	$ 200,000
Vermont	$ 173,000
Virginia	$ 151,454
Washington	$ 200,000
Wisconsin	$ 200,000
Wyoming	$ 200,000
Total	**$ 4,149,134**

Table 4

FY 2018 Boating Infrastructure Grant Program – Tier 2 Awards

State	Project Title	Federal Share
California	City of West Sacramento Raley's Dock	$ 1,500,000
Florida	City of Fernandina Beach	$ 1,500,000
Florida	Marco River	$ 591,648
Illinois	Navy Pier	$ 1,500,000
New Jersey	Kammerman's Marina	$ 1,025,976
Rhode Island	New England Boatworks	$ 933,117
South Carolina	Charleston City Marina	$ 444,800
South Carolina	Charleston Waterfront	$ 586,108
South Carolina	Skull Creek Marina	$ 1,283,749
Virginia	Rappahannock Yachts	$ 406,742
Total		**$ 9,772,141**

Table 5

FY 2018 National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program Awards

State	Project Name	Federal Share
NC	Hubbard-Pinkerton Wetland Protection	$ 1,000,000.00
OR	Columbia River Estuary - South Tongue Point	$ 1,000,000.00
NC	Waccamaw Campbell Acquisition	$ 1,000,000.00
CA	Elk River Estuary Restoration	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Leque Island Estuary Restoration Project	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Lower Dungeness Floodplain Restoration	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Guemes Island Coastal Protection	$ 1,000,000.00
NJ	Cohansey River and Bayshore Wetlands	$ 674,489.00
AK	Iliamna Islands Conservation Easements	$ 650,000.00
WA	Barnum Point Phase 2	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Big Beef Creek Estuary Acquisition	$ 1,000,000.00
GA	Little Cumberland Island Living Shoreline	$ 275,881.00
WA	Elwha River Delta Acquisition and Restoration	$ 1,000,000.00
CA	Bolinas Lagoon North End Restoration Phase 1	$ 814,590.00
OR	Winter Lake Restoration and Planting Project	$ 1,000,000.00
SC	Santee Coastal Preserve	$ 1,000,000.00
OH	Bay Point Preservation Project	$ 249,000.00
DE	Thousand Acre Marsh Wetland Protection - Selby Property	$ 900,000.00
HI	Alekoko Coastal Wetland Restoration	$ 999,731.00
TX	Follets Island Conservation Initiative-Pauls II Tract Phase	$ 735,500.00
HI	Kanaha Pond Sanctuary Restoration and Protection	$ 999,750.00
ME	Woodward Point Wetlands Conservation Project	$ 569,170.00
	Total	**$ 18,868,111.00**

Table 6

FY 2018 North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant Awards

Project Type	Number of Projects	NAWCA Grant	Matching Amount	Total Partner Amount	Total Acres
Canada Standard Grant	9	$18,723,302	$18,723,302	$18,723,302	29,083
Mexico Standard Grant	8	$2,280,779	$6,215,092	$6,215,092	24,581
U.S. Small Grant	38	$3,664,308	$10,967,071	$10,967,071	22,702
U.S. Standard Grant	39	$39,352,024	$91,584,623	$91,584,623	176,822
TOTAL	**94**	**$64,020,413**	**$127,490,088**	**$127,490,088**	**253,188**

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration

Appropriations Language

The Wildlife Restoration Account does not require appropriations language because there is permanent authority, established September 6, 1950 (64 Stat. 693), to use the receipts in the account in the fiscal year following their collection.

Authorizing Statutes

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, now referred to as *The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act,* as amended (16 U.S.C. 669-669k) provides Federal assistance to the 50 States, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (States) for projects to restore, enhance, and manage wildlife resources, and to conduct State hunter education programs. The Act authorizes the collection of receipts for permanent, indefinite appropriation to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for use in the fiscal year following collection. Funds not used by the States within two years revert to the Service for carrying out the provisions of the *Migratory Bird Conservation Act*. The *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act* also requires the Secretary of the Treasury to invest the portion of the fund not required for current year spending in interest-bearing obligations. The interest must be used for the *North American Wetlands Conservations Act*.

The Appropriations Act of August 31, 1951 (P.L. 82-136, 64 Stat. 693*)* authorizes receipts from excise taxes on selected hunting and sporting equipment to be deposited in the Wildlife Restoration Account as a permanent, indefinite appropriation. Receipts and interest distributed to the Wildlife Restoration Account are made available for use by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the fiscal year following collection.

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-408) amends the *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act* and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant Program for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects identified as priority projects by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. These high priority projects address problems affecting States on a regional or national basis. It also authorizes a Bow Hunter Education and Safety Program that provides grants to States.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 4407) amends the *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act* and requires the Secretary of the Treasury to invest the portion of the Wildlife Restoration Account not required for current year spending in interest-bearing obligations to be available for States to implement wetlands conservation projects.

Appropriation: Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Payments to States	($000)	789,035	663,371	0	0	+98,323	761,694	+98,323
Hunter Education & Safety Grants	($000)	8,024	8,032	0	0	+464	8,496	+464
Multistate Conservation Grants	($000)	3,009	3,012	0	0	+174	3,186	+174
Administration	($000)	11,211	11,480	0	0	+945	12,425	+945
Subtotal ($000)	($000)	**811,279**	**685,895**	**0**	**0**	**+99,906**	**785,801**	**+99,906**
	FTE	***50***	***50***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***50***	***0***
Interest – NAWCF	($000)	17,810	43,442	0	0	+4,348	47,790	+4,348
TOTAL, Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration	($000)	**829,089**	**729,337**	**0**	**0**	**+104,254**	**833,591**	**+104,254**
	FTE	***50***	***50***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***50***	***0***

The 2018 and 2019 amounts include sequestration in accordance with section 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C. 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

In 1937, Congress passed the *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act,* authorizing the appropriation of funds from an excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition to the Secretary of the Interior for apportionment to States on a formula basis. The accompanying Service-administered grant programs, including the Section 4(c) Hunter Education and Safety Program (Basic Hunter Education) and the Section 10 Enhanced Firearm and Bow Hunter Education and Safety Program (Enhanced Hunter Education), are key components of the Nation's cooperative conservation efforts for wildlife and their habitats. Through administering these programs, the Service helps to create and maintain strong conservation stewardship, supporting local communities in sustainably using their natural resources. Since 1937, the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Program has contributed $11.5 billion to restore, conserve, manage, and enhance wild bird and mammal populations, acquire and manage wildlife habitats, provide public uses that benefit from wildlife resources, educate hunters on conservation ethics and safety, and construct, operate, and manage recreational firearm shooting and archery ranges.

Black bears in North Carolina Credit:: LeAnne Bonner, USFWS

The economic impacts of hunting and recreational shooting in the United States are considerable. The Service's *2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation* estimates the total number of hunters in the United States to be 11.5 million, and total hunting expenditures to be $26.2 billion. An estimated 32 million people went target shooting with firearms annually, and 12.4 million engaged in archery activities. According to the 2018 National Shooting Sports Foundation's report, *Hunting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation*, hunter spending generates $185 million per day for the United States economy, and supports as many as 525,000 jobs. The 2018 National Shooting Sports Foundation's report, *Target Shooting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation,* reports that target shooters spent $16.9 billion in 2016 on equipment and travel, and supported 329,000 jobs.

The Wildlife Restoration Program funds many important projects across the United States. Important research funded includes black bear research in North Carolina; mountain lion population assessments and conservation in California; large-scale moose herd research in Colorado; comprehensive assessments of oil and gas development on mule deer populations in western North Dakota; the study of chronic wasting disease in deer populations in Wisconsin; and a wildlife health and genetics laboratory in Idaho. Funds were also provided for many other projects including a recreational shooting park in Florida and wildlife overpasses in Nevada to prevent accidents and protect human safety.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Program is $796,421,000 and 50 FTE. The estimate is based on current law projections provided by the Department of the Treasury's Office of Tax Analysis.

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
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WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

	WILDLIFE	HUNTER EDUCATION		
	FUNDS-5220	SEC 4(c) FUNDS-5210	ENHANCED FUNDS-5230	
STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
ALABAMA	$16,579,755	$3,608,384	$181,554	$20,369,693
ALASKA	$33,378,000	$1,590,000	$80,000	$35,048,000
AMERICAN SAMOA	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
ARIZONA	$18,517,400	$4,770,000	$240,000	$23,527,400
ARKANSAS	$12,484,365	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,154,365
CALIFORNIA	$22,352,951	$4,770,000	$240,000	$27,362,951
COLORADO	$16,781,231	$3,796,709	$191,029	$20,768,970
CONNECTICUT	$3,337,800	$2,698,206	$135,759	$6,171,765
DELAWARE	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	$0	$0	$0	$0
FLORIDA	$10,041,003	$4,770,000	$240,000	$15,051,003
GEORGIA	$18,798,703	$4,770,000	$240,000	$23,808,703
GUAM	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
HAWAII	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
IDAHO	$14,307,782	$1,590,000	$80,000	$15,977,782
ILLINOIS	$12,285,048	$4,770,000	$240,000	$17,295,048
INDIANA	$9,297,104	$4,770,000	$240,000	$14,307,104

STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
IOWA	$10,791,536	$1,590,000	$80,000	$12,461,536
KANSAS	$13,600,379	$1,590,000	$80,000	$15,270,379
KENTUCKY	$11,413,490	$3,275,934	$164,827	$14,854,251
LOUISIANA	$13,027,819	$3,422,395	$172,196	$16,622,410
MAINE	$6,842,123	$1,590,000	$80,000	$8,512,123
MARYLAND	$3,613,028	$4,358,649	$219,303	$8,190,980
MASSACHUSETTS	$3,337,800	$4,770,000	$240,000	$8,347,800
MICHIGAN	$20,793,652	$4,770,000	$240,000	$25,803,652
MINNESOTA	$20,317,160	$4,004,112	$201,465	$24,522,736
MISSISSIPPI	$11,064,616	$1,590,000	$80,000	$12,734,616
MISSOURI	$17,454,995	$4,521,243	$227,484	$22,203,722
MONTANA	$20,261,194	$1,590,000	$80,000	$21,931,194
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
NEBRASKA	$11,653,317	$1,590,000	$80,000	$13,323,317
NEVADA	$12,932,397	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,602,397
NEW HAMPSHIRE	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
NEW JERSEY	$3,337,800	$4,770,000	$240,000	$8,347,800
NEW MEXICO	$14,812,728	$1,590,000	$80,000	$16,482,728
NEW YORK	$16,800,805	$4,770,000	$240,000	$21,810,805
NORTH CAROLINA	$17,187,101	$4,770,000	$240,000	$22,197,101
NORTH DAKOTA	$10,241,093	$1,590,000	$80,000	$11,911,093
OHIO	$12,354,310	$4,770,000	$240,000	$17,364,310
OKLAHOMA	$16,081,917	$2,832,021	$142,492	$19,056,430
OREGON	$15,490,259	$2,892,207	$145,520	$18,527,986
PENNSYLVANIA	$24,789,198	$4,770,000	$240,000	$29,799,198
PUERTO RICO	$3,337,800	$265,000	$13,333	$3,616,133
RHODE ISLAND	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
SOUTH CAROLINA	$7,580,914	$3,491,843	$175,690	$11,248,448
SOUTH DAKOTA	$12,605,231	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,275,231
TENNESSEE	$19,012,492	$4,770,000	$240,000	$24,022,492
TEXAS	$33,378,000	$4,770,000	$240,000	$38,388,000
UTAH	$13,475,617	$1,590,000	$80,000	$15,145,617
VERMONT	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800

STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
VIRGIN ISLANDS	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
VIRGINIA	$9,888,737	$4,770,000	$240,000	$14,898,737
WASHINGTON	$10,822,836	$4,770,000	$240,000	$15,832,836
WEST VIRGINIA	$7,011,993	$1,590,000	$80,000	$8,681,993
WISCONSIN	$20,139,717	$4,293,297	$216,015	$24,649,029
WYOMING	$12,807,402	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,477,402
TOTAL	**$667,560,000**	**$159,000,000**	**$8,000,000**	**$834,560,000**

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WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

	WILDLIFE	HUNTER EDUCATION		
	FUNDS-5220	SEC 4(c) FUNDS-5210	ENHANCED FUNDS-5230	
STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
ALABAMA	$15,093,684	$3,404,136	$192,810	$18,690,630
ALASKA	$30,584,700	$1,500,000	$84,960	$32,169,660
AMERICAN SAMOA	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
ARIZONA	$16,561,107	$4,500,000	$254,880	$21,315,987
ARKANSAS	$11,136,309	$1,500,000	$84,960	$12,721,269
CALIFORNIA	$20,382,867	$4,500,000	$254,880	$25,137,747
COLORADO	$15,412,255	$3,581,801	$202,873	$19,196,929
CONNECTICUT	$3,058,470	$2,545,478	$144,176	$5,748,124
DELAWARE	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	$0	$0	$0	$0
FLORIDA	$9,135,821	$4,500,000	$254,880	$13,890,701
GEORGIA	$17,710,682	$4,500,000	$254,880	$22,465,562
GUAM	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
HAWAII	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
IDAHO	$13,311,368	$1,500,000	$84,960	$14,896,328
ILLINOIS	$11,058,508	$4,500,000	$254,880	$15,813,388
INDIANA	$8,415,514	$4,500,000	$254,880	$13,170,394
IOWA	$9,519,177	$1,500,000	$84,960	$11,104,137
KANSAS	$12,529,421	$1,500,000	$84,960	$14,114,381
KENTUCKY	$10,392,668	$3,090,504	$175,046	$13,658,218

STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
LOUISIANA	$11,956,043	$3,228,675	$182,872	$15,367,590
MAINE	$6,194,975	$1,500,000	$84,960	$7,779,935
MARYLAND	$3,230,688	$4,111,933	$232,900	$7,575,521
MASSACHUSETTS	$3,058,470	$4,500,000	$254,880	$7,813,350
MICHIGAN	$18,677,164	$4,500,000	$254,880	$23,432,044
MINNESOTA	$18,595,102	$3,777,464	$213,956	$22,586,522
MISSISSIPPI	$10,122,186	$1,500,000	$84,960	$11,707,146
MISSOURI	$15,898,538	$4,265,323	$241,588	$20,405,449
MONTANA	$18,765,030	$1,500,000	$84,960	$20,349,990
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
NEBRASKA	$10,792,283	$1,500,000	$84,960	$12,377,243
NEVADA	$11,855,396	$1,500,000	$84,960	$13,440,356
NEW HAMPSHIRE	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
NEW JERSEY	$3,058,470	$4,500,000	$254,880	$7,813,350
NEW MEXICO	$13,624,389	$1,500,000	$84,960	$15,209,349
NEW YORK	$15,422,463	$4,500,000	$254,880	$20,177,343
NORTH CAROLINA	$15,887,188	$4,500,000	$254,880	$20,642,068
NORTH DAKOTA	$9,387,344	$1,500,000	$84,960	$10,972,304
OHIO	$11,182,420	$4,500,000	$254,880	$15,937,300
OKLAHOMA	$16,497,071	$2,671,718	$151,326	$19,320,115
OREGON	$14,189,935	$2,728,496	$154,542	$17,072,973
PENNSYLVANIA	$22,401,669	$4,500,000	$254,880	$27,156,549
PUERTO RICO	$3,058,470	$250,000	$14,160	$3,322,630
RHODE ISLAND	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
SOUTH CAROLINA	$6,874,068	$3,294,192	$186,583	$10,354,843
SOUTH DAKOTA	$11,698,845	$1,500,000	$84,960	$13,283,805
TENNESSEE	$17,006,095	$4,500,000	$254,880	$21,760,975
TEXAS	$30,584,700	$4,500,000	$254,880	$35,339,580
UTAH	$12,507,256	$1,500,000	$84,960	$14,092,216
VERMONT	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
VIRGIN ISLANDS	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
VIRGINIA	$9,013,053	$4,500,000	$254,880	$13,767,933
WASHINGTON	$9,914,015	$4,500,000	$254,880	$14,668,895
WEST VIRGINIA	$6,339,325	$1,500,000	$84,960	$7,924,285
WISCONSIN	$18,454,344	$4,050,280	$229,408	$22,734,032
WYOMING	$11,774,144	$1,500,000	$84,960	$13,359,104
TOTAL	**$611,694,000**	**$150,000,000**	**$8,496,000**	**$770,190,000**

Migratory Bird Conservation Account

MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACCOUNT

Appropriations Language

This activity does not require appropriations language, except for advances, which are not requested, as there is permanent authority as provided in the 81st Congress, Second Session—Chapter 896, Interior Appropriations Act, 1951, September 6, 1951 (64 Stat. 697) to use the receipts.

Authorizing Statutes

The Migratory Bird Conservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 715-715d, 715e, 715f-715r), established the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) to approve migratory bird areas that the Secretary of the Interior recommends for acquisition. The Act also authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire MBCC-approved migratory bird areas.

The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 718a-718k), requires all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to possess a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, commonly known as a Duck Stamp, while waterfowl hunting. Funds from the sale of Duck Stamps are deposited in a special treasury account known as the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF) established by this Act. The Act also authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to use funds from the MBCF to acquire waterfowl production areas. The 2014 amendment to the Act (Pub. L. 113-264) increased the price of the Federal Duck Stamp from $15 to $25, with the $10 increase dedicated to the acquisition of conservation easements.

The Wetlands Loan Act, (16 U.S.C. 715k-3 - 715k-5), authorizes the appropriation of advances (not to exceed $200 million, available until expended) to accelerate acquisition of migratory waterfowl habitat, and requires the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Service Director, to obtain the approval of the State's Governor or the appropriate State agency to acquire land in the State with MBCF monies. To date, $197,439,000 has been appropriated under this authority. Funds appropriated under the Wetlands Loan Act are merged with receipts from sales of Duck Stamps and other sources and made available for acquisition of migratory bird habitat under provisions of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act, as amended, or the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, as amended.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), requires payment of fair market value for any right-of-way granted over, across, through, or under National Wildlife Refuge System lands. These payments are deposited into the MBCF.

The Emergency Wetlands Resources Act, as amended (P. L. 99-645; 100 Stat. 3582), provides for: (1) an amount equal to the amount of all import duties collected on arms and ammunition to be paid quarterly into the MBCF, and (2) removal of the repayment provision of the Wetlands Loan Act (P. L. 87-383).

Appropriation: Migratory Bird Conservation Account

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Land Acquisition: Fee, Easements, and Leases	($000)	80,812	75,091	0	0	+3,959	79,050	+3,959
U.S. Postal Service Duck Stamp Printing and Sales Costs	($000)	518	600	0	0	0	600	0
Total, Migratory Bird Conservation Account	**($000)**	**81,330**	**75,691**	**0**	**0**	**+3,959**	**79,650**	**+3,959**
	FTE	***67***	***67***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***67***	***0***

*The amounts presented in 2018 and 2019 include sequestration in accordance with section 251(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, 2 U.S.C. 901(a). In addition, the amounts in 2018 and 2019 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

The Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF) supports America's conservation legacy and its tradition of migratory bird hunting. The MBCF is a sportsmen and waterfowl enthusiast-funded account that provides the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with monies to acquire important waterfowl habitat for the National Wildlife Refuge System under the authority of the *Migratory Bird Conservation Act* and the *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act*.

The *Migratory Bird Conservation Act* established the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC), which oversees MBCF expenditures. The MBCC is chaired by the Secretary and includes four members of Congress. Over its 80-year history, the MBCC has approved acquisition of key wetland habitats to sustain migratory bird populations, while establishing or enhancing many of our Nation's most popular destinations for public waterfowl hunting and bird watching. Since 1935, the MBCC has approved proposals to establish or expand more than 240 national wildlife refuges using the MBCF. These national wildlife refuges now account for 75% of all public refuge visits for waterfowl and migratory bird hunting and 52% of all public refuge visits for fishing. By protecting more wetlands, these refuges also improve water quality and groundwater recharge, and moderate flooding events.

All proposed MBCF land acquisitions for national wildlife refuges must be approved by the MBCC, and the MBCC only considers such proposals in a State after:

- The State's legislature has consented by law to acquisition by the United States (16 U.S.C. 715f);
- The Secretary, acting through the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has consulted with the affected county or other unit of local government and with the State's Governor or the appropriate State agency, about the proposed land acquisition (16 U.S.C. 715c); and
- The State's Governor or his/her designee has approved the acquisition (16 U.S.C. 715k-5).

Additionally, the State official that administers the State's game laws, or his/her representative, serves as an ex officio member of the MBCC and considers and votes on all proposed acquisitions in their State.

There are two major sources of funds deposited into the MBCF account. The best-known source is the revenue received from the sale of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps, commonly known as Duck Stamps, as provided for under the *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act*. In accordance with the *Federal Duck Stamp Act of 2014*, all amounts in excess of $15 received from the sale of each Duck Stamp can be used only for conservation easement acquisition. The other major funding source is import duties collected on arms and ammunition, as provided for under the *Emergency Wetlands*

Resources Act. The MBCF is further supplemented by payments for rights-of-way granted across refuge lands, and any proceeds from refuge land disposals. State-reverted funds in the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration account are also used for MBCF purposes.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund is $79,650,000 and 67 FTE.

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Recreation Fee Program

Appropriations Language

The 2019 budget proposed to permanently reauthorize the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, which expires in September 2019. As a precaution, the budget also proposed appropriations language to provide a two-year extension of FLREA through September 2021.

Authorizing Statutes

Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6801-6814). The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) provides the authority to establish, modify, charge, and collect recreation fees at Federal recreation land and waters. The Act seeks to improve recreational facilities and visitor opportunities and services on Federal recreational lands by reinvesting receipts from fair and consistent recreational fees and pass sales. The 2019 budget proposed legislation to permanently authorize the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, which will expire on September 30, 2019. Permanent authorization of FLREA will further the Secretary's priority of generating additional revenues to support DOI and National interests by ensuring that recreation fees collected on national wildlife refuges are reasonable and targeted to achieve cost recovery.

These specified allowable purposes include terms that are broad and have commonly understood, or ordinary, meanings. They include:

- Repair: Which generally means to fix or mend a thing suffering from damage or a fault; make good by fixing or repairing it; put right;
- Maintenance: Which generally means the process of maintaining or preserving someone or something, or the state of being maintained; the process of keeping something in good condition;
- Facility Enhancement (related directly to visitor enjoyment): This is generally understood to be an intensification, increase, or further improvement of the quality or value of a facility;
- Visitor Access: Which generally means approaching or entering a place; the right or opportunity to use or benefit from something; the condition of being able to be reached or obtained;
- Health: Which generally means the state of being free from illness or injury;
- Safety: Which generally means the condition of being protected from or unlikely to cause danger, risk, or injury;
- Interpretation: Which is generally understood to be the action of explaining the meaning of something; an explanation or way of explaining;
- Visitor Information: Which is generally understood to be providing visitors with facts about something or someone related to the visit;
- Visitor Service: Which is generally understood to be the action of helping or doing work for someone; assistance or advice given to a visitor;
- Signs: Which is generally understood to mean a notice that is publicly displayed giving information or instructions in a written or symbolic form; and
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreation.

Appropriation: Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)*	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 Estimate (+/-)
Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program	($000)	7,505	5,104	0	+58	5,162	+58
	FTE	*30*	*30*	*0*	*0*	*30*	*0*

*The amount presented in 2018 and 2019 includes the sequestration in accordance with Sec. 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Mission

The intent of the Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program is to provide an additional revenue source for "repair, maintenance, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety; interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs; habitat restoration directly related to wildlife-dependent recreation that is limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography; law enforcement related to public use and recreation; direct operating or capital costs associated with the Recreation Fee Program; and a fee management agreement established under section 6(a) or a visitor reservation service." [From FLREA, 16 U.S.C. 6803(c)].

Program Overview

The Recreation Fee Program, authorized through September 30, 2019, allows the collection of entrance, expanded amenity, and special recreation permit fees on Federal lands and waters managed by the Department of the Interior, such as National Wildlife Refuges. The Service returns at least 80 percent of the collections to the specific refuge site of collection to offset program costs and enhance visitor facilities and programs. The Service has more than 166 approved Recreation Fee Program sites. An additional 28 National Fish Hatchery, Ecological Service offices, or other refuge sites also sell the National Parks & Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass to improve pass availability for the public in certain regions. The Service's Recreation Fee Program expects to collect approximately $5,100,000 in FY 2019 and $5,162,000 in FY 2020 under FLREA authority.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program is $5,162,000 and 30 FTE.

Contributed Funds

Appropriations Language

Activities funded from this account do not require appropriation language since there is permanent authority to use the receipts.

Authorizing Statutes

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-668). This Act authorized the Secretary of the Interior to accept donations of land and contributed funds in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 743b-7421). This Act authorizes loans for commercial fishing vessels; investigations of fish and wildlife resources; and cooperation with other agencies. The Service is also authorized to accept donations of real and personal property. P.L. 105-242 amended this act to authorize cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer outreach and education programs. Funds contributed by partners from sales and gifts must be deposited in a separate account in the Department of the Treasury.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (16 U.S.C. 4601-1h). This Act authorizes donations of fund, property, and personal services or facilities for the purposes of the Act.

National Wildlife Refuge System Volunteer and Community Partnership Act (16 U.S.C. 742). Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

National Fish Hatchery System Volunteer Act (120 STAT 2058-2061). Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to promote the stewardship of resources through biological monitoring or research; to construct, operate, maintain, or improve hatchery facilities, habitat and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

Appropriation: Contributed Funds

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Contributed Funds	($000)	3,966	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	0
	FTE	*18*	*18*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*18*	*0*

Program Overview

The Service accepts unsolicited contributions from other governments, private organizations, and individuals. Once collected, the funds are used to support a variety of fish and wildlife conservation projects that contribute to fulfillment of DOI goals and the Service's mission.

Contributions are difficult to accurately forecast due to external events. In recent years, annual contributions have ranged from approximately $3.7 million in FY 2014 to $5.0 million in FY 2017.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for Contributed Funds is $5,000,000 and 18 FTE.

Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations

Appropriations Language

Activities funded from these mandatory spending accounts do not require appropriation language since they were authorized in previous years.

Authorizing Statutes

Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, as amended, (P.L. 98-473, section 320; 98 Stat. 1874). Provides that all rents and charges collected for quarters of agencies funded by the Act shall be deposited and remain available until expended for the maintenance and operation of quarters of that agency.

Flood Control Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 460d). Provides that receipts collected from the sales of timber and crops produced on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land leased by another Federal agency for natural resources conservation may be used to cover expenses of producing these products and for managing the land for natural resource purposes.

Truckee-Carson Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act, (P.L. 101-618, section 206(f)), as amended by Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 1998, (P.L. 105-83). Authorizes certain revenues and donations from non-federal entities to be deposited into the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund to support restoration and enhancement of wetlands in the Lahontan Valley and to restore and protect the Pyramid Lake fishery, including the recovery of two endangered or threatened species of fish. Payments to the Bureau of Reclamation for storage in Northern Nevada's Washoe Project that exceed the operation and maintenance costs of Stampede Reservoir are deposited into the Fund and are available without further appropriation, starting in FY 1996. Beginning in FY 1998, P.L. 105-83 provides that receipts from the sales of certain lands by the Secretary of the Interior are to be deposited into the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund.

Commercial Filming Fee, (P.L. 113-287). This law authorizes a fee system for commercial filming activities on Federal land and to use the fees for expenditure by the Secretary, without further appropriation.

Community Partnership Enhancement Act of 1998, (16 U.S.C.742f). This act authorizes the cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer outreach and education programs.

Appropriation: Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Operations and Maintenance of Quarters	($000)	3,364	3,300	0	0	+50	3,350	0
	FTE	*3*	*3*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*3*	*0*
Proceeds from Sales	($000)	168	225	0	0	+25	250	0
	FTE	*1*	*1*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*1*	*0*
Lahontan Valley & Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund	($000)	176	425	0	0	0	425	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Film and Photography Fee Program	($000)	0	75	0	0	0	75	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Community Partnership Enhancement	($000)	154	100	0	0	0	100	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Total, Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations	**($000)**	**3,862**	**4,125**	**0**	**0**	**+75**	**4,200**	**0**
	FTE	***4***	***4***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***4***	***0***

Program Overview

Operations and Maintenance of Quarters

The Operations and Maintenance of Quarters (Quarters) Account uses receipts from the rental of Service quarters to pay for maintenance and operation of those quarters. Certain circumstances, including a lack of off-site residences and site isolation, require Service personnel to occupy government-owned quarters. Such work includes protecting fish hatchery stock (e.g. maintaining water flow to fish rearing ponds during freezing temperatures), monitoring water management facilities, ensuring the health and welfare of visitors, responding to fires and floods, and protecting government property.

Proceeds From Sales, Water Resources Development Projects

As described in 16 U.S.C. 460(d), receipts collected from the sale of timber and crops from Refuge System lands leased or licensed from the Department of the Army may be used to pay the costs of production of the timber and crops and for managing wildlife habitat. Twenty-three National Wildlife Refuges were established as overlay projects on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land, and they are administered in accordance with cooperative agreements. The agreements provide that timber and grain may be harvested and sold with the receipts returned for development, conservation, maintenance, and utilization of such lands. The Service has used these funds in the past for soil amendments; road construction and repairs; and ditch and fence construction and maintenance. These expenses cannot exceed the receipt amounts deposited as proceeds from sales.

Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund

Pursuant to the Truckee-Carson Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990, the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund receives revenues and donations from non-Federal parties to support the restoration and enhancement of wetlands in the Lahontan Valley and to restore and protect the Pyramid Lake fishery. Payments received from the Bureau of Reclamation's Washoe and Truckee Storage Projects in excess of operation and maintenance costs for Stampede Reservoir are available without further

appropriation. Donations made for express purposes and State cost-sharing funds are available without further appropriation. The Secretary is also authorized to deposit proceeds from the sale of certain lands, interests in lands, and water rights into the Fund.

Film and Photography Fee Program
Congress provided authority for the Service to require permits and establish reasonable fees for commercial filming activities and certain still photography activities under Service jurisdiction. It requires all four bureaus involved—the Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service—to develop and implement a consistent fee schedule. To date, the four bureaus have revised the draft fee schedule after a public comment period, and the final fee schedule has not yet been published. Once the Service is able to charge and collect these fees, all costs recovered under this Act shall be available for expenditures by the Secretary, without further appropriation, at the site where collected, and shall remain available until expended.

Community Partnership Enhancement
The Community Partnership fund was established to encourage volunteer programs, donations, and other contributions by persons or organizations for the benefit of a particular wildlife refuge or complex. The partnership between a refuge or complex and non-federal organizations may promote public awareness of the resources of the Refuge System and public participation in the conservation of resources. Partnerships may be in the form of a non-profit organization (as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code), academic institution, or State or local government agency to carry out projects or programs for a refuge or refuge complex.

Funds may be used to promote education and the conservation of fish, wildlife, plants, and cultural and historical resources on a refuge or refuge complex.

2020 Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations is $4,200,000 and 4 FTE.

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Legislative Proposals

Public Lands Infrastructure Fund

Interior manages an infrastructure asset portfolio with a replacement value exceeding $300 billion, ranging from elementary and secondary schools serving Indian children in the West, to highways and bridges serving the daily commuting needs of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Most well-known, are Interior's iconic and unique national treasures that have priceless historical significance. Many of these assets are deteriorating, with older assets becoming more expensive to repair and maintain in good condition.

Interior and Agriculture manage an infrastructure asset portfolio with over $18 billion in deferred maintenance, which includes structures, trails, roads, utility systems, and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools. To address these needs, the Budget includes $6.5 billion over 5 years for a Public Lands Infrastructure Fund. The Fund will support infrastructure improvements through an allocation of 70 percent for national parks, 10 percent for national forests, 10 percent for wildlife refuges, five percent for BIE schools, and five percent for lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The Fund will be supported by the deposit of 50 percent of all Federal energy development revenue that would otherwise be credited or deposited as miscellaneous receipts to the Treasury over the 2020–2024 period, subject to an annual limit of $1.3 billion. Interior and Agriculture would prioritize projects, monitor implementation, and measure results. This investment will significantly improve many of America's most visible, visited, and treasured places.

Expiring Authorization Citation

Bureau/Office Name	Fish and Wildlife Service
Program Name	Land Acquisition
Citation	16 USC 2801-2810; 94 Stat. 1198
Title of Legislation	Land and Water Conservation Fund
Last Year of Authorization	2018
Appropriation in Last Year of Authorization ($000)	$63,839,000
BY Budget Request ($000)	$9,864,000
Explanation of Authorization Requirement for BY	None
Program Description	Authorizes appropriations to the Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire land for National Wildlife Refuges as otherwise authorized by law.

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Appendices

Section 403 Compliance

Purpose: To fulfill legislative requirements for disclosure of program assessments used to support Government-wide, departmental, or agency initiatives or general operations. H. R. 1625 / Public Law 115-141, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018:

> *SEC. 403. The amount and basis of estimated overhead charges, deductions, reserves or holdbacks, including working capital fund and cost pool charges, from programs, projects, activities and subactivities to support government-wide, departmental, agency, or bureau administrative functions or headquarters, regional, or central operations shall be presented in annual budget justifications and subject to approval by the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Changes to such estimates shall be presented to the Committees on Appropriations for approval.*

Pursuant to the *Section 403* directive, the Service fully discloses its administrative costs as follows:

REGIONAL COMMON PROGRAM SERVICES: Each region has reported on common program services (shared costs) and direct charges. A few examples of these services include facilities management, safety initiatives, and circumstances where programs pay for specific administrative services. As we transition to joint administrative operations under a Headquarters Assistant Director, these charges will become national charges.

NON-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT USER-PAY COST SHARE: Non-Resource Management Programs continue to pay annually for the administrative services they consume. The funding received from Non-Resource Management Programs supplements central, regional and Servicewide support operations. Specifically, the Non-Resource Management Programs pay for their actual use of communication services and Workers' Compensation. Other costs, such as Washington and Regional office administration and Service-wide costs, such as Unemployment Compensation are measured through FTE usage.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION: The Service has historically paid workers' compensation costs centrally through the Servicewide bill paying account. As a result, programs were not aware of the costs that result from employee injuries. Since FY 2015, workers' compensation costs have been charged to the applicable programs. The Service made this change to address an audit finding and provide incentive for programs to participate in the Department's Return to Work initiative.

ENTERPRISE-WIDE SERVICES: In order to provide the necessary level of funding for Enterprise-wide and Working Capital Fund Direct Bill services, the Service assesses its resource management programs for costs that can be directly tracked back to users. This includes software licenses, cell phone costs, personnel system costs, employee badges and the like.

RESERVES: The Service Director manages a deferred allocation fund of up to one-half of one percent of the current year Resource Management appropriation for each subactivity in excess of three million dollars. These management reserve funds are used for unanticipated requirements and are applied consistently with the original appropriation.

The Service strictly adheres to the policy that Congressional priorities must be funded in their entirety and are not subject to the deferred allocation or user-pay cost share.

Below shows administrative cost estimates for FYs 2019 and 2020:

	Fiscal Year 2019
External Administrative Costs	
WCF Centralized Billings	$23,253,700
WCF Direct Billings/Fee for Service	$17,086,100
Program Assessments	
Holdbacks, Reserves, and Deductions	$6,395,010
Bureau Administrative Costs/Central and Regional Operations	
Regional Common Program Services	$26,000,000
Non-Resource Management User-Pay Cost Share	$9,157,807
Workers' Compensation	$832,000
Enterprise-Wide Services	$23,000,000
One-Time Security and IT Investments	$2,856,700

	Fiscal Year 2020
External Administrative Costs	
WCF Centralized Billings	$24,960,600
WCF Direct Billings/Fee for Service	$17,135,100
Program Assessments	
Holdbacks, Reserves, and Deductions	$6,285,805
Bureau Administrative Costs/Central and Regional Operations	
Regional Common Program Services	$27,000,000
Non-Resource Management User-Pay Cost Share	$9,249,385
Workers' Compensation	$627,000
Enterprise-Wide Services	$23,000,000

Employee Count by Grade			
(Total Employment)			
	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Estimate	FY 2020 Estimate
Executive Level V ……	0	0	1
SES ……..……...	18	18	21
Subtotal ……..……	**18**	**18**	**22**
SL - 00 ……..……..	1	1	1
ST - 00 ……..……..	0	0	0
Subtotal ……..……	**1**	**1**	**1**
GS/GM -15 ……..……..	130	125	113
GS/GM -14 ……..…….	545	540	530
GS/GM -13 ……..…….	1,399	1,390	1,370
GS -12 ……..……...	1,697	1,690	1,675
GS -11 ……..……...	1,544	1,544	1,535
GS -10 ……..……...	8	8	8
GS - 9 ……..……	923	930	940
GS - 8 ……..……	113	113	105
GS - 7 ……..……	558	567	565
GS - 6 ……..……	193	190	190
GS - 5 ……..……	446	450	451
GS - 4 ……..……	163	165	165
GS - 3 ……..……	74	75	75
GS - 2 ……..……	10	10	15
GS - 1 ……..……	0	1	2
Subtotal ……..……	**7,803**	**7,798**	**7,739**
Other Pay Schedule Systems ……..……	685	648	644
**Total employment (actuals & estimates) ……..…….. **	**8,507**	**8,465**	**8,406**

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Allocations Received from Other Accounts

Department / Program	FY 2018 Actual		FY 2019 Estimate		FY 2020 Estimate	
	Budget Authority	Outlays	Budget Authority	Outlays	Budget Authority	Outlays
Department of Agriculture:						
Forest Pest Management 8550	0	77,134	0	27,770	0	0
Forest Pest Management 8874	157,000	15,000	200,000	187,100	200,000	200,000
Department of the Interior:						
Office of Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration						
Damage Assessment 8300	1,554,627	2,256,719	2,000,000	1,866,388	2,000,000	2,000,000
Restoration 9800	22,774,328	17,098,701	14,000,000	16,632,298	14,000,000	14,000,000
Office of Wildland Fire Coordination						
Wildland Fire Management	84,128,208	81,369,174	64,000,000	70,038,462	64,000,000	64,000,000
Disaster Relief - Hurricane Sandy	868,685	7,170,481	0	4,500,000	0	1,900,000
Bureau of Land Management						
Central Hazardous Materials Fund	3,007,653	4,148,159	4,000,000	3,702,296	4,000,000	4,000,000
So. Nevada Public Lands Management	1,341,000	824,324	1,000,000	1,102,300	1,000,000	1,000,000
Energy Act - Permit Improvement	1,201,000	1,387,077	1,201,000	1,201,000	1,201,000	1,201,000
Department of Transportation:						
Federal Highway Administration-Discretionary 0500	4,424,394	1,237,502	2,000,000	2,727,318	2,000,000	2,000,000
Federal Highway Administra ion- Mandatory 8083	9,514,274	10,310,397	8,000,000	8,454,282	8,000,000	8,000,000
TOTAL	128,971,169	125,894,668	96,401,000	110,439,215	96,401,000	98,301,000

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Executive Summary

Conserving the Nature of America
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is the oldest Federal conservation agency, tracing its lineage back to 1871, and the only agency in the Federal government whose primary responsibility is management of fish and wildlife for the American public. The Service helps ensure a healthy environment for people by providing opportunities for Americans to enjoy the outdoors and our shared natural heritage.

The first predecessor of the Service was the U.S. Fish Commission, which was established on February 9, 1871 under the Department of Commerce, and renamed the Bureau of Fisheries on July 1, 1903. The second predecessor bureau was the Office of Economic Ornithology and Mammalogy established in 1885 under the Department of Agriculture. In 1896, it was renamed the Division of Biological Survey and in 1905 renamed again the Bureau of Biological Survey. The Biological Survey was responsible for the protection of all non-fish species in the U.S. In 1900, the Biological Survey pioneered the Federal role in wildlife law enforcement with the passage of the *Lacey Act*. In 1903, as a result of an executive order by President Theodore Roosevelt, the Biological Survey began to administer the Pelican Island Bird Reservation, the first unit of what has become the modern National Wildlife Refuge System.

Kids ice fishing day at Genoa National Fish Hatchery. Credit: USFWS

In 1939 the Bureau of Biological Survey and the Bureau of Fisheries were merged and transferred to the Department of the Interior. One year later, the merged Bureau officially became the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Although at least three departments governed the bureau and many name changes occurred, the Service's mission has remained remarkably consistent for the last 148 years. The Service mission is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. A wide range of Federal laws and executive orders provide the Service with principal trust responsibility to protect and conserve migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, certain marine mammals, and inter-jurisdictional fisheries. This mission clearly contemplates fostering access to wildlife refuges in order to educate and inspire the public.

The Service believes connecting Americans directly with the Nation's wildlife heritage is a priority. To accomplish this goal, the Service will continue to make the wildlife refuges more welcoming to new and diverse audiences, and offer new hunting and fishing programs which serve the dual purpose of conservation and recreation.

The 2016 *National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation*, indicated that 101.6 million Americans, 38 percent of the U.S. population 16 years old and older, enjoyed some form of fishing, hunting, or wildlife-associated recreation. The report also noted that outdoor recreation is a huge contributor to our Nation's economy, spurring annual expenditures estimated at $156.3 billion. This

spending creates thousands of jobs, supports countless local communities and their economies, and provides vital funding for conservation.

The Service's National Wildlife Refuge System plays an essential role in providing outdoor recreation opportunities to the American public and the associated economic benefits to local communities. In FY 2018, over 55 million visitors to National Wildlife Refuges hunted, fished, observed or photographed wildlife, or participated in environmental education or interpretation on a refuge. The most popular visitor activities were use of our trails, wildlife auto routes, and wildlife observation programs. These activities help National Wildlife Refuges serve as an economic engine for local communities, helping to annually support 37,000 jobs and $2.4 billion in visitor expenditures according to the Service's latest *Banking on Nature* report, published in 2013.

American sportsmen and sportswomen are the backbone of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation that is admired around the globe. The 2020 budget sustains this commitment and also emphasizes the recovery of species, land health, and leveraged conservation partnerships. The budget invests in expanding access for sportsmen and sportswomen, supports the Administration's initiative to better protect habitat and research migration corridors for iconic North American big game species, and maintains support for important coastal and wetland restoration programs like the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Waterfowl hunting provides one important example of a traditional outdoor way of life. The Service provides opportunities for waterfowl hunting experiences across the Nation, and it ensures that this form of recreation can be practiced for years to come through sustainable harvests. Of the 567 wildlife refuges and 38 Wetland Conservation Districts, 377 are open to some type of hunting, and 312 are open to fishing. Over 2.4 million hunters and over 7.3 million recreational anglers visited these refuges last year.

A birding tour participant focuses in on a perched tree swallow. Credit: Larry Dean/USFWS

Of all the wildlife in the United States, birds attract the biggest following. According to the *2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation*, there were 45 million birdwatchers 16 years of age and older in the United States. Wildlife refuges provide wonderful places to observe birds, especially during major bird festivals that coincide with spring or fall migrations.

The Service is also responsible for implementing some of our Nation's most important and foundational environmental laws, such as the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA), *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* (MBTA), *Marine Mammal Protection Act, Lacey Act*, and international agreements such as the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species* (CITES).

While the Service holds the responsibility for conserving trust resources across broad landscapes, its work is impossible without vital partnerships with States, Tribes, and others to conserve natural resources. One area of particular focus for the Service is its partnerships with landowners. The Service invests in keeping landowners on their land, and preserving working landscapes for the benefit of plants, wildlife, and agriculture, ranching, timber and other traditional land uses. In many cases, species will greatly benefit from appropriately managed private lands. The Service has several tools to help private landowners be good

stewards of their lands, and has worked with landowners across the west to preserve open spaces. We have provided funding for habitat restoration and species recovery projects, such as the Malpai Borderlands project in Arizona and New Mexico to encourage ranching and other traditional land uses that will sustain the nature of the west for future generations. The group's efforts on behalf of the jaguar, the leopard frog, the long-nosed bat, and the ridge-nosed rattlesnake, among others, have resulted in a more secure future for those species as well as for the landowners whose livelihoods help maintain habitats.

The Service's Organization

The Service has headquarters in Washington, D.C. and Falls Church, Virginia, with regional offices located across the country and over 700 field stations. These stations include 567 units of the NWRS; seven National Monuments; 80 Ecological Services Field Stations; 70 National Fish Hatcheries; one historical National Fish Hatchery (D.C. Booth in South Dakota); eight Fish Health Centers; seven Fish Technology Centers; 51 Fisheries Offices; and waterfowl production areas in 209 counties managed within 38 Wetland Management Districts and 50 Coordination Areas. The Service works with diverse partners to accomplish its conservation mission, including other Federal agencies, State and local governments, Tribes, international organizations, and private organizations and individuals.

The Director reports to the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and has direct line authority over headquarters and the Regional Directors. Headquarter-based Assistant Directors provide policy, program management, and administrative support to the Director. The Regional Directors guide policy and program implementation, supervising the field structures, and coordinating activities with partners.

In 2019, the Service consolidated administrative functions into a single organization. The new Joint Administrative Operations (JAO), led by the Assistant Director for Management and Administration, fulfills the Service's needs for administrative support, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, and general services, at a reduced cost to the American taxpayer. In 2020, the Service proposes to restructure subactivities within General Operations to align with the JAO and deliver shared services to regional and field station managers.

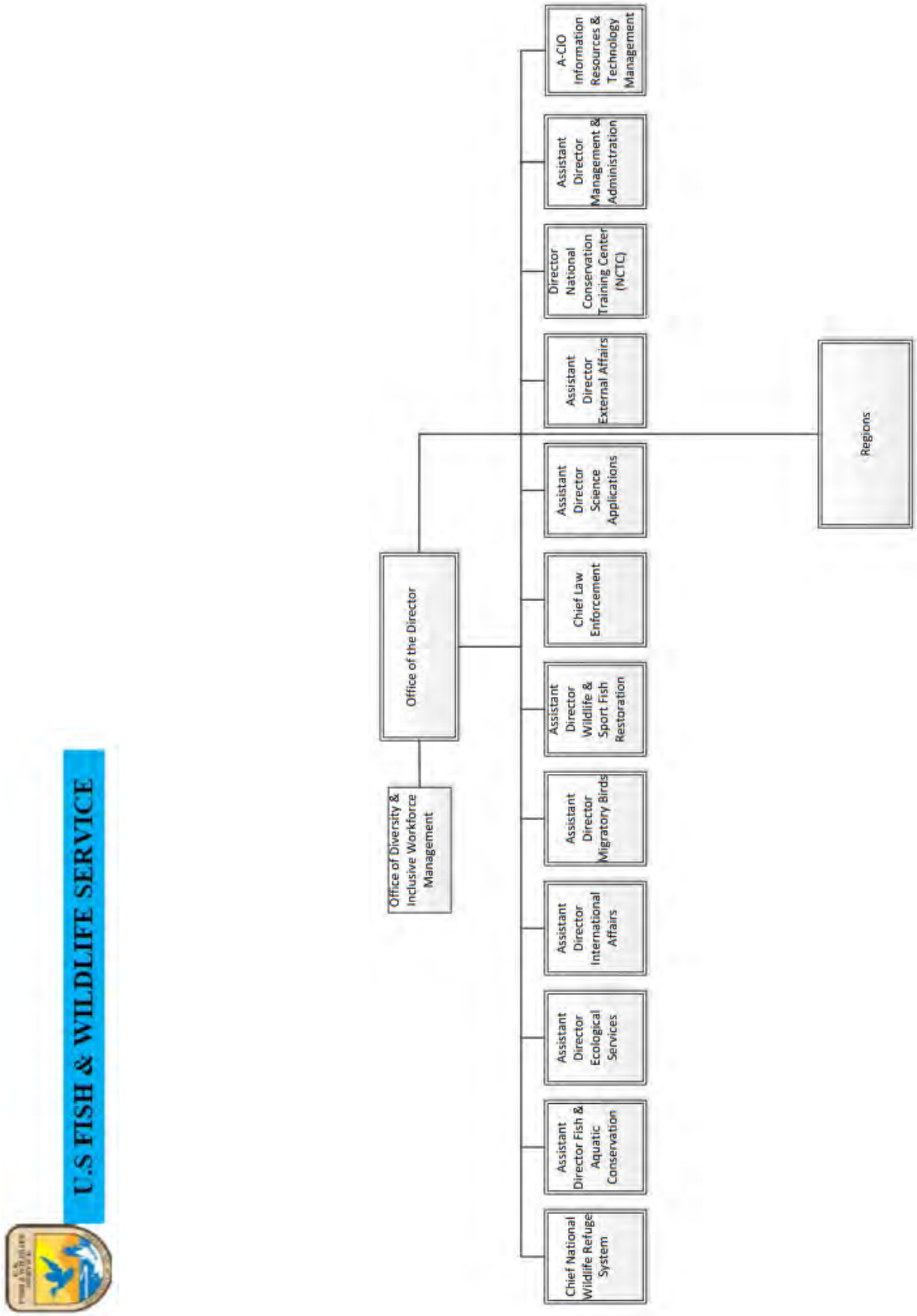
Over many decades, the Department of the Interior experienced new bureaus becoming established on an ad hoc basis with their own unique regional organizations. This ultimately resulted in a complicated series of 49 regional boundaries among 8 bureaus. This complexity led to the situation where bureau regional leadership was often focused on different geographic areas, did not have adequate and shared understanding of the needs and perspectives of regional stakeholders, and opportunities to share administrative capacity across bureaus were difficult to recognize and implement. Further, members of the public were often frustrated by problems in inter-bureau decision making where uncoordinated timelines and processes could lead to unnecessarily long delays in reaching a decision. The Department's reorganization is focused on making improvements across each of these areas.

The 2020 budget request for the Service includes $5.7 million to support the reorganization of the Department of the Interior. After working closely with stakeholders across the country on options to consolidate Interior's 49 different regions into common regions, on August 22, 2018, the Department announced the designation of Interior's 12 new unified regions. As a result of Tribal consultation, BIA, BIE, and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians will not realign their regional field structures.

Establishing unified regions across bureaus is the cornerstone of the reforms designed to improve Interior's service delivery to the public. Within each unified region, bureaus will focus work on the same resources and constituents and improve coordination across the Department. For the public, fewer regions make it easier to do business with Interior, particularly when the public interacts with several bureaus or jurisdictions.

As part of the reorganization reforms, Interior will relocate some bureau headquarters functions out West where the preponderance of Interior's assets and acres are located. The Service is currently assessing what headquarters functions could be delivered more effectively out West and identifying staff and functions to

be moved. Interior will leverage the unified regional structure to improve and streamline business operations using shared services and best practices across the Department, focusing primarily on human resources, information technology, and acquisition services. Work is underway in 2019 to plan implementation, conduct analysis, and identify areas for collaboration within the new regions.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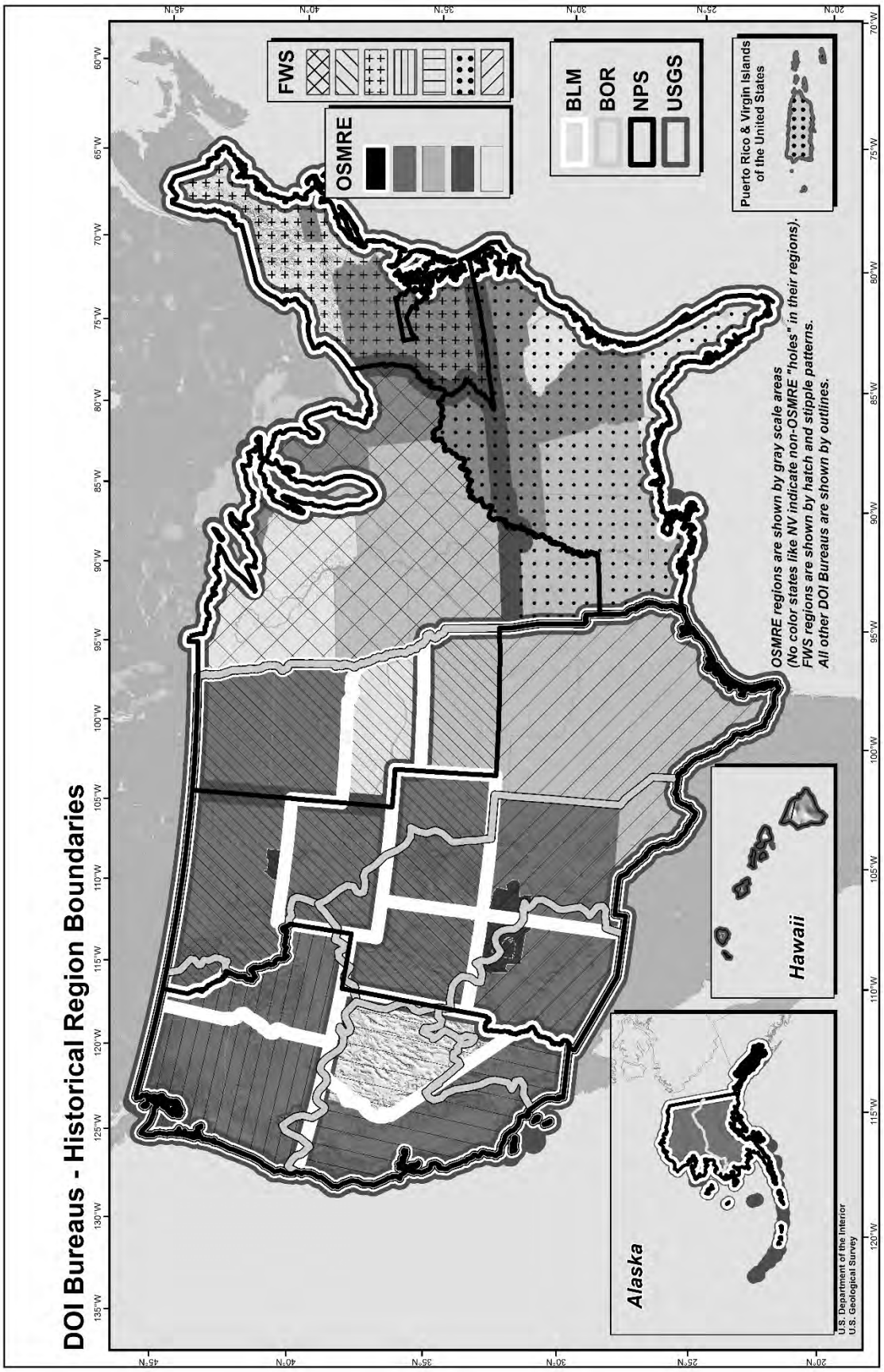
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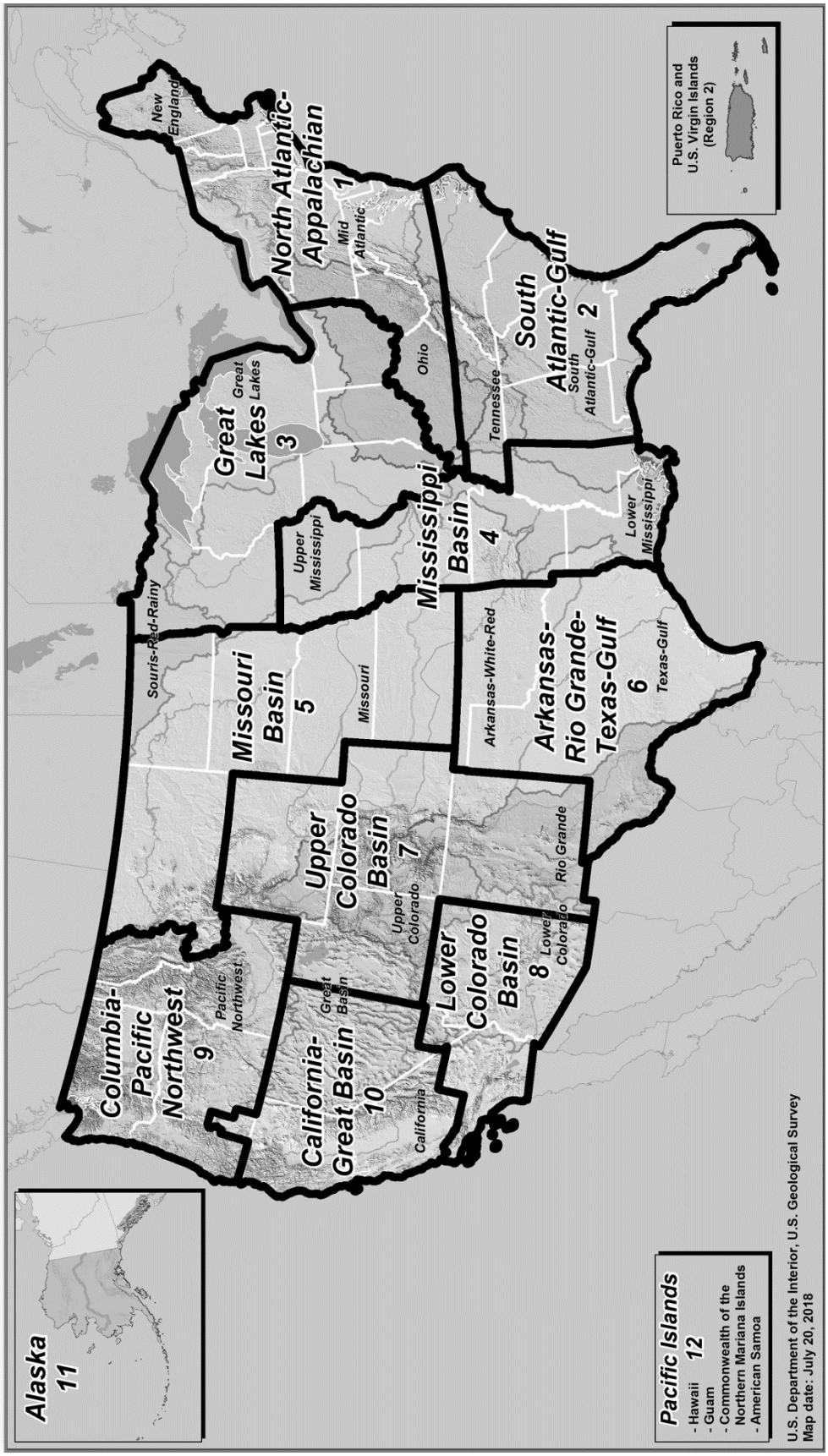

Overview of FY 2020 Budget Request

Budget Authority	*FY 2018 Actual*	2019 Annualized CR	2020 Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Discretionary Current Authority	1,594,646	1,594,646	1,363,904	-230,742
Cancellation of Balances[1]			-36,332	-36,332
Sub-total: Discretionary	1,594,646	1,594,646	1,327,572	-267,074
Supplemental Appropriation - Construction	210,629			+0
TOTAL: Discretionnary	1,805,275	1,594,646	1,327,572	-267,074
Mandatory	1,460,587	1,363,537	1,484,770	*+121,233*
Total $$$	**3,265,862**	**2,958,183**	**2,812,342**	**-145,841**
Discretionary	*6,682*	*6,682*	*6,618*	*-64*
Mandatory	*238*	*238*	*238*	*+0*
Transfers/Alloc.	*1,509*	*1,509*	*1,514*	*+5*
TOTAL FTEs	***8,429***	***8,429***	***8,370***	***-59***

[1] -$31.008 million CESCF and -$5.324 million Land Acquisition

Overview

The 2020 President's Budget request for the Service totals $2.8 billion, including current appropriations of $1.3 billion. The Budget also includes $1.5 billion available under permanent appropriations, most of which will be provided directly to States for fish and wildlife restoration and conservation. The Service estimates staffing will equal 8,370 full time equivalents (FTE) in 2020.

The Service's priorities reflect those of the Acting Secretary of the Interior, and provide the foundation for the Service's budget request.

1. Create a conservation stewardship legacy by expanding access to DOI lands for hunting and fishing;
2. Sustainably develop our energy & natural resources;
3. Restore trust & be a good neighbor;
4. Ensure Tribal sovereignty means something;
5. Increase revenues to support DOI and national interests;
6. Protect our people and the border;
7. Strike a regulatory balance;
8. Modernize our infrastructure; and
9. Reorganize DOI for the next 100 years.

Create a Conservation Stewardship Legacy

The Service's National Wildlife Refuge System embodies the Department's commitment to conserving our lands and waters and our Nation's commitment to conserving fish and wildlife for all Americans and future generations. With 567 refuges in all U.S. States and Territories, the Refuge System provides lands and waters for thousands of species of wildlife and plants, sanctuary for hundreds of threatened and endangered species, and secure spawning areas for economically and recreationally important native fish. Refuges are home to over 700 migratory bird species, 220 mammal species, 250 reptile and amphibian species, and more than 1,000 fish species, and offers protection to over 380 threatened or endangered plants or animals.

Another program that supports this Department goal is the Ecological Services Recovery Program, which strives to recover endangered and threatened species. The Service plays a vital role in guiding the recovery planning process, and in facilitating, supporting, and monitoring the implementation of recovery actions by the Service and others. The Service focuses on the Endangered Species Act (ESA) mandates that are inherently Federal, including development of recovery plans. Recovery plans are developed collaboratively with interested partners. Recovery plans may address multiple species and identify specific recovery tasks, establish downlisting and delisting criteria, and provide timetables and cost estimates. The Service works with other DOI bureaus, Federal agencies, States and other stakeholders to ensure all recovery plans have objective and measurable recovery criteria and address 5-year status review recommendations on the national workplan over the next three years. With proposed 2020 Recovery funding, the Service anticipates proposing or finalizing 36 delisting or downlisting rules.

Reducing the Regulatory Burden

The Service delivers conservation for imperiled species through its administration of the ESA, which provides a suite of voluntary tools for private landowners to undertake conservation practices for the benefit of species. The Service is committed to strengthening delivery of conservation under the ESA by making it easier to work with the agency on proactive conservation efforts for at-risk and threatened and endangered species.

The Service is committed to providing timely review and recommendations to facilitate decisions on proposed infrastructure, energy, and other development projects that contribute to job creation and economic growth, while ensuring that impacts to fish, wildlife, and their habitats are avoided, minimized or otherwise appropriately mitigated. The Service administers a variety of environmental review processes under various authorities. To ensure that the agency's regulations and policies are clear, effective, and do not pose unnecessary regulatory burden upon the public, the Service is reviewing current ESA regulations.

Expanding Outdoor Recreation and Access

There are 567 refuges and 38 wetland management districts in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Of these, 377 are open to hunting and 312 are open to fishing. The 2020 budget request prioritizes activities that support conservation stewardship in alignment with Secretarial Order 3347, *Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation*, that calls for improving game and habitat management and increasing outdoor recreation opportunities, particularly for hunters, anglers, and other sportsmen and women. Such activities include opening acres of wildlife refuges to hunting and fishing opportunities while aligning regulations with the States to better increase access and strike a regulatory balance.

The Service will work with States, sportsmen and sportswomen partners, and industry to enhance access to hunting, fishing and recreation opportunities; reduce unnecessary regulatory barriers to access; reevaluate habitat management strategies to support healthy game populations; increase access on Service owned lands; ramp up programs that contribute to recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters and anglers and engage new audiences.

Protecting Our People and the Border

Border security is critically important to the national security of the U.S. As managers of Federal properties along the U.S.-Mexico border, the Service coordinates closely with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on border security issues to assure their access and to address resource protection challenges related to border impacts. The Service also works with CBP on infrastructure projects in an effort to minimize impacts to fish and wildlife while meeting their national security mission. The Service will continue these efforts and respond to the Administration's policy and program milestones on the border.

Funding for Refuge Law Enforcement supports safe and secure refuges where more than 55 million people per year enjoy wildlife-dependent recreation. Refuge System officers will help ensure the safety and security of the visiting public, Service employees, government property, and wildlife and their habitats. This funding will enable Refuge Law Enforcement and the Service's Emergency Management personnel to receive the necessary training, equipment, and supplies to ensure safe public access to refuges along our borders for hunting, fishing, wildlife photography and observation, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation.

In addition, our International Wildlife Trade program protects our borders from invasive species and illegal trade of domestic and foreign wildlife and plants. With funding provided in this budget, the Service will modernize its permitting system, including moving toward fully electronic application submission and permit processing. We will also work with our State wildlife agency partners to ensure that trade in commercially valuable native species is legal and sustainable, such as by implementing recommendations of State and Tribal working groups regarding American ginseng management and trade.

Ensure Tribal sovereignty means something

While State fish and wildlife agencies are critically important partners in implementing the North American Model, arguably the strongest model of conservation in the world, the Department of the Interior has an equally important responsibility to follow through on its commitments to sovereign Indian Nations and territories. In addition to its consultation responsibilities, the Service works with Tribes on a variety of conservation efforts, from black-footed ferret recovery to fisheries management. The Service is committed to enhancing its relationships with Tribal partners and will take a series of actions to enhance government-to-government relationships with Tribes on conservation issues.

Department Wide Reorganization Plan

A priority of the Administration is to optimize operations of the Federal government through meaningful reorganization and increased administrative efficiency. This includes aligning our own transformation with larger efforts in the Department and government-wide. To build resilience and flexibility in our organization, the Service is working to transform its organization with the goal of streamlining operations with a focus on field operations and support. In 2019-2020 the Service will consolidate all administrative functions under a single Assistant Director for Management and Administration.

Modernizing Our Infrastructure

Interior and Agriculture manage an infrastructure asset portfolio with over $18 billion in deferred maintenance, which includes structures, trails, roads, utility systems, and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools. To address these needs, the budget includes $6.5 billion over 5 years for a Public Lands Infrastructure Fund. The Fund will support infrastructure improvements through an allocation of 70 percent for national parks, 10 percent for national forests, 10 percent for wildlife refuges, five percent for BIE schools, and five percent for lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The Fund will be supported by the deposit of 50 percent of all federal energy development revenue that would otherwise be credited or deposited as miscellaneous receipts to the Treasury over the 2020–2024 period, subject to an annual limit of $1.3 billion. Interior and Agriculture would prioritize projects, monitor implementation, and

measure results. This investment will significantly improve many of America's most visible, visited, and treasured places.

The facilities that the Service maintains for the public, from wildlife refuges to fish hatcheries, are suffering from a massive backlog of deferred maintenance totaling $1.3 billion. The maintenance backlog includes $280 million for roads, bridges and trails; $311 million for water management and habitat structures; nearly $355 million in hatcheries, boat docks, fishing piers, recreational sites and other public use infrastructure; and nearly $355 million for visitor centers, offices, housing and historic structures. As crown jewels of our public lands, the Service will continue to focus appropriations on the infrastructure and public works of these important places to ensure the public has welcoming, safe, and reliable wildlife dependent recreational access on their public lands.

Public Lands Infrastructure Fund

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Government Reform

President Trump signed an Executive Order to modernize and reform the executive branch and Interior is leading the way, developing and executing a program that will streamline processes and better serve the American people. The absolute first step in building a better and more efficient executive branch though is fostering a culture of ethics and respect amongst colleagues.

Interior has launched several top management objectives to better achieve Departmental goals and lead the agency moving forward. From day one of this Administration, Interior's leadership has made the work environment a priority. There is zero tolerance for any type of workplace harassment at Interior. The Department is instilling a culture change through clear management accountability, swift personnel actions, reporting procedures for harassment conduct, improved training, and substantive action plans.

In the area of anti-harassment efforts, each bureau and office has made significant headway in putting a diverse set of measures in place to prevent and address unacceptable conduct. Interior has also launched an internal Workplace Culture Transformation Advisory Council to include leadership from across the Department to keep a focus on Interior's commitment to the workplace environment. The Council will look at common issues raised in the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey, ways to improve employee engagement, and building career paths which cross bureau silos; all with the goal to transform Interior's workplace culture for our employees, so they can realize their individual potential and be their most productive selves for the American people.

Another management priority is creating a strong ethical culture to ensure Interior employees honor the public's trust to manage taxpayer funds responsibly and avoid conflicts of interest. The expectations for appropriate employee conduct have been made clear. The Department has set goals and expectations for qualified ethics officials within Interior sufficient to ensure our operations are conducted ethically and ensure all employees have access to prompt, accurate ethics advice.

Summary of Request

Ecological Services – The budget includes $240.0 million to conserve, protect, and enhance listed and at-risk fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats. The budget proposes $107.5 million to support environmental reviews, consultation services, and permitting that enables economic development and the creation of American jobs. The budget prioritizes funding to promote the recovery of listed species and toward completing recovery actions and five-year species status reviews as required by the ESA. The budget proposes $11.1 million for the Listing activity to focus available resources on the recovery of listed species.

Habitat Conservation – The request for Habitat Conservation includes $54.4 million for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. The Coastal Program request is $13.4 million.

National Wildlife Refuge System – Funding for the operation and maintenance of the National Wildlife Refuge System is requested at $509.5 million. The request ensures access to high-quality opportunities for all Americans to enjoy wildlife-dependent recreation, including wildlife photography, hunting, and fishing and maintain habitat and facilities across the refuge system.

The request for the refuge system includes $239.4 million for wildlife and habitat management. The request includes an additional $5 million for invasive species early detection and rapid response on refuges and in coordination with partners. Invasive species are one of the most serious threats to native wildlife, fish, and plants in the Refuge System, and these threats are expected to grow. In fact, invasive species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity and Federally-listed threatened and endangered species, with habitat loss the first. Invasive species negatively affect native species through habitat modification, disruption of vital ecosystem functions, competition, predation, herbivory, transmission of pathogens, and by hybridizing with natives. Invasive species also impose a significant economic burden, damage infrastructure, and exacerbate wildfire.

The budget request includes $80.9 million for Visitor Services. The Refuge System offers a variety of wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities and continues welcoming more visitors each year. The priority for wildlife refuges in FY 2020 is increasing opportunities and access for hunters and anglers. With more than 100 wildlife refuges within 25 miles of most major cities, wildlife refuges offer excellent opportunities for more Americans to enjoy all kinds of wildlife-dependent recreation. The budget continues support for hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching that benefit local communities. The budget also contains an additional $1 million to support the urban refuges program, which reaches out to urban residents to encourage interest in wildlife-dependent recreation and conservation.

The request includes $146.0 million for refuge facility and equipment maintenance. The budget prioritizes maintenance of Service-owned facilities and infrastructure such as water control structures and maintenance of administrative facilities. Addressing health and human safety deficiencies at existing facilities is the highest priority for maintenance funding.

Migratory Bird Management – To support cooperation with States on migratory bird management, the budget includes $49.5 million for migratory bird management. In 2016, the most recent year in which the Service conducted the *National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation*, 2.4 million migratory bird hunters generated $2.3 billion in economic activity, much of it in rural America supporting jobs in the travel, hospitality, and outdoor recreation industries. The 2020 budget request includes $7.3 million for monitoring of waterfowl populations, which provides critical data for developing annual migratory bird hunting frameworks that States rely on to establish hunting seasons and maintain this economic activity.

Law Enforcement – The budget provides $77.2 million for the law enforcement program to investigate wildlife crimes and enforce wildlife laws. The Service continues to cooperate with the State Department, other Federal agencies, and foreign governments to disrupt transportation routes connected to the illegal wildlife trafficking supply chain. The Service will continue to cooperate with other nations to combat wildlife trafficking to halt the destruction of some of the world's most iconic species, such as elephants and rhinos, by stopping illicit trade; ensuring sustainable legal trade; reducing demand for illegal products; and providing technical assistance and grants to other nations to develop local enforcement capabilities.

International Affairs – The budget includes a total of $16.6 million for the Service's international program. The Service provides technical and financial assistance to partners to support innovative projects that address wildlife poaching and trafficking by strengthening enforcement, reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife, and expanding international cooperation and commitment to mitigate this threat.

Fish and Aquatic Conservation – The budget includes a total of $155.6 million for Fish and Aquatic Conservation. The request includes $56.4 million for operation of the National Fish Hatchery System. The Service will address top priorities such as recovery of federally-listed threatened or endangered species, restoration of imperiled species, and fulfillment of Tribal partnerships and trust responsibilities. The Service will cooperate with Federal agency partners to mitigate impacts of Federal water projects via reimbursable service agreements. Mitigation hatcheries provide sportfish that increase opportunities for recreational fishing and contribute to local economies. The budget includes $25.8 million for maintenance of infrastructure including pumps and raceways at fish hatcheries.

The budget proposes $73.4 million for Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation, including $7.8 million for combating Asian carp and $14.0 million for fish passage improvements, including dam and culvert removal or replacement to open streams and rivers to native fish restoration. The budget maintains funding for management of subsistence fishing in Alaska and fishery monitoring, management, and restoration nationwide.

General Operations – The Service's General Operations budget totals $140.9 million. The Service is in its second year of consolidating administrative services, and changes are proposed to the funding structure to provide the new Management and Administration program a defined funding source. The request includes $7.0 million for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to support conservation projects, and $21.4 million for the operation and maintenance of the National Conservation Training Center.

Construction – The Service requests $15.7 million for construction in FY 2020.

Land Acquisition – The Service's request for the Land Acquisition account is $9.9 million. The FY2020 Budget focuses available funds on the protection and management of existing lands and assets. Acquiring new lands is a lower priority than funding ongoing operations and maintenance.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants (NAWCA) – The Service is requesting $40.0 million for NAWCA grants, which provide funding for land acquisition by non-Federal partners for wetlands conservation.

Multinational Species Conservation Fund – The 2020 request for this international species grant account is $6 million.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund – The Service proposes $3.9 million for these North American bird conservation grants.

State Wildlife Grants – The request for this program is $31.3 million. These grants are provided to States for wildlife conservation.

The full report on the Service's contributions to Departmental performance goals will be published as part of the Annual Performance Plan and Report. It will be available in March, 2019 as a companion report to this document. The report provides the a trend of accomplishments for the last five years, includes targets for the next two years and the associated current year funding and supporting strategic actions.

Agency Priority Goals

Ensure Clear, Quantitative Criteria for Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Plans Agency Priority Goal

Bureau Contribution

The ESA requires that the Service develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of endangered and threatened species found in the U.S., which incorporate objective, and measureable criteria for recovering listed species. Good, defensible criteria for recovering species is critical to inform priorities, engage partners in conservation activities and direct resources towards the most immediate needs.

Implementation Strategy

Recovery plans provide the Service, partners, stakeholders, and the public a road map and goals for achieving recovery of listed species. Clear criteria for delisting a species directs resources to activities and actions that will most benefit the listed species. This measure will report on the number of recovery plans that provide quantitative criteria for delisting a species under the ESA.

The data source for this measure is the Service's Threatened and Endangered Species System database (contained within the Service's Environmental Conservation Online System, ECOS). The database includes information on all listed species, including their recovery plans, and when the species final recovery plan was completed. Determining whether the criteria used in the plan is quantitative will be determined through a review of each plan and tracked in a separate file.

Performance Metrics

For published recovery plans, Ecological Services is the lead component within Service for reviewing these plans to confirm that each plan provides quantitative criteria. For recovery plans under development or not yet initiated, the Service will require quantitative criteria be developed as part of the drafting and finalizing of the recovery plan.

Strategic Objective Performance Summary

The Service contributes to meeting the Department's performance goals in three of the Department's six mission areas, as discussed below.

Departmental Mission Area: Conserving Our Land and Water

Bureau Contribution

The Service met or exceeded two of the four FY 2018 targets set for the Strategy: Provide stewardship of land, surface water, streams and shorelines performance metrics, contributing to the Department meeting its metrics for FY 2018 in this strategic objective.

The Service met or exceeded five of the seven FY 2018 targets set for the Strategy: Provide stewardship of wildlife, bird, fish, and plant species performance metrics, contributing to the Department's meeting or exceeding its metrics for FY 2018.

Funding in FY 2020 enables the Service to support the National Wildlife Refuge System, which administers a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the U.S. for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans. Wildlife refuges are home to more than 700 species of birds, 220 species of mammals, 250 reptile and amphibian species, and more than 1,000 species of fish. Wildlife refuges manage a full range of habitat types – wetlands; prairies; coastal and marine areas; temperate, tundra and boreal forests. Managing these habitats requires controlling or eradicating invasive species, using fire in a prescribed manner, assuring adequate water resources, and assessing external threats like development or contamination. The Service uses prescribed fire to reduce dangerously overgrown vegetation-known as hazardous fuels- to keep habitat in good condition. In FY 2018, the Refuge System conducted prescribed burns across more than 325,000 acres. These actions help reduce the risk of devastating wildfires that can threaten people, fish, wildlife and plants.

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program has grown into a large and diversified habitat restoration program assisting thousands of private landowners across the Nation and the Coastal Program provides incentives for voluntary protection of threatened, endangered and other species on private and public lands alike. The *North American Wetlands Conservation Act* provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife. The FY 2020 request will maintain the Service's support for work with partners on private, State, and other Federal lands to conserve and restore habitat for fish and wildlife and plant species.

As the principal Federal partner responsible for administering the ESA, the Service takes the lead in recovering and conserving our Nation's imperiled species by fostering partnerships, employing scientific excellence, and developing a workforce of conservation leaders. The FY 2020 request will provide funding for the Service to work in partnership with others, on two major goals, 1) conserve candidate species and species-at-risk so that listing under the ESA is not necessary; and 2) protect endangered and threatened

species, and pursue their recovery. These goals are achieved through the following activities: candidate conservation; consultations; grants; habitat conservation plans; international activities; listing and critical habitat; recovery; and working with Tribes.

The Service Fisheries Program works at the intersection of fisheries science and management, developing and using the latest techniques to conserve America's fisheries. Fisheries science is an integrative approach to understanding the biology, ecology, and economics of a fishery with the goal of sustainable management. The Service analyzes and approves new drugs and chemicals for aquatic species; monitors population levels and responses to environmental changes; maps habitat usage; identifies pathogens and diseases; breeds and grows fish; and evaluates population structure using genetics. The Service applies scientific data to focus conservation activities on high-priority species and habitats to protect and maintain stable populations and healthy habitats, and restore degraded habitats and depleted populations.

Funding in FY 2020 will allow the Service to maintain efforts to oversee its legal mandate and trust responsibility to maintain healthy migratory bird populations for the benefit of the American public. More than 25 laws, treaties, and conventions authorize the Service to conserve more than 1,000 species of migratory birds and their habitats. Primary among these mandates is the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918, which establishes Federal responsibility for protecting and managing migratory birds. It also implements four international treaties affecting migratory birds common to the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Japan and the former Soviet Union. Management activities include establishing hunting seasons, bag limits, and other regulations and issuing permits to possess or use migratory birds. Other important laws that directly and significantly impact program activities include the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, which promote habitat and bird conservation across North America and throughout the western hemisphere.

Implementation Strategy

The Service will continue its efforts improve land and water health and sustaining fish, wildlife and plant species in FY 2020. The response by species to changes in habitat (or other stressors on their health and sustainability) can take years before it can be measured and therefore, measures related to overall status of species tend to move slowly across the years. Also, especially on projects conducted with partners on private lands, results can vary widely from year to year based on the makeup of projects and the partnerships in effect in that time span. The Annual Performance and Plan and Report (APP&R) contains details on some of the variability of specific measures.)

More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics

The Service contributes to four DOI Strategic Plan measures in the Strategy: Provide stewardship of land, surface water, streams and shorelines; and seven DOI Strategic Plan measures in the Strategy: Provide stewardship of wildlife, bird, fish, and plant species.

The related performance measures (including data) are included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Departmental Mission Area: Expanding Outdoor Recreation and Access

Bureau Contribution

The Service met or exceeded both FY 2018 targets set for the Strategy: Promote hunting, fishing and other recreation on DOI lands and waters.

In response to Secretarial Orders (S.O.) 3347 and 3356, the Chief of the Refuge System has led an effort to assess the Service's hunting and sport fishing regulatory alignment to State regulations, and support Regional Directors' in identifying opportunities to increase access for hunters and anglers. A web-based tool called the Service's Hunt/Fish Opportunity Tool (SHOT) was developed, and a team of Regional Chiefs of Hunting and Fishing are assessing all Service lands and waters for regulatory alignment to State hunting and fishing regulations. As part of the 2018-2019 station-specific final rule, which published in the Code of Federal Regulations on September 10, 2018, 30 refuges opened or expanded opportunities for hunters and anglers on 251,000 acres of the Refuge System. As assessments are completed in 2019, this data will support further proposals to increase access for hunters and anglers for the 2019-2020 station-specific rule.

Implementation Strategy

The Service will continue its efforts in promoting hunting, fishing and other recreation on Service lands and waters in FY 2020. More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics

The Service contributes to two DOI Strategic Plan measure in this strategic objective. The related performance measures (including data) are included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Bureau Contribution

The Service met its FY 2018 target for the Strategy: Enhance the enjoyment and appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage by creating opportunities for play, enlightenment, and inspiration. A visitor survey, conducted at selected, representative Refuge System locations showed increased visitor satisfaction over previous years in all facets of their experience. This updated result helped the Department also meet its overall goal for visitor satisfaction.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 provides direction to the Refuge System to provide "…compatible wildlife-dependent recreational uses involving hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education and interpretation as priority public uses of the Refuge System." In addition, many of the Service's fish hatcheries also provide opportunities for the public to visit and learn more about aquatic wildlife, fish, and fish hatcheries, as well as take advantage of recreational activities on hatchery grounds. The FY 2020 request will enable the Service to maintain opportunities for outdoor recreation at National Wildlife Refuges and National Fish Hatcheries at levels similar to FY 2018.

Implementation Strategy
The Service will continue its visitor service programs at similar levels in FY 2020, compared to FY 2018, and expects to maintain its current high level of visitor satisfaction (90%). More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics
The Service contributes to one DOI Strategic Plan measure in this strategic objective. The related performance measure (including data) is included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and is not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Departmental Mission Area: Modernizing Our Organization and Infrastructure for the Next 100 Years

The Service met or exceeded one of the three FY 2018 targets for the Strategy: Maintain critical DOI infrastructure and facilities to ensure effective operations and service delivery, contributing to the Department meeting its metrics for FY 2018 in this strategic objective.

Bureau Contribution
The Refuge System is the Service's primary organization responsible for identifying, protecting, and sharing historic structures and historic resources. The three primary goals are to (1) evaluate, through a systematic, open-minded study by archeologists, historians, and other specialists to locate resources and to discover or substantiate their significance; (2) provide considerable thought to the problem of simultaneously protecting resources and making them available to the public; and (3) implement essential and appropriate treatment programs and protective measures. The FY 2020 request will maintain efforts to protect these resources at levels similar to FY 2018.

Established in 1896, D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archives, formerly Spearfish National Fish Hatchery, is one of the oldest operating hatcheries in the country. Still rearing trout for the Black Hills through a cooperative effort with the State, the hatchery is also a museum and archive that serves to protect and preserve our Nation's fishery records and artifacts for educational, research, and historic purposes. With over 155,000 visitors and 14,000 volunteer hours annually, the facility also strives to provide interpretive and educational programs for the public.

The National Conservation Training Center Museum and Archives houses films, photos, and documents chronicling the rich heritage of wildlife conservation. A museum and state-of-the-art research archive help the public, researchers and professional conservationists better understand the rich history of American wildlife conservation.

Implementation Strategy

The Service will continue its historic and heritage resource efforts at similar levels in FY 2020, compared to FY 2018. More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics

Service contributes to three DOI Strategic Plan measures in this strategic objective. The related performance measures (including data) are included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

For more information about DOI performance measures, the full performance plan can be found at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/fy2018-2022-strategic-plan.pdf

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
MAJOR ACCOUNT SUMMARY OF FISCAL YEAR 2020

Account		2018 Actual	2019 Annualized CR	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	2020 Change from 2019 (+/-)
Current Appropriations								
Resource Management	$000	1,279,002	1,279,002	+7,455	0	-29,296	1,257,161	-21,841
	FTE	6,522	6,522			-8	6,514	-8
Construction	$000	66,540	66,540	+23	0	-50,870	15,693	-50,847
	FTE	41	41		0	+0	41	+0
Land Acquisition	$000	63,839	63,839	+39		-54,014	9,864	-53,975
	FTE	79	79		0	-35	44	-35
National Wildlife Refuge Fund	$000	13,228	13,228	0	0	-13,228	0	-13,228
	FTE	0	0		0		0	+0
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund	$000	53,495	53,495	0	0	-53,495	0	-53,495
	FTE	13	13		0	-13	0	-13
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	$000	40,000	40,000	0	0	+0	40,000	+0
	FTE	6	6		0	+0	6	+0
Multinational Species Conservation Fund	$000	11,061	11,061	0	0	-5,061	6,000	-5,061
	FTE	3	3		0	+0	3	+0
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation	$000	3,910	3,910	0	0	-10	3,900	-10
	FTE	1	1		0	+0	1	+0
State and Tribal Wildlife Grants	$000	63,571	63,571	0	0	-32,285	31,286	-32,285
	FTE	17	17		0	-8	9	-8
TOTAL, Current Appropriations	**$000**	**1,594,646**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-238,259**	**1,363,904**	**-230,742**
	FTE	**6,682**	**6,682**		**+0**	**-64**	**6,618**	**-64**
CESCF -$31.008M and Land Acquisition -$5.324M cancellation of balances		0	0	0	0	-36,332	-36,332	-36,332
TOTAL, Current Appropriations w/ Cancellation of CESCF/ Land Acquisition balances. $000		**1,594,646**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-274,591**	**1,327,572**	**-267,074**
	FTE	**6,682**	**6,682**		**+0**	**-64**	**6,618**	**-64**
Supplemental Appropriation - Construction		**210,629**	**0**	**+0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**+0**
TOTAL, Current Appropriations w/ Cancellation and Supplemental. $000		**1,805,275**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-274,591**	**1,327,572**	**-267,074**

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	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers	Program Changes	2020 Request
Appropriation: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT						
ECOLOGICAL SERVICES						
LISTING	**18,818**	**18,818**	**+124**	**0**	**-7,877**	**11,065**
PLANNING AND CONSULTATION	**105,579**	**105,579**	**+1,338**	**0**	**+599**	**107,516**
Gulf Coast Restoration					-3,002	
NEPA Streamlining					-2,500	
General Program Activities					+6,101	
CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION	**32,396**	**32,396**	**+254**	**0**	**-6,209**	**26,441**
Environmental Contaminants					-1,785	
Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem					-1,506	
Candidate Conservation					-2,918	
RECOVERY	**91,032**	**91,032**	**+841**	**0**	**+3,127**	**95,000**
De-listing and Down Listing					-1,393	
Recovery Challenge					-5,000	
State of the Birds Activities					-3,000	
White Nose Syndrome					-2,000	
Wolf Livestock Loss Demonstration Program					-1,000	
General Program Activities					+15,520	
ECOLOGICAL SERVICES TOTAL	**247,825**	**247,825**	**+2,557**	**0**	**-10,360**	**240,022**
HABITAT CONSERVATION						
PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE	**51,633**	**51,633**	**+321**	**0**	**+2,463**	**54,417**
Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication					-688	
Environmental Data Quality/Access (WA Salmon Recovery)					-643	
WA Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups					-1,285	
General Program Activities					+5,079	
COASTAL PROGRAM	**13,375**	**13,375**	**+185**	**0**	**-185**	**13,375**
Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group					-184	
Long Live the Kings					-184	
General Program Activities					+183	
HABITAT CONSERVATION TOTAL	**65,008**	**65,008**	**+506**	**0**	**+2,278**	**67,792**
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM						
WILDLIFE AND HABITAT MANAGEMENT						
Refuge Wildlife & Habitat Management	**233,141**	**233,141**	**+1,365**	**0**	**+4,931**	**239,437**
Invasive Species					+5,000	
Inventory and Monitoring					-1,044	
General Program Activities					+975	
Refuge Visitor Services	**73,319**	**73,319**	**+430**	**0**	**+7,106**	**80,855**
Urban Wildlife Conservation Program					+1,000	
Youth and Careers in Nature					-2,000	
General Program Activities					+8,106	
Refuge Law Enforcement	**38,054**	**38,054**	**+212**	**0**	**+4,929**	**43,195**
General Program Activities					+4,929	
Refuge Conservation Planning	**2,523**	**2,523**	**0**	**0**	**-2,523**	**0**
Refuge Planning					-2,523	
Refuge Maintenance	**139,469**	**139,469**	**+555**	**0**	**+6,018**	**146,042**
Annual Maintenance					+950	
Equipment and Vehicle Management				-4,000		
Deferred Maintenance					+3,090	
Youth Conservation Corps					-649	
Maintenance Support				+4,000	+2,627	
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM TOTAL	**486,506**	**486,506**	**+2,562**	**0**	**+20,461**	**509,529**

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CONSERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT						
MIGRATORY BIRD MANAGEMENT						
Conservation and Monitoring	**31,126**	**31,126**	**+258**		**+698**	**32,082**
Monitoring					+988	
Aviation Management					+1,237	
Bird-Livestock Conflicts						
Energy						
Urban Bird Treaties						
General Program Activities					-1,527	
Permits	**3,424**	**3,424**	**+21**	**0**	**+254**	**3,699**
Duck Stamp Office	**556**	**556**	**+8**	**0**	**0**	**564**
North American Waterfowl Management Plan	**13,140**	**13,140**	**+62**	**0**	**-62**	**13,140**
General Program Activities					-62	
Migratory Bird Management Total	**48,246**	**48,246**	**+349**	**0**	**+890**	**49,485**
LAW ENFORCEMENT						
Law Enforcement Operations	**75,980**	**75,980**	**+256**	**0**	**+71**	**76,307**
Wildlife Trafficking					+986	
General Program Activities					-915	
Equipment Replacement	**910**	**910**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**910**
Law Enforcement Total	**76,890**	**76,890**	**+256**	**0**	**+71**	**77,217**
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS						
International Conservation	**8,290**	**8,290**	**+50**	**0**	**+381**	**8,721**
Wildlife Trafficking					+1,084	
Arctic Council Support					-550	
General Program Activities					-153	
International Wildlife Trade	**7,526**	**7,526**	**+86**	**0**	**+290**	**7,902**
General Program Activities					+290	
International Affairs Total	**15,816**	**15,816**	**+136**	**0**	**+671**	**16,623**
CONSERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT TOTAL	**140,952**	**140,952**	**+741**	**0**	**+1,632**	**143,325**
FISH AND AQUATIC CONSERVATION						
National Fish Hatchery Operations	**55,822**	**55,822**	**+376**	**0**	**+192**	**56,390**
Washington State Mass Marking					-1,475	
Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Program					-400	
General Program Activities					+2,067	
Maintenance and Equipment	**22,920**	**22,920**	**+38**	**0**	**+2,888**	**25,846**
Annual Maintenance					+2,888	
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation						
Habitat Assessment and Restoration	**33,987**	**33,987**	**+85**	**0**	**-6,569**	**27,503**
Chehalis Fisheries Restoration					-268	
Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement					-1,390	
Deleware River Basin					-5,000	
General Program Activities					+89	
Population Assessment and Cooperative Mgmt.	**30,150**	**30,150**	**+597**	**0**	**-1,006**	**29,741**
Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey					-489	
General Program Activities					-517	

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Aquatic Invasive Species	**21,748**	**21,748**	**+53**	**0**	**-5,654**	**16,147**
Asian Carp					-566	
Contract Fishing (Asian Carp)					-2,000	
Lake Tahoe Water Craft Inspections					-3,088	
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation Subtotal	**85,885**	**85,885**	**+735**	**0**	**-13,229**	**73,391**
FISH AND AQUATIC CONSERVATION TOTAL	**164,627**	**164,627**	**+1,149**	**0**	**-10,149**	**155,627**
COOPERATIVE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION	**12,988**	**12,988**	**0**	**0**	**-12,988**	**0**
SCIENCE SUPPORT						
Adaptive Science	**10,517**	**10,517**	**0**	**0**	**-10,517**	**0**
Service Science	**6,750**	**6,750**	**0**	**0**	**-6,750**	**0**
SCIENCE SUPPORT TOTAL	**17,267**	**17,267**	**0**	**0**	**-17,267**	**0**
GENERAL OPERATIONS						
Central Office Operations	**31,257**	**31,257**	**0**	**-9,613**	**+160**	**21,804**
Management and Administration	**40,866**	**40,866**	**0**	**+9,613**	**+4,387**	**54,866**
Servicewide Bill Paying	**35,781**	**35,781**	**-174**	**0**	**+163**	**35,770**
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	**7,022**	**7,022**	**0**	**0**	**-22**	**7,000**
National Conservation Training Center	**28,903**	**28,903**	**+114**	**0**	**-7,591**	**21,426**
General Program Activities					+2,226	
Yough and Careers in Nature					-3,913	
Annual Maintenance					-5,904	
GENERAL OPERATIONS TOTAL	**143,829**	**143,829**	**-60**	**0**	**-2,903**	**140,866**
TOTAL - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	**1,279,002**	**1,279,002**	**+7,455**	**0**	**-29,296**	**1,257,161**
Appropriation CONSTRUCTION						
Nationwide Engineering Services	5,475	5,475	+23	0	-130	5,368
Dam, Bridge and Seismic Safety	1,972	1,972	0	0	-740	1,232
Line Item Construction	59,093	59,093	0	0	-50,000	9,093
TOTAL - CONSTRUCTION	**66,540**	**66,540**	**+23**	**0**	**-50,870**	**15,693**
Appropriation LAND ACQUISITION						
Land Acquisition Management	12,773	12,773	+39	0	-3,286	9,526
Land Protection Planning	465	465	0	0	-465	0
Exchanges	1,500	1,500	0	0	-1,500	0
Inholdings, Emergencies and Hardships	5,351	5,351	0	0	-5,013	338
Sportsmen and Recreational Access	2,500	2,500	0	0	-2,500	0
Highlands Conservation Act	10,000	10,000	0	0	-10,000	0
Land Acquisition	31,250	31,250	0	0	-31,250	0
TOTAL - LAND ACQUISITION	**63,839**	**63,839**	**+39**	**0**	**-54,014**	**9,864**
Appropriation NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE FUND	**13,228**	**13,228**	**0**	**0**	**-13,228**	**0**
Appropriation COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND	**53,495**	**53,495**	**0**	**0**	**-53,495**	**0**

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	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers	Program Changes	2020 Request
Appropriation NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION FUND	40,000	40,000	0	0	0	40,000
Appropriation MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND	11,061	11,061	0	0	-5,061	6,000
Appropriation NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION FUND	3,910	3,910	0	0	-10	3,900
Appropriation STATE & TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANTS	63,571	63,571	0	0	-32,285	31,286
TOTAL, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (Current Disc.)	**1,594,646**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-238,259**	**1,363,904**
CANCELLATION OF PRIOR YEAR BALANCES						
Appropriation LAND ACQUISITION					-5,324	-5,324
Appropriation CESCF					-31,008	-31,008
TOTAL, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (Discretionary)					**-274,591**	**1,327,572**

FY 2020 Summary of Fixed Cost Changes by Appropriation

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Fixed Cost Component	Resource Management	Construction	Land Acq.	TOTAL
Change in Pay Days	2,766	15	25	**2,806**
Pay Raise	0	0	0	**0**
FERS Employer Contribution Increase	1,705	8	14	**1,727**
Departmental Working Capital Fund	453	0	0	**453**
Workers' Compensation Payments	-627	0	0	**-627**
Unemployment Compensation Payments	0	0	0	**0**
GSA and non-GSA Space Rental Payments	3,158	0	0	**3,158**
TOTAL, Fixed Costs	**7,455**	**23**	**39**	**7,517**

Resource Management

Resource Management

Appropriations Language

For necessary expenses of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, as authorized by law, and for scientific and economic studies, general administration, and for the performance of other authorized functions related to such resources, $1,257,161,000 to remain available until September 30, 2021: Provided, That not to exceed $11,065,000 shall be used for implementing subsections (a), (b), (c), and (e) of section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533) (except for processing petitions, developing and issuing proposed and final regulations, and taking any other steps to implement actions described in subsection (c)(2)(A), (c)(2)(B)(i), or (c)(2)(B)(ii)).

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the Continuing Resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

African Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4201-4245, 1538). Authorizes funding for approved projects for research, conservation, management or protection of African elephants. Authorizes prohibitions against the sale, importation, and exportation of ivory derived from African elephants.

Agricultural Credit Act, (P. L. 100-233). Section 616 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer lands, interest therein, to Federal or State agencies for conservation purposes. The Fish and Wildlife Service assesses inventory lands to determine when such lands would be of benefit to the National Wildlife Refuge System and makes transfer recommendations.

Airborne Hunting Act, (16 U.S.C. 742 j-1). Section 13 of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 prohibits taking or harassing wildlife from aircraft, except when protecting wildlife, livestock, and human health or safety as authorized by a Federal or State issued license or permit.

Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 410hh-3233, 43 U.S.C 1602-1784). Provides for the designation and conservation of certain public lands in Alaska, including units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for the continuing subsistence needs of the Alaska Natives. Sec. 42(g) of this Act makes use of such Native lands subject to refuge regulations.

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, (43 U.S.C. 1601-1624). Provides various measures for settling the claims of Alaska Native peoples to land in Alaska, including authorization of selection and ownership of land within National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska by Native Corporations.

Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, (P. L. 89-304). Authorizes the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce to enter into cooperative agreements with the States and other non-Federal interests for the conservation, development, and enhancement of anadromous fish, including those in the Great Lakes, and to contribute up to 50 percent of the costs of carrying out such agreements.

Antarctic Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 2401). Provides for the conservation and protection of the fauna and flora of Antarctica, and their ecosystems.

Archaeological Resources Protection Act, (16 U.S.C. 470aa-47011)**.** Provides for protection of archaeological resources and sites on public and Tribal lands and for increased cooperation between

government authorities, the professional archaeological community, and private collectors with collections obtained before October 31, 1979.

Arctic Tundra Habitat Emergency Conservation Act, (P.L.106-108). Requires the Secretary of the Interior to prepare, and as appropriate implement, a comprehensive, long-term plan for the management of mid-continent light geese and conservation of their habitat.

Asian Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4261-4266, 1538). Provides for cooperative projects for the conservation and protection of Asian elephants.

Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, (16 U. S.C. 5151-5158). The purpose of this Act is to support and encourage development, implementation, and enforcement of effective interstate action regarding the conservation and management of Atlantic striped bass. The Act recognizes the commercial and recreational importance of Atlantic striped bass and establishes a consistent management scheme for its conservation. The three partners which share management responsibility for Atlantic striped bass are the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Every two years, the Services are required to produce an Atlantic Striped Bass Biennial Report to Congress on the status and health of Atlantic Coast Striped Bass Stocks.

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Ac*t*, **(**16 U.S.C. 668-668d). This Act provides for the protection of Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles by prohibiting take, possession, sale, purchase, transport, export or import of such eagles or their parts or nests. Take, possession, and transport are permitted for certain authorized purposes.

Brown Tree Snake Eradication and Control Act, (P.L. 108-384). Through this Act, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture support a multi-agency and partner effort to eradicate brown tree snakes in Guam and to prevent introduction or establishment of this invasive species on other Pacific islands or the U.S. mainland.

Billy Frank Jr. Tell Your Story Act, (P.L. 114-101). Establishes the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial within the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. The Department of the Interior must: (1) establish the boundaries of the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial and to provide for its administration and interpretation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and (2) coordinate with representatives of the Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Puyallup, and Squaxin Island Indian Tribes in providing for that interpretation.

Chehalis River Basin Fishery Resources Study and Restoration Act, (P. L. 101-452). Authorizes a joint Federal, State, and tribal study for the restoration of the fishery resources of the Chehalis River Basin, Washington.

Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990, (16 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) Requires the Secretary (delegated to the Service) to maintain the maps of the Coastal Barrier Resources System, to review the system at least every five years for changes which have occurred as a result of natural forces, and to make minor and technical changes to the maps of the System reflecting those natural changes. It also requires the Secretary to submit a study to Congress on the need to include the west coast in the system, and to lead an interagency task force to provide recommendations to Congress for legislative action and Federal policies on developed and undeveloped coastal barriers.

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act, (16 U.S.C. 3951-3156). Provides a Federal grant program for the acquisition, restoration, management, and enhancement of coastal wetlands of States

adjacent to the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, and the Pacific, including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Pacific U.S. insular areas. Provides that the Service update and digitize wetlands maps in Texas and conduct an assessment of the status, condition, and trends of wetlands in that State. Provides permanent authorization to appropriate receipts, coastal wetlands conservation grants and North American Wetlands Conservation projects.

Coastal Zone Management Act, (16 U.S.C. 1451-1464). Establishes a voluntary national program within the Department of Commerce to encourage coastal States to develop and implement coastal zone management plans. Activities that affect coastal zones must be consistent with approved State programs. The Act also establishes a National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS).

Colorado River Floodway Protection Act, (43 U.S.C 1600; 42 U.S.C. 4029). Establishes a Task Force to advise the Secretary of the Interior on the specific boundaries for and management for the area.

Colorado River Storage Project Act, (43 U.S.C. 620). Provides that facilities will be built and operated to mitigate losses of, and improve conditions for, fish and wildlife in connection with the Colorado River Storage.

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, (42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq.). Provides that responsible parties, including Federal landowners, investigate and clean up releases of hazardous substances. Trustees for natural resources, which includes the Secretary of the Interior, may assess and recover damages for injury to natural resources from releases of hazardous substances and use the damages for restoration, replacement or acquisition of equivalent natural resources. Provides permanent authorization to appropriate receipts from responsible parties.

Coral Reef Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.). Promotes wise management and sustainable use of coral reef ecosystems and develop sound scientific information on the condition of coral reef ecosystems and threats to them. Provides financial resources to local communities and nongovernmental organizations to assist in the preservation of coral reefs. It establishes a formal mechanism for collecting and allocating monetary donations from the private sector to be used for coral reef conservation projects.

Delaware River Basin Restoration Act, (P.L. 114-322). Establishes a Delaware River Basin restoration program and directs the Secretary to produce a basin-wide strategy that draws on existing conservation efforts, involves partners, and provides for the implementation of a shared set of science-based restoration and protection activities, including cost-effective projects with measurable results that maximize conservation outcomes with no net gain of Federal employees. Establishes a voluntary grant and technical assistance program. Sunsets on September 30, 2023. Enacted as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016.

Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2016, (P.L. 114-231). Sets forth a national policy on wildlife trafficking and several directions for the U.S. Secretary of State. Creates a Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, the co-chairs of which include the Secretary of the Interior. Authorizes anti-poaching and anti-trafficking programs. Amends the Pelly Amendment to the Fisherman's Protection Act to require that Pelly certifications made to the President by the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior be reported to Congress.

Emergency Wetlands Resources Act, (16 U.S.C. 3901). Provides for the collection of entrance fees, thirty percent of which may be used for refuge operations and maintenance, and for the Secretary of the Interior to establish and periodically review a national wetlands priority conservation plan for Federal and State wetlands acquisition, complete National Wetlands Inventory maps for the contiguous United States by

September 30, l998, to update the report on wetlands status and trends by September 30, 1990, and at 10-year intervals thereafter.

Endangered Species Act, (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544). Prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to and removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery; provides for interagency cooperation to avoid take of listed species and for issuing permits for otherwise prohibited activities; provides for cooperation with States, including authorization of financial assistance; and implements the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Indian Water Settlement Act, (P.L. 101-618). Establishes the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund. Funds are administered by the Service for use in restoring Lahontan Valley wetlands and recovering the endangered and threatened fish of Pyramid Lake. Section 206(a) authorizes the acquisition of water rights for restoring wetlands in Lahontan Valley. The Act stipulates that sufficient water rights be acquired to restore and sustain, on a long term average, approximately 25,000 acres of primary wetland habitat within Nevada's Lahontan Valley.

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Control Act, (7 U.S.C. 136-136y). Provides for the registration of pesticides to avoid unreasonable adverse effects to humans or the environment. Such registrations are considered Federal actions and are subject to consultations with the Service under the Endangered Species Act.

Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), **(**16 U.S.C. 6801-6814). Through this Act, Congress authorized Federal collection of fees for recreational use of public lands managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service.

Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA), (43 U.S.C. 2301-2306). Allows the sale of BLM lands identified for disposal, with sales proceeds used for land acquisition by the various land management agencies, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Federal Power Act, (161 S.C. 791a et seq.). Provides that each license for hydropower projects issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission includes fish ways prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior or Commerce, and that conditions for the protection, mitigation and enhancement of fish and wildlife based on recommendations of the Service and other agencies.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act), (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387)**.** Section 404 (m) authorizes the Service to comment on permit applications submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the discharge of dredged or fill material into navigable waters of the United States. Section 208(i) authorizes the Service to provide technical assistance to States in developing management practices as part of its water pollution control programs and to continue with the National Wetlands Inventory. Section 320 authorizes the establishment of a State/Federal cooperative program to nominate estuaries of national significance and to develop and implement management plans to restore and maintain the biological and chemical integrity of estuarine waters.

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, (16 U.S.C. 742(a)-754). Establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 2901-2911). Directs the Secretary of the Interior to undertake research and conservation activities, in coordination with other Federal, State, international and private organizations, to fulfill responsibilities to conserve migratory nongame birds under existing authorities. The Secretary is required, for all species, subspecies, and migratory nongame birds, to monitor and assess population trends and status; to identify environmental change and human activities; and to identify species in need of additional conservation and identify conservation actions to ensure perpetuation of these species.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, (16 U.S.C. 661-666(e)). Directs the Service to investigate and report on proposed Federal actions that affect any stream or other body of water and to provide recommendations to minimize impacts on fish and wildlife resources.

Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act, (16 U.S.C. 777 note; P.L. 106-502)**.** Congress reauthorized the Fisheries and Irrigation Mitigation Act (FRIMA) as part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, P.L. 111-11. FRIMA was established in 2000 and has been an important tool for addressing fish screening and fish passage needs in the Pacific Northwest States.

Fishery Conservation and Management Act, (Magnuson-Stevens Act), (16 U.S.C. 1801-1882, 90 Stat. 331). Authorizes the conservation and management of the fishery resources found within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States, including anadromous species, through eight Regional Fishery Management Councils. Establishes the Service as a nonvoting member of the Councils.

Food Security Act, (16 U.S.C. 801-3945). Provides that the Secretary of Agriculture consult with the Secretary of the Interior on the identification of wetlands, determinations of exemptions, and issuance of regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act. Requires the Service to concur in wetland mitigation plans in association with minimal effect exemptions and to concur in conservation plans for lands proposed for inclusion in the Wetlands Reserve program. Establishes a program to protect and restore wetlands on Farmers Home Administration inventory property and provides for the Service to identify such wetlands.

Great Ape Conservation Act*,* (16 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.). Authorizes grants to foreign governments, the CITES secretariat, and non-governmental organizations for the conservation of great apes. The funds are to be a sub-account of the Multinational Species Conservation Fund.

Great Lakes Critical Programs Act, (P.L. 101-596). Authorization for Service activities is contained in title III, the "Lake Champlain Special Designation Act of 1990".

Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act, (P.L. 109-326). The 2006 reauthorization places new emphasis on terrestrial wildlife projects, whereas the previous Acts were primarily devoted to fisheries. The bill also reauthorizes the existing State and Tribal grant program and provides new authority for the Service to undertake regional restoration projects. In addition, it directs the Service to create and maintain a website to document actions taken as a result of the Act. Under authority of the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 2006, the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act Grant Program provides Federal grants on a competitive basis to States, Tribes and other interested entities to encourage cooperative conservation, restoration and management of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat in Great Lakes basin..

Great Lakes Fishery Act, (16 U.S.C. 931-939). Implements the Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between the United States and Canada, and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior and the Service to undertake lamprey control and other measures related to the Convention.

Highlands Conservation Act, (P.L. 108-421). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania (Highland States) to preserve and protect high priority conservation land in the Highlands region, an area depicted on a National Forest Service map entitled "The Highlands Region" dated June 2004.

Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act, (16 U.S.C. 719 et seq.). Authorizes an annual Junior Duck Stamp competition and environmental education program for school children; provides for the licensing and marketing of winning designs, with proceeds used for awards and scholarships to participants. Public Law 109-166 reauthorizes the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act, (16 U.S.C.460ss et seq.). Requires the Secretary to develop and implement a restoration plan for the Klamath River Basin.

Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, (18 U.S.C. 42; 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378). Provides that the Secretary of the Interior designate injurious wildlife and ensure the humane treatment of wildlife shipped to the United States. Prohibits importation, exportation, transportation, sale, or purchase of fish and wildlife taken or possessed in violation of State, Federal, Indian Tribal, and foreign laws. Provides for enforcement of Federal wildlife laws, and Federal assistance to the States and foreign governments in the enforcement of non-Federal wildlife laws.

Marine Mammal Protection Act, (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407). Establishes a moratorium on taking and importing marine mammals, including parts and products. Defines the Federal responsibility for conservation of marine mammals, with management authority vested in the Department for the sea otter, walrus, polar bear, dugong, and manatee.

Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grants, (16 U.S.C. 1421f; 114 Stat. 2765. Title II of P.L. 106-555). Amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act to authorize grants to non-governmental organizations which participate in the rescue and rehabilitation of stranded marine mammals.

Marine Turtle Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6601-6607). Establishes a Marine Turtle Conservation Fund in the Multinational Species Conservation Fund. The fund is a separate account to assist in the conservation of marine turtles, and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries.

Migratory Bird Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 715-715d). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct investigations and publish documents related to North American birds, and establishes a Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) to approve areas recommended by the Secretary for acquisition. The MBCC also approves wetlands conservation projects recommended by the North American Wetlands Conservation Council under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, (16 U.S.C. 718). This Act, commonly referred to as the Duck Stamp Act, requires waterfowl hunters, 16 years of age or older, to purchase and possess a valid Federal waterfowl hunting stamp prior to taking migratory waterfowl. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to use $1 million from sales of migratory bird hunting and conservation stamps to promote additional sales of stamps.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, (16 U.S.C. 703-712). Implements four international treaties that affect migratory birds common to the United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan, and the former Soviet Union. Establishes Federal responsibility for protection and management of migratory and non-game birds, including the establishment of season length, bag limits, and other hunting regulations, and the issuance of permits to band, possess or otherwise make use of migratory birds.

National Aquaculture Development Act, (16 U.S.C. 2801-2810). Establishes a coordinating group, the Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture (JSA). The JSA has been responsible for developing the National Aquaculture Development Pan. The plan establishes a strategy for the development of an aquaculture industry in the United States.

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969**,** (NEPA), (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)**.** Provides that the Service examine the environmental impacts, incorporate environmental information, and use public participation in the planning and implementation of all actions; integrate NEPA with other planning requirements; prepare NEPA documents to facilitate better environmental decision making; and review Federal agency environmental plans and documents when the Service has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impacts involved.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, (16 U.S.C. 3701-3709)**.** Establishes a federally-chartered, nonprofit corporation to encourage and administer donations to benefit Service programs and other activities to conserve fish, wildlife, and plant resources.

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, (16 U.S.C. 470-470b, 470c-470n)**.** Directs Federal agencies to preserve, restore, and maintain historic cultural environments.

National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.)**.** Provides authority, guidelines and directives for the Service to improve the National Wildlife Refuge System; administers a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and restoration of fish, wildlife and plant resources and habitat; ensures the biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health of refuges is maintained; define compatible wildlife-dependent recreation as appropriate general public use of refuges; establishes hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education as priority uses; establish a formal process for determining compatible uses of refuges; and provide for public involvement in developing comprehensive conservation plans for refuges.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act*,* (P.L. 105-57)**.** Spells out wildlife conservation as the fundamental mission of the refuge system; requires comprehensive conservation planning to guide management of the refuge system; directs the involvement of private citizens in land management decisions; and provides that compatible wildlife-dependent recreation is a legitimate and appropriate use that should receive priority in refuge planning and management.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act, (P.L. 106-408)**.** Reinforces *National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act* provisions to raise public understanding and appreciation for the refuge system; calls on the Secretary of the Interior to establish a Centennial Commission to oversee special public outreach activities leading up to and during the Centennial year, leverage resources with public and private partners for outreach efforts, and plan and host a major conference in 2003; calls on the Service to develop a long-term plan to address the highest priority operations, maintenance, and construction needs of the National Wildlife Refuge System; and requires an annual report assessing the operations and maintenance backlogs and transition costs associated with newly acquired refuges lands.

National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act, (P.L. 111-357)**.** Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6101 et. seq.). Authorizes grants for the conservation of neotropical migratory birds in the United States and Latin America and the Caribbean, with 75 percent of the amounts made available to be expended on projects outside the United States. The funds

are to be a sub-account of the Multinational Species Conservation Fund. Title III of P.L. 109-363, reauthorized appropriations for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

New England Fishery Resources Restoration Act, (P.L. 101-593). Authorizes the Service to formulate, establish, and implement cooperative programs to restore and maintain nationally significant interjurisdictional fishery resources in New England river systems.

Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species Prevention and Control Act, as amended by the National Invasive species Act, (NISA, 16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.). Authorizes the Service to develop and implement a program to prevent and control infestations of zebra mussels and other nonindigenous aquatic invasive species in waters of the United States.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4401). Authorizes grants to public-private partnerships in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. to protect, enhance, restore, and manage waterfowl, other migratory birds and other fish and wildlife, and the wetland ecosystems and other habitats upon which they depend, consistent with the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. There is a Standard and a Small Grants Program. Both are competitive grants programs which require that grant requests be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 1-to-1 ratio. Funds from U.S. Federal sources may contribute towards a project, but are not eligible as match. Public Law 109-322 reauthorized the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Nutria Eradication and Control Act, (P.L. 108-16). Provides for the States of Maryland and Louisiana to implement nutria eradication or control measures and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

Oil Pollution Act, (P.L. 101-380)**.** Provides that the Service consult with others on the development of a fish and wildlife response plan for the protection, rescue, and rehabilitation of, and the minimization of risk of damage to fish and wildlife resources and their habitat harmed or jeopardized by an oil discharge.

Partnerships for Wildlife Act, (16 U.S.C. 3741-3744). This Act establishes a Wildlife Conservation and Appreciation Fund to receive appropriated funds and donations from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other private sources to assist the State fish and game agencies in carrying out their responsibilities for conservation of nongame species and authorizes grants to the States for programs and projects to conserve nongame species.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act, (16 U.S.C. 3771-3774). Provides for the restoration, enhancement, and management of fish and wildlife habitats on private land through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, a program that works with private landowners to conduct cost-effective habitat projects for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources in the United States.

Pelly Amendment to the Fishermen's Protective Act, (22 U.S.C. 1978). Authorizes the President to embargo wildlife products, including fish, and limit other imports from nations whose nationals are determined by the Secretary of the Interior or Commerce to be engaging in trade or take that undermines the effectiveness of any international treaty or convention for the protection of endangered or threatened species to which the United States is a party.

Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act, (P.L. 113-239). Authorizes the Service to permanently allow any State to provide hunting and conservation stamps for migratory birds (referred to as Federal Duck Stamps) electronically. The electronic stamps would remain valid for 45 days to allow for the physical stamps to arrive in the mail.

Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act*,* (16 U.S.C. 2602-2645) and ***Energy Security Act of 1980****, (16* U.S.C. 792-828(c)). Authorizes the Service to investigate and report on effects of hydropower development on fish and wildlife during the licensing process of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Recreational Use of Fish and Wildlife Areas, (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4). Commonly known as the Refuge Recreation Act of 1962, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to administer refuges, hatcheries, and other conservation areas for recreational use when such use does not interfere with the primary purpose for which these areas were established**.**

Refuge Recreation Act, (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4). Public Law 87-714, approved September 28, 1962 (76 Stat.653) as amended by Public Law 89-669, approved October 14, 1966, (80 Stat.930) and P.L. 92-534, approved October 23, 1972, (86 Stat. 1063). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to administer refuges, hatcheries and other conservation areas for recreational use, when such uses do not interfere with the areas primary purposes.

Resource Conservation Recovery Act, (42 U.S.C. 6901). Establishes standards for Federal agencies on the treatment, transportation, storage, and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes on Federal lands and facilities.

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act*,* (16. U.S.C. 5306(a), 1538). Authorizes grants to other nations and to the CITES Secretariat for programs directly or indirectly assisting in the conservation of rhinoceros and tigers. Prohibits the sale, importation, and exportation of products derived from any species of rhinoceros and tiger.

Salmon and Steelhead and Conservation and Enhancement Act of 1980, (16 U.S.C. 3301, 11-15, 21-25, 31-36, 41-45). Provides for management and enhancement planning to help prevent a further decline of salmon and steelhead stocks, and to assist in increasing the supply of these stocks within the Columbia River conservation area and the Washington conservation area.

Sikes Act, (16 U.S.C. 670a-670o). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Bureau of Land Management, and State agencies in planning, developing, maintaining and rehabilitating Federal lands for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat.

Strategic Response to Asian Carp Invasion Act, (P.L. 113-121). Requires the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey, to lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian Carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries by providing high-level technical assistance, coordination, best practices, and support to state and local government strategies, to slow, and eventually eliminate, the threat posed by such carp. Enacted in the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.

Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, (30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to regulate surface mining and reclamation at existing and future mining areas. The Service provides technical assistance for fish and wildlife aspects of the Department of the Interior's programs on active and abandoned mine lands.

Water Resources Development Act*,* (90 Stat. 2921). Authorizes the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan to mitigate fish and wildlife losses caused by power generation at four Corps of Engineers dams on the Lower Snake River in Washington.

Wild Bird Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916). Requires that all trade in wild birds involving the United States is biologically sustainable and to the benefit of the species, and by limiting or prohibiting imports of exotic birds when not beneficial to the species.

Youth Conservation Corps Act, (16 USC 1701-1706) as amended by P.L. 93-408, September 3, 1974. Expands and makes permanent the Youth Conservation Corps, and for other purposes. The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program, started in 1971, is a summer employment program for young men and women (ages 15–18) from all segments of society who work, learn, and earn together by doing projects for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wildlife Refuge System lands and National Fish Hatcheries. The objectives of this program (as reflected in Public Law 93-408) authorize the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service to operate the YCC Program.

Executive Orders

The Executive Orders listed are not an exhaustive list and are those most frequently referenced and used by the Service.

Floodplain Management, (Executive Order 11988)**.** Requires that federally-owned floodplains be protected through restricting future activities that would harm the floodplain resource or withhold such properties from lease or disposal to non-Federal public or private partners.

Migratory Birds, (Executive Order 13186). Directs Federal agencies taking actions that may have measurable negative impacts on migratory bird populations to enter into memoranda of understanding (MOU) with the Service to promote conservation of migratory bird populations and directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish a multi-agency Council for the Conservation of Migratory Birds.

Protection of Wetlands, (Executive Order 11990). Requires that federally-owned wetlands proposed for lease or conveyance to non-Federal public or private parties be protected through restricting any future uses that would degrade or harm the wetland resource in the conveyance or withhold such properties from lease or disposal.

Recreational Fisheries, (Executive Order 12962). Directs Federal agencies to improve the quantity, function, and sustainable productivity, and distribution of U.S. aquatic resources for increased resources for recreational fishing opportunities. The Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service are ordered to promote compatibility and to reduce conflicts between the administration of the *Endangered Species Act* and recreational fisheries. The Secretary of the Interior is directed to expand the role of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership council to monitor specific Federal activities affecting aquatic systems and the recreational fisheries they support.

Combating Wildlife Trafficking, (Executive Order 13648). Directs agencies to combat the illegal poaching and wildlife trade of protected species, both domestically and internationally. Wildlife trafficking not only endangers the survival of wildlife species, but also contributes to global instability and undermines security. The Secretary of the Interior will co-chair a Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking with the Secretary of State and Attorney General, or their designees.

Improving Performance of Federal Permitting and Review of Infrastructure Projects, (Executive Order 13604). Directs agencies to make the Federal permitting and review process of infrastructure projects efficient and effective to support economic growth while ensuring the health, safety, and security of the environment and communities. Agencies are to provide transparency, consistency, and predictability in the process for both project sponsors and affected communities.

Major Treaties and Conventions

The Service is party to numerous International Treaties and Conventions, all of which cannot be listed here due to space constraints. However, those listed below are more pertinent to the daily activities of Service programs.

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Flora and Fauna, (TIAS 8249). Parties who signed the Convention in March of 1973 agreed to restrict international trade in all species threatened with extinction (Appendix I species), all species which may be threatened with extinction unless trade is halted or restricted (Appendix II species), and all species which the parties identify as being subject to regulation for the purpose of preventing or restricting exploitation (Appendix III species). Many species listed under CITES are also listed under the *Endangered Species Act*. The Service is responsible for issuing all CITES permits in the United States.

Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere, (56 Stat. 1354). Signed in October of 1940, this Convention authorizes the contracting parties to establish national parks, national reserves, nature monuments, and strict wilderness reserves for the preservation of flora and fauna, especially migratory birds.

Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar), (TIAS 11084). The Ramsar Convention, ratified by over 90 nations, promotes the sustainable management of important wetlands around the world, especially as habitat for waterfowl. The Service's objective with this initiative is to strengthen worldwide collaboration regarding conservation and management of wetlands habitats which sustain resources stared by or of importance to all countries of the globe.

Summary of Requirements
Appropriation: Resource Management
(Dollars in Thousands)

	2018 Actual		2019 Annualized CR		Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers		Program Changes (+/-)		2020 Request		Change from 2019 (+/-)	
	FTE	Amount	*FTE*	Amount	(+/-)	*FTE*	Amount	*FTE*	Amount	*FTE*	Amount	*FTE*	Amount
Ecological Services													
Listing	*119*	18,818	*119*	18,818	+124	*0*	0	*-51*	-7,877	*68*	11,065	*-51*	-7,753
Planning and Consultation	*647*	105,579	*647*	105,579	+1,338	*0*	0	*+24*	+599	*671*	107,516	*+24*	+1,937
Conservation and Restoration	*200*	32,396	*200*	32,396	+254			*-10*	-6,209	*160*	26,441	*-40*	-5,955
Recovery	*469*	91,032	*469*	91,032	+841	*0*	0	*+22*	+3,127	*491*	95,000	*+22*	+3,968
Subtotal, Ecological Services	*1,435*	**247,825**	*1,435*	**247,825**	**+2,557**	***0***	**0**	***-15***	**-10,360**	***1,390***	**240,022**	***-45***	**-7,803**
Habitat Conservation													
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	*233*	51,633	*233*	51,633	+321	*0*	0	*+5*	+2,463	*238*	54,417	*+5*	+2,784
Coastal Program	*49*	13,375	*49*	13,375	+185	*0*	0	*0*	-185	*49*	13,375	*0*	0
Subtotal, Habitat Conservation	*282*	**65,008**	*282*	**65,008**	**+506**	***0***	**0**	*+5*	**+2,278**	***287***	**67,792**	***+5***	**+2,784**
National Wildlife Refuge System													
Wildlife and Habitat Management	*1,303*	233,141	*1,303*	233,141	+1,365	*0*	0	*+62*	+4,931	*1,365*	239,437	*+62*	+6,296
Visitor Services	*508*	73,319	*508*	73,319	+430	*0*	0	*+38*	+7,106	*546*	80,855	*+38*	+7,536
Refuge Law Enforcement	*229*	38,054	*229*	38,054	+212	*0*	0	*+28*	+4,929	*257*	43,195	*+28*	+5,141
Conservation Planning	*16*	2,523	*16*	2,523	0	*0*	0	*-16*	-2,523	*0*	0	*-16*	-2,523
Refuge Maintenance	*543*	139,469	*543*	139,469	+555	*0*	0	*+12*	+6,018	*555*	146,042	*+12*	+6,573
Subtotal, National Wildlife Refuge System	***2,599***	**486,506**	***2,599***	**486,506**	**+2,562**	***0***	***0***	***+124***	**+20,461**	***2,723***	**509,529**	***+124***	**+23,023**
Conservation and Enforcement													
Migratory Bird Management	*215*	48,246	*215*	48,246	+349	*0*	0	*0*	+890	*215*	49,485	*0*	+1,239
Law Enforcement	*341*	76,890	*341*	76,890	+256	*0*	0	*0*	+71	*341*	77,217	*0*	+327
International Affairs	*82*	15,816	*82*	15,816	+136	*0*	0	*+1*	+671	*83*	16,623	*+1*	+807
Subtotal, Conservation and Enforcement	***638***	**140,952**	***638***	**140,952**	**+741**	***0***	**0**	*+1*	**+1,632**	***639***	**143,325**	***+1***	**+2,373**
Fish and Aquatic Conservation													
National Fish Hatchery System Operations	*323*	55,822	*323*	55,822	+376	*0*	0	*0*	+192	*323*	56,390	*0*	+568
Maintenance and Equipment	*67*	22,920	*67*	22,920	+38	*0*	0	*+8*	+2,888	*75*	25,846	*+8*	+2,926
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation	*297*	85,885	*297*	85,885	+735	*0*	0	*-7*	-13,229	*290*	73,391	*-7*	-12,494
Subtotal, Fish and Aquatic Conservation	***687***	**164,627**	***687***	**164,627**	**+1,149**	**0**	**0**	***+1***	**-10,149**	***688***	**155,627**	***+1***	**-9,000**
Cooperative Landscape Conservation	***50***	**12,988**	***50***	**12,988**	**0**	***0***	**0**	*-50*	**-12,988**	***0***	**0**	*-50*	**-12,988**
Science Support													
Adaptive Science	*19*	10,517	*19*	10,517	0	*0*	0	*-19*	-10,517	*0*	0	*-19*	-10,517
Service Science	*14*	6,750	*14*	6,750	0	*0*	0	*-14*	-6,750	*0*	0	*-14*	-6,750
Subtotal, Science Support	***33***	**17,267**	***33***	***17,267***	**0**	***0***	**0**	***-33***	**-17,267**	***0***	**0**	***-33***	**-17,267**
General Operations													
Central Office Operations	*262*	31,257	*262*	31,257	0	*-42*	-9,613	*0*	+160	*220*	21,804	*-42*	-9,453
Management and Administration	*403*	40,866	*403*	40,866	0	*+42*	9,613	*0*	+4,387	*445*	54,866	*+42*	+14,000
Servicewide Bill Paying	*23*	35,781	*23*	35,781	-174	*0*	0	*0*	+163	*23*	35,770	*0*	-11
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	*0*	7,022	*0*	7,022	0	*0*	0	*0*	-22	*0*	7,000	*0*	-22
National Conservation Training Center	*110*	28,903	*110*	28,903	+114	*0*	0	*-11*	-7,591	*99*	21,426	*-11*	-7,477
Subtotal, General Operations	***798***	**143,829**	***798***	**143,829**	**-60**	***0***	0	***-11***	**-2,903**	***787***	**140,866**	***-11***	**-2,963**
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Total, Resource Management	***6,522***	**1,279,002**	***6,522***	**1,279,002**	**+7,455**	*0*	0	**+22**	**-29,296**	***6,514***	**1,257,161**	***-8***	**-21,841**

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Resource Management

Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days This row reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.	+2,772	+2,766
Pay Raise The 2020 request reflects a pay freeze for civilian employees.	+3,654	+0
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.	+0	+1,705
Departmental Working Capital Fund The change reflects expected changes in the charges for centrally billed Department services and other services through the Working Capital Fund. These charges are detailed in the Budget Justification for Departmental Management.	+995	+453
Worker's Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of compensating injured employees who suffer accidental deaths while on duty. Costs will reimburse the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Fund, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8147(b) as amended by Public Law 94-273.	-832	-627
Unemployment Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of unemployment compensation claims to be paid to the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Account, in the Unemployment Trust Fund, pursuant to Public Law 96-499.	+0	+0
Rental Payments The amounts reflect changes in the costs payable to the General Services Administration (GSA) and others for office and non-office space as estimated by GSA, as well as the rental costs of other currently occupied space. These costs include building security; in the case of GSA space, these are paid to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Costs of mandatory office relocations, i.e. relocations in cases where due to external events there is no alternative but to vacate the currently occupied space, are also included.	-407	+3,158
Baseline Adjustments for O&M Increases In accordance with space maximization efforts across the Federal Government, this adjustment captures the associated increase to baseline operations and maintenance (O&M) requirements resulting from movement out of GSA or direct-leased (commercial) space and into Bureau-owned space. While the GSA portion of fixed costs will go down as a result of these moves, Bureaus often encounter an increase to baseline O&M costs not otherwise captured in fixed costs. This category of funding properly adjusts the baseline fixed cost amount to maintain steady-state funding for these requirements.	+50	+0

Internal Realignments and Non-Policy/Program Changes (Net-Zero)	BY (+/-)
National Wildlife Refuge System/Equiptment and Vehicle Management This internal transfer is proposed to properly align funds with management of facilities and equipment.	-4,000
National Wildlife Refuge System/Maintenance Support This internal transfer is proposed to properly align funds with management of facilities and equipment.	+4,000
General Operations/Centeral Office Operations The internal transfer is proposed to reorganize administrative functions, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, budget and performance, and risk management.	-9,613
General Operations/Management and Administration The internal transfer is proposed to reorganize administrative functions, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, budget and performance, and risk management.	+9,613

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Ecological Services

Activity: Ecological Services

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Listing	($000)	18,818	18,818	+124	0	-7,877	11,065	-7,753
	FTE	*119*	*119*	*0*	*0*	*-21*	*68*	*-21*
Planning and Consultation	($000)	105,579	105,579	+1,338	0	+599	107,516	1,937
	FTE	*647*	*647*	*0*	*0*	*+24*	*671*	*+24*
Conservation and Restoration	($000)	32,396	32,396	+254	0	-6,209	26,441	-5,955
	FTE	200	200	0	0	*-40*	*160*	*-40*
Recovery	($000)	91,032	91,032	+841	0	+3,127	95,000	+3,968
	FTE	*469*	*469*	*0*	*0*	*+22*	*491*	*+22*
Total, Ecological Services	**($000)**	**247,825**	**247,825**	**2,557**	**0**	**-10,360**	**240,022**	**-7,803**
	FTE	***1,435***	***1,435***	***0***	***0***	***-45***	***1,390***	***-45***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Ecological Services

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Recovery Activities	+15,520	+103
• Planning and Consultation Activities	+6,101	+45
• Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Program	-1,000	-6
• De-listing and Down Listing	-1,393	-9
• Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem	-1,506	-10
• Environmental Response and Restoration	-1,785	-11
• White Nose Syndrome	-2,000	-13
• NEPA Streamlining	-2,500	-1
• Candidate Conservation	-2,918	-19
• State of the Birds	-3,000	-20
• Gulf Coast Restoration	-3,002	-20
• Recovery Challenge	-5,000	-33
• Listing	-7,877	-51
Program Changes	**-10,360**	**-45**

Program Mission

The Ecological Services (ES) Program contributes to the Acting Secretary's priority of creating a conservation stewardship legacy, sustainably developing our energy and natural resources, restoring trust with our neighbors and communities, supporting Tribal sovereignty, protecting our southern border, striking a regulatory balance between sustainable economic development and providing for conservation into the future.

ES Field Offices provide leadership in environmental response and restoration and assist communities in balancing economic growth and conservation through their work to conduct timely environmental reviews

of Federal permits and projects, conserve and recover species listed under the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA), and permit take of listed species.

Program Elements

The Ecological Services program is comprised of the following program elements:

- **Listing** – Uses the best scientific and commercial information available to identify foreign and domestic plant and animal species that are in danger of extinction or likely to become in danger of extinction within the foreseeable future and thus need protection under the ESA.
- **Planning and Consultation** – Provides integrated advanced project planning, environmental review, and permitting assistance to proactively address environmental concerns in support of economic growth, demand for new infrastructure, and community development.
- **Conservation and Restoration** – Delivers proactive species conservation efforts in partnership with States, Tribes, local governments, and landowners to prevent the need to list a species when possible; protects and restores habitat important to Federal trust species; and provides databases and mapping products that are essential tools for conservation and restoration of species and habitats by landowners, other Federal and State agencies, and the public.
- **Recovery** – Works with communities and stakeholders to recover endangered and threatened species, with the goal to minimize or reduce threats to a listed species and improve their status so the species can be secured and removed from Federal protection.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

Under various statutes and authorities, the Ecological Services Program is charged with providing technical solutions and compliance with a variety of conservation laws, most specifically the *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act* (FWCA); ESA; *Marine Mammal Protection Act* (MMPA); *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA); *Emergency Wetlands Resources Act*; *Clean Water Act*; *Coastal Barrier Resources Act* (CBRA); *Oil Pollution Act* (OPA); *Federal Power Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act* (CERCLA); and multiple Executive Orders. Through these operating authorities, the Service identifies potential impacts and provides solutions that prevent species and their habitats from becoming more imperiled and support the Secretary's priority of Conserving Our Land and Water.

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Listing

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Listing	($000)	18,818	18,818	+124	0	-7,877	11,065	-7,753
	FTE	*119*	*119*	*0*	*0*	*-51*	*68*	*-51*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Restoration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Listing	-7,877	-51
Program Changes	**-7,877**	**-51**

Program Overview

The purpose of the ESA is to conserve endangered and threatened species and the ecosystems on which they depend. Before a plant or animal species can receive the protection provided by the ESA, it must first be added to the Federal lists of threatened and endangered wildlife and plants. Placing a species on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife (50 CFR 17.11) or the List of Endangered and Threatened Plants (50 CFR 17.12), and designating critical habitat as required under the ESA, focuses resources and efforts by the Service and its partners on recovering the species. Through the Listing subactivity, the Service uses the best scientific and commercial information available to identify species that are in danger of extinction or likely to become so within the foreseeable future and thus need protection under the ESA.

The Service works closely with States and Tribes during the listing process, which often includes the development of a species status assessment (SSA) that reflects the best available scientific and commercial information regarding life history, biology, and the factors affecting the viability of a species. The Service maintains a national listing workplan to encourage States, Tribes and the public to undertake conservation activities now for species on the workplan so that the species does not need the protection of the ESA.[1]

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Listing is $11,065,000 and 68 FTE.

Listing (-$7,877,000/-51 FTE)

The request will be used by the Service to implement the approved National Listing workplan. This plan funds 90-day and 12-month petition findings, and listing, 4(d), and critical habitat rules that are required by law. The funds will support staff working on findings and rules, public hearings, printing, and economic analyses associated with critical habitat designations.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Support implementation of the approved National Listing Workplan. This plan identifies and prioritizes 90-day and 12-month findings, listing rules, and critical habitat rules that are required by law. Listing determinations will be based on Species Status Assessments.
- Support staff work on rules, public hearings, printing, and economic analyses for critical habitat.
- The Service has developed performance metrics to track and hold itself accountable for providing States the opportunity to provide their valuable scientific input in the SSA development process.

[1] https://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/listing-workplan html

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Planning and Consultation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Planning and Consultation	($000)	105,579	105,579	+1,338	0	+599	107,516	1,937
	FTE	*647*	*647*	*0*	*0*	*+24*	*671*	*+24*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Restoration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Planning and Consultation Activities	+6,101	+45
• NEPA Streamlining	-2,500	-1
• Gulf Coast Restoration	-3,002	-20
Program Changes	**+599**	**+24**

Program Overview

A pronghorn seen in the Pinedale Anticline natural gas field in Wyoming. Credit: Theo Stein/USFWS

Planning and Consultation is the primary customer service component of the Ecological Services program. Service staff advance the Secretary's priorities of sustainably developing our Nation's energy and natural resources, coordinating with Tribes, protecting our people and our border, striking a regulatory balance, and modernizing our Nation's infrastructure. With this funding, the Service works collaboratively with industry, agencies, Tribes, and other stakeholders to balance conservation and development needs. Service biologists work with stakeholders at the planning stages of Federally-authorized, licensed, or funded projects—from highway expansions to energy development—to ensure that development has minimal impact on wildlife and habitats. By engaging in project development and planning processes early, the Service can save taxpayers and developers money by minimizing environmental impacts of development projects, reducing threats to species in a way that helps prevent the need to list them as endangered or threatened in the future, streamlining the permitting process so that benefits are realized sooner, and reducing paperwork.

Early coordination and involvement in the project siting and design process can minimize the impacts of a project on wildlife. Engaging through the NEPA process, Ecological Services works closely with the lead Federal agency to streamline the review process for their Federal infrastructure projects. Through authority for interagency consultation under Section 7 of the ESA, the Service collaborates with its partners to identify opportunities to reduce adverse impacts of development activities with a Federal nexus. If an agency action is likely to adversely affect a listed species or critical habitat, the Federal agency must initiate consultations with the Service. This requirement may affect private individuals when their action involves Federal authorization—including permits— or funding. Service biologists provide technical assistance that identifies and explains ways to modify or reduce adverse effects of proposed projects on listed species and issue incidental take authorization for listed species so that projects can proceed on schedule and in compliance with the ESA.

Environmental review functions constitute a significant workload for the Service, and we are continuously looking for ways to improve the efficiency, consistency, transparency, and effectiveness of environmental reviews for infrastructure and other development projects. The Service is enhancing our Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) decision support system for streamlining the environmental review process. This allows for rapid identification of potential projects that will not affect listed species and expedites completion of requirements involving ESA section 7 consultations, section 10 HCPs, and other environmental review processes. In addition, the Service is undertaking a process to update species range maps in a way that is transparent and repeatable. Through improved range maps for listed species, the Service will be able to focus environmental reviews to areas where the species is most likely to occur.

Using the Habitat Conservation Planning authority under Section 10 of the ESA, the Service provides technical assistance to non-Federal entities in the development of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) and issues incidental take permits. The Service's incidental take permit program is a flexible process for addressing situations in which a property owner's otherwise lawful activities might result in incidental take of a listed species. Through HCPs, the Service facilitates private and other non-Federal land development with proactive species and conservation planning that strike a regulatory balance for development while addressing threats to species and fulfilling species recovery needs. The HCP program encourages applicants to explore different methods to achieve compliance with the ESA and choose an approach that best suits their needs.

The Service is implementing ways to streamline its review process in coordination with other Federal agencies and provide programmatic consultations where appropriate. The Service will continue to work closely with other Federal agencies in FY 2020 to advance infrastructure projects expeditiously while minimizing adverse impacts to fish, wildlife, and plants.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Planning and Consultation is $107,516,000 and 671 FTE.

Planning and Consultation Activities (+$6,101,000/+45 FTE)
The request enables the Service to build field capacity for technical assistance to Federal agencies and project proponents and continue to streamline the consultation and project review process through the development of web-based tools, reducing the regulatory burden and time commitments on project proponents, industries and other Federal agencies. Funding will support new web-based applications through IPaC as well as maintain and increase the scope and capability of existing applications to meet increased demand. In addition, the Service will invest in refined range maps for listed species to reduce the areas of consideration for consultation to those areas where development activities are most likely to affect a listed species.

NEPA Streamlining (-$2,500,000/ -1 FTE)
In FY 2018, Congress provided $2,500,000 to streamline the permitting process and achieve compliance with permitting and other statues. This work will continue to be funded under general Planning and Consultation Activities, as it continues to be a priority for the Service.

Gulf Coast Restoration (-$3,002,000/-20 FTE)
Through this funding, the Service works closely with the States and local communities in the Gulf Coast to provide timely environmental reviews of projects funded as part of the restoration from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Within the requested funding the Service will provide technical assistance to those activities that are critically important to the health and vitality of our Nation's natural and economic resources.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide integrated advanced project planning, environmental review, and permitting assistance to address environmental concerns in support of energy production, infrastructure, and other development activities.
- Support development and population of data in our web-based application, Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC), to help streamline the ESA consultation process, provide clarity and transparency, and increase predictability for Federal agencies and applicants.
- Collaborate with many internal and external partners by providing technical assistance in evaluating the impacts of proposed Federal activities on fish, wildlife, and plants.
- Focus our consultation and permitting efforts on Administration and Departmental priorities, particularly priority infrastructure and energy projects.

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Conservation and Restoration

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation and Restoration	($000)	32,396	32,396	+254	0	-6,209	26,441	-5,955
	FTE	200	200	0	0	-40	160	-40

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Restoration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem	-1,506	-10
• Environmental Response and Restoration	-1,785	-11
• Candidate Conservation	-2,918	-19
Program Changes	**-6,209**	**-40**

Program Overview

The Service supports collaborative species conservation efforts, works to protect and restore habitats that are important to Federal trust species, and provides mapping products and databases that are essential tools for conservation and restoration of species and habitats by other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public.

Candidate Conservation

Identification of candidate species can assist environmental planning efforts by providing advance notice of potential listings, and by allowing landowners and resource managers to alleviate threats and thereby possibly remove the need to list species as endangered or threatened. Funding through this subactivity focuses on conducting species assessments and facilitating voluntary conservation efforts. The Service routinely publishes a Candidate Notice of Review (CNOR) which is an updated list of plant and animal species native to the United States regarded as candidates for or have been proposed for listing under the ESA. By reducing threats to species and their habitats before they become critically imperiled, future conservation efforts are likely to be less costly, more flexible, and more likely to result in successful conservation over time. Even if we subsequently list a candidate species, the early notice provided can result in more options for species management and recovery by prompting earlier candidate conservation measures to alleviate threats to the species.

Marine Mammals

Also funded under this subactivity is the Service's work to conserve marine mammals. While NOAA is responsible for porpoises, dolphins and whales under the MMPA, the Service oversees protections for walruses, manatees, otters, and polar bears. Marine mammals are a resource of great cultural, aesthetic, economic, and recreational significance. The MMPA provides protection by prohibiting (with certain exceptions): (1) "take" of marine mammals in U.S. waters and by U.S. citizens on the high seas and (2) the import, export, and sale of marine mammals and marine mammal parts, and products in the U.S. Under the MMPA, marine mammal populations, and the health and stability of marine ecosystems upon which they depend, are required to be maintained at, or returned to, healthy levels.

Sea Otters are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Photo Credit: Randall Davis

Meeting the Service's mandate for the conservation of marine mammal species requires communication and cooperation with other Federal agencies, State governments, Alaska Native Organizations, scientists from numerous institutions and organizations, industry groups, and nongovernmental organizations.

National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)
The Service is the principal Federal agency tasked with providing information to the public on the distribution as well as the status and trends of our Nation's wetlands. The National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) provides a publicly available online mapping resource that gives detailed information on the abundance, characteristic, and distribution of America's wetlands. The wetland data layer underlying the mapper provides the best available data to the Nation. The Service works extensively with other Federal and State partners to continually update the data. These maps expedite conservation and business decisions on, for instance, siting of development projects near a wetland. In FY 2020, the Service will be completing the collection of data for the sixth decadal report to Congress on the status and trends of the Nation's wetlands. As required by law, the next report will provide an assessment of the health, quality, and quantity of America's wetlands that informs policy and management decisions across the Federal Government.

Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA)
In the early 1980s, Congress recognized that certain Federal actions and programs have historically subsidized and encouraged development on coastal barriers, resulting in the loss of natural resources; threats to human life, health, and property; and the expenditure of millions of tax dollars each year. To remove the Federal incentive to develop these areas, CBRA designated relatively undeveloped coastal barriers along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts as part of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS), and made these areas ineligible for most new Federal expenditures and financial assistance. CBRA does not prohibit or restrict development conducted with non-Federal funds.

CBRA is a map-based law, and the Service continues to take significant steps to improve efficiencies and effectiveness of CBRA administration including: (1) the release of an online CBRS Mapper that makes CBRS boundary data more accessible to property owners, project proponents, and other stakeholders who need to know whether properties or project sites may be affected by the CBRA; (2) the release of an online validation tool for the public and other Federal agencies to make a self-determination as to whether individual properties are located "in" or "out" of the CBRS which is important for the issuance of flood insurance policies, real estate transactions and federal expenditures within the CBRS; (3) finish remapping 44 percent of the total units representing 16 percent of the total acreage between Virginia and New Hampshire; and (4) resolving property determinations requested by Congress and/or property owners that require extensive land research and imagery analysis.

Environmental Response and Restoration
Our coasts, rivers, estuaries, wetlands and other natural places are home to spectacular native wildlife and provide Americans with unrivaled places to fish, hunt, and get outdoors. They also play a critical role in our economy, generating revenues from tourism and recreational activities, while providing us with clean water and performing countless other important ecological functions. The Service's Environmental Response and Restoration Program protects and restores fish and wildlife, as well as habitats that have been injured by oil discharges, and the release of hazardous substances or emerging contaminants of concern. In order to be effective in responding to emergency spills, the Service must maintain a cadre of trained responders. Funding in this subactivity is critical to maintain the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's required training certificates or medical monitoring, to supply responders and Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) practitioners with the equipment and supplies to prevent exposure to spilled oil or environmental contaminants, and to conduct associated pre-assessment investigations. Trained responders will increase the Service's capacity to provide technical support and expertise to the U.S. Coast Guard and Environmental Protection Agency during spill events.

The Environmental Response and Restoration program within Ecological Services oversees the NRDAR activities nationwide. In order to achieve restoration, the Service must provide technical expertise to convert damage assessment awards to on-the-ground restoration. The Service uses this funding to provide support to ongoing cases and conduct early investigations that could potentially lead to restoration projects worth millions of dollars. For example, through ongoing cases in FY 2018, the Service, in coordination with co-trustees, put more than $120 million on the ground to restore fish and wildlife for the American people: enhancing or restoring nearly 2,000 acres, managing more than 40,000 acres, and protecting more than 7,000 acres. As a result, nearly 6,000 acres were made available for recreational use through the use of NRDAR funds. In FY 2017, the NRDAR program managed more than $13.5 million in funds recovered from responsible parties to implement restoration projects for the benefit of the American people. Based upon a recent report, the Service estimated that FY 2017 projects generated approximately $46 million for the economy and 480 year-long jobs.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Conservation and Restoration is $26,441,000 and 160 FTE.

Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem (-$1,506,000/-10 FTE)
With the requested funding, the Service will continue to work with Federal and State partners to implement important on the-ground conservation efforts for species within the sagebrush ecosystem.

Environmental Response and Restoration: (-$1,785,000/-11 FTE)
The Service will prioritize work in spill response and engagement with NRDAR trustees.

Candidate Conservation (-$2,918,000/-19 FTE)
Priority will be given to administering the Candidate Notice of Review (CNOR). The Service will rely on the States to assume the role in providing technical assistance for all CCAAs and CCAs. Guided by the national listing workplan, the States can leverage their expertise and relationships to provide landowners with technical assistance to achieve specific conservation goals for candidate and petitioned species and thus potentially eliminate the need to list a species.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Deliver proactive species conservation efforts in partnership with other Federal agencies, States, Tribes, local governments, and landowners to prevent the need to list a species when possible; protect and restore habitat important to Federal trust species; and provide databases and mapping products that are essential tools for conservation and restoration of species and habitats by landowners, other Federal and State agencies, and the public.

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Recovery

		2018 Actual	2019 Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Recovery	($000)	91,032	91,032	+841		+3,127	95,000	+3,968
	FTE	469	469			+22	491	+22

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Recovery

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Recovery Activities	+15,520	+103
• Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Program	-1,000	-6
• De-listing and Down Listing	-1,393	-9
• White Nose Syndrome	-2,000	-13
• State of the Birds	-3,000	-20
• Recovery Challenge	-5,000	-33
Program Changes	**+3,127**	**+22**

Program Overview

Preventing extinction and achieving recovery of listed species has always been, and will continue to be, one of the Service's highest priorities. It serves the Acting Secretary's objective of conserving our land and water by managing its fish and wildlife. The goal of Recovery is to minimize or remove the threats that led to the species' listing and to work toward reclassifying the species from endangered to threatened, and toward delisting the species altogether. This process requires technical leadership, monitoring, planning, and management together with close coordination with Service partners. The Service plays a vital role in guiding the recovery planning process, and in facilitating, supporting, and monitoring the implementation of recovery actions by the Service and others.

Recovery plans, non-regulatory blueprints for the work that needs to be done to achieve downlisting or delisting a species under the ESA, are required under the ESA. Recovery plans are developed collaboratively with interested partners. Recovery plans may address multiple species, identify specific recovery tasks, establish downlisting and delisting criteria, and provide timetables and cost estimates. There is a public review process for each draft recovery plan. The Service advances the Secretary's priorities of creating a conservation stewardship legacy and striking a regulatory balance by enhancing and increasing partnerships with agencies and organizations to implement highest priority recovery actions identified in recovery plans for endangered and threatened species under the trusteeship of the Service in the United States and its Territories, such that known threats to the species may be reduced or eliminated.

The ESA requires the Service to review the status of listed species once every five years to determine whether the current listing status, as endangered or threatened, is still appropriate. This assessment includes a notice to the public requesting information on the species under review. These documents are important tools to gather new information, assess threats to the species, and validate whether protection under the ESA is still necessary.

Service biologists support the implementation of the ESA via collaborative conservation actions that are advantageous, feasible, and practicable for all parties. Staff provides technical assistance to our partners to champion recovery projects on the ground. Recovery projects can range from habitat restoration to captive rearing and reintroduction to landowner agreements that will provide Safe Harbors to one or more listed

species for a set period of time. Safe Harbor Agreements provide assurances that non-Federal conservation actions (e.g., habitat restoration, reintroduction), will not result in additional regulation on the landowner.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Recovery of Listed Species is $95,000,000 and 491 FTE.

Recovery Activities (+$15,520,000/+103 FTE)
The Service is focused on the ESA mandates that are inherently Federal, including development of recovery plans, five-year status reviews, and has prioritized rulemakings to downlist or delist species whose status has improved. In FY 2018, the Service developed a national workplan for downlisting and delisting rulemakings and submitted a total of 26 proposed or final rules to reclassify a species, exceeding the target of eight rules. In FY 2019, the Service anticipates proposing or finalizing 36 delisting and downlisting actions. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Service expects to propose or finalize 36 delisting or downlisting rules. The request will support the Service's capacity to work with other DOI bureaus, Federal agencies, States, and other stakeholders, to ensure recovery plans have objective and measurable recovery criteria and address five-year status review recommendations on the national workplan. The Service has established a process to revise recovery plans to ensure that each plan has quantitative criteria for what constitutes a recovered species, and is implementing a streamlined approach to recovery planning to facilitate timely development of plans for all newly listed species.

Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Program (-$1,000,000/-6 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

Delisting and Downlisting (-$1,393,000/-9 FTE)
The Service remains committed to prioritizing delisting and downlisting rulemakings through species recovery activities. The request will support implementation of the Service National Delisting and Downlisting Workplan in addressing five-year status review recommendations and substantive petitions to downlist and delist species over the next three years (FY 20-22).

White Nose Syndrome (-$2,000,000/-13 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

State of the Birds (-$3,000,000/-20 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

Recovery Challenge (-$5,000,000/-33 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Support our work to complete the recovery responsibilities required of the Service by statute - preparing recovery plans for newly listed species within two and a half years of the final listing, working through recovery plan backlog, completing five-year reviews for approximately 20% of the species annually, acting on the recommendations to reclassify or delist species, and encourage collaborative partnerships with others for recovery implementation. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Service expects to finalize 36 delisting or downlisting rules.
- Ensure that all final recovery plans have quantitative criteria for what constitutes a recovered species and are completed in a timely manner.

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Habitat Conservation

HABITAT CONSERVATION

Activity: Habitat Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	($000)	51,633	51,633	+321	0	+2,463	54,417	+2,784
	FTE	*233*	*233*	*0*	*0*	*+5*	*238*	*+5*
Coastal Program	($000)	13,375	13,375	+185	0	-185	13,375	0
	FTE	*49*	*49*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*49*	*0*
Total, Habitat Conservation	**($000)**	**65,008**	**65,008**	**+506**	**0**	**+2,278**	**67,792**	**+2,784**
	FTE	***282***	***282***	***0***	***0***	***+5***	***287***	***+5***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Habitat Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Partners for Fish and Wildlife Activities	+5,079	+5
• Washington Salmon Recovery/Environmental Data Quality and Access	-643	0
• Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication	-688	0
• WA Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group	-1,285	0
• Coastal Program Activities	+183	0
• Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	-184	0
• Long Live the Kings	-184	0
Program Changes	**+2,278**	**+5**

Program Mission

Habitat Conservation, which includes the Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program and the Coastal Program, provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and other conservation partners to voluntarily protect, conserve, and restore their lands. By working together, the Service helps landowners keep their working lands in traditional uses and implement habitat improvement and conservation projects.

Program Elements

The PFW and Coastal Programs take a cooperative approach to deliver on-the-ground conservation in targeted geographic areas. Locally-based field biologists have an intimate knowledge of the natural resource concerns and conservation challenges in their communities. Field staff work with local communities, private landowners, and other stakeholders to leverage partners' resources and Federal dollars to support conservation strategies on public and private lands. These efforts help conserve America's traditional land uses for future generations, support robust fish and wildlife populations for recreational use by the American public, address conservation challenges such as invasive species and habitat fragmentation, and buffer important infrastructure from storm damages.

A large part of PFW work includes coordinating with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide technical assistance in the development, implementation, and evaluation of Farm Bill conservation

programs and initiatives to meet shared conservation goals. This work includes delivery of fish and wildlife technical assistance associated with implementation of any new programs, rules, or policies resulting from the passage of the Farm Bill in FY 2019, as well as the continuation of effective partnerships with USDA that help sustain wildlife populations and agricultural production.

Activity: Habitat Conservation
Subactivity: Partners for Fish and Wildlife

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	($000)	51,633	51,633	+321	0	+2,463	54,417	+2,784
	FTE	*233*	*233*	*0*	*0*	*+5*	*238*	*+5*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Partners for Fish and Wildlife Activities	+5,079	+5
• Washington Salmon Recovery/Environmental Data Quality and Access	-643	0
• Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication	-688	0
• WA Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group	-1,285	0
Program Changes	**+2,463**	**+5**

Program Overview

The PFW Program is a voluntary, citizen, and community-based stewardship program for fish and wildlife conservation on private land. Through the PFW Program, the Service and private landowners work collaboratively to implement local conservation strategies. In turn, these restored areas provide valuable benefits to the surrounding communities by supporting tourism and recreation, protecting infrastructure from flood damage, and supporting America's agricultural production by conserving soil, controlling pests, and benefitting pollinators. Funds spent in support of restoration projects create jobs, generate tax revenues, and economic activity as wages and purchases flow through the economy. A Service report found that for every $1 the program contributed to a project, $15.70 was generated in economic returns.[1]

To promote pollinator habitat, the Service teamed up with Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever to promote shooting sports and plant seed at the same time through this innovative Pollinating Pigeon. When used for target shooting, native grass and flower seeds are delivered across fields, providing habitat and vegetation for wildlife such as monarchs, deer, and quail. Credit: USFWS

In FY 2018, the PFW Program worked with private landowners and partners to complete 2,439 project accomplishments across the Nation. In total, the PFW Program has restored approximately 6.4 million acres of habitat while leveraging program dollars at a ratio of 4:1 or greater. These acres, coupled with over 13,500 miles of enhanced stream habitat, provide valuable habitat for Federal trust species while allowing enjoyment by the American people and their families, for generations to come.

[1] https://www.fws.gov/home/pdfs/restoration-returns.pdf p. 7

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Partners for Fish and Wildlife is $54,417,000 and 238 FTE.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Activities (+5,079,000/+5 FTE)
At the requested funding level, the Service will restore and enhance an estimated 34,497 wetland acres, 211,073 upland acres, 620 riparian miles, and 115 fish passage structures.

Washington Salmon Recovery/ Environmental Data Quality and Access (-$643,000/+0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication (-$688,000/+0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, this program will control bio-monitoring and ensure eradication efforts have been successful.

Washington Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group (-$1,285,000/+0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

In FY 2020, the PFW Program will focus on implementing DOI priorities, including restoring trust and being a good neighbor by delivering voluntary restoration and enhancement projects. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, PFW will restore and enhance approximately 34,497 wetland acres, 211,073 upland acres, 620 riparian miles, and 115 fish passage structures. The PFW program will continue to pursue solutions for public access on private lands to enhance recreational opportunities and support Secretarial Order 3362, *Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors* along with Secretarial Order 3356, *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation.*

In support of SO 3362, PFW is delivering habitat to support big-game migration corridors across the West to benefit species such as this pronghorn. Credit: USFWS

Activity: Habitat Conservation
Subactivity: Coastal Program

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Coastal Program	($000)	13,375	13,375	+185	0	-185	13,375	0
	FTE	*49*	*49*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*49*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Habitat Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Coastal Program Activities	+183	0
• Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	-184	0
• Long Live the Kings	-184	0
Program Changes	**-185**	**0**

Program Overview

The Coastal Program is a voluntary, partnership-based program that delivers technical and financial assistance for habitat conservation in coastal watersheds. Locally-based field staff work with diverse partners, including private landowners, to improve and protect habitat on both public and private lands.

Coastal habitats are highly dynamic and diverse regions of great complexity and significance. Coastal areas are home to 40 percent of the U.S. population, and coastal tourism and recreation contribute approximately $116 billion to the U.S. GDP annually.

The Coastal Program provides value to the public by leveraging partners' resources at a ratio of 8:1, effectively maximizing the Service's impact. This investment stimulates local economies by supporting jobs necessary to deliver habitat conservation, including environmental consultants, engineers, construction workers, surveyors, assessors, and nursery and landscape workers. These jobs also generate indirect economic activities that benefit local hotels, restaurants, stores, and gas stations. The Service estimates that the average Coastal Program project directly supports 12 jobs and eight businesses.

Partnerships in Action: habitat conservation along the coast can benefit wildlife, local communities, and peoples' livelihoods. Organizations, industry, and State and Federal agencies have partnered in the Chesapeake Bay to restore oyster reefs that improve water quality, provide fish and wildlife habitat, and support the local seafood industry. An oyster can filter as much as 50 gallons of water per day, and healthy oyster populations lead to greater oyster harvests. Credits: Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center and Harris Seafood Company

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Coastal Program is $13,375,000 and 49 FTE.

Coastal Program Activities (+$183,000/0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, the Service will restore or protect an estimated 16 miles of stream/shoreline, 9,358 wetland acres, 7,625 upland acres, and improve 23 barriers to fish passage.

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (-$184,000/0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

Long Live the Kings (-$184,000/0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

2020 Program Performance

In FY 2020 the Coastal Program will focus on priority geographic areas, delivering on-the-ground conservation in coordination with local communities to support resilient habitats for the benefit of wildlife and people. The program's strategic landscape design, capacity building, and other technical assistance will continue to support Departmental priorities, Service programs, Federal and State agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and coastal communities. Important on-the-ground projects will be delivered in priority areas such as the Gulf of Mexico, Florida Everglades, Great Lakes, and Chesapeake Bay. The Coastal Program typically achieves a ratio of at least 8:1 partner dollars for every Coastal Program dollar invested in a coastal enhancement project. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Coastal Program would be able to restore or protect about 16 miles of stream/shoreline, 9,358 wetland acres, 7,625 upland acres, and improve 23 fish passage barriers.

National Wildlife Refuge System

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Wildlife and Habitat Management	($000)	233,141	233,141	+1,365	0	+4,931	239,437	+6,296
	FTE	*1,303*	*1,303*	*0*	*0*	*+62*	*1,365*	*+62*
Refuge Visitor Services	($000)	73,319	73,319	+430	0	+7,106	80,855	+7,536
	FTE	*508*	*508*	*0*	*0*	*+38*	*546*	*+38*
Refuge Law Enforcement	($000)	38,054	38,054	+212	0	+4,929	43,195	+5,141
	FTE	*229*	*229*	*0*	*0*	*+28*	*257*	*+28*
Conservation Planning	($000)	2,523	2,523	0	0	-2,523	0	-2,523
	FTE	*16*	*16*	*0*	*0*	*-16*	*0*	*-16*
Refuge Operations	**($000)**	**347,037**	**347,037**	**+2,007**	**0**	**+14,443**	**363,487**	**+16,450**
	FTE	***2,056***	***2,056***	***0***	***0***	***+112***	***2,168***	***+112***
Refuge Maintenance	($000)	139,469	139,469	+555	0	+6,018	146,042	+6,573
	FTE	*543*	*543*	*0*	*0*	*+12*	*555*	*+12*
Total, National Wildlife Refuge System	**($000)**	**486,506**	**486,506**	**+2,562**	**0**	**+20,461**	**509,529**	**+23,023**
	FTE	***2,599***	***2,599***	***0***	***0***	***+124***	***2,723***	***+124***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for the National Wildlife Refuge System

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Invasive Species	+5,000	+56
• Wildlife and Habitat Management Activities	+975	+6
• Inventory and Monitoring	-1,044	0
• Refuge Visitor Services	+8,106	+35
• Urban Wildlife Conservation Program	+1,000	+3
• Youth and Careers in Nature	-2,000	0
• Refuge Law Enforcement	+4,929	+28
• Refuge Planning	-2,523	-16
• Deferred Maintenance	+3,090	0
• Maintenance Support	+2,627	+12
• Annual Maintenance	+950	0
• Youth Conservation Corps	-649	0
Program Changes	**+20,461**	**+124**

Program Mission

The National Wildlife Refuge System's mission is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and restoration of fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

Program Elements

With wildlife refuges in every State and many territories, the Refuge System is the front door of the Service. Refuges are accessible to nearly all Americans, from rural communities and suburbs to urban centers, and from the mainland to far away Pacific and Arctic islands. Over 55 million visitors are welcomed each year and provided opportunities for hunting, fishing, environmental education and interpretation, photography, wildlife viewing, and other recreational activities. Refuges are the world's most extensive network of public lands and waters and are dedicated to maintaining our Nation's legacy of stewardship and conservation of fish, wildlife, and plants.

The Refuge System manages 855.6 million acres of lands and waters and includes 567 National Wildlife Refuges, 38 wetland management districts, 50 coordination areas, seven National Monuments, and 19.1 million acres in Marine National Monuments under other authorities.

The 567 National Wildlife Refuges include all of the Refuge System lands, waters, and interests administered by the Service as wildlife refuges, wildlife ranges, wildlife management areas, game preserves, and conservation areas.

The Service's 38 wetland management districts administer 4.0 million acres of waterfowl production areas (WPAs). WPAs are small natural wetlands and associated grasslands located primarily in the upper Midwest, which the Service acquires under the authority of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act.

The Refuge System's 50 coordination areas are Federal lands that States manage as wildlife habitat under cooperative agreements with the Service, furthering the Secretary's priority of restoring trust with local communities and building relationships with neighbors bordering our lands.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The National Wildlife Refuge System is implemented under the following authorities:

- The *Fish and Wildlife Act* (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j) establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means;

- The *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act* (16 U.S.C. 661-666e) directs the Service to investigate and report on proposed Federal actions that affect any stream or other body of water, and to provide recommendations to minimize impacts on fish and wildlife resources;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act* (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) provides authority, guidelines, and directives for the Service in administering the lands and waters of the National Wildlife Refuge System, including establishing six wildlife-dependent recreation activities as priority uses;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act* (P.L. 105-57) spells out wildlife conservation as the fundamental mission of the Refuge System, requires comprehensive conservation planning to guide management of the Refuge System, directs involvement of private citizens in land management decisions, and provides that compatible wildlife-dependent recreation is a legitimate and appropriate use that should receive priority in refuge planning and management;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act* (P.L. 111-357) authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and promotes volunteer, outreach, and education programs;

- The *Refuge Recreation Act* (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to administer refuges, hatcheries, and other conservation areas for recreational use, when such uses do not interfere with the area's primary purposes;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act* (P.L. 106-408) reinforces National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act provisions to raise public understanding and appreciation for the Refuge System;

- The *Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act* (16 U.S.C. 410hh-3233, 43 U.S.C. 1602-1784) provides for the designation and conservation of certain public lands in Alaska, including units of the Refuge System, and for the continuing subsistence needs of Alaska Natives;

- The *Migratory Bird Conservation Act* (16 U.S.C. 715-715d. 715e, 715f-715r) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct investigations and publish documents related to North American birds, and establishes a Migratory Bird Conservation Commission to approve areas recommended by the Secretary for acquisition;

- The *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act* (16 U.S.C. 718a-718k) requires waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to possess a valid Federal Duck Stamp;

- The *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* (16 U.S.C. 703-712) establishes Federal responsibility for protecting and managing migratory birds; and

- The *Wilderness Act* (16 U.S.C. 1131-1136) establishes a National Wilderness Preservation System for the permanent good of the whole people.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Wildlife and Habitat Management

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Wildlife and Habitat Management	($000)	233,141	233,141	+1,365	0	+4,931	239,437	+6,296
	FTE	*1,303*	*1,303*	*0*	*0*	*+62*	*1,365*	*+62*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Wildlife and Habitat Management

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Invasive Species	+5,000	+56
• Wildlife and Habitat Management Activities	+975	+6
• Inventory and Monitoring	-1,044	0
Program Changes	**+4,931**	**+62**

Program Overview

This subactivity provides the basic operating funding for the National Wildlife Refuge System, which works collaboratively to leverage resources to provide public access and achieve effective conservation. Improving dialogue and relationships with stakeholders and entities bordering our lands fosters partnerships for balanced stewardship and allows individual refuges to respond more effectively to resource challenges and opportunities to provide for increased public use of refuge lands. These partnerships help restore trust in Federal management of resources through consulting with our neighbors and recognizing their concerns.

Active management of land and water resources supports conservation and wildlife dependent recreation. At Rice Lake NWR (MN), installation of a beaver deterrent helps maintain appropriate water levels and prevents flooding. Credit: USFWS

Wildlife and Habitat Management funds vital refuge operations that identify best practices to manage land and water resources. This helps the Refuge System achieve its dual mission of conservation and wildlife-dependent recreation, which contributes to the Departmental priority of creating a conservation stewardship legacy.

These activities include:

- Monitoring plant and animal populations;
- Restoring wetland, forest, grassland, and marine habitats;
- Managing habitats through manipulation of water levels, prescribed burning, haying, grazing, timber harvest, and planting vegetation;
- Controlling the spread of invasive species;
- Assessing water quality and quantity;
- Monitoring air quality;
- Preventing and controlling wildlife disease outbreaks;
- Investigating and cleaning contaminants;
- Ensuring the exercise of oil and gas rights on wildlife refuges occurs efficiently, consistently, and without undue burden on operators or the public;

- Inventory and monitoring (I&M) of the biological resources, ecological processes, physical environment, and human interactions to provide the information necessary to implement the Service's adaptive management framework; and
- Managing five Marine National Monuments, which support healthy fisheries and can act as sources for fish and wildlife populations outside of the monuments, including commercially fished populations.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Wildlife and Habitat Management is $239,437,000 and 1,365 FTE.

Invasive Species (+$5,000,000/+ 56 FTE)

Invasive species are one of the most serious threats to native wildlife, fish, and plants in the Refuge System and across the country, and these threats are expected to grow due to increasing international trade. Invasive species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity and Federally-listed threatened and endangered species, second only to habitat loss[1]. Invasive species negatively affect native species through habitat modification, disruption of vital ecosystem functions, competition, predation, herbivory, transmission of pathogens, and by hybridizing with natives. Invasive species can also significantly affect infrastructure such as transportation and power generation systems, dams, levees, and structures. Because invasive species ignore human jurisdictional boundaries, a multi-stakeholder approach is optimal in dealing with them.

The most cost-effective strategies to manage invasive species are prevention, early detection and rapid response (EDRR), and complete eradications of small, incipient populations. EDRR aims to limit the establishment or range expansion of invasive species and prevent the need for the more costly ongoing treatments often required once they are established (e.g., Asian Carp). In the Refuge System, prevention and EDRR activities are delivered through five Invasive Species Strike Teams.

The FY 2020 request builds on the success of the existing Strike Teams in combatting invasive species by establishing 11 new Strike Teams to apply proven early EDRR techniques. The request will support a new Strike Team in Alaska, which is on the early end of the invasion curve that will work with the State government to establish a framework for cooperative and multi-jurisdictional application of EDRR techniques. This State-Federal cooperation on EDRR may become a model for other parts of the country.

Wildlife & Habitat Management Activities (+$975,000/+6 FTE)

The Service requests funding to hire six biologists to support Secretarial Orders (S.O.) 3347, *Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation*; 3356, *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories*; 3366, *Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters*; and 3349, *American Energy Independence,* which will expand increased hunting, fishing, and other recreational opportunities; improve public access by facilitating management of big game, migratory waterfowl, and other species enjoyed by the visiting public; and streamline regulatory processes related to oil and gas exploration. These biologists will have the natural resources expertise necessary to manage wildlife and their habitats to provide robust fish and wildlife populations for premium hunting, fishing, and recreational experiences in the greatest number of areas possible. These biologist will also be critical links in the streamlining of regulatory efforts as they relate to energy independence, while ensuring sound science is used in the decision making process.

[1] Introduced Species: The Threat to Biodiversity & What Can Be Done. Dr. Daniel Simberloff; http://www.actionbioscience.org/biodiversity/simberloff.html#primer

Inventory and Monitoring (-$1,044,000/+0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, priority species and habitats will continued to be monitored in support of our adaptive management framework and S.O. 3362. The Service will complete I&M surveys in the field that are a critical first step to more effectively manage habitats for wildlife and plant species

2020 Program Activities and Performance

The 2020 budget request will enable the Service to focus on wildlife and habitat management activities in support of Secretarial priorities, including conservation stewardship, utilizing natural resources, expanding access for outdoor recreation, and using science to identify best practices to manage land and water resources. This includes using traditional approaches, such as water level manipulation, prescriptive grazing, and selective timber harvesting, to achieve desired habitat conditions for fish and wildlife. Healthy habitats are vital to ensure sustainable wildlife populations, whether they are imperiled or game species. In 2020, the Service expects to actively manage more than 3 million acres of habitat. Invasive species management includes Invasive Species Strike Teams with a focus on EDRR to recently established infestations that will control both the number of acres with invasive plants and animal populations on refuges at relatively current levels, and promote interagency and intergovernmental cooperation on EDRR in Alaska.

The budget level requested will support the refuge Inventory & Monitoring program. At the requested funding level, the Service will complete I&M surveys in the field that are a critical first step for the Service to more effectively manage habitats for wildlife and plant species, albeit at a reduced amount. In 2020, the Refuge System plans to implement approximately 2,000 threatened and endangered species recovery actions, 1,100 population management actions, and six refuge contaminant cleanup actions. These actions contribute to the Department's focus on recovery and delisting of threatened and endangered species, which reduces regulatory burdens of the Endangered Species Act on communities and industries, as well as helps sustain robust populations of game fish and wildlife species in support of S.O.s 3356 *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories* and 3366 *Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by Department of the Interior.*

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Refuge Visitor Services

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Refuge Visitor Services	($000)	73,319	73,319	+430	0	+7,106	80,855	+7,536
	FTE	*508*	*508*	*0*	*0*	*+38*	*546*	*+38*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Refuge Visitor Services

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Refuge Visitor Services	+8,106	+35
• Urban Wildlife Conservation Program	+1,000	+3
• Youth and Careers in Nature	-2,000	0
Program Changes	**+7,106**	**+38**

Program Overview

Refuge Visitor Services provides essential public access and high-quality outdoor recreational opportunities on National Wildlife Refuges to over 55 million visitors each year. This program is on the front line of implementing a number of Secretarial priorities including ensuring a thriving wildlife conservation legacy by working with partners to foster outdoor skills and recreation for future generations. Refuges are places where wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities are a priority, such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation; along with biking, photography, boating, environmental education, and interpretative programs. With units and staff across the country from rural communities to large cities, Visitor Services are central to advancing the Secretarial priority to restore trust and engage with local communities. Through a community-centered approach, Visitor Services professionals work closely with neighboring communities to develop partnerships, build a volunteer cadre, and inspire the next generation of hunters, anglers, and wildlife enthusiasts in communities across the nation.

A Federal Wildlife Officer and a Maine Game Warden provided helping hands to this very happy veteran during the annual Veteran's Fishing Day event at Moosehorn NWR. Credit: Keith Ramos/USFWS

Economic Benefits to Local Communities

Opportunities for outdoor recreation draw millions of people each year to wildlife refuges, boosting local economies. Many visitors take part in heritage sports of long standing such as hunting and fishing. Others enjoy hiking, paddling, and wildlife viewing or nature photography. The public services delivered by the Visitor Services program strategically advance the Secretarial priority to generate economic benefits to local communities. Of the Refuge System's $453 million spending in FY 2013, final demand—the economic impact on local communities from recreation visits—totaled

$2.4 billion of spending in regional economies, according to the *Banking on Nature 2013* report,[2] which looked at 21 national wildlife refuges across the country. This final demand generated $792.7 million in job income and over 35,000 jobs nationally.

The Refuge System provides an additional benefit to landowners and residents in nearby communities because of the positive financial impact that its open-space amenities has on property values. Property values surrounding refuges are higher than equivalent properties elsewhere.[3] The study found that homes within 0.5 miles of a refuge and within eight miles of an urban center were valued at three to nine percent higher than other homes, depending on the region of the country.

Urban Wildlife Conservation Program

The Urban Wildlife Conservation Program delivers an innovative model for increasing awareness and outdoor engagement with the 80% of Americans that live in or near cities. S.O. 3370, *Improving Conservation Stewardship of and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges,* directs the FWS to encourage and assist Americans, particularly those who live in urban areas, to experience the outdoors within their local communities.

With 101 refuges within 25 miles of a population center of 250,000 or more people, these refuges provide strategic opportunities to promote wildlife conservation and enjoyment of hunting, fishing and other recreational activities in the heart of where people live. Additionally, several Service programs, especially Migratory Birds, Fish and Aquatic Conservation, and Ecological Services, have joined efforts with the Refuge System to improve access to new audiences through 29 partnerships in local communities around the country. In 2018, the Service formed two new partnerships in Kansas City, MO and Lowell, MA.

A Refuge employee and volunteer instruct youth on how to hit a bullseye at a free pop-up archery range on Cecil Street in Philadelphia. Credit: USFWS

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Refuge Visitor Services is $80,855,000 and 546 FTE.

Refuge Visitor Services (+$8,106,000/+35 FTE)

The Visitor Services program welcomes and orients the public to national wildlife refuges and delivers positive outdoor experiences through quality programming and well-maintained facilities. This funding will support Departmental priorities, specifically S.O. 3366, by adding new programs and additional visitor services staff at field stations to expand public access, increase hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and other recreational opportunities; improve infrastructure; and adopt new technologies.

[2] https://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/Banking-on-Nature-Report.pdf

[3] *Amenity Values of Proximity to National Wildlife Refuges* prepared by the Center for Environmental and Resource Economic Policy at North Carolina State University in April 2012

Urban Wildlife Conservation Program (+$1,000,000/+3 FTE)
This funding will be used to support Departmental priorities, specifically S.O. 3370, to increase access and provide safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for outdoor recreational opportunities on national wildlife refuges in urban areas. Additional staff and new programs will focus on cultivating new partnerships in urban communities, addressing barriers to public access and working with States to introduce new and non-traditional audiences to hunting, fishing and other recreational activities.

Youth and Careers in Nature (-$2,000,000/+0 FTE)
No funding is requested for this program.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

In the FY 2020 budget, the Visitor Services program will direct funds to implement Secretarial priorities by: increasing access to FWS managed lands and waters; introducing new users to hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation; improving our digital infrastructure and offering new technologies; and aligning our regulations and efforts with the States. he requested funds will allow the Service to improve visitor satisfaction and continue quality public services that foster a conservation legacy in nearby communities. The Service will continue to strategically balance the expected increases in public demand for services while sustaining high rates of visitor satisfaction (90 percent) and ensuring the continued conservation of plants, animals, and habitat.

Where possible, employees will maintain and improve visitor facilities; expand interpretive and educational programs; construct and maintain trails and boardwalks; improve hunting, angling, and other outdoor access; and design outreach materials to better inform and educate the public about recreational opportunities on national wildlife refuges. In FY 2020, we expect to host over 2,500 special events with nearly one million participants. We also expect to host about 2.4 million hunting visits and 7.3 million fishing visits.

In FY 2020, the Visitor Services Program will also direct efforts to the Secretarial priority to restore trust with local communities through community-centered conservation efforts. Service staff will train and supervise approximately 40,000 volunteers, who contribute over 1.3 million hours annually, to deliver programs for the public. The Service will continue support for refuges working with Friends organizations. In addition, continued engagement with local communities and industry partners by developing private/public partnerships will increase opportunities for outdoor recreation awareness and skill building activities for youth and their families.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Refuge Law Enforcement

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Refuge Law Enforcement	($000)	38,054	38,054	+212	0	+4,929	43,195	+5,141
	FTE	*229*	*229*	*0*	*0*	*+28*	*257*	*+28*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Refuge Law Enforcement

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Refuge Law Enforcement	+4,929	+28
Program Changes	**+4,929**	**+28**

Program Overview

The Refuge Law Enforcement program supports the Department of the Interior priority of protecting our people and the border by funding salaries, training, equipment, supplies, management of the Refuge System's Federal Wildlife Officers, and Regional and Headquarters management support staff.

A Federal Wildlife Officer celebrating a youth angler catch a fish THIS BIG in Florida. Credit: USFWS

Refuge Law Enforcement

Federal Wildlife Officers are often the first and most recognizable employees that the public sees. They serve as ambassadors for the Refuge System and the Service by providing important public services above and beyond law enforcement, such as information and guidance to visitors on fishing, hunting, hiking, and wildlife viewing opportunities.

Federal Wildlife Officers provide safety and security for the visiting public and Service staff; protect fish, wildlife, cultural, and archaeological resources on refuges; educate the public about the Service's mission; contribute to environmental education and outreach; assist local communities with law enforcement and disaster recovery; and help protect subsistence rights.

In 2018, Federal Wildlife Officers provided protection services for more than 55 million visitors and participated in over 7,500 education encounters, such as school programs, scout programs, game warden camps, and community organizations, or otherwise educating visitors about hunting, trapping, rules, and regulations. They serve the public as hunter safety instructors, coordinate with veterans and disabled sportsman's groups to create hunting opportunities, and lead youth shooting, hunting and fishing events on refuges. They are routinely involved with local and other Federal law enforcement agencies in cooperative efforts to combat the Nation's drug problems, address border security issues, and aid in other security challenges.

A Federal Wildlife Officer patrolling the Southwest Border. Credit: USFWS

Since May 2018, the Service has deployed over 100 Federal Wildlife Officers to supplement staffing levels at South Texas National Wildlife Refuge Complex (TX) and Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge (AZ) in support of the Department of the Interior Priority #6 "Protecting our people and the border." As of December 2018, nearly 75% of Federal Wildlife Officers have deployed in support of the surge mission to assist Customs and Border Protection.

Emergency Management and Physical Security
The Service's Emergency Management and Physical Security program (EMPS) supports the Secretary's priority of protecting our people by providing expertise and leadership for the Service's emergency management and physical security responsibilities nationwide. We participate in activities described in Homeland Security's National Response Framework, the guide to how the Nation responds to all types of disasters and emergencies. Through this effort, the Service supports activities to prevent, protect against, prepare for, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from all hazards that may affect any part of the Service and the people and communities we serve.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Refuge Law Enforcement is $43,195,000 and 257 FTE.

Refuge Law Enforcement (+$4,929,000/+28 FTE)
The request will fund Federal wildlife officer positions. These officers will increase capacity for the Service to provide safe and secure refuges where more than 55 million visitors per year enjoy wildlife-dependent recreation. These officers will also help ensure the safety and security of the visiting public, Service employees, government property, and wildlife habitats. This funding would enable officers to receive the necessary training, equipment, and supplies to ensure safe public access to refuges for hunting, fishing, wildlife photography and observation, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

In FY 2020, the Division of Refuge Law Enforcement will continue to ensure the safety and security of the visiting public, Service employees, government property, and wildlife habitats. New Refuge Law

Enforcement personnel will receive the necessary training, equipment, and supplies to ensure safe public access to refuges for hunting, fishing, wildlife photography and observation, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation. The annual national hires will help support the continued expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities.

The Refuge Law Enforcement Program continues to support the Administration's priority of securing the southern border by building partnerships with Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, including the Customs and Border Protection, and State agencies. Rotational deployments of officers to Service lands in Texas and Arizona will continue. The program will also work to provide career development for new and existing employees. Providing career ladder opportunities for lower and mid-grade positions will increase retention within the division and limit instabilities to both the field and the Refuge System's mission.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Conservation Planning

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation Planning	($000)	2,523	2,523	0	0	-2,523	0	-2,523
	FTE	*16*	*16*	*0*	*0*	*-16*	*0*	*-16*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation Planning

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Refuge Planning	-2,523	-16
Program Changes	**-2,523**	**-16**

Justification of 2019 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Conservation Planning is $0 and 0 FTE..

Refuge Planning (-$2,523,000/-16 FTE)

No funding is requested for this program. Individual refuges will fund completion of Comprehensive Conservation Plans (required by the Refuge Improvement Act) from base funds.

Program Overview

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act requires the Service to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for every unit of the Refuge System and revise each CCP every 15 years, as may be necessary. The Refuge Planning subactivity funds development of CCPs and associated step-down plans, such as Habitat Management Plans and Visitor Services Plans, which "step down" the CCP and guide the management of a specific refuge to inform local conservation action. Refuge System planning processes are administered to include public input, engage stakeholders and local communities, and with aim to enhance public access while reducing potential regulatory burdens on the public.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Refuge Maintenance

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Maintenance Support	($000)	55,230	55,230	+555	+4,000	+1,978	61,763	+6,533
Annual Maintenance	($000)	26,350	26,350	0	0	+950	27,300	+950
Deferred Maintenance	($000)	42,901	42,901	0	0	+3,090	45,991	+3,090
Equipment and Vehicle Management	($000)	14,988	14,988	0	-4,000	0	10,988	-4,000
Refuge Maintenance	**($000)**	**139,469**	**139,469**	**+555**	**0**	**+6,018**	**146,042**	**+6,573**
	FTE	***543***	***543***	***0***	***0***	***+12***	***555***	***+12***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Refuge Maintenance

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Deferred Maintenance	+3,090	0
• Maintenance Support	+2,627	+12
• Annual Maintenance	+950	0
• Youth Conservation Corps	-649	0
Program Changes	**+6,018**	**+12**

Program Overview

The Refuge Maintenance subactivity underpins every management activity that occurs in the Refuge System, including wildlife and habitat management, fire management, law enforcement, and public access and outdoor recreation.

Nationwide Portfolio of Refuge System Constructed Facility Assets
As of September 30, 2018

Asset Grouping	Asset Count		Replacement Value		Deferred Maintenance	
	Quantity	% of Total	$ (Millions)	% of Total	$ (Millions)	% of Total
Buildings	5,255	14.69%	$6,121	14.41%	$285	26.41%
Water Management Structures	8,595	24.02%	$17,158	40.40%	$303	28.08%
Roads, Bridges, and Trails	13,846	38.69%	$14.404	33.91%	$252	23.35%
Other Structures	8,088	22.60%	$4,790	11.28%	$239	22.15%
Total	**35,784**	**100%**	**$42,474**	**100%**	**$1,079**	**100%**

At a Glance: Maintenance of Facilities, Fleet, and Equipment

The Refuge System maintenance program optimizes the alignment between infrastructure investments and mission delivery. Enabling activities include repairing and replacing:

- Roads, trails, and visitor facilities that allow over 55 million people to enjoy refuge lands and wildlife, and allow access for management purposes including fire prevention, law enforcement, and fish and wildlife management;
- On- and off-road vehicles needed to carry out everyday field activities of approximately 2,700 FTE and 40,000 volunteers;
- An extensive fleet of agricultural and construction equipment needed to actively manage habitat and to maintain constructed real property assets; and
- A portfolio of constructed assets valued at $42.4 billion that provides the base of operations for all refuge programs and enables all fish and wildlife management on Refuge System lands and waters that occur throughout the U.S. and its various island territories.

The Refuge Maintenance budget consists of four program elements:

Refuge Maintenance Support

Refuge Maintenance Support includes supplies, materials and salaries for maintenance and facilities management. Maintenance employees are critical in properly maintaining facility and equipment assets, which enable the Service to accomplish habitat management and refuge operations goals and provide the public safe and reliable recreational and educational opportunities. Maintenance employees spend about half their time maintaining infrastructure and equipment and the other half maintaining habitat and supporting public recreational activities.

Annual Maintenance

Annual Maintenance encompasses all non-staff expenditures for preventative maintenance needed to keep the Service's infrastructure and mobile equipment fleet functioning for its intended purpose. It is required to achieve the expected life of infrastructure and equipment. Annual maintenance includes: utilities, custodial care, and snow removal for offices, administrative, and public buildings; repair of system failures before they are deferred; and preventive maintenance—including scheduled servicing, repairs, and parts replacement—required to achieve the expected life of facilities and equipment.

Proactively maintaining facilities through Maintenance Support and Annual Maintenance is 30 to 40 percent more cost effective on average than waiting until maintenance is deferred. These funds are critical in providing the American taxpayers the maximum return on investment.

Deferred Maintenance

Deferred Maintenance projects repair, rehabilitate, dispose of, or replace constructed real property assets. Available funds are directed to the highest priority mission critical projects based upon facilities condition, asset priority, consequences of failure to act, and return on investment (in reducing Deferred Maintenance, operations costs and obtaining outside funding) in accordance with Departmental guidance. Prioritization of projects is completed by utilizing the DOI priority scoring and by the front line field, operations, and facilities managers that know firsthand the field based mission impacts, return on investment, and outside funding opportunities available and are reported to DOI and OMB in the five-year deferred maintenance plans annually.

6-Year History of Deferred Maintenance Backlog by Four Major Categories of Assets

Category	Refuge System Deferred Maintenance (beginning of FY) ($ millions)					
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Buildings	315	316	302	306	292	285
Water Management	343	299	286	286	335	303
Roads/Bridges/Trails	849	383	296	305	255	252
Other	240	286	281	279	276	239
Total	**1,747**	**1,284**	**1,165**	**1,176**	**1,158**	**1,079**

The Service uses a strategic, portfolio-based approach to manage assets in a manner that informs decision-making and maximizes efficient and effective mission delivery with an emphasis on mission-critical assets and the protection of investments through long-term life cycle management.

Modernizing Infrastructure by Reducing the Deferred Maintenance Backlog

The Refuge System has worked to reduce the deferred maintenance backlog through the use of Maintenance Action Teams, proactive investments, improved policies, improved data quality and increased focus on preventative and routine maintenance investments. This improved focus and investment of resources in areas with the largest return has resulted in reducing the Refuge System's deferred maintenance backlog by about 50 percent. From FY 2019 through FY 2023, 60 percent of Refuge System Deferred Maintenance funding will be dedicated to retaining, restoring and enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities and the supporting habitats.

Equipment and Vehicle Management

The Refuge System requires an extensive fleet of vehicles and equipment to successfully carry out the conservation mission and provide safe and reliable public recreation and education opportunities. The Refuge System employs rental and leasing options to provide a cost-effective, efficient program. Equipment and Vehicle Management funds optimize the management of fleets to meet mission needs and serve as an example for the efficient use of public assets. The Refuge System is actively focusing on modernizing our equipment and vehicle fleet, implementing utilization and age standards, and investing in a smaller, more agile, and modernized fleet.

Heavy Equipment Safety Training at Balcones Canyonlands NWR (TX). The Refuge System uses heavy equipment to maintain roads and trails, and to create and maintain healthy wildlife habitats. Credit: USFWS

Fleet Management

The majority of the 3,600 vehicles used on refuges are four wheel-drive trucks and utility vehicles for transporting personnel, equipment, materials, and tools to remote sites for firefighting, wildlife and habitat management, and law enforcement. The vehicles must be capable of operation under on-road and off-road conditions, which limits the ability to utilize two-wheel drive vehicles, vans, or sedans and limits the

applicability of recommended annual vehicle mileage use typical of non-natural resource agencies.

Small Equipment
Specialized equipment such as all-terrain vehicles, small aircraft, boats, small tractors, snowmobiles, trailers, agricultural implements, and similar equipment is needed to access, maintain, and restore habitats in remote or rugged areas. In total, the Refuge System's small equipment fleet consists of about 5,000 assets.

Heavy Equipment
Heavy equipment management includes acquisition, rental, and repair of heavy equipment. Agricultural, earthmoving, and construction equipment are used to maintain wetland impoundments and roads; construct and maintain wildlife habitat; control invasive plants; and maintain and construct visitor facilities such as boardwalks, observation platforms, fishing piers, hunt blinds, tour routes, and trails. The Service owns nearly 4,000 heavy equipment assets with a combined replacement value of about $423 million.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Refuge Maintenance is $146,042,000 and 555 FTE.

Deferred Maintenance (+$3,090,000/+0 FTE)
This request will allow the Service to complete about 135 of the highest priority deferred maintenance projects, which will generate an estimated $143 million and 841 jobs in local and State economies and provide opportunities for public-private partnerships. This funding will also allow the Service to invest in infrastructure projects to reduce deferred maintenance backlog and operational costs, ultimately saving taxpayer dollars. Improved infrastructure provides safe and reliable outdoor recreational access for the American public.

Maintenance Support (+$2,627,000/+12 FTE)
This funding will be invested in maintenance staffing at priority refuges. Maintenance staff provide critical preventative maintenance expertise that ultimately reduces deferred maintenance and saves taxpayer dollars.

Annual Maintenance (+$950,000/+0 FTE)
This funding will allow the Service to invest in proactive preventative maintenance and repairs. Combined with the investment in maintenance support, these funds will contribute to the prevention and elimination of $5 million in deferred maintenance which will save the American tax payers 40% over investing in deferred maintenance alone.

Youth Conservation Corps (-$649,000/-0 FTE)
This funding is not requested so the Service can address other priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Service will support maintenance staffing for field stations to carry out a wide variety of activities that provide safe and reliable outdoor access and habitat management. The request supports the replacement of mobile equipment and fleet assets, further implementing an initiative to improve management and modernize the vehicle and equipment fleet. In total, this funding level will allow the Service to continue supporting refuge programs and prioritize projects that maintain wildlife habitats that expand and improve safe and reliable outdoor recreation for the American public.

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Migratory Bird Management

Activity: Conservation and Enforcement
Program Element: Migratory Bird Management

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation and Monitoring	($000)	31,126	30,126	+258	0	+698	32,082	+956
	FTE	*137*	*137*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*137*	*0*
Permits	($000)	3,424	3,424	+21	0	+254	3,699	+275
	FTE	*30*	*30*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*30*	*0*
Federal Duck Stamp	($000)	556	556	+8	0	0	564	+8
	FTE	*2*	*2*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*2*	*0*
North American Waterfowl Management/ Joint Ventures	($000)	13,140	13,140	+62	0	-62	13,140	0
	FTE	*46*	*46*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*46*	*0*
Total, Migratory Bird Management	**($000)**	**48,246**	**48,246**	**+349**	**0**	**+890**	**49,485**	**+1,239**
	FTE	***215***	***215***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***215***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Migratory Bird Management

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Aviation Management	+1,237	+1
• Monitoring	+988	+6
• Permits	+254	0
• North American Waterfowl Management Plan/Joint Venture Activities	-62	0
• Conservation and Monitoring Activities	-1,527	-7
Program Changes	**+890**	**0**

Program Mission

The Service has the legal mandate and trust responsibility to ensure the continued existence of healthy migratory bird populations for the benefit of the American public. Migratory birds are central to several traditional recreational pastimes, including hunting and birdwatching. Migratory birds provide various ecosystem services to people as well, including insect and rodent control, plant pollination, and seed dispersal.

Waterfowl banding crew removing ducks from traps in southern Alberta, August 2018. Photo Credit Sarah Yates, USFWS

The Migratory Bird Program works to conserve birds and to preserve traditional outdoor recreational pursuits involving birds. The Program works with partners such as national sportsmen's groups, conservation organizations, Tribes, State wildlife agencies, and others to conserve habitats needed to support these populations for future generations of Americans to enjoy.

Program Elements

Four elements comprise the Migratory Bird Management program:

- Conservation and Monitoring – Conducts surveys and other monitoring activities to determine the status and health of migratory birds, using the results to develop bird harvest and other regulations that secure healthy wild bird populations. These actions provide recreational opportunities for sportsmen and other users while promoting bird conservation and sustainable use.
- Permits – Provides a means to balance hunting harvest and other take of protected migratory bird species with their conservation, enabling the public to engage in legitimate take-related activities through a permit or other authorization. The permit program assists biologists to track the impact of these activities, and permits ensure that such activities are carried out in a manner that safeguards migratory bird populations and promotes conservation efforts.
- Federal Duck Stamp Program – Produces the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp), which is required for anyone 16 years of age and older to hunt waterfowl. Proceeds from the sale of the stamp are deposited into the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund, and expended to protect wetland habitats within the National Wildlife Refuge System.
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan and Migratory Bird Joint Venture Partnerships – Employs a tripartite agreement among North American nations as a basis for supporting and promoting collaborative, voluntary partnerships that restore or protect waterfowl habitat and identify, develop, and apply regionally prioritized science needed for migratory bird conservation through the Migratory Bird Joint Venture Partnerships.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

More than 25 laws, treaties, and conventions mandate that the Service sustain over 1,000 species of migratory birds and their habitats. Primary among these is the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* (MBTA) (16 U.S.C. 703-712), which establishes Federal responsibility for protecting and managing migratory birds. Other important laws that directly and significantly impact program activities include the *Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act* (16 U.S.C. 668-668d), the *North American Wetlands Conservation* (16 U.S.C. 4401-4412) and the *Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation* (16 U.S.C. 6101-6109) *Acts*, which promote habitat and bird conservation across North America and throughout the western hemisphere through competitive grants. Additionally, the *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act* (U.S.C. 718-718j) requires waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to possess a valid Federal Duck Stamp.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: Conservation and Monitoring

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation and Monitoring	($000)	31,126	31,126	+258	0	+698	32,082	+956
	FTE	*137*	*137*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*137*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Monitoring

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Aviation Management	+1,237	+1
• Monitoring	+988	+6
• Conservation and Monitoring Activities	-1,527	-7
Program Changes	**+698**	**0**

Program Overview

The Migratory Bird Program works with partners to conserve and monitor birds to ensure that they can continue to be enjoyed by hunters, bird watchers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. Our success in working with others to conserve birds across the country provides a model for wildlife conservation that others in the world can follow.

Conservation

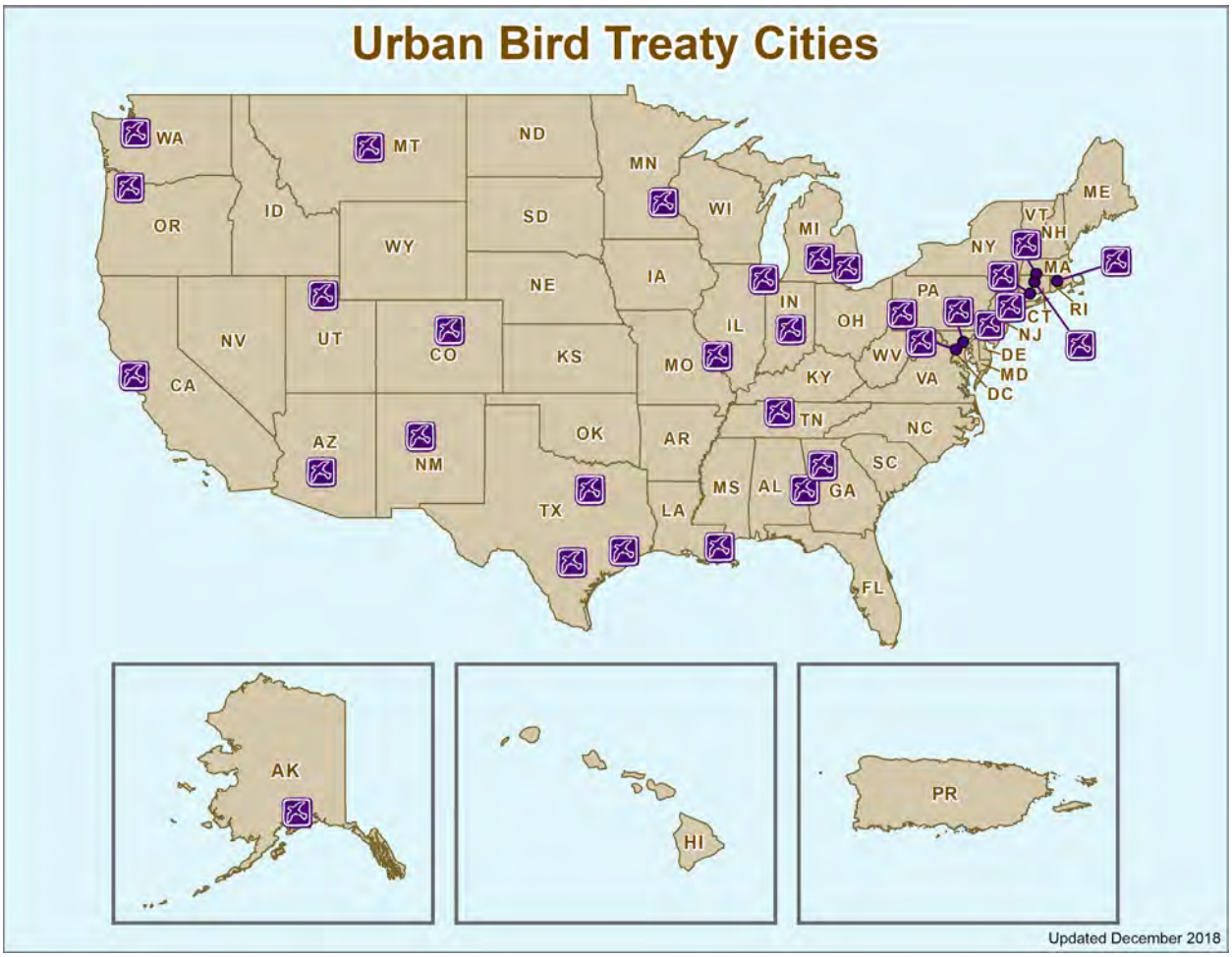
The Service's Migratory Bird Program coordinates and supports a number of multi-partner conservation efforts, including the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, the Migratory Bird Joint Ventures, Partners in Flight, the U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan, and Waterbird Conservation for the Americas. The Migratory Bird program serves as a hub for many conservation partners and is uniquely positioned to help share information, identify complementary activities, eliminate duplicative efforts, and provide technical assistance across this diverse network of partnerships. These multi-stakeholder efforts contribute significantly to the identification of bird species that need increased attention across jurisdictional boundaries. The Service works with individuals committed to the conservation of birds throughout their range to provide access for hunting and birding, and protect the habitats that make these activities possible.

Cinnamon teal (front) and blue-winged teal (rear) captured during The Service, with the support of organizations waterfowl banding operations in southern Alberta, August 2018. Photo Credit Sarah Yates, USFWS

The Urban Bird Treaty Program

In our urban and suburban landscapes, birds are often the most colorful and observable wildlife, and are many residents' principal connection to nature. Through the Urban Bird Treaty Program, the Service works with participating U.S. cities to create bird-friendly environments and help citizens learn about birds and their habitats. The Urban Bird Treaty Program emphasizes habitat conservation through invasive species control and native plant restoration; hazard reductions through bird-safe building programs; citizen science activities involving bird and habitat monitoring; and recreation and outreach programs. These programs provide people with improved access to urban green space, opportunities to learn about and appreciate birds and their habitats, and ways to participate in bird conservation. Participating cities get the distinction of becoming Urban Bird

Treaty cities and receive small grants that promote bird conservation. There are currently 31 Urban Bird Treaty cities[1].



Promoting Migratory Bird Conservation

The Service continues to work with partners by providing technical assistance and developing guidance and recommendations to empower the public, Federal and State agencies, and industries to seek voluntary, non-regulatory solutions to address both direct and indirect impacts to migratory birds. Recent guidance includes recommendations for reducing bird collisions with building glass and developing a national list of suggested conservation measures. These resources are available from the Migratory Bird program's webpage[2] to anyone seeking to reduce impacts to migratory birds.

The Service is committed to working with our stakeholders to address bird/human activity conflicts while ensuring the continued conservation of migratory bird species. The Migratory Bird Program will continue to collect information to identify management alternatives to resolve conflicts, including identifying if lethal take is appropriate, at what amount, and what are the cumulative impacts.

[1] https:// www. fws.gov/ birds/grants/urban-bird-treaty.php

[2] https://www.fws.gov/birds/index.php

Monitoring

Monitoring is essential to the science-based conservation approach used by the Service to ensure the sustainability of migratory bird populations and, where necessary, to take actions to address declines that may lead to their listing under the Endangered Species Act. For example, each year, the Service conducts extensive migratory game bird population, habitat, and harvest surveys across North America, and then produces reports that assess the status of these species. These reports include the most current data on breeding populations, production, and harvest information available for waterfowl, sandhill cranes, woodcock, dove, rail and other migratory game birds in North America. These reports are necessary for developing annual hunting seasons and bag limits that can maximize hunter satisfaction while ensuring bird conservation. These surveys and the migratory bird hunting regulatory frameworks are the result of cooperative efforts with the States, the Canadian Wildlife Service and provincial agencies, Tribes, and private conservation partners. Monitoring bird populations also allows the Service to determine the need for species management, to identify conservation actions that will be effective, and to evaluate the success of actions taken to conserve species.

Aviation

The safety and training oversight of the Fish and Wildlife Service's fleet of planes and pilots is the responsibility of the National Aviation Management Branch, presently nested within the Migratory Bird program. The Assistant Director of the Migratory Bird Program serves as the agency's Aviation Executive overseeing this Branch and representing the Service as a voting member of the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Executive Aviation Committee, which is responsible for promulgating all DOI Aviation policy. The National Aviation Management Branch is in charge of Service-wide aviation policy development and ensures compliance by the Service's nearly 60 pilots—many of whom are also biologists—who fly primarily wildlife monitoring or support missions for the Service. Additionally the National Aviation Management Branch is responsible for the Service's Aviation Fire program, Unmanned Aircraft System program development within DOI, and Service Emergency Management related to aviation. The National Aviation Management Branch administers all Service aircraft acquisitions and vendor contracts. The Service currently operates and maintains 59 percent of the DOI fleet aircraft (53 airplanes and 1 helicopter) and accounts for 25 percent of all DOI flight hours. The Service has identified and is implementing six priorities that will immediately improve the Service's Aviation Enterprise: Automated Flight Following, Crew Resource Management, Improved Pilot Training program, Standardized Risk Assessment Processes, Aviation Management Communications, and a Kodiak Aircraft Training Plan.

View from the cockpit of Quest Kodiak on a waterfowl survey in central Newfoundland, May 2018. Photo Credit Mark Koneff, USFWS

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Conservation and Monitoring is $32,082,000 and 137 FTE.

Aviation Management (+$1,237,000/ +1 FTE) – The 2020 request for the Service-wide Aviation Management Program supports the Service's continued efforts to improve aviation safety, training for pilots and aerial observers, and provide critical oversight of aviation operations at the national level. This funding will enable Service Fleet Pilots to transport staff and materials to remote sites in the National Wildlife Refuge System, conduct biological monitoring and surveys critical to informing conservation efforts, and participate in prescribed fires that help prevent or mitigate wildland fires on Federal land. The Aviation Management Program is the Service's lead on developing policy and procedures on the use of Unmanned Aviation Systems (UAS), also known as drones. This work is expanding as the availability and practicality of using UAS increases within the Service. Additionally, the funding will assist the Aviation Management Program to improve safety and training through the implementation of automated flight following, crew resource management, pilot/instructor pilot training program, standardized risk assessment processes, aviation management communications, centralized dispatching of all Service flights, and the development of a Kodiak aircraft training plan that covers the entire Department of the Interior.

Monitoring (+$988,000/ +6 FTE) – The 2020 request for the Monitoring Program allows for continued investments in the Service's modernization efforts of our monitoring programs that support migratory bird hunting. This includes investing in new technologies and internet-based approaches, which ultimately will reduce costs while improving data acquisition, management, and sharing procedures for information collected from our monitoring programs. These investments support our ability to collect, analyze, and disseminate the population and harvest data needed to ensure that annual migratory bird hunting regulations are based on sound science.

Conservation and Monitoring Activities (-$1,527,000/ -7 FTE) – At the requested 2020 level, the Service proposes to shift funding from general conservation activities to monitoring activities that support the establishment of annual migratory bird hunting seasons that, in turn, provide hunting opportunities and preserve the Nation's hunting heritage. Improved monitoring, closer collaboration with States, and the incorporation of hunter survey information will enable the Service to respond better to changing hunter expectations and measures of satisfaction.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Monitor migratory game bird species and establish annual hunting seasons.
- Begin implementing national comprehensive cormorant management strategy, as informed by activities conducted in FY 2019 (e.g., State workshops and NEPA analysis).
- Support efficient permitting of infrastructure and energy projects for the take of Bald and Golden Eagles.
- Continue work to enhance the safety of the Service's pilots through investments in aircraft enhancements and improved pilot training.
- Continue work to improve the Service's National Aviation program, including investigating new technologies and better management of the Service's air fleet.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: Permits

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Permits	($000)	3,424	3,424	+21	0	+254	3,699	+275
	FTE	*30*	*30*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*30*	*+0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Permits

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Permits	+254	0
Program Changes	**+254**	**0**

Program Overview

The mission of the Migratory Bird Permits program is to promote long-term sustainability of migratory bird populations, while providing opportunities for the public to study, use, and enjoy migratory birds consistent with the provisions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA).

Permits authorizing take and possession of migratory birds are issued for scientific study, depredation control, falconry, raptor propagation, rehabilitation of injured birds, educational use, taxidermy, waterfowl sale, and Native American religious use. The Service processes more than 11,000 such permit applications annually.

The Service continues to focus on streamlining permitting procedures and requirements to improve the permit applicant's experience while ensuring that the Service delivers on its trust responsibilities related to migratory birds. In 2020, the Service will complete the modernization of the Service's Permits Issuance and Tracking System (SPITS), which will reduce the processing time for permits, provide a more user-friendly interface for the public, and provide electronic payment methods for permittees.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Permits Program is $3,699,000 and 30 FTE.

Permits (+254,000/0 FTE) – The 2020 request enhances the Service's ability to receive, process, and respond to permit applications, which will provide a better and more efficient process for our customers.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Continue to issue permits efficiently for the use of birds protected under the MBTA and BGEPA.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: Federal Duck Stamp Program

		2018Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Federal Duck Stamp	($000)	556	556	+8	0	0	564	+8
	FTE	*2*	*2*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*2*	*0*

Program Overview

2018-2019 Federal Duck Stamp with art by Robert Hautman, of Minnesota

2018-2019 Junior Duck Stamp with art by Georgia student Rayen Kang

The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (commonly known as the Duck Stamp) is required for waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older. The Federal Duck Stamp program supports conservation of important migratory bird habitat through the purchase of wetland and associated upland habitats within the National Wildlife Refuge System. Many non-hunters also buy Federal Duck Stamps to support habitat conservation in the Refuge system. In 2016, the most recent year with complete information, Duck Stamp sales totaled more than $40 million. Since 1934, the stamps have raised over $1 billion for the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF). These monies, along with other contributions to the MBCF, have enabled the protection of 14 million acres of prime waterfowl habitat within the National Wildlife Refuge System. In addition to places for waterfowl to breed, stopover on migration, and overwinter, these lands also provide Americans with opportunities to enjoy the outdoors by engaging in activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, photography, and wildlife viewing. Increasing the amount of wildlife habitat held in trust for Americans provides compatible public use of natural resources, increases opportunities for and access to outdoor recreation, and provides private landowners and local communities with economic and environmental benefits.

The Service also attracts youth to the outdoors through the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program (Junior Duck Stamp Program) and its associated art contest. The Junior Duck Stamp Program employs a science-based curriculum with an art focus to teach students about wildlife conservation, waterfowl, and the importance of wetlands. Students in the program are encouraged to submit artwork for their State's Junior Duck Stamp art competition. Each year the individual State winners compete in the national contest for the honor of having their artwork featured on that year's Junior Duck Stamp. Annually, over 30,000 students participate in these competitions and share their knowledge and experience with their communities. This engagement with the natural world will help create future conservation stewards that value that protection of our natural resources for future generations.

Electronic Duck Stamp Program

The issuance of the 2018-2019 Federal Duck Stamp marked the 11th year of the Electronic Duck Stamp (E-Stamp) program. The E-Stamp program provides a valuable customer service, making Duck Stamps available quickly and conveniently from anywhere in the U.S. This popular program enables someone to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp through a participating State's website at any time, and receive an

immediate certification of purchase that is valid for waterfowl hunting anywhere in the United States. Interest in this program remains high, with 24 States now providing E-Stamp certification. Sales of E-Stamps have continued to grow with each successive year—from over 58,000 in 2008, to more than 823,000 in 2016-2017. In just the first four months of availability of the 2018-2019 Duck Stamp, from July through October 2018, E-Stamp sales reached 475,000. The Service plans to add up to 10 additional States over the next two years, expanding access to the stamp and associated outdoor recreation opportunities. The growth of the E-Stamp program has allowed the Service to modernize stamp dispersal through partnerships with States and to deploy technology appropriately to attract new and retain existing hunters.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Federal Duck Stamp Program is $564,000 and 2 FTE.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Manage the production and sale of the Federal Duck Stamp.
- Investigate new and emerging methods to promote the Duck Stamp.
- Expand the Electronic Stamp program.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP)/Joint Ventures

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
North American Waterfowl Management/ Joint Ventures	($000)	13,140	13,140	+62	0	-62	13,140	0
	FTE	*46*	*46*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*46*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for North American Waterfowl Management / Joint Ventures

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• North American Waterfowl Management Plan/Joint Venture Activities	-62	0
Program Changes	**-62**	**0**

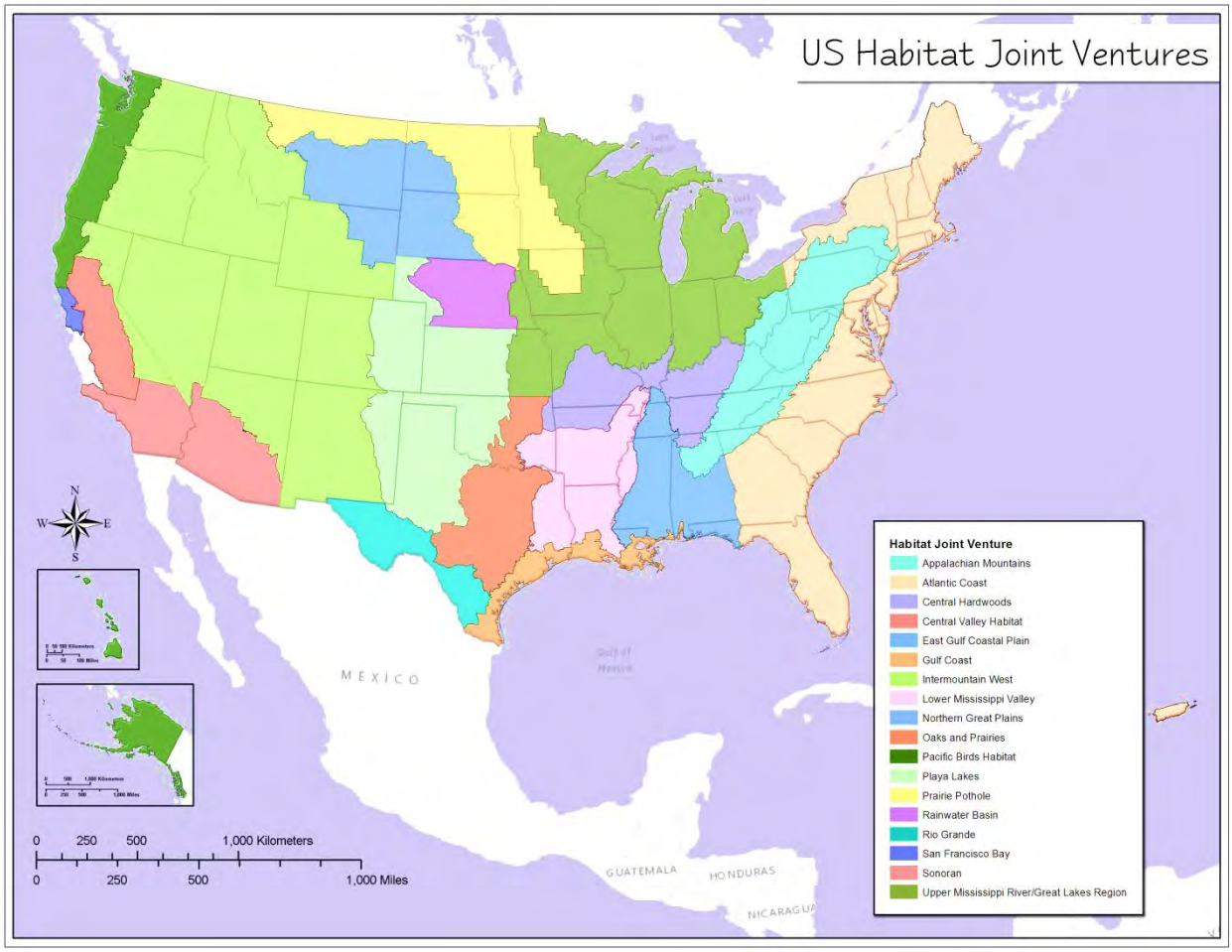
Program Overview

The North American Waterfowl Management Plan (Plan) is an international accord signed by the U.S. and Canada in 1986 and, in 1994, by Mexico. It is the foundational bird conservation partnership upon which many others have been modeled. For the past three decades, the Plan has guided efforts to sustain abundant waterfowl and other wetland dependent bird populations across North America through voluntary partnerships driven by sound science. The Plan is updated regularly - most recently in 2018 -adapting strategies and objectives to lessons learned through science, population management, and habitat conservation.

The habitat goals outlined in the Plan, as well as the conservation and management priorities of national and international shorebird, waterbird, and landbird partnership initiatives, are primarily implemented by Migratory Bird Joint Ventures (JVs). These regional, self-directed partnerships include Federal, State, and local governments; corporations; individuals; and non-government conservation groups. Together, they form a network for habitat conservation that benefits waterfowl, other wildlife, and people.

The JVs leverage Federal contributions with non-Federal funds and in-kind contributions, and foster collaboration from local to international scales, thereby improving the effectiveness of conservation.

One of the most significant responsibilities of the JVs is the development of landscape-level bird conservation plans. The JVs utilize science to support the decisions and activities that implement the habitat conservation priorities identified in these plans. These landscape-level plans along with the targeted habitat projects that come from them bring a broad population-based perspective to local conservation delivery. The JVs work closely with their stakeholders/partners in a collaborative manner, incorporating their input to develop and implement these landscape management plans.



Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the North American Waterfowl Management Plan is $13,140,000 and 46 FTE.

North American Waterfowl Management Plan/Joint Ventures (-$62,000/0 FTE) – At the requested 2020 level, the NAWMP/JV program will ensure that all 21 Migratory Bird Joint Ventures receive funding to step-down large landscape-scale plan priorities into effective, locally delivered conservation activities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Continue to implement the 2018 Plan update via partners and the JVs to achieve NAWMP waterfowl population, habitat, and human dimension objectives.
- Design and develop habitat strategies that work with landowners and other partners to conserve migratory bird resources across the landscape; and collect and analyze data on Black Duck, Arctic Geese, and Sea Duck species to inform harvest strategies that lead to hunter opportunities.

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Law Enforcement

Activity: Conservation and Enforcement
Subactivity: Law Enforcement

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Operations	($000)	75,980	75,980	+256	0	+71	76,307	+327
Equipment Replacement	($000)	910	910	0	0	0	910	0
Total, Law Enforcement	**($000)**	**76,890**	**76,890**	**+256**	**0**	**+71**	**77,217**	**+327**
	FTE	***341***	***341***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***341***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Law Enforcement

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Law Enforcement Operations (Wildlife Trafficking)	+71	0
Program Changes	**+71**	**0**

Program Mission

The mission of the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) is to protect wildlife and plant resources through the effective enforcement of Federal laws. By working with Federal, State, Tribal, and foreign enforcement agencies, and other conservation partners, we help recover endangered species, conserve migratory birds, preserve wildlife habitat, safeguard fisheries, combat invasive species, and promote international wildlife conservation.

Program Overview

OLE fulfills its mission by facilitating a multi-billion dollar legal wildlife trade, while simultaneously interdicting illegal wildlife and wildlife products and investigating wildlife trafficking crimes. Service special agents, wildlife inspectors, intelligence analysts, forensic scientists, and support staff provide critical work in the fight against wildlife trafficking and the successful prosecution of criminals who break Federal and international wildlife laws.

A defendant was sentenced to prison for illegally trafficking parts from endangered tigers and African lions. Credit: USFWS

Transnational criminal organizations are largely responsible for the growing illegal wildlife trade. Addressing the involvement of transnational criminal organizations requires strong and effective law enforcement, both in the U.S. and abroad. OLE works with INTERPOL, the State Department and other agencies to reduce criminal activity involving wildlife worldwide.

The U.S. remains one of the world's largest markets for legal and illegal wildlife and wildlife products. The Service upholds the Nation's responsibility to facilitate the legal wildlife trade, stop the illegal activity in protected species, provide assistance to improve wildlife enforcement in other countries, detect and deter the illegal import and export of wildlife, and protect our Nation's borders by preventing invasive species and potential diseases from entering the U.S.

Through law enforcement efforts, the Service disrupts criminal networks, apprehends violators, refers wildlife trafficking cases for prosecution, seizes and forfeits property of the crimes, and applies penalties to deter and prevent others from committing such wildlife crimes. Effective enforcement is critical to the Service's conservation mission.

Law Enforcement Investigations

The Service's investigation of wildlife trafficking disrupts and dismantles highly organized transnational smuggling networks engaged in the illegal wildlife trade around the world. OLE special agents are plainclothes criminal investigators who enforce Federal wildlife laws. Agents investigate crimes by collecting evidence, interviewing witnesses and subjects, conducting surveillance, executing Federal search warrants, making arrests, preparing cases for Federal court, and assisting local, Tribal, State, Federal, and international counterparts with wildlife crime investigations. Agents often work undercover to infiltrate wildlife trafficking syndicates, and other criminal groups, to document violations from the "inside." Covert and complex investigations often are multi-year operations. To provide additional operational and investigative field support, the Service hires and trains new agents.

Inspection and Facilitation of Wildlife Trade

The Service's trade monitoring activities at U.S. ports provide a front-line defense against massive, global wildlife trafficking, as well as facilitating robust legal wildlife trade. The work of Service wildlife inspectors significantly impacts our Nation's public health, safety, economy, and natural resources. Service wildlife inspectors process declared shipments, intercept wildlife contraband, conduct proactive enforcement operations to interdict smuggled wildlife and wildlife products, ensure the humane transport of live wildlife, and work with special agents to investigate businesses and individuals engaged in wildlife trafficking. Their work also prevents the introduction of invasive species, which if established, would contribute to an estimated $120 billion in annual economic damage to the U.S. and ecological impacts caused by these damaging species.

A wildlife inspector canine team inspects cargo for illegal wildlife and wildlife products. Credit: USFWS

The Service has strategically placed wildlife inspector canine teams at seven critical ports of entry. Since the program began in 2013, trained canines and wildlife inspectors have enhanced the interdiction of smuggled plants, wildlife, and wildlife parts and products by being able to examine a greater volume of international cargo and mail. Wildlife inspector canine teams have alerted to and intercepted many illegally transported items. As a result of their work, domestic and international investigations were initiated that led to the arrest and successful criminal prosecutions of wildlife traffickers. In addition, potential diseases and invasive species were prevented from being introduced and spread to the U.S. population, native wildlife, and wildlife habitats, which could have negatively affected U.S. domestic agriculture industries such as fruits, vegetables, wine, poultry, cattle, and swine.

To increase customer service while protecting our Nation's borders from the illegal wildlife trade, the Service will station 11 wildlife inspectors at nine currently unstaffed ports and create four additional wildlife inspector canine teams. The canine teams will be strategically placed to enhance U.S. port coverage.

International Collaboration and Capacity Building through the International Operations Unit and the Branch of Training and Inspections

In support of the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act and President Trump's Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking, the International Operations Unit has stationed Service special agent attachés throughout the world in areas that are considered high-risk for wildlife crimes. At present, one attaché is posted at each of the following seven U.S. embassies: Botswana (Gaborone), China (Beijing), Gabon (Libreville), Mexico (Mexico City), Lima (Peru), Tanzania (Dar es Salaam), and Thailand (Bangkok). Service attachés are vital members of "country teams" and participate with partners in broader enforcement working groups. They function on a regional basis to create, maintain, and use government-to-government relationships to combat wildlife crime; and build wildlife crime enforcement capacity. Through the program, the Service is positioned to assist in investigations, as well as provide technical assistance and training to international counterparts. Attachés are the main conduit between our foreign partners and the advanced technical assistance the Service provides. They also coordinate U.S. and other government agencies, and provide support to wildlife enforcement networks throughout their areas of responsibility. To further boost the program's effectiveness and enhance the ability to fight global wildlife trafficking, the Service will increase the number of locations where attachés are stationed to 12 in 2019.

To further build international capacity, OLE's Branch of Training and Inspections (BTI) partnered with the National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs and created the International Conservation Chiefs Academy (ICCA). The first cohort of U.S. State conservation law enforcement officers and African officials trained together in 2016. Since then, the ICCA has grown from one cohort per year to two and has expanded the geographic range of attendees to include Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. This in-person training is critical to form global alliances, create collaborative law enforcement initiatives, open the flow of communication, and strengthen law enforcement at a local, State, Federal, and international level.

OLE is also building international capacity through expanding its training programs. For the first time, BTI conducted an Executive Symposium on Wildlife Trafficking at the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA). This symposium brought together executive level agency delegates from Africa and Southeast Asia, which developed model law and policy that was taken back in their respective countries for action. Newly created training programs include the Attaché Training Program, the Service's International Affairs Program, additional training programs at ILEAs, and the ICCA will conduct its first alumni event bringing together sub-Saharan Africa attendees from the first cohort to discuss ways to further collaborate and continue the fight against wildlife trafficking on a global scale. These new training missions will focus on wildlife crime scene investigation, crime scene management, seizures, cybercrime, and inspection.

Wildlife Intelligence Unit

The Service's Wildlife Intelligence Unit is responsible for the collection and analysis of information on all aspects of wildlife trafficking to support Service investigations, inspections, and smuggling interdiction efforts. Through this unit, Service investigators have access to a multitude of law enforcement tools and resources, which assist them to identify and disrupt wildlife trafficking networks. The unit also coordinates information sharing with other law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and other countries. In addition, it has

established and maintains a broad network of domestic and international contacts with conservation groups, trade associations, and other entities involved in, or concerned with, wildlife trade.

Digital Evidence Recovery and Technical Support Unit

The Digital Evidence Recovery and Technical Support Unit (DERTSU) is based in Jacksonville, Florida and supports the OLE globally by providing digital evidence seizure and analysis as well as technical surveillance equipment and support. The DERTSU is staffed with experienced senior special agents and digital evidence specialists. The DERTSU's expertise in analyzing seized digital evidence from computers, smart phones, GPS units, and many other types of devices is an important asset for the field agent in furthering their investigative and prosecutorial efforts to combat wildlife trafficking. Digital evidence services include on-scene search warrant operations, lab based data extraction, and detailed investigative analysis. Additionally, the DERTSU equips and trains field agents with the latest technical surveillance technology, to include audio and video surveillance platforms, GPS based trackers, and custom-built solutions to the unique situations faced by our field agents.

A senior special agent conducts a digital evidence analysis in support of a wildlife trafficking investigation. Credit: USFWS

National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory

The National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory (NFWFL) in Ashland, Oregon is vital to Service's efforts to fight wildlife trafficking. It is the world's only full-service, highly accredited, crime laboratory devoted exclusively to supporting wildlife law enforcement investigations.

NFWFL forensic scientists provide the physical evidence analysis, and supporting expert witness testimony, for officials to successfully investigate and prosecute serious violations of wildlife law. These scientists identify the source species of mammal, bird, reptile, fish, plant, and wood parts and products, which is a function needed by Service special agents, wildlife inspectors, and Department of Justice prosecutors. Conclusive evidence of criminal activity in wildlife investigations often hinges on the investigators' and prosecutors' ability to establish flora and fauna parts to the species level, making the NFWFL's capabilities integral to Service enforcement efforts.

Laboratory scientists conduct research to develop new analytical techniques needed in wildlife forensics and build databases to help spot trafficking trends of protected species. To support successful law enforcement operations and criminal prosecutions, they continuously evolve their research and analytical methods to ensure accuracy, and maintain efficiency, throughout the necessary scientific identification process. Identification of evidence items is done by comparing it against known reference specimens. To continue advancing the role as a world leader in wildlife forensic science, the NFWFL is building a center to store, curate, and maintain the collection of reference specimens. Many of the specimens are one-of-a kind, and this modern day "Noah's Ark" of dead wildlife specimens needs vigilant protection so they endure for the benefit of the American people.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service has the statutory mandate and trust responsibility to fulfill its mission derived from the Nation's wildlife and plant protection laws. Brief descriptions of these various laws follow:

- The Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42; 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378) prohibits the importation, exportation, transportation, sale, or purchase of fish, wildlife, or plants taken or possessed in violation of Federal, State, Tribal, or foreign laws.
- The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712) makes it unlawful to pursue, hunt, kill, capture, possess, buy, sell, purchase, or barter any migratory bird including their parts and products.
- The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668C) prohibits import, export, or take of bald or golden eagles including their parts and products without permits, and prohibits the sale, purchase, or barter of their parts or products.
- The Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) prohibits the importation, exportation, taking, and interstate or foreign commerce of fish, wildlife, and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species.
    - The Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) is an international treaty to which 183 countries are parties, including the United States. CITES is implemented in the United States under the ESA and provides a set of universal protections and controls involving the international movement of plant and animal species engaged in significant global trade.
- The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718) requires waterfowl hunters to purchase and possess a valid federal waterfowl hunting stamp before take of migratory waterfowl.
- The Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407) establishes a moratorium on the take and importation of marine mammals, including parts and products.
- The Airborne Hunting Act (16 U.S.C. 742j-l) prohibits taking or harassing wildlife from aircraft.
- The National Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) provides guidelines for administration and management of all areas in the refuge system.
- The African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4201-4245) places a moratorium on the importation of raw or worked ivory from African elephant-producing countries that do not meet certain criteria.
- The Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901) limits or prohibits the importation of exotic bird species as necessary to ensure that their populations are not harmed by international trade.
- The Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 5301-5306) prohibits the import, export, or sale of any product, item, or substance containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, any substance derived from tiger or rhinoceros.
- The Antarctic Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 2401) makes unlawful for any citizen to take, possess, or sell any native bird or mammal from Antarctica.
- The Archeological Resources Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 470aa) prohibits excavation, removal, damage, or alteration to any archaeological resource located on public or Indian lands without a permit.
- The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-644) is a truth-in-advertising law that prohibits misrepresentation in marketing of Indian arts and crafts products within the United States.
- In conducting investigations of wildlife crimes, the OLE frequently encounters and investigates violations of other Federal laws to include conspiracy, smuggling, money laundering, narcotics, cybercrimes, unlawful possession and trafficking of firearms, mail fraud, tax evasion, wire fraud, corruption, and bribery.
- The Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act (P.L. 114-231) authorizes support for law enforcement training, investigative capacity building, range state conservation programs, and other important tools to protect and sustain wild populations of imperiled species in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and other critical locations.
- The Presidential Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking (issued February 9, 2017) strengthens enforcement of federal law in order to thwart transnational criminal organizations and

subsidiary organizations, including criminal gangs, cartels, racketeering organizations, and other groups engaged in illicit activities. This Executive Order specifically lists wildlife trafficking as a targeted transnational crime that presents a threat to public safety and national security.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Office of Law Enforcement is $77,217,000 and 341 FTE.

Law Enforcement Operations (Wildlife Trafficking) (+$71,000/ +0 FTE)
Wildlife Trafficking is a major concern of the Service, the Department, and the Administration. With wildlife poaching reaching unprecedented levels worldwide, the request will further support the President's Executive Order on combating wildlife trafficking, and continue implementing the Administration's inter-agency National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking. Wildlife trafficking has been identified as a threat not only to conservation of species, but to global prosperity and peace. The unprecedented levels of trade in illegal fish, wildlife, and plant products are often intertwined with other major types of criminal activity. Governmental and private sector entities, both inside and outside of the United States, have turned to the Office of Law Enforcement for leadership role in the coordination, guidance and implementation of a workable strategy in combatting this illegal activity.

This request will bolster efforts to establish a permanent commitment to combat and pursue traffickers of natural resources on the internet and high-speed transport. The OLE will continue to build its Intelligence Program capabilities and forge permanent liaisons with the .S. intelligence community along with other federal law enforcement agencies.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will continue to fully utilize its network of special agent/international attaches and build on past successes in combating global wildlife trafficking. Investigations will continue to prioritize crimes that jeopardize wild populations of protected species nationally and around the world that are being devastated by poaching, black market trafficking, and transnational profiteering.
- The Service will hire 24 new agents in 2020 to continue efforts to address staffing shortfalls due to attrition and mandatory retirements that affect the program's ability to perform its ongoing enforcement work. Federal law enforcement officers and firefighters are subject to mandatory retirement at age 57 if they have 20 years of service.
- The program will continue to strengthen forensic capabilities to address wildlife trafficking and expand the capacity of the Special Investigations Unit so that it can maximize the scope and effectiveness of Service efforts to respond to poaching crisis and shutdown trafficking of elephant ivory. This funding, in concert with implementation of the agent/attaché program, will increase Service investigations involving species that are subject to illegal trade.

International Affairs

Activity: Conservation and Enforcement
Subactivity: International Affairs

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
International Conservation	($000)	8,290	8,290	+50	0	+381	8,721	+431
International Wildlife Trade	($000)	7,526	7,526	+86	0	+290	7,902	+807
Total, International Affairs	**($000)**	**15,816**	**15,816**	**+136**	**0**	**+671**	**16,623**	**+807**
	FTE	***82***	***82***	***0***	***0***	**+1**	**83**	**+1**

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for International Affairs

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Combating Wildlife Trafficking	+1,084	+1
• International Affairs Activities	+137	0
• Arctic Council Support	-550	0
Program Changes	**+671**	**+1**

Program Mission

The International Affairs Program leads domestic and international efforts to protect, restore, and enhance the world's diverse wildlife and their habitats with a focus on species of concern to the American people. The Service works to ensure that wildlife trade is both legal and sustainable to benefit the survival of species and domestic economies through the implementation of the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora* (CITES) and domestic wildlife laws.

Program Elements

The International Affairs program is comprised of the following program elements:

- **International Conservation** – Species and regional programs provide technical and financial assistance to partners around the globe to conserve high-priority species and habitats.
- **International Wildlife Trade** – This program is responsible for implementing CITES and stricter domestic laws of the United States to ensure international wildlife trade does not threaten the survival of listed animals and plants in the wild.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service has the legal mandate and responsibility to engage in the conservation of wildlife species both within and beyond our borders in the context of several long-standing commitments. These obligations are contained in domestic laws, international treaties, and other multilateral agreements, such as CITES, the *Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt* (END*) Wildlife Trafficking Act*, the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee, the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA), the *Lacey Act*, the *Wild Bird Conservation Act*, the *Marine Mammal Protection Act*, the *Western Hemisphere Convention*, the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act*, the

Cartagena Convention and the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife, and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention).

Program Overview

The International Affairs Program leads domestic and international efforts to protect, restore, and enhance the world's diverse wildlife and their habitats with a focus on species of international concern. The Service works to ensure wildlife trade results in sustained plant and animal populations and supports livelihoods of people who depend on international trade in wildlife through implementation of CITES and domestic conservation laws. The Service plays a leadership role in the implementation of the National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking, addressing urgent conservation and global security threats posed by poaching and illegal trade in wildlife. Through technical and financial assistance, the Service works with partners to strengthen enforcement, reduce demand for illegally-traded wildlife, and expand international cooperation and commitment to address the growing threat.

Pangolins are the most trafficked animals in the world
Credit: Maria Diekmann

Elephants, rhinos, tigers, marine turtles, and apes are just a few of the species of foreign origin that captivate the hearts and minds of the American public. Of U.S. citizens traveling abroad in 2017, 32 percent visited a national park or monument, 8 percent camped or hiked, 8 percent went on an environmental or eco-excursion, and 3 percent fished or hunted while in other countries. These visitors choose to spend their free time with wildlife, sharing these experiences with family and friends, and educating their children about conservation. In addition, Americans have purchased more than 41 million Save Vanishing Species stamps to support the international conservation efforts of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds.

The Service works closely with State agencies and Tribes to ensure legal and sustainable wildlife trade. The Service provides technical and financial assistance to strengthen capacity within other countries to address conservation of species that are important to the U.S. economy and have intrinsic value to the American people. The Service works with partners to find innovative solutions to combat the most urgent threats to species survival. This work addresses transnational wildlife trafficking, wildlife disease, habitat loss, illegal and unsustainable trade, and inadequate law enforcement. Through these efforts, the Service's work supports sustainable use and conservation of plants and animals, from helping to establish protected areas and supporting boots on the ground enforcement to leading high-level international trade negotiations.

The Service funds, facilitates, and supports vital efforts to conserve wildlife and high value landscapes that provide economic, geopolitical, and other benefits to the American people. Since 1989, the Service has provided more than 4,200 grants for international conservation totaling nearly $283 million. The Service has worked with more than 700 partners in developing countries who have contributed almost $436 million in additional, non-Federal matching support for grant projects, more than doubling the impact of our funding. In 2017 alone, the Service awarded 289 grants, totaling more than $36 million and matched by nearly $45 million in non-Federal support.

Sustainable Use of Wildlife

The United States is one of the world's largest importers and exporters of wildlife and wildlife products, and plays a significant role in the global legal wildlife trade, currently valued in billions of dollars annually. To facilitate legal and sustainable trade and ensure international trade does not threaten the survival of animals and plants in the wild, the Service is responsible for implementation of CITES in the U.S. Each Party to the agreement designates Management and Scientific Authorities to issue permits, make legal and scientific findings, and monitor trade. For the U.S., these authorities reside in the Service's International Affairs Program.

Paddlefish is the most common species harvested for caviar in the U.S. Credit: Ryan Hagerty/USFWS

Through implementation of CITES, the Service facilitates more than $675 million in trade per year. In addition, the Service compiles and maintains trade records for U.S. imports and exports. In conjunction with reports from other CITES Parties, the Service uses this data to monitor trade levels, determine trends over time, and help ensure that plant and animal trade is sustainable. The Service works with importers and exporters of wildlife products to ensure compliance with the law and to facilitate and streamline the permitting process. The Service aims to strike a regulatory balance that minimizes the burden on the public and U.S. companies, while also conserving wildlife for generations to come.

Native Species Support Local Economies

The international trade in CITES-listed native species such as bobcats and alligators and plants such as cacti and American ginseng, provides livelihoods for rural communities in the U.S. As an example of the value of this trade, from 2013 to 2015 the declared values of U.S. exports of skins from American alligators, bobcats, and river otters totaled more than $390 million. The Service works to restore trust and be a good neighbor by working directly and closely with State agencies to implement CITES for species of economic importance. Examples of this collaboration include assessing the status of native species impacted by trade, seeking input on CITES permit findings, facilitating participation on U.S. delegations to CITES meetings, and coordinating CITES export programs. Through the CITES Coordination Committee, the Service also works closely with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) to facilitate communication between State wildlife agencies and the Service's CITES Authorities.

American alligator credit: Sue Slick/Creative Commons

The recovery of the American alligator, together with the transformation of U.S. industry practices, is a success story that illustrates how conservation and sustainable use can go hand-in-hand. Once hunted to near extinction, the American alligator made a full recovery due to collaboration between the Federal government, State wildlife agencies, and the leather industry. Today, the management program for

American alligators includes a sustainable harvest, supporting industry while also conserving the species. This is a model of collaboration and cooperation that the Service aims to replicate with other native species.

Creating a Responsive and Efficient Permitting Process

In 2018, the Service received applications from over 5,000 applicants and issued over 40,000 permits to authorize a wide variety of wildlife trade activities. The Service uses the best available biological information to make findings on whether the import or export of CITES-listed species may be detrimental to their survival, or whether the trade will enhance the survival and not jeopardize the continued existence of species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Decisions on whether to issue permits frequently must be made in close consultation with foreign CITES authorities, state wildlife agencies, other Federal agencies, the CITES Secretariat, other relevant experts, and applicants.

2017 marked the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act. Credit: Ganesh Raghunathan

The Service recently increased the number of people dedicated to permit application review and processing to help ensure a responsive and efficient system for the American public and businesses. The Service has also been working to increase the use of electronic applications to facilitate more efficient transfer of data between applicants and the Service. We are developing an electronic permitting system, which requires updating our existing permitting database, the Service-wide Permit Issuance and Tracking System (SPITS). The new e-permitting system, once fully implemented, will further streamline the permitting process by better integrating data submitted electronically into the permit database. It will also allow for the development of "expert" systems that will automate portions of the application review, permit issuance, and reporting.

Conserving Priority Species

Multinational Species Conservation Fund Species

The Service has developed a large international network of key projects and trusted implementing partners as a result of its nearly 30-year Congressional mandate to conserve elephants, great apes, rhinos, tigers, and marine turtles; iconic species that a majority of the American public wants to see roam the Earth for hundreds of years to come. Service staff have decades of expertise on wildlife management in the U.S. and in developing countries and are the ideal partners to assist staff in national parks and protected areas overseas in their efforts to conserve species loved by the American people.

Species Threatened by Wildlife Trafficking

Conserving species impacted by wildlife trafficking is vitally important to wildlife, as well as people. Wildlife trafficking is a serious transnational crime that involves the unlawful harvest of and trade in live animals and plants or parts and products derived from them, and threatens conservation, security, economic prosperity, and the rule of law. Organized crime syndicates are well structured, often violent, and capable of moving large volumes of poached wildlife and wildlife products. Combating this illicit trade takes a significant human toll and it is estimated that worldwide, a ranger is killed in the line of duty every three days. The illegal trade is a multi-billion-dollar business that depletes natural resource assets and revenues by driving numerous species of economic value to the brink of extinction. The cross-border smuggling of live wildlife leaves countries at risk to the spread of wildlife-borne diseases and the introduction of invasive species, which, once established, cause $120 billion in economic impacts annually in the U.S alone. Invasive species also are at least partially responsible for more than 40 percent of all listings under the ESA. The Service provides technical and financial assistance to counter wildlife trafficking worldwide through several programs. Through CITES, the Service advances global policy that supports legal and sustainable trade and combats illegal trade. Financial and technical assistance from Service programs provide resources for on the ground conservation actions for species targeted by the illegal trade and for building capacity of other countries to combat wildlife trafficking.

Rampant poaching has driven ploughshare tortoises to the brink of extinction. Credit: Peter Paul van Diik

In FY 2016, the Service launched the Combating Wildlife Trafficking (CWT) grants program to support innovative projects that aim to halt wildlife poaching and trafficking. Through the grants program, the Service is focusing its efforts on species threatened by illegal trade that have not typically received international attention or significant resources. The Service provides an opportunity to develop projects and cutting-edge technologies, which benefit many species at once. For example, a project based on the island of Sumatra to strengthen law enforcement is intended to conserve Sumatran tigers, the helmeted hornbill, and Malay pangolin, since the same poaching syndicates and "kingpins" are believed to be closely linked with the illegal trade in each of these species. Asiatic black bears, pangolins, sturgeon, saiga antelope, snow leopards, ploughshare tortoises, African grey parrots, flying foxes, and precious timber species such as ebony and rosewood are among the many and varied species that have benefited from the support of the CWT program.

Wildlife Trafficking: Global Solutions for a Global Problem

The Service works in a collaborative, whole-of-government approach to combat wildlife trafficking, as outlined in the National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking and codified by the Eliminate Neutralize and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act and the Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking (signed February 2017). To address the serious and urgent threats posed by illegal trade in wildlife, the Strategy outlines three key priorities: strengthening enforcement; reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife; and expanding international cooperation and commitment to combat illegal trade. The Service coordinates and implements the U.S. Government and non-Federal partner efforts to address this growing threat to imperiled species and U.S. economic and security interests.

The Service is investing to strengthen the implementation of CITES, which provides the global framework for legal and sustainable trade, to enhance enforcement of wildlife laws and regulations and to combat wildlife trafficking. Implementation of CITES is complex and highly technical. It requires dedicated and knowledgeable staff to guide political governments to engage in the global dialog and make wise decisions about international trade in wildlife resources. In 2018, the Service supported the completion of coursework of up-and-coming professionals of foreign CITES Authorities in the prestigious Master's Degree Program on the Management and Conservation of Species in Trade: the International Framework (CITES Master's Course) at the Universidad Internacional de Andalucia, in Spain. By supporting self-sufficiency of other Governments to implement CITES, we are not only contributing to wildlife conservation and thwarting illegal wildlife trade, we are also working to level the playing field for U.S. business trading in wildlife by ensuring requirements are being applied comparably among CITES Parties.

Capture for the pet trade is the most significant threat to wild African grey parrots. Credit: Paul Balfe / Creative Commons license

Species of Economic Importance

In the U.S., wildlife trafficking undercuts legal trade and reduces populations of in-demand domestic species that are of significant economic value, threatening livelihoods for American communities. The Service's coordination of American ginseng conservation exemplifies how the Service works with States and Tribes to ensure sustainable use of America's natural resources. In 2017, the harvest of wild American ginseng roots exceeded 41,000 dried pounds, with most of this ginseng exported to Asia. Harvesters ('diggers'), the first tier in the economic chain for the sale and export of American ginseng, received $400 to $500 a pound for dried wild American ginseng roots. Conservative estimates have placed the wholesale value of wild American ginseng roots at roughly $26.9 million per year. The Service is working with the State and Tribal ginseng program officials in four American ginseng Working Groups (enforcement, biology, regulatory, and outreach) to address issues and challenges associated with a legal and sustainable trade in American ginseng. Each Working Group has identified needed steps to improve the sustainability of wild ginseng. In 2019-2020, in coordination with the States and Tribes, the Service will work to support and implement measures that these Working Groups recommended

Partnerships to Advance Shared Conservation Goals

Working with others towards shared conservation goals is a theme that runs throughout the Service's international work. Whether it's assisting the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to develop a paddlefish sport fishing program that supports conservation; coordinating with Canada and Mexico to manage shared wildlife species; engaging with zoo staff to strategize how captive rhinos and outreach programs in America can contribute to the survival of wild rhinos; or working with JetBlue Airlines to preserve the beauty of the Caribbean, the Service's partnerships increase the impact and reach of our work and establish the Service as a trusted and respected partner in wildlife conservation around the globe.

Nesting leatherback sea turtle in Pongara National Park along Gabon's Atlantic Coast. Credit: Tatiana Hendrix / USFWS.

A Strategic, Results-Based Vision for Central Africa

The Service benefits from nearly three decades of experience working in Central Africa with foreign governments, multi-donor agencies, other U.S. government agencies, NGOs, and civil society. Building on this experience, the Service has established a strategic, results-based vision for wildlife conservation in Central Africa. This vision emphasizes direct action in the field and strengthening individual and institutional capacity, including improved law enforcement. The Service's expertise is critical in the face of the urgent conservation needs of the region. As an example of these pressures, the region has experienced a loss of an estimated two-thirds of its forest elephants due to poaching for ivory and bushmeat.

In partnership with Gabon's National Parks Agency (ANPN), the Service is safeguarding forest elephants, great apes, and other species by protecting the resilience of tropical forests and biodiversity and conserving ecologically important marine ecosystems. In 2017, the Government of Gabon expanded its Marine Protected Area (MPA) network by adding nine new marine parks and 11 new aquatic reserves, making it the largest MPA network in Africa. This would not have been achieved without the Service's support to ANPN's marine initiative *Gabon Bleu*. This support led to an unprecedented transformation of marine management in Gabon, with a focus on reviving fisheries productivity while conserving biodiversity. In working towards an expanded MPA network as part of *Gabon Bleu*, ANPN, in collaboration with the Gabonese Navy and Gabon's national fisheries agency, succeeded in bringing together diverse stakeholders ranging from coastal communities to companies involved in offshore oil production. Controlling large-scale illegal fishing, mainly by foreign trawlers, is a shared interest between conservationists and energy producers. Working together through *Gabon Bleu*, these stakeholders were able to meet biodiversity goals and enable the safe and responsible development of Gabon's energy resources, which exports a majority of its oil output to the U.S.

Conserving the Western Hemisphere's High-biodiversity Value Landscapes

Populations of guanacos, the wild relative of the domesticated llama, have declined in a similar fashion to the bison of the American West. Credit: Richard Ruggiero / USFWS.

A stable and secure Western Hemisphere is critical to the safety and economy of the American people. To that aim, the Service provides technical and financial support for conservation efforts in Central and South America that help to support American business and recreation in the region and strengthen rule of law. This work helps to protect shared species that provide important economic benefits for the American people, such as migratory bats that contribute an estimated $3.7 billion to U.S. agriculture in pest control. Specifically, the Service is supporting projects to conserve five distinct Central American landscapes with high biodiversity value, while promoting regional integration for conservation. In South America, the Service is working with the Government of Peru and other key partners to curb illegal wildlife trade in the Tropical Andes region. For example, this past year the Service provided integral support in the adoption of Peru's first National Wildlife Strategy and will aim to expand this effort to other countries in the region. Working with partners such as the Wildlife Conservation Society and the Governments of Argentina and Chile, the Service is conserving Patagonia's priority landscapes and unique species. Through the "Trilateral Committee," the Service collaborates with the wildlife agencies of Mexico and Canada to implement a joint regional agenda including topics such as monarch butterfly conservation; wildlife law enforcement; CITES implementation; and conservation of shared ecosystems, species of conservation concern, and migratory birds.

Conserving Latin America and the Caribbean

A stable and secure Latin America/Caribbean Region is critical to the safety and economy of the American people. In Latin America, the Service supports efforts to reduce threats to key wildlife populations from wildlife trafficking, unsustainable resource use, and human-wildlife conflict.

The Service provides technical and financial support to reduce removal of wildlife and plants (including timber) from natural ecosystems for illegal and/or unsustainable consumption, commercial sale, or trade. The objectives are:

- Combat poaching, illegal resource extraction, and habitat degradation in high value conservation areas;
- Increase local and national political will and capacity to improve compliance with wildlife and protected area laws;
- Raise public awareness to change behaviors to combat wildlife trafficking and associated illegal wildlife pet trade; and
- Reduce the availability of and markets for wild animals and plants (including timber) illegally and/or unsustainably harvested.

These objectives are achieved by:

- Supporting implementation of wildlife law compliance and enforcement in the region;
- Strengthening the capacity of Latin America governments to address the wildlife crime chain at any critical stage of enforcement in range, transit and consumer countries;

- Assisting indigenous people and rural communities affected by illegal clearing of wildlife habitat, poaching and/or wildlife trafficking activities by strengthening their capacity to monitor and control illegal activities within community managed lands;
- Working with local communities to promote rural stability and greater security for people and wildlife in order to prevent wildlife poaching and trafficking;
- Supporting public outreach campaigns to influence behavior change in recognition of wildlife poaching and trafficking and its negative impacts.

In the Caribbean, in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development, the Service supports three key objectives:

1. Conservation of endangered coastal and marine species and their habitats;
2. Combating illegal trade of wildlife in the Caribbean; and
3. Managing coastal and marine protected areas through institutional capacity building and local community engagement.

The Service works with counterparts in Russia to conserve walruses. Credit: Joel Garlich Miller/USFWS

Decades of Dialogue with China and Russia

The U.S. has shared conservation interests with countries across Europe and Asia, and the Service has been a conduit for conservation information exchange. The U.S. shares populations of wildlife species that migrate between the U.S. and northeast Asia. The Service partners with those countries to share information and improve wildlife management. For example, the Service maintains a decades-long dialogue with wildlife managers in Russia to ensure that populations of polar bears, walrus, and migratory birds will be maintained for future generations. In China, the Service encourages improved capacity to manage wetlands and natural areas that provide habitat to rare species of concern to the American people.

Good for Wildlife, Good for Business

To engage a broader public, beyond the traditional conservation community, the Service is spearheading private-public partnerships that significantly increase the reach of our messages. Consumers, particularly international travelers, can unknowingly fuel the illegal wildlife trade by purchasing souvenirs or trinkets that are illegal to bring into the U.S. In 2017, JetBlue aired a short in-flight video, produced in partnership with the Service, to inform their customers about responsible travel and shopping practices that help to protect the beauty and wildlife of the Caribbean. JetBlue and the Service furthered this partnership in 2018 through a campaign to educate travelers to the Dominican Republic about illegal wildlife products that they may encounter during their trip. In January 2017, the Service, in coordination with the U.S. Wildlife Trafficking Alliance and its members, released a digital toolkit that provides travel and tourism industry

The Caribbean "Be Informed. Buy Informed." Traveler's Guide uses photos of confiscated wildlife items, like the sea turtle items pictured here, to educate travelers about items to avoid purchasing. Credit: Sarah Metzer/USFWS

leaders with resources they can use to engage travelers in the fight to stop wildlife trafficking. The toolkit was distributed to members of the Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA), American Society for Travel Agents (ASTA), and Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), which together serve more than 25 million travelers annually.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for International Affairs is $16,623,000 and 83 FTE.

Combating Wildlife Trafficking (+$1,084,000 / +1 FTE)
The recent escalation in poaching of protected species and the corresponding illegal trade poses an urgent threat to conservation and global security. Wildlife trafficking is a multibillion-dollar illegal trade fueled by demand and enabled by corruption, limited legal authorities, insufficient law enforcement capabilities, and weak institutions. Wildlife trafficking generates billions of dollars in illicit revenues each year, contributing to the illegal economy, fueling global instability, and undermining regional security.

The Service provides technical and financial assistance to partners to support innovative projects that address wildlife poaching and trafficking by strengthening enforcement, reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife, and expanding international cooperation and commitment to mitigate this threat. The Service will utilize this funding to support approximately 18 additional projects, a significant investment to protect imperiled species threatened by illicit trade.

International Affairs Activities (+$137,000 / 0 FTE)
In contrast to wildlife trafficking, the legal, sustainable trade of wildlife and wildlife products supports local communities, provides important sources of revenue to U.S. businesses, and incentivizes conservation of commercially valuable species and the habitats on which they depend. The International Affairs program oversees the Service's international wildlife trade permitting responsibilities and implements the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and other Federal wildlife laws that ensure that wildlife trade is legal and sustainable. This request will support efforts to modernize its permitting system, including moving toward fully electronic application submission and permit processing. We will also work with our State wildlife agency partners to ensure that trade in commercially valuable native species is legal and sustainable, such as by implementing recommendations of State/tribal working groups regarding American ginseng management and trade.

Arctic Council Support (-$550,000 /0 FTE)
Funding is not requested or needed to support the U.S. chairmanship of the Arctic Council, which has ended.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Work with partners around the world to improve the conservation of species of international concern and their habitats through technical and financial assistance programs.
- Expand efforts to combat wildlife trafficking through technical and financial assistance programs that strengthen enforcement, reduce demand for illegally traded wildlife, and expand international cooperation and commitment.
- Support the Service's work to implement CITES and other U.S. wildlife laws in the U.S. and to ensure international wildlife trade does not threaten the survival of animals and plants in the wild. Specifically this subactivity supports:
    - Processing of CITES import and export permits and the permit requirements of other laws, including the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Wild Bird Conservation Act, Lacey Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

- Combating wildlife trafficking through improved CITES implementation, technical and financial assistance and policy implementation.
- Representing the United States' interests at high-level international wildlife trade negotiations at CITES Meetings of the Conference of Parties and Animal, Plant, and Standing Committees.

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Fish and Aquatic Conservation

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change From 2019 (+/-)
National Fish Hatchery Operations	($000)	55,822	55,822	+376	0	+192	56,390	+568
	FTE	*323*	*323*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*323*	*0*
Maintenance and Equipment	($000)	22,920	22,920	+38	0	+2,888	25,846	+2,926
	FTE	*67*	*67*	*0*	*0*	*+8*	*75*	*+8*
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation	($000)	85,885	85,885	+735	0	-13,229	73,391	-12,494
	FTE	*297*	*297*	*0*	*0*	*-7*	*290*	*-7*
Total, Fish and Aquatic Conservation	($000)	**164,627**	**164,627**	**+1,149**	**0**	**-10,149**	**155,627**	**-9,000**
	FTE	***687***	***687***	***0***	***0***	***+1***	***688***	***+1***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Fish and Aquatic Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Annual Maintenance	+2,888	+8
• Hatchery System Operations	+2,067	+8
• Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities	+89	0
• Chehalis Fisheries Restoration	-268	0
• Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership	-400	0
• Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey	-489	0
• Population Assessment and Cooperative Management Activities	-517	-3
• Asian Carp	-2,566	-2
• Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement	-1,390	-2
• Washington State Mass Marking	-1,475	-8
• Lake Tahoe Restoration Act	-3,088	0
• Delaware River Basin Conservation Act	-5,000	0
Program Changes	**-10,149**	**+1**

Program Mission

The Fish and Aquatic Conservation program works with partners and the public to manage fish and other aquatic resources for the continuing benefit of the American people. For over 145 years, the Service has fostered outdoor recreational opportunities and provided economic and ecological benefits through the conservation of aquatic species and habitats. Since its inception as the United States Commission on Fish and Fisheries in 1871, the Service's Fisheries Program has worked collaboratively with Native American Tribes, States, landowners, partners and stakeholders to achieve the goals of healthy, self-sustaining populations of fish and other aquatic species, and the conservation or restoration of their habitats.

Program Elements

The Fish and Aquatic Conservation program comprises the following program elements:

- National Fish Hatchery System – propagates healthy, genetically diverse aquatic species to help support wild populations and fulfill Tribal obligations while ensuring access to angling opportunities.
- Maintenance and Equipment – maintains property and equipment, including the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of constructed assets, for 86 National Fish Hatchery System facilities and a National network of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices (Fisheries Offices). The Service's ability to accomplish its mission and ensure safety of employees and visitors is dependent upon the condition of key assets associated with water delivery, aquatic species propagation, and effluent management.
- Population Assessment and Cooperative Management – Fish & Wildlife Conservation Offices (Fisheries Offices) are the boots on-the-ground fish conservation arm of the Service, where field staff work in close cooperation with Tribal, State, and Federal partners to analyze the status and trends of our Nation's aquatic resources and proactively manage these complex systems. Due to restructuring of individual facilities, the Service currently maintains a national network of 51 Fisheries Offices.
- Habitat Assessment and Restoration – coordinated through a nationwide network of Fisheries Offices—works to improve riparian and water habitats for aquatic species, utilizing programs such as the National Fish Passage Program and the National Fish Habitat Partnership.
- Aquatic Invasive Species - prevents the introduction and reduces the spread of invasive species, which is a primary threat to the Nation's natural resources and economy. This is accomplished through leadership of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, injurious wildlife listings, risk assessments, and voluntary efforts with industry, States, Tribes, and other stakeholders to educate and engage the public.

Economic Benefits

The economic value of fisheries conservation is substantial and well documented. The Service's 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation[1] reported that 35.8 million Americans went fishing that year. They took 383 million fishing trips, spent a total of 459 million days fishing, and expended $46.1 billion for the fishing trips and to purchase equipment and other supplies. Fishing and other aquatic-based recreational opportunities are also multi-cultural, multi-generational experiences that bring substantial economic returns to local communities, increase jobs, and lead to improved quality of life for the American people.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service's Fish and Aquatic Conservation program is authorized by a wide range of statutes, treaties, compacts, court orders, mitigation agreements, and cooperative agreements.

- ***The Fish and Wildlife Act*** (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j)—establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.
- ***The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act*** (16 U.S.C. 661-666(e))—directs the Service to investigate and report on proposed Federal actions that affect any stream or other body of water and to provide recommendations to minimize impacts on fish and wildlife resources.
- ***The Endangered Species Act*** (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544)—prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to and removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery.

[1] https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/nationalsurvey/national_survey.htm

- ***The Mitchell Act*** (16 U.S.C. 755-757)—authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to carry on activities for conservation of fishery resources in the Columbia River Basin.
- ***The Colorado River Storage Project Act*** (43 U.S.C. 620)—provides that facilities will be built and operated to mitigate losses of, and improve conditions for, fish and wildlife in connection with the Colorado River Storage Project.
- ***The Sikes Act*** (16 U.S.C. 670a-670o)—authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Bureau of Land Management, and State agencies in planning, developing, maintaining and rehabilitating Federal lands for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat.
- ***The Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species Prevention and Control Act***, as amended by the *National Invasive Species Act*, (NISA, 16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.)—authorizes the Service to develop and implement a program to prevent and control infestations of zebra mussels and other nonindigenous aquatic invasive species in waters of the United States.
- ***The Lacey Act Amendment***, (18 U.S.C. 42; 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378)—provides that the Secretary designate injurious wildlife and ensure the humane treatment of wildlife shipped to the United States.

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation
Subactivity: National Fish Hatchery System Operations

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change From 2019 (+/-)
National Fish Hatchery Operations	($000)	55,822	55,822	+376	0	+192	56,390	+568
	FTE	*323*	*323*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*323*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Fish Hatchery System Operations

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Hatchery System Operations Activities	+2,067	+8
• Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership	-400	0
• Washington State Mass Marking	-1,475	-8
Program Changes	**+192**	**+0**

Program Overview

The National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS) consists of 70 National Fish Hatcheries, one historic National Fish Hatchery, eight Fish Health Centers, seven Fish Technology Centers, and the Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership Program. The NFHS operates facilities across the Country under the authority of numerous treaties and consent decrees, statutes, and recovery and restoration plans.

Hatcheries propagate fish to bolster or re-establish self-sustaining populations in the wild, to fulfill Tribal responsibilities, and to mitigate impacts to fish populations associated with Federal water projects. In 2018, 65 fish species and 30 other aquatic species (amphibians, mollusks, plants, and reptiles) were propagated and distributed from Service hatcheries. These facilities also provided refugia for 31 listed species facing catastrophic events such as wildfires, droughts, or floods. Hatcheries implemented 423 recovery actions in approved Recovery Plans and Biological Opinions, benefitting 72 federally-listed species. In addition, to help preclude further ESA listings, NFHS facilities implemented over 1,541 tasks, benefitting at least 66 non-listed species, in Fisheries Management Plans and other agreements.

Fish Technology Centers

Fish Technology Centers (FTCs) provide the scientific foundation for recovery and restoration programs and enable fisheries professionals to more effectively carry out their work. The seven FTCs conduct practical research in animal culture biology, genetics, ecological physiology, nutrition, biometrics and modeling, and cryopreservation for application in aquatic resource management. The knowledge gained through FTC studies informs conservation and benefits the aquaculture industry and other fish propagation efforts. Service FTCs have published over 1,000 papers in peer-reviewed journals over the last 30 years, including 42 papers in 2018. These publications cover a broad range of topics, which have an impact well beyond the Service.

Fish Health Centers

Aquatic animal health biologists operating at eight Fish Health Centers (FHCs) detect, monitor, and mitigate disease-causing pathogens that threaten aquatic species. Their findings inform decisions that improve the health of captive fishes at both Federal and partner hatcheries and of fish populations in the wild. Fish health professionals also investigate emerging health issues, such as invasive species that can be vectors for disease, to help prevent the introduction or spread of dangerous aquatic pathogens.

Aquatic Animal Health
The Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership (AADAP) program works with other Federal agencies, along with State and industry partners, to obtain U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of safe and effective new drugs needed for aquaculture and fisheries management. In addition to Federal appropriations, the program receives financial support generated by the National Investigational New Animal Drug (INAD) Program. The INAD Program provides fishery managers and aquaculture facilities across the country with legal access to experimental fish medications for which AADAP is pursuing FDA approval. In addition to Service programs, over 200 non-Service facilities in 45 States receive direct benefits through participation in this unique program.

Mitigation
The Service conducts mitigation programs under the broad authorities of the *Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956*, the *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act*, as well as authorities for specific Federal water development projects. The Service supplies fish for Federal agencies to mitigate the impacts of Federal water development projects on fisheries that are important for recreation and for Tribal sustenance. These propagation programs are funded by the water development agencies and conducted at Service hatcheries. Mitigation propagation programs are operated on a user-pay basis and are dependent on outside funding to fully reimburse the Service for its costs. The National Fish Hatchery System conducts mitigation fish production for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tennessee Valley Authority, Bureau of Reclamation, National Marine Fisheries Service and the Bonneville Power Administration.

Recreation and Education
The NFHS also provides opportunities for the public to visit and learn more about fish propagation and conservation as well as to take advantage of recreational activities on hatchery grounds. The Service's work to propagate and conserve fish and their habitats contributes annually to the enjoyment of tens of millions of recreational anglers.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for National Fish Hatcheries Operations is $56,390,000 and 323 FTE.

Hatchery Operations Activities (+$2,067,000/+8 FTE)

Hatchery Operations activities support a network of highly skilled biologists in our National Fish Hatchery System that work with States, Tribes, industry, non-government organizations, and private citizens to enhance recreational fishing opportunities, fulfill our Tribal trust responsibilities, and conserve and restore aquatic species. This request will focus on propagating fish and other aquatic species to sustain wild populations, carry out Tribal obligations, and increase fishing opportunities. In addition, these funds will allow the Service to significantly expand public angling, outreach, and education activities throughout the NFHS.

Animal Drug Approval Partnership (-$400,000/ +0 FTE)

At the requested level the Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership will continue to work with other Federal agencies, along with State and industry partners, to obtain U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of safe and effective new drugs needed for aquaculture and fisheries management.

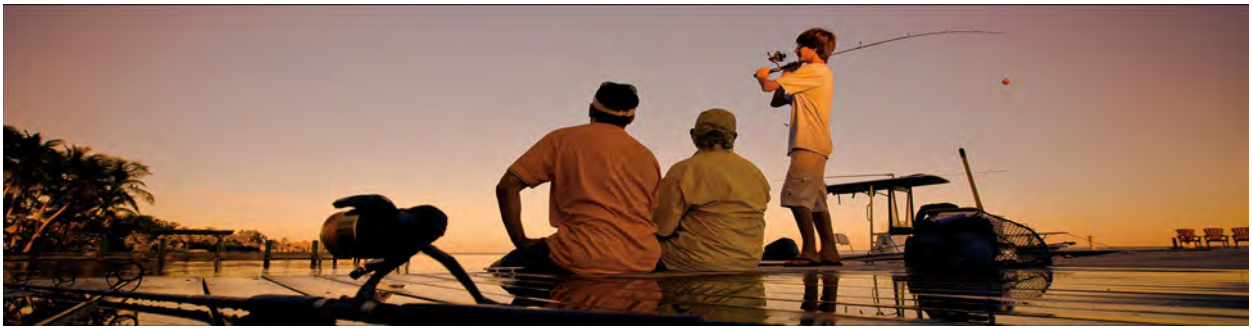
Washington State Mass Marking (-$1,475,000/ -8 FTE)

No funding is requested for this program in order to support higher priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will support work to propagate healthy, genetically diverse aquatic species to help sustain wild populations and fulfill Tribal obligations while ensuring continued access to quality angling opportunities.

- The program will continue to implement Secretarial Order 3347 - *Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation* and Secretarial Order 3356 - *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories* by providing more educational opportunities, expanding annual events, and recruiting more anglers.



Let's Go Fishing and Catch the Fun!

The Service is working in partnership with State fish and wildlife agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders to bring the fun of fishing to anglers of all ages. In 2018, nearly 1.3 million people, individually and through over 1,000 fishing and educational events, visited National Fish Hatcheries and other Service FAC facilities to fish, picnic, or learn about the Nation's fisheries resources. To increase fishing opportunities on all public lands, the Service has joined the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) in placing a "widget" on RBFF and Service websites that connects web-page visitors to fishing license and boating registration outlets in all 50 States. To continue to implement Secretarial Orders 3347 (Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation) and 3356 (Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories) the Service's goal for FY 2019 is to help more and more people to go fishing and "Catch the Fun!" This initiative will include new, improved fishing opportunities on Service-managed waters that are supported by outreach and educational tools to help beginners and experienced anglers. To find out more, visit: **https://www.fws.gov/fisheries/fishing.html**

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation
Subactivity: Maintenance and Equipment

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change From 2019 (+/-)
National Fish Hatchery Maintenance and Equipment	($000)	22,402	22,402	+38	0	+2,888	25,328	+2,926
	FTE	*67*	*67*	*0*	*0*	*+8*	*75*	*+8*
FWCO Maintenance and Equipment	($000)	518	518	0	0	0	518	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Total, Maintenance and Equipment	**($000)**	**22,920**	**22,920**	**+38**	**0**	**+2,888**	**25,846**	**+2,926**
	FTE	***67***	***67***	***0***	***0***	***+8***	***75***	***+8***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Maintenance and Equipment

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Annual Maintenance	+2,888	+8
Program Changes	**+2,888**	**+8**

Program Overview

Hatcheries produce fish and other aquatic species to meet management needs and provide public access to hatchery facilities for recreation and education. Properly functioning infrastructure is essential to fish production and to the safety of Service employees and visitors. Hatcheries employ tanks, ponds, and raceways for propagation and boats and trucks for transport. The propagation process requires a consistent, well oxygenated water supply that is heated or cooled to the correct temperature. Hatchery assets, such as water wells, pumps, pipelines, and heating/cooling equipment must be well-maintained to prevent mortality and meet production goals. Similarly, public access areas must be maintained to provide safe recreational use. A proactive asset management system helps to ensure safe, efficient, and successful hatchery operations.

National Fish Hatchery System Maintenance and Equipment

Maintenance and equipment funding provides maintenance and upkeep for the NFHS and enables the program to carry out the mission of the Service and ensure the safety of employees and visitors. The Service's ability to accomplish its mission is largely determined by the condition of key assets associated with water delivery, aquatic species culture, and effluent management. Although the reliability of these assets is especially important with respect to threatened and endangered species, three-fourths of the NFHS' $2.8 billion of real property assets are mission-critical water management assets.

In alignment with the Acting Secretary's initiative to modernize our infrastructure, the Service has developed asset performance measures and a strategy to ensure effective operations and service delivery. The Department measures real property asset conditions using a Facility Condition Index (FCI), a ratio of repair cost to replacement cost. A rigorous condition assessment process ensures that repair needs are determined objectively and associated costs are appropriately estimated, using industry standards. The Service's Asset Management Plan and Regional Asset Business Plans are used to manage assets, address repair needs, and dispose of assets that are low in priority or excess to the Government's needs.

Annual maintenance funds ensure timely upkeep of NFHS real property and equipment. These funds are used for salaries of our maintenance staff, to purchase maintenance-related supplies, and to replace small equipment costing less than $5,000. Deferred maintenance funds are directed at the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of constructed assets within the NFHS. The Service has identified $194 million in current deferred maintenance needs for the NFHS. The NFHS equipment funds pay for maintenance, repair, and replacement of equipment. Fisheries Office maintenance and equipment funds are used to purchase and maintain over $34 million in assets such as boats, vehicles, and specialized fisheries equipment.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Maintenance and Equipment is $25,846,000 and 75 FTE.

Annual Maintenance (+$2,888,000/ +8 FTE)

This request will ensure the health and safety of employees and visitors while allowing the Service to maintain complex water system capabilities for production of fish. These funds will enable the Service to significantly improve the condition of critical NFHS assets nationwide that now comprise over $194 million in backlog for deferred maintenance needs.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will support maintenance of property and equipment, including the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of constructed assets, for 86 NFHS facilities and 51 Fisheries Offices. The Service's ability to accomplish its mission and ensure safety of employees and visitors is dependent upon the condition of key assets associated with water delivery, aquatic species culture, and effluent management.

Service Asset & Maintenance Management System

Under the auspices of the *Occupational Safety and Health Act* and DOI standards, the Service developed an Asset Management Plan that guides management of the NFHS's $2.8 billion in essential real and personal property inventories, including systematic and objective tracking, evaluation, reporting of asset condition, and prioritization of asset management. Using the Service Asset Maintenance Management System (SAMMS), an integrated web-based information system, the Service standardizes asset management, corroborates deferred maintenance needs with objective condition assessment data, identifies short- and long-term maintenance needs, and analyzes annual operating and maintenance expenditures.

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation
Subactivity: Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020				Change From 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Habitat Assessment and Restoration	($000)	33,987	33,987	+85	0	-6,569	27,503	-6,484
	FTE	*95*	*95*	*0*	*0*	*-2*	*93*	*-2*
Population Assessment and Cooperative Management	($000)	30,150	30,150	+597	0	-1,006	29,741	-409
	FTE	*137*	*137*	*0*	*0*	*-3*	*134*	*-3*
Aquatic Invasive Species	($000)	21,748	21,748	+53	0	-5,654	16,147	-5,601
	FTE	*65*	*65*	*0*	*0*	*-2*	*63*	*-2*
Total, Aquatic Habitat & Species Conservation	**($000)**	**85,885**	**85,885**	**+735**	**0**	**-13,229**	**73,391**	**-12,494**
	FTE	***297***	***297***	***0***	***0***	***-7***	***290***	***-7***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities	+89	0
• Chehalis Fisheries Restoration	-268	0
• Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey	-489	0
• Population Assessment and Cooperative Management Activities	-517	-3
• Asian Carp	-566	-2
• Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement	-1,390	-2
• Asian Carp Contract Fishing	-2,000	0
• Lake Tahoe Restoration	-3,088	0
• Delaware River Basin Conservation	-5,000	0
Program Changes	**-13,229**	**-7**

Program Overview

The Fisheries Offices are strategically located across the Nation and play an important role in implementing the Service's fisheries and aquatic resource programs. These field offices work with a broad range of partners and utilize non-regulatory conservation tools to protect, enhance, and restore aquatic resources. Fisheries Offices are under increasing demands for their services, because they provide important technical and biological information to partners on the condition of the habitat and populations of fish and other species. This information is used to inform decisions under the ESA and for determining frameworks for management of recreational fisheries. It also informs resource management decisions that lead to on-the-ground conservation actions conducted by Fisheries Offices in collaboration with private landowners, non-profit organizations and local, State, and Federal agencies. Additionally, Fisheries Office staff work closely with Tribal nations to fulfill trust responsibilities associated with fisheries and aquatic resources. The work of Fisheries Offices is essential to the understanding and collaborative management of anadromous and other migratory and inter-jurisdictional species, such as Pacific salmon, Striped bass, Lake trout, and American shad.

Habitat Assessment and Restoration Program Overview
This program funds habitat restoration for aquatic organisms through initiatives such as the National Fish Habitat Action Plan (Action Plan) and the National Fish Passage Program. Utilizing its National network of Fisheries Offices, the Service organizes projects with partners, provides technical expertise, enlists voluntary efforts of landowners and local communities, and delivers cost-shared resources to complete habitat conservation projects. This work improves environmental conditions and restores ecological connectivity to strengthen the resiliency of our Nation's aquatic resources.

The Action Plan is supported by 20 Fish Habitat Partnerships (Partnerships) that are geographically located across the Nation. These Partnerships marshal funds, knowledge, and other resources for conservation projects that enlist landowners, fishing clubs, school groups, and businesses to restore stream banks, plant vegetation, renovate oyster reefs, and otherwise improve fish habitat. In addition to restoring aquatic connectivity by removing or bypassing barriers that prevent fish from accessing vital habitat, the National Fish Passage Program's infrastructure investments help protect local communities from flooding.

Population Assessment and Cooperative Management Program Overview
Fishery Offices focus on management, restoration, inventory and monitoring to maintain self-sustaining, healthy, and diverse populations of fish and other aquatic species. The Service's Fisheries Offices evaluate the causes of species decline, determine the limiting factors for aquatic populations, and implement actions to restore those populations across habitat types and jurisdictional boundaries.

The Service works with partners to develop and implement resource management plans for Federal trust species on Federal, State, and local lands and waters. Service biologists collect and evaluate population data and develop models to estimate population trends and inform management actions such as harvest limits. Restoration activities on large, connected natural areas and the monitoring and assessment of the Service's propagation programs provide an important component in developing and maintaining self-sustaining aquatic populations.

As part of the Service's trust responsibilities, Fisheries Offices work with tribal resource agencies to manage fish and wildlife on 56 million acres of Tribal trust lands and 44 million acres of Alaska Native lands. The Service also works closely with the Department of Defense and the military services, stewards of millions of acres of land, to protect and enhance natural areas on military installations.

Aquatic Invasive Species Overview
The negative impacts of invasive species are second only to habitat destruction among causal factors in the decline of fish, wildlife, and habitat in the United States. Nearly half of the imperiled species in the United States are threatened by invasive species.[2] Species such as Asian carp, quagga mussel, giant salvinia, lionfish, and brown tree snake cause tens of billions of dollars of economic and ecological impacts each year in diminished fish and wildlife resources, recreational opportunities, agricultural productivity, personal property values, human health and safety, and public utility capacity.

The Service works to prevent or reduce the introduction and spread of invasive species through its leadership of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (ANS Task Force). The ANS Task Force, which the Service co-chairs with NOAA, provides a national forum for collaborative discussion and decision making. The Service supports the funding and implementation of 44 State/Interstate Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plans that address State and Tribal priorities through cost-sharing and technical assistance. Relying on these funds, State aquatic invasive species programs coordinate with their partners to prevent the introduction and spread of unwanted organisms and have planned, directed, and

[2] Wilcove, D.W., Rothstein, D., Bubow, J.,Phillips, A., Losos, E., 1998. Quantifying threats to imperiled species in the United States. Bioscience 48(8): 607-615.

accomplished significant regional and landscape-level invasive species prevention and management resource outcomes. The ANS Task Force has also approved nine national species control and management plans.

Quagga and zebra mussels cause an estimated $500 million annually in economic burden to utilities and industry in the Great Lakes. Should invasive mussels become established in the Columbia River Basin, they will have a similar impact on consumer electric rates and irrigated agriculture. The Aquatic Invasive Species program continues to target quagga and zebra mussels and Asian carp as high-priority species, leveraging prevention, containment, and outreach resources among partners. The spread of Asian carp toward the Great Lakes is one of the most acute threats facing this key natural resource and its $7 billion sport and recreational fishery. The Service plays a key role in coordinating across Federal, State, and local agencies to control the spread of these species.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation is $73,391,000 and 290 FTE.

Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities (+$89,000/ +0 FTE)
Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities provides the operational support for the Habitat Assessment and Restoration program, providing funding for our national network of Fisheries Offices that deliver on-the-ground fish and aquatic species conservation. These funds will allow the Service to continue a broad range of habitat assessment and restoration initiatives, such as fish population surveys and stream restoration, for which costs have increased.

Chehalis Fisheries Restoration (-$268,000/ +0 FTE)
The budget does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey (-$489,000/ +0 FTE)
The Service does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

Population and Assessment and Cooperative Management Activities (-$517,000/ -3 FTE)
Funding at the requested level will provide for field staff, who work in close cooperation with Tribal, State, and Federal partners, to analyze the status and trends of aquatic resources and manage these complex systems.

Asian Carp (-$2,566,000/ -2 FTE)
Funding at the requested level will be used to continue the implementation of the *Management and Control Plan for Bighead, Black, Grass, and Silver Carps in the United States* and the associated collaborative multi-State Asian Carp Control Strategy Frameworks. The Service, along with our State and Federal partners, have been working to detect and track the leading edges of the Asian carp invasion in the Illinois, Ohio, and Upper Mississippi Rivers, and to develop and implement technologies to deter upstream movement and control populations. No funding is requested for contract fishing in order to support other priorities.

Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (-$1,390,000/ -2 FTE)
Funding at the requested level will allow staff to continue to support habitat work for salmon, steelhead and other native fish in the Klamath Basin.

Lake Tahoe Restoration (-3,088,000/ +0 FTE)
The budget does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

Delaware River Conservation (-$5,000,000/ +0 FTE)
The budget does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

The program will:

- Utilize partnership programs such as the National Fish Passage Program and the National Fish Habitat Partnership to implement numerous local fish habitat restoration projects to improve riparian and aquatic habitats.
- Work with partners to inventory, monitor, manage and restore fish and other aquatic species to maintain self-sustaining, healthy and diverse populations.
- Work to prevent the introduction and reduce the spread of invasive species; a primary threat to the Nation's natural resources, infrastructure, and economy. The program continues to target quagga and zebra mussels and Asian carp as high-priority species, leveraging containment, prevention, and outreach resources among partners.

Cooperative Landscape Conservation

Activity: Cooperative Landscape Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Cooperative Landscape Conservation	($000)	12,988	12,988	0	0	-12,988	0	-12,988
	FTE	*50*	*50*	*0*	*0*	*-50*	*0*	*-50*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Cooperative Landscape Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
Landscape Conservation Cooperatives	-12,988	-50
Program Changes	**-12,988**	**-50**

Program Mission

The Cooperative Landscape Conservation program works with States to deliver conservation on a landscape scale and build collaborative approaches to conservation through coalitions with States and other partners.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

- ***Fish and Wildlife Act***, (16 U.S.C 742(a)-754)—establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (-$12,988,000/-50 FTE)

The budget does not request funding for the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives program. Service programs will continue to coordinate with State resource management agencies and other partners.

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Science Support

Activity: Science Support

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Adaptive Science	($000)	10,517	10,517	0	0	-10,517	0	-10,517
	FTE	*9*	*9*	*0*	*0*	*-19*	*0*	*-19*
Service Science	($000)	6,750	6,750	0	0	-6,750	0	-6,750
	FTE	*17*	*17*	*0*	*0*	*-14*	*0*	*-14*
Total, Science Support	**($000)**	**-17,267**	**-17,267**	**0**	**0**	**-17,267**	**0**	**-17,267**
	FTE	***33***	***33***	***0***	***0***	***-33***	***0***	***-33***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Science Support

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Adaptive Science	-10,517	-19
• Service Science Activities	-6,750	-14
Program Changes	**-17,627**	**-33**

Program Mission

The Service is committed to science. All Service programs have a part to play in improving the use of science in conservation and management, including the generation, sharing, and application of scientific processes and products. The Service's operational programs including Ecological Services, Refuges, Fisheries, and Migratory Birds devote considerable resources to the practical application of science every day. These programs also leverage resources with other entities on shared science partnership priorities. Nationally, regionally, and locally, Science Support staff work directly with Service biologists, project leaders, and others to form strategic and issue-oriented networks to answer management-oriented questions.

The Service's goal for its science activities is to strengthen the agency's tradition of scientific excellence in the conservation of fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitat. This is accomplished by:

- Sustaining its capacities to acquire, apply, and communicate scientific information;
- Promoting scientific integrity and active involvement of the Service and its employees in the larger scientific community; and
- Encouraging strengthened partnerships between the Service and other scientific organizations, while working with Cooperative Research Units whenever possible.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

- ***Fish and Wildlife Act***, (16 U.S.C 742(a)-754)—Establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife

resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Adaptive Science (-$10,517,000/-19 FTE)
The budget does not request funding for this activity. Future science needs will be addressed by each Service program.

Service Science (-$6,750,000/-14 FTE)
Future science needs will be addressed by each Service program. The budget does not request funding for this activity.

General Operations

Activity: General Operations

Proposed Structure

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Central Office Operations	($000)	31,257	31,257	0	-9,613	+160	21,804	-9,453
	FTE	*262*	*262*	*0*	*-42*	*0*	*220*	*-42*
Management and Administration	($000)	40,866	40,866	0	+9,613	+4,387	54,866	+14,000
	FTE	*403*	*403*	*0*	*42*	*0*	*445*	*42*
Servicewide Bill Paying	($000)	35,781	35,781	-174	0	+163	35,770	-11
	FTE	*23*	*23*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*23*	*0*
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	($000)	7,022	7,022	0	0	-22	7,000	-22
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
National Conservation Training Center	($000)	28,903	28,903	114	0	-7,591	21,426	-7,477
	FTE	*110*	*110*	*0*	*0*	*-11*	*99*	*-11*
Total, General Operations	**($000)**	**143,829**	**143,829**	**-60**	**0**	**-2,903**	**140,866**	**-2,963**
	FTE	***798***	***798***	***0***	***0***	***-11***	***787***	***-11***

Old Structure

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Central Office Operations	($000)	37,965	37,965	0	0	+5,261	43,226	+5,261
	FTE	*262*	*262*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*262*	*0*
Regional Office Operations	($000)	33,574	33,574	0	0	-714	32,860	-714
	FTE	*403*	*403*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*403*	*0*
Servicewide Bill Paying	($000)	36,365	36,365	-174	0	+163	36,354	-11
	FTE	*23*	*23*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*23*	*0*
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	($000)	7,022	7,022	0	0	-22	7,000	-22
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
National Conservation Training Center	($000)	28,903	28,903	+114	0	-7,591	21,426	-7,477
	FTE	*110*	*110*	*0*	*0*	*-11*	*99*	*-11*
Total, General Operations	**($000)**	**143,829**	**143,829**	**-60**	**0**	**-2,903**	**140,866**	**-2,963**
	FTE	***798***	***798***	***0***	***0***	***-11***	***787***	***-11***

Program Mission

The General Operations Program provides the management and support that allows the Service's programmatic activities and organizations to accomplish their goals and mission. Primarily, it provides headquarters, regions, and field offices with the resources (e.g., people, funding, facilities, access to data, etc.) they need to carry out the work of the Service to benefit the American people. General Operations also ensures that the Service is in compliance with legal, regulatory, and Departmental policies for all administrative areas and functions.

To further the reorganization approved by Congress in FY 2019, the Service is proposing to realign funding within the General Operations Activity to reflect the changes in its organizational structure. The reorganization will enable the Service to maximize available resources for mission delivery.

Program Elements

Five subactivities comprise the General Operations Program:

- Central Office Operations – Headquarters offices provide the Service with the leadership, strategic direction, and necessary resources to accomplish mission priorities and goals. These functions include: policy provision from Administration-appointed officials; implementation of equal employment opportunity and diversity programs; coordination of Service contact with Native American Tribes; and communications and outreach.
- Management and Administration – Renamed to align with the new organizational structure, Management and Administration funds human resources, contracting, safety, budget and finance, and information technology services to the regions and Headquarters offices. Service support functions are consolidated under this subactivity in FY 2020 instead of being split between Central Office Operations and Regional Office Operations. This corresponds to with the new organizational structure, whereby all administrative functions are now centrally managed. The subactivity previously called Regional Office Operations is renamed Management and Administration and contains funding for the new joint regional/Headquarters administrative organization and the Associate Chief Information Officer (ACIO) organization. The Assistant Director for Management and Administration encompasses Budget and Performance, Human Resources, Business Management Operation. The ACIO supervises Information Resources and Technology Management.
- Servicewide Bill Paying – This subactivity provides a means to centrally budget and pay for nationwide operational support and infrastructure costs that the Service incurs in the course of accomplishing its mission. A non-exhaustive list of expenses paid from this subactivity include Information Technology (IT) and communication needs, payments to the DOI Working Capital Fund (WCF), mail delivery and distribution, and some printing.
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) – NFWF runs a competitive challenge grant program with a statutory non-Federal matching requirement of 1:1 for all awards of federally appropriated funds. However, in recent years the non-Federal match has been closer to 3:1, greatly multiplying the impact of the Service's funding for on-the-ground conservation projects.
- National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) – Opened in 1997 and located on 533 acres along the Potomac River in Shepherdstown, WV, NCTC is the Service's primary training facility. In addition to training Service employees, NCTC provides training on a reimbursable basis to conservation professionals from DOI, other Federal, State and local governments, not-for-profit conservation organizations, private landowners and the business community. In this way, NCTC programs expand their reach and impact and help Service professionals build collaborative partnerships for conservation.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: Central Office Operations

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Central Office Operations	($000)	31,257	31,257	0	-9,613	+160	21,804	-9,453
	FTE	*262*	*262*	*0*	*-42*	*0*	*220*	*-42*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Central Office Operations

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Central Office Operations	+160	0
• **Program Changes**	**+160**	**0**

Program Overview

The Service's Central Office Operations provide leadership, strategic direction, and organizational management required to accomplish mission priorities and goals. These functions include: policy provision from Administration-appointed officials; implementation of equal employment opportunity; coordination of Service contact with Native American Tribes; and communications and outreach.

Headquarters and Regional Management, which includes the Office of the Director and the offices of the Regional Directors. This funds key Service leadership positions and their immediate staff.

Diversity and Inclusive Workforce Management supports the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program for the Service. The ODIWM provides direction, policy formulation, and oversight of the Service's Diversity and Inclusion Implementation Plan with regard to applicable civil rights laws and directives.

Native American Programs Coordination serves as a key point of contact for Native American Tribes, and works to expand the Service's capacity to work cooperatively with Tribes to further the Service's conservation mission.

External Affairs (EA) oversees and coordinates the communications activities of the Service, including internal communications, public affairs, media services, congressional and legislative affairs, partnerships, webpage development, policy and compliance, printing and publishing, and other multimedia communications.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Central Office Operations is $21,804,000 and 220 FTE.

Central Office Operations (+160,000/0 FTE)

The budget will allow the Service to provide leadership, strategic direction, and necessary resources to support the mission, and will continue to focus on consolidating administrative functions, eliminating duplication, and implementing process efficiencies across the organization.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide the Service with the leadership, strategic direction, and necessary resources to accomplish mission priorities and goals. Specifically, this subactivity:
    - Provides policy direction and implementation at Headquarters and regional levels.
    - Supports implementation of equal employment opportunity.
    - Coordinates Service consultation with Native American Tribes.
    - Provides communications and outreach Servicewide.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: Management and Administration

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Management and Administration	($000)	40,866	40,866	0	+9,613	+4,387	54,866	+14,000
	FTE	*403*	*403*	*0*	*+42*	*0*	*445*	*+42*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Management & Administration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• DOI Reorganization Implementation	+5,700	0
• Information Resources and Technology Management	+851	0
• Management and Administration	-2,164	0
Program Changes	**+4,387**	**0**

Program Overview

Management and Administration is responsible for most administrative functions including human resources, budget and performance, finance, contracting, and other functions. In FY 2018, the Service initiated a plan to consolidate some Central Office Operations to more efficiently provide needed administrative support to Service programs. In 2019, the Service consolidated administrative functions into one organization. The new organization, under the Assistant Director for Management and Administration, fulfills the Service's needs for administrative services, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, and general services, at a reduced cost to the American taxpayer. In 2019, the Service continues to implement enterprise shared services and consolidate resources into the Joint Administrative Operations (JAO) to deliver shared services to regional and field station managers. The new organization is expected to be fully functional by June 2019.

This organization also works with Service programs and the Directorate to formulate budget proposals and conduct workforce and succession planning to support its mission and goals. This function provides essential oversight to ensure the agency is following appropriations law and the guidance of our Appropriations Committees, as well as managing Federal Register notices, and directives management. Staff also coordinate programmatic Internal Controls under OMB Circular A-123, and serve as the liaison with the Government Accountability Office and the Office of the Inspector General. Management and Administration staff also provide direction, policy formulation, oversight and management in the areas of finance, contracting, asset management, safety, economic analyses, and other support functions.

Information Resources and Technology Management: The Service's Associate Chief Information Officer (ACIO) provides secure, efficient and effective management of information resources and technology that allows the Service to accomplish its mission. This office provides reliable mission essential connectivity for email, internet, network applications, records and the Freedom of Information Act across the Service. The Service's cyber security program maintains and monitors network security subsystems to ensure a stable and dependable environment for the network and its users. The ACIO also plays a pivotal role ensuring that the Service is in compliance with all Federal IT laws, regulations, and requirements.

DOI Reorganization Implementation: The 2020 request continues support for the reorganization of the Department of the Interior with funding to stand up the unified regions, relocate certain headquarters staff and functions as appropriate, and improve operations through the use of technology, shared services, and consistent practices. The Service will utilize funding to:

- Support and participate in standing up the unified regions, including collaboration across bureaus.
- Transition internal business operations to the new regional structure.
- Relocate selected functions closer to Interior's assets, customers, and mission areas out West to provide more responsive service.
- Implement shared service solutions to improve delivery of one or more of human resources, information technology, and acquisition services.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Management and Administration is $54,866,000 and 445 FTE.

DOI Reorganization Implementation (+$5,700,000/0 FTE)
At the 2020 request level of $5.7 million, the Service will support implementation of the 12 unified regions, relocation of certain headquarters staff and functions West, and modernization of Interior's administrative services. The request will support:

- Implementation of Unified Regions. Funds will support bureau planning and implementation needed to transition to the new regions and implement shared service solutions.
- Relocation and Regional Stand Up. This request helps relocate some staff closer to assets and customers.
- Modernizing Interior's Business. Deployment of common shared service solutions to improve delivery of human resources, information technology, and acquisition services.

Starting in FY 2018, the Service began implementing shared services for all administrative functions and generated over $8 million in savings. In FY 2019, the Service will continue on this path, ensuring that we are providing exceptional service and building capacity to service our mission. The Service's Joint Administrative Operations organization is a model for the Department on providing efficient and effective shared services.

Information Resources and Technology Management (+$851,000/0 FTE)
The requested funding will be used for rising costs of software licenses and core infrastructure operational and maintenance requirements.

Management and Administration (-$2,164,000/0 FTE)
The requested funding will provide daily support to the headquarters and over 700 geographically diverse field offices, including human resource, budget, finance, and contracting.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide human resources support for Headquarters and the regions.
- Coordinate budget formulation, presentation, and execution.
- Provide finance, acquisition, and contracting management.
- Provide management of IT throughout the Service.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: Servicewide Bill Paying

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Servicewide Bill Paying	($000)	35,781	35,781	-174	0	+163	35,770	-11
	FTE	*23*	*23*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*23*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Servicewide Bill Paying

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Servicewide Bill Paying	+163	0
Program Changes	**+163**	**0**

Program Overview

The Servicewide Bill Paying subactivity covers bills received by the Service for charges by the Department or other outside entities. These are fixed costs that the Service must cover.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Servicewide Bill Paying is $35,770,000 and 23 FTE.

Servicewide Bill Paying (+163,000/0 FTE)
Funding will be used to address Working Capital Fund Centralized Bills to reduce the amount assessed from programs.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Funding to centrally budget and pay for nationwide operational support and infrastructure costs that the Service incurs in the course of accomplishing its mission. Specifically, this subactivity:
  - Pays expenses for Information Technology and communication needs.
  - Supports worker's compensation and unemployment compensation payments.
  - Manages payments for DOI Working Capital Fund and other DOI bills.
  - Manages payments for mail delivery and distribution and printing.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	($000)	7,022	7,022	0	0	-22	7,000	-22
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	-22	0
Program Changes	**-22**	**0**

Program Overview

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) runs a competitive challenge grant program with a statutory non-Federal matching requirement of 1:1 for all federally-appropriated dollars that NFWF awards. In recent years NFWF has averaged a 3:1 match. All grantee matching funds are non-Federal funds provided in cash or as in-kind services. One hundred percent of the congressionally appropriated funds provided to NFWF by the Service is directed to on-the-ground projects and is not used to support NFWF's administrative expenses. NFWF uses the funding to leverage additional commitments of resources from corporations, foundations, and conservation partners. The funds are invested through outcome-focused grant programs guided by conservation business plans developed in partnership with the Service. Individual projects are reviewed by diverse outside reviewers (e.g., Federal, State, non-profit, educational and private sector), NFWF, and the Service.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is $7,000,000 and 0 FTE.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (-$22,000/0 FTE)

The requested funding will provide competitive grants to State, local, non-profit, and private organizations to leverage additional resources for natural resource conservation.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide funding to State, local, non-profit, and private organizations for conservation and management of fish, wildlife, and plant resources through the grant process.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: National Conservation Training Center

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
National Conservation Training Center	($000)	28,903	28,903	114	0	-7,591	21,426	-7,477
	FTE	*110*	*110*	*0*		*-11*	*99*	*-11*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Conservation Training Center

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Operations	-1,687	-11
• Annual Maintenance	-5,904	0
Program Changes	**-7,591**	**-11**

Program Overview

Opened in 1997 and located on 533 acres along the Potomac River in Shepherdstown, WV, the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) is the Service's primary training facility. In addition to training Service employees, NCTC provides training on a reimbursable basis to conservation professionals from DOI, other Federal, State, and local governments, not-for-profit conservation organizations, private landowners and the business community. In this way, NCTC programs expand their reach and impact to help Service professionals build collaborative partnerships for conservation.

NCTC will deliver approximately 200 annual onsite training sessions and provide over 1,500 on-line courses and training modules to employees. NCTC supports the FWS with approximately 1,500 inter-library loan requests and over 400,000 scientific journal searches. NCTC also preserves the heritage of the Service by collecting, interpreting, and disseminating the history of the Service and American conservation. The NCTC Museum and Archives helps the public, researchers, and professional conservationists to better understand the rich history of American wildlife conservation by managing over 500,000 objects. NCTC serves as a place where the Service and our partners come together to help solve the urgent conservation challenges facing our nation.

The Service is currently working with State, Federal, and NGO partners under Secretarial Order 3356 to recruit, retain and reactivate sportsmen through the R3 initiative, which seeks to create new participants or increase participation rates of current or lapsed outdoor recreationists. The Service is using the NCTC facility and staff to grow and support the Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation (R3) designed to restore American's connection with the outdoors through collaborative workshops, symposia, and training. The Service, working closely with the Association of State Fish and Wildlife Agencies, States, and other partners serves as the basis for the nationwide expansion of the R3 effort.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the National Conservation Training Center is $21,426,000 and 99 FTE.

Operations – General Program Activities (-$1,687,000/-11 FTE)
This funding will allow the Service to continue to provide training opportunities to internal as well as external partner audiences.

Maintenance (-$5,904,000/0 FTE)
The requested funding will allow the Service to maintain day-to-day operational maintenance.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provides training opportunities for the Service, DOI and other Federal and non-Federal partners in conservation, applied landscape, leadership and communication.
- Provides collections management and stewardship to care for and preserve artifacts, films, photographs, and documents.

Construction

Appropriations Language

For construction, improvement, acquisition, or removal of buildings and other facilities required in the conservation, management, investigation, protection, and utilization of fish and wildlife resources, and the acquisition of lands and interests therein; $15,693,000, to remain available until expended.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service has the legal mandate and responsibility to ensure its inventory of assets, facilities, and infrastructure is safe and adequate to accomplish its conservation mission and that operations are conducted in compliance with applicable regulations. More than 19 laws, statutes, and executive orders govern what the Construction program must do with the funding it receives from Congress. Governing authorities are discussed below.

Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4). Authorizes development of fish and wildlife areas for recreational use, including land acquisition and facilities construction and management.

National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to award contracts for the provision of public accommodations of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715-715d, 715e, 715f-715r). Provides for land acquisition, construction, maintenance, development, and administration for migratory bird reservations.

Fish and Wildlife Act (16 U.S.C. 742a-742f). Authorizes the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources, including the acquisition and development of existing facilities.

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 9601-9675). Authorizes Federal agencies to conduct cleanup and/or recover costs associated with hazardous materials removal, remediation, cleanup, or containment activities from responsible parties.

Federal Facilities Compliance Act (42 U.S.C. 6961). Requires Federal agencies to comply with Federal, State, and local solid and hazardous waste laws in the same manner as any private party.

Pollution Prevention Act, (42 U.S.C. 13101, 13101 note, 13102-13109), as amended by P.L. 101-508. Requires pollution that cannot be prevented at the source to be recycled in an environmentally sound manner and disposal as a last resort.

Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act (42 U.S.C. 7701 -7706). Establishes an earthquake hazards reduction program.

National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467). Provides for Federal agencies to implement the Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety, which established management practices for dam safety at all Federal agencies.

National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8152-8259). Establishes an energy management program in the Federal government and directs Federal agencies to perform energy surveys and implement energy conservation opportunities to reduce consumption of nonrenewable energy resources in buildings, vehicles, equipment, and general operations.

Energy Policy Act (EPAct) (P.L. 109-58). Extends previous Congressional direction to Federal facility managers with even greater goals of energy efficiency improvements in existing and new facilities, mandates increased use of renewable energy sources, sustainable building design and construction, metering of all Federal buildings, and procurement of Energy Star equipment. This legislation contains energy efficiency tax credits and new ways to retain energy savings.

Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) (P.L. 110-140). Intends to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security; increase production of clean renewable fuels; protect consumers; increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles; promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options; and improve the energy performance of the Federal Government.

(16 U.S.C. 695k-695r). Provides for limitations on reduction of areas by diking or other construction in California and Oregon in the case of migratory waterfowl and other refuges, as well as other construction provisions.

(16 U.S.C. 760-760-12). Provides for the construction, equipping, maintenance, and operation of several named fish hatcheries.

(23 U.S.C. 144 and 151). Requires bridges on public highways and roads to be inspected.

Executive Orders

Presidential Memorandum of October 4, 1979. Directs all Federal agencies to adopt and implement the Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety as prepared by the Federal Coordinating Council for Science, Engineering, and Technology. (Secretary of the Interior Order No. 3048, implements and assigns responsibility for a Department-wide dam safety program in accordance with the President's memorandum.)

Executive Order 12088, Federal Compliance with Pollution Control Standards (October 13, 1978). Requires agencies to ensure that facilities comply with applicable pollution control standards; ensure that sufficient funds for environmental compliance are requested in their budgets; and include pollution control projects in an annual pollution abatement budget plan.

Executive Order 13717, Establishing a Federal Earthquake Risk Management Standard (February 2016). Updates performance goals to strengthen the security and resilience of the Nation against earthquakes, to promote public safety, economic strength, and national security. New Implementation Guidelines (January 2017) provide Federal agencies with clarifying guidance for implementing Executive Order 13717.

Executive Order 13834, Efficient Federal Operations (May 17, 2018). Directs Federal agencies to manage their buildings, vehicles, and overall operations to meet statutory requirements related to energy and environmental performance. Agencies shall meet such statutory requirements in a manner that increases efficiency, optimizes performance, eliminates unnecessary use of resources, and protects the environment. In implementing this policy, each agency shall prioritize actions that reduce waste, cut costs, enhance the resilience of Federal infrastructure and operations, and enable more effective accomplishment of its mission.

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Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days This column reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.	+14	+15
Pay Raise The 2020 request reflects a pay freeze for civilian employees.	+19	+0
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.	+0	+8

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		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Nationwide Engineering Services	($000)	5,475	5,475	+23	0	-130	5,368	-107
	FTE	*41*	*41*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*41*	*0*
Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	($000)	1,972	1,972	0	0	-740	1,232	-740
Line-Item Construction Projects	($000)	59,093	59,093	0	0	-50,000	9,093	-50,000
Total, Construction	**($000)**	**66,540**	**66,540**	**+23**	**0**	**-50,870**	**15,693**	**-50,847**
	FTE	***41***	***41***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***41***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Engineering Services	-130	0
• Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	-740	0
• Line-Item Construction Projects	-50,000	0
Program Changes	**-50,870**	**0**

Mission

The Service's infrastructure projects help millions of visitors experience our national treasures, provide water to the West, and support American jobs. The Construction program delivers exceptional engineering design and construction, facility maintenance, and regulatory compliance to provide these benefits and deliver the Service mission to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The program performs this wide range of functions for the Service's entire inventory of assets, including 567 National Wildlife Refuges, 70 National Fish Hatcheries and one historic fish hatchery, and 51 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices. The program accomplishes its mission in accordance with more than 19 applicable laws, statutes, and executive orders, in addition to Departmental and Service priorities.

Activities

Three activities comprise the Construction appropriation:

- Nationwide Engineering Services (NES) – This activity manages the numerous construction and maintenance projects undertaken each year; protects employees, visitors, and volunteers by ensuring operations comply with safety and environmental laws and regulations; supports access to Service lands; guides energy conservation; and maintains Service facilities that are structurally and environmentally safe, require minimal resources to operate, and maximize resources efficiency.
- Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety – This activity supports the safety and security of the Service's dams, bridges, and buildings. This primarily is accomplished for the most critical structures through inspections, assessments, and monitoring. Many of the functions carried out in this activity are prescribed by law. Rehabilitation, repair, and mitigation to help assure public safety, contribute to recreational and other public access, are accomplished through Line-Item construction.
- Line-Item Construction – This activity contains the specific construction projects requesting funding in a given year. These projects reconstruct, repair, rehabilitate, and replace existing buildings or other structures/facilities, including dams and bridges. New buildings and structures/facilities also may be included. Funding may be used for project-specific planning, design, and construction management; construction, demolition, site work, and land acquisition; and the purchase of associated furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Completed individual projects from Line-Item Construction with authority remaining may transfer unspent balances of less than $1,000,000 for unforeseen reconstruction,

replacement, or repair of facilities or equipment damaged or destroyed by storms, floods, fires, and similar unanticipated events.

Appropriation: Construction
Activity: Nationwide Engineering Services

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Engineering Services	($000)	5,475	5,475	+23	0	-130	5,368	-107
	FTE	*41*	*41*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*41*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Engineering Services	-130	0
Program Changes	**-130**	**0**

Program Overview

The Nationwide Engineering Services activity supports implementation of safe construction and maintenance projects, regardless of funding source, and provides guidance to comply with environmental and energy laws. The three program elements that comprise this activity are discussed below.

Core Engineering Services – Funding in this program element provides technical oversight for construction and maintenance projects throughout the Service, regardless of funding source. Engineers provide technical expertise and assistance to the field for the entire construction life cycle for Line-Item projects, Deferred Maintenance, and Federal Highways projects. Accomplishing these varied projects requires Headquarters policy development, budget formulation and execution, coordination for efficiency, and national technical consistency, as well as day-to-day supervision and technical guidance from regional managers.

Environmental Compliance – This program supports resource stewardship and protects the health and safety of employees, visitors, and volunteers. On-site environmental compliance audits help ensure safe drinking water, acceptable wastewater discharge to rivers and streams and proper management of hazardous waste and hazardous materials. The program provides oversight, technical assistance, and training for more than 700 field stations to help field staff comply with complex environmental laws and regulations at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal levels. The program also provides project oversight and technical assistance for the clean-up of large-scale environmental contamination of air, water and soil pollution that may adversely affect human health and the environment. Recently completed clean-ups demonstrate the positive impact on wildlife and benefit to the local community associated with beneficial reuse of formerly contaminated areas. For example, at a refuge in Illinois, hundreds of acres of land contaminated by previous industrial use have been cleaned up, with the restored land supporting an active agricultural program that includes haying, row crop production, and cattle grazing. These historical agricultural lands are still farmed through cooperative agreements with the Refuge.

Waste Prevention, Recycling and Environmental Management Systems –This program element supports implementation of Service-wide sustainable practices to help facilities minimize energy and water use, improve efficiencies in program areas such as fleet management and pollution prevention, and adopt work practices that advance sustainable acquisition of goods and services.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Engineering Services activity is $5,368,000 and 41 FTE.

Engineering Services (-$130,000/+0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, engineers will provide technical expertise and assistance for construction and maintenance projects throughout the Service, regardless of funding source for Line-Item projects, Deferred Maintenance, and Federal Highways projects.

Appropriation: Construction
Activity: Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Dam Safety and Security	($000)	1,113	1,113	0	0	-418	695	-418
Bridge Safety	($000)	739	739	0	0	-277	462	-277
Seismic Safety	($000)	120	120	0	0	-45	75	-45
Total, Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	**($000)**	**1,972**	**1,972**	**0**	**0**	**-740**	**1,232**	**-740**
	FTE	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	-740	0
Program Changes	**-740**	**0**

Program Overview

The Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety activity provides the information needed for engineers to assess the safety and security of the Service's dams, bridges, and buildings. The three program elements that comprise this activity are discussed below.

Dam Safety and Security – This program element supports the safety and security of 18 high hazard dams of the Service's 300 inventory dams. Located on refuges and hatcheries for the purpose of resource or facility management, these dams provide vital benefits such as recreation, habitat, flood risk reduction, irrigation, wetland creation, water supply for hatcheries, nesting habitat for waterfowl, and fishing. Funding supports the most critical activities to ensure existing dams are maintained, identified for rehabilitation, and properly operated to protect human life, property, and the valuable natural resources on Service lands.

The Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) provide site-specific guidance for on-site detection and mitigation of conditions that may cause dam failures; communication protocols for notifying and evacuating downstream populations also are provided in the EAPs. Periodic Safety Evaluation of Existing Dams (SEED) inspections identify dam deficiencies at the earliest stages and, when addressed, may stave off more serious repairs, consequences, or interventions, and avoid increasing the maintenance backlog.

SEED inspections include performing and reassessing hazard classifications— which are based upon estimates of loss of life and property damage should a dam fail. This program element also funds engineering analyses of the response and safety impacts of a dam as a result of increased magnitude of flood and earthquake predictions. The Service uses the hazard classification, a risk assessment, and the overall condition of the dam to identify and prioritize dam repair and rehabilitation projects.

The Service requests funding to complete needed dam safety repair projects separately in its Line-Item Construction activity. Management of major rehabilitation or construction work is accomplished under the supervision of the Service's Dam Safety Officer. Consistent with practice from past years, unobligated funds from dam safety projects may be used to address ongoing Dam Safety and Security needs (e.g., additional SEED inspections, minor dam safety repairs, low hazard dam inspections) or used for emergency construction projects. The inspection of low hazard dams are the lowest priority, tthough conducting these inspections would help ensure compliance with State dam safety programs.

Bridge Safety – This funding supports work towards the safety and integrity of the Service's approximately 700 bridges through the application of technically current design guidelines and a comprehensive inspection, appraisal, and inventory program. Bridge inspections are conducted at time intervals required by statute. During bridge inspections, Service staff determine and verify safe load-carrying capacity; identify and recommend mitigation of unsafe conditions; and identify maintenance, rehabilitation, or reconstruction needs. Similar to dam safety projects, funding for bridge safety projects is requested as part of the Line-Item Construction activity.

During FY 2020, the Bridge Safety Program will pursue completion of bridge inspections required by law. The inspections will prioritize in the following order: public use bridges in less than satisfactory condition; non-public use bridges in less than satisfactory condition; public use bridges in satisfactory condition or better; and non-public use bridges in satisfactory condition or better. Consideration also will be given, on a case-by-case basis, to approximately 30 bridges recommended for scour inspection, as a result of a 2015 Program Review recommendation.

By prioritizing inspections as described, the Service will maximize staff and public safety and access. Safety remains the top priority for the Service; if safe conditions cannot be verified, the Service will remove a bridge from service to preserve safety.

Seismic Safety – This program element funds planning and analysis of the seismic safety of the Service's approximately 6,500 buildings. The work fulfills the requirements of Executive Order 13717 (Establishing a Federal Earthquake Risk Management Standard, February 2016) and allows the Service to identify buildings that present a substantial risk to the safety of Service personnel, volunteers, and visitors in the event of a significant earthquake. Program staff screens Service-owned buildings to identify those that are *exceptionally high risk* (EHR). Any building found to meet EHR criteria undergoes a rigorous engineering analysis, which includes development of a cost estimate to mitigate seismic deficiencies. Engineering analysis has identified 73 seismically deficient Service-owned buildings that would sustain life-threatening damage in a seismic event. Preliminary screening has identified an additional 125 EHR buildings that pose a similar life-safety risk. Engineering analysis and mitigation projects are funded via the Line-Item Construction activity.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety activity is $1,232,000 and 0 FTE.

Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety (-$740,000/ 0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, the Dam Safety and Security Program will prioritize the inspection of high hazard dams according to risk-based criteria and develop Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) for dams that threaten downstream populations. The Bridge Safety Program will pursue completion of bridge inspections required by law. Seismic Safety staff screen Service-owned buildings to identify risk level and recommend exceptionally high risk buildings for engineering analysis, which includes development of a cost estimate to mitigate seismic deficiencies.

Appropriation: Construction
Activity: Line-Item Construction

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Line-Item Construction	($000)	59,093	59,093	0	0	-50,000	9,093	-50,000
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Line-Item Construction Projects	-50,000	0
Program Changes	**-50,000**	**0**

Program Overview

A list of the proposed Line-Item projects for FY 2020 is provided below. A Project Data Sheet (PDS) for each project is provided that includes key information about the purpose, justification, cost, and schedule. Additionally, after the individual PDSs, a Summary PDS for FYs 2020-2024 presents the Service's five-year construction plan and reflects funding directed to the most critical needs (i.e., health, safety, natural resources, and access). The Service selects and ranks projects in accordance with Department of Interior and Service guidance and priorities.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Line-Item Construction activity is $9,093,000 and 0 FTE.

Line-Item Construction (-$50,000,000/0 FTE)

At the requested funding level, the Service will fund the eight projects shown in the project list below.

2020 Construction Project Listing by Program					
DOI Rank Score	Unified Region	Station	State	Project Title/Description	Request ($000)
National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS)					
90	Lower Colorado	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge	CA	Flood Protection Levee Rehabilitation Phase II	5,875
Subtotal, NWRS					**5,875**
National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS)					
70	Great Lakes	Jordan River National Fish Hatchery	MI	Rehabilitate Raceways 57-58	500
70	Appalachia	Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery	VA	Construct Mussel Rearing Building	558
60	South Atlantic - Gulf	Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery	GA	Repair Main Water Supply Line for Raceways	816
55	Upper Colorado	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery [ic]	WY	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities	644
Subtotal, NFHS					**2,518**
Other					
70	Headquarters	Branch of Dam Safety	N/A	Dam Safety – Evaluation of Newly Acquired Dams Phase IV of V	250
70	Headquarters	Branch of Dam Safety	N/A	Nationwide Seismic Investigations and Mitigations Phase I of V	200
70	Headquarters	Information Resources & Technology Management	N/A	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase II of V	250
Subtotal, Other					**700**
TOTAL, CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS					**9,093**

Notes: p = planning, d = design, ic = initiate construction, cc = complete construction

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	90
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Flood Protection Levee Rehabilitation Phase II				
Project Number	2017291191	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge		
Unified Region:	Lower Colorado	**Congressional District:**	15	**State:**	CA

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40162300	10068160	100	0.07	0.00

Project Description (PD):
Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge serves one of the largest urban communities in the United States and offers year round fishing and hunting for Canada geese. The Refuge welcomes more than 750,000 people each year and offers a range of wildlife recreation that serves families with young children as well as first-time recreationists, veterans, people with disabilities, and the full array of citizens in this bustling community. Equally important, the Refuge's Mountain View and Aviso Ponds provide critical flood protection for Silicon Valley businesses and the 4.6 million people across the South Bay who call this community home. These funds will be leveraged by partnering with the other Federal agencies, local communities, businesses, and non-profit organizations to address the full $55,000,000 in Deferred Maintenance needed for levees and water control structures across the Refuge. Phase III will address interior restoration, at $7,125,000.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project supports the South San Francisco Bay Ecosystem and Tidal Marsh Ecosystem Recovery Plan and will help ensure the safety of the local communities, as well as supporting the success of the local businesses, industries and economy.

Investment Strategy (IS):
The project has $2 million in non-Federal matching funds and is expected to enable our partners to continue to expand these public-private partnerships.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
Failure to act would result in further deterioration of the levee system, which could lead to levee breaches and flooding of adjacent infrastructure and communities. The levees provide a level of flood protection for vulnerable communities including many tech industry businesses adjacent to the Refuge. Failure of the levee system would also reduce or close waterfowl hunting and other recreational opportunities currently offered due to unsafe conditions.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.07	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning		Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	Y	**Total Project Score**	90
VE Study:	D	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)		

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 5,875,000	100	Appropriated to Date	$ 6,400,000
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 5,875,000
Total:	$ 5,875,000	100	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ 7,125,000
			Total:	$ 19,400,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	B	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet** (mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update 08/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22		

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	418	Projected	0	Net Change	-418

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Rehabilitate Raceways 57-58				
Project Number	2017284631	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Jordan River National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	Great Lakes	**Congressional District:**	01	**State:**	MI

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40500400	10050268	100	0.80	0.00

Project Description (PD):
Jordan River National Fish Hatchery produces native lake trout for the Great Lakes. Production Raceways 57-58 consist of eight reinforced concrete raceways inside a building. Constructed in 1963, the raceways are beginning to show their age as documented in the Comprehensive Condition Assessment from 2016. Cracks and joints are beginning to open up causing water loss, and the once smooth surface is rough which negatively impacts fish health and ability to effectively clean. This project will clean and seal all cracks and joints, then apply a polymer treatment to the entire surface to prolong the raceway life by 20-30 years.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project supports the Fish and Wildlife Service meeting the obligations in the multi-jurisdictional fishery management plans and the "United States vs. Michigan 2000 Consent Decree."

Investment Strategy (IS):
By completing this project, annual operating costs will be reduced by an estimated 30%. Less time will be required for staff to clean the tanks as a result of the smoother surface. Fish health will improve since the culture tanks will be cleaner and smoother.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
These tanks are a critical part of the early rearing phase of the native species reared at the facility. Without the tanks, the early rearing phase of the fish reared at the facility will be compromised.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.80	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 500,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 500,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ -
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 500,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ -
Total:		$ 500,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22

Project Data Sheet	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Prepared/Last Update	07/18	Yes

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	1522	Projected	1100	Net Change	-422

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Construct Mussel Rearing Building				
Project Number	2017291779	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	Appalachia	**Congressional District:**	03	**State:**	VA

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	51210	100	0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
Construction of a 1,500 square foot, pre-engineered mussel rearing building with trench drains, including connection to existing water delivery, drains, and electrical, is required to meet the mission of the Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery. The station's cooperative, interagency freshwater mussel program is of regional importance in addressing culture needs for imperiled mussels endemic to Atlantic Slope rivers, including Federally threatened endangered species. The station will receive long-term funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (2017-2020) and Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (2018-2028) to continue technology development work for large-scale production and release of tagged sub-adult mussels for recovery and restoration actions. Without the construction of the requested culture building, the station lacks the space, specialized propagation infrastructure, and the rearing systems needed to achieve the stocking targets for upcoming interagency conservation actions.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
Completion of the project allows for stocking a wide array of imperiled mussels endemic to Atlantic Slope rivers, including Federally endangered species (James spiny mussel, dwarf wedge mussel), those expected to be Federally-listed soon (Atlantic pigtoe, green floater, brook floater, yellow lance), and others that are declining and of concern to State partners (notched rainbow, triangle floater, creeper, yellow lampmussel, alewife floater, northern lance, eastern elliptio). This stocking is vital to ongoing restoration and recovery efforts.

Investment Strategy (IS):
The project will not increase the annual operations and maintenance costs as those costs are being covered by matching partner funding averaging $260,000 per annum under the long-term cooperative agreement. Service dollars are not used for Operations and Maintenance.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
Failure to complete the project will result in insufficient climate-controlled rearing space, and the agency's failure to complete the large-scale production and release of tagged sub-adult mussels for recovery and restoration.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ -	0%	Appropriated to Date	$ -
Capital Improvement Work:	$ 558,000	100%	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 558,000
Total:	$ 558,000	100%	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ -
			Total:	$ 558,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	07/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Dam Safety Program - Evaluations of Newly Acquired Dams - Phase IV of V				
Project Number	2017293676	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Branch of Dam Safety		
Unified Region:	*	**Congressional District:**	*	**State:**	*

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	98510	100	0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
The Service Dam Inventory is growing as more dams are identified through field investigations at Service facilities and cross checks with the real property inventory. Many of these dams have not been evaluated for hazard classification potential, dam failure consequences, or compliance with Service dam safety standards.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project provides required evaluations and risk analyses of dams added to the inventory to identify any unsafe structures and to assess the hazard classification potential, structural deficiencies, and response to potential dam failure modes. This information will be used to categorize the new dam, prioritize remedial actions, prepare emergency action plans and standard operating procedures, and estimate future needs for operation and maintenance and inspections.

Investment Strategy (IS):
This project is a necessary investment that provides net savings when including the potential loss of valuable resources, costs of dam failures, and more expensive repairs if work is delayed.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
People in local communities are at risk when dams deteriorate and need repair. Significant benefits including habitat, recreation, fishing and downstream flood reduction may be impacted.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 250,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 250,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ 750,000
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 250,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ 250,000
Total:		$ 1,250,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	08/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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PROJECT DATA SHEET

Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase I of V				
Project Number	2017297501	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Branch of Dam Safety		
Unified Region:	*	**Congressional District:**	*	**State:**	*

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	98510	100	0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
This project supports ongoing efforts to analyze Service buildings at risk of collapse due to an earthquake, by providing retrofit options and preliminary cost estimates to mitigate identified seismic deficiencies, and beginning to retrofit seismically deficient buildings. Previous preliminary screening level assessments have identified more than 100 Service buildings that have a significant risk of collapse in the event of an earthquake. More detailed engineering analysis of these buildings is required to identify retrofit options, develop preliminary cost estimates and subsequently implement economically feasible mitigation strategies to reduce the risk of bodily harm in the event of an earthquake.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
The project supports Department Mission Area #6 – Modernizing Our Organization and Infrastructure for the Next 100 Years; Goal #3 – Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs and reduce deferred maintenance backlog; Strategy #1 –Maintain critical DOI infrastructure and facilities to ensure effective operations and service delivery.

Investment Strategy (IS):
This project will evaluate risk from earthquakes and implement retrofit strategies that will result in earthquake-resistant buildings.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
This project will help to ensure maximum safety of visitors and employees in the event of seismic activity, by evaluating risk and recommending mitigation strategies.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study: N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)	

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 200,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 200,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ -
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 200,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ 800,000
Total:		$ 1,000,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	YY

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet** (mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update 06/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22		

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase III of V				
Project Number	2016278916	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Information Resources and Technology Management		
Unified Region:	*	**Congressional District:**	*	**State:**	*

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	90200		0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
These funds will be used to perform required radio tower evaluations of Service buildings per DOI policy. Preliminary screening has identified more than 150 Service-owned and leased radio systems lacking sufficient initial safety and structural inspection. Detailed investigations are necessary, and engineering evaluations are the next required analysis to confirm the systems are safe for operational use, develop a comprehensive maintenance and repair plan, and expand options for shared use of Service, other Federal agency, or bureau tower sites. The engineering evaluations will provide technical evidence to determine risk, determine where mitigation efforts are required and provide locations where towers should be removed from operations and demolished. The project supports Department Mission Area #6 – Modernizing Our Organization and Infrastructure for the Next 100 Years; Goal #3 – Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs and reduce deferred maintenance backlog; Strategy #1 –Maintain critical DOI infrastructure and facilities to ensure effective operations and service delivery

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project supports necessary efforts to identify radio facilities conditions and risks, identify mitigation options, and develop preliminary cost estimates to reduce the risk or remove the systems from operations.

Investment Strategy (IS):
The project will evaluate risk and identify retrofit strategies that will result in expanded opportunities to share radio related facilities. It will not change annual operations and maintenance costs or leverage non-DOI resources.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
The Service has not yet evaluated radio facilities as required by DOI policy, leaving unknown levels of risk associated with current operations. Failure to fulfill these responsibilities could endanger the life and health of USFWS employees and visitors.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)		Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)				Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)				Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning		Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score**	70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)		

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 250,000	100%	Appropriated to Date	$ 500,000
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 250,000
Total:	$ 250,000	100%	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ 500,000
			Total:	$ 1,250,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	07/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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PROJECT DATA SHEET

Total Project Score/Ranking:	60
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Repair Main Water Supply Line for Raceways				
Project Number	2017297511	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	South Atlantic-Gulf	**Congressional District:**	09	**State:**	GA

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40710400	10014111	100	0.65	0.00

Project Description (PD):
The current main water distribution line constructed in 1965 is exhibiting signs of deterioration and substantial water escapement. The 800-foot long asbestos concrete and steel pipe provides nearly all the rearing water to the raceways. In 2017, efforts were initiated to pinpoint the leak through video examination and determine the extent of any voids that may have been developing. Multiple cracks were observed but excavation is needed to determine severity. The current pipeline will be repaired or replaced as needed, any voids or sinkholes will be repaired, and pavement and landscape returned to current condition. The asbestos concrete pipe will be demolished and handled according to applicable code and disposed of responsibly. The repaired water line will ensure adequate water is delivered to raceways that support Federal water development mitigation activities in the Southeast.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project ensures an adequate water supply to rearing units used in mitigating reimbursed Federal water development projects by repairing the only incoming water line.

Investment Strategy (IS):
There are no matching contributions for this project. Operating costs are not expected to change with project.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
Failure to address this project could lead to sudden failure and catastrophic loss of fish produced to mitigate Federal water development projects having a negative effect on the production of recreational fish in the Southeast.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.65	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 60
VE Study: N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)	

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 816,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 816,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ -
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 816,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ -
Total:		$ 816,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet** (mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update 07/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22		

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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PROJECT DATA SHEET

Total Project Score/Ranking:	55
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities [ic]				
Project Number	2011182226	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	Upper Colorado	**Congressional District:**	AL	**State:**	WY

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40710300	10024803	100	0.32	0.00

Project Description (PD):

Rehabilitate the water treatment system that was constructed in 1995, by replacing old drum filters, ultra violet system, water pumps, piping, packed columns, and associated items. Most of the equipment was manufactured in another country and replacement parts are expensive and difficult to obtain. The UV system is worn out and routinely needs new parts. The hatchery is in the process of filing water rights on a new spring. The added water from this spring cannot be used because the current drum filter and UV system is undersized for this additional water. The water treatment system is needed to provide water free of disease to the trout being reared at the hatchery. The hatchery supplies 2 million lake trout eggs for restoration in the Great Lakes region and 2-3 million brown trout eggs to Federally mandated waters for mitigation. This project supports fish restoration goals.

Scope of Benefits (SB):

Maintenance of a lake trout broodstock meets the strategic goals of the Service for restoration of imperiled species.

Investment Strategy (IS):

Fully utilizing new water rights for the production of fish and utilizing up to date water reuse equipment should reduce maintenance costs but will increase operations costs for utilities.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):

Protection and utilization of water rights is essential for current lake trout egg production and any other aquatic species production in the future. Without

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	100	)=	40
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.21	Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	-25	)=	-5
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 55
VE Study: N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)	

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 644,000	100	Appropriated to Date	$ -
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 644,000
Total:	$ 644,000	100	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ 458,000
			Total:	$1,102,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	19	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	02/19	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/21			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	301	Projected	10,000	Net Change	9,699

*This project was updated from the project description included in the Department of the Interior Budget in Brief, Fiscal Year 2020.
The revised estimate now includes $458,000 proposed as a separate phase of the project in 2021 of the FWS five-year construction plan.

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Plan Fund FY	Priority	Facility or Unit Name	Project Title	State	Cong. District	DOI Score	Project Cost Information ($000)					Remaining to be Funded ($000)	Future Years of Funding for Other Phases
							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2020	1	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Flood Protection Levee Rehabilitation Phase II	CA	15	90	**$19,400**	$6,400	$5,875	$0	**$5,875**	$7,125	outside scope of plan
2020	2	Jordan River National Fish Hatchery	Rehabilitate Raceways 57-58	MI	01	70	**$500**	$0	$500	$0	**$500**	$0	
2020	3	Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery	Construct Mussel Rearing Building	VA	03	70	**$558**	$0	$0	$558	**$558**	$0	
2020	4	Branch of Dam Safety	Dam Safety Program - Evaluations of Newly Acquired Dams Phase IV of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$750	$250	$0	**$250**	$250	2021
2020	5	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase I of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$0	$200	$0	**$200**	$800	2021-2024
2020	6	Information Resources & Technology Management	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase III of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$500	$250	$0	**$250**	$500	2021-2022
2020	7	Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery	Replace Main Drain Line for Raceways	GA	09	60	**$816**	$0	$816	$0	**$816**	$0	
2020	8	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities [ic]	WY	AL	55	**$1,102**	$0	$644	$0	**$644**	$458	2021
			Total for Fiscal Year 2020								**$9,093**		

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							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2021	9	Bears Bluff National Fish Hatchery	Replace and Relocate Laboratory [p/d/ic]	SC	06	90	**$1,464**	$0	$800	$200	**$1,000**	$464	2023
2021	10	Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Repair Umbarger Dam	TX	19	90	**$2,100**	$300	$1,800	$0	**$1,800**	$0	
2021	11	Makah NFH	Replace Diversion Dam and Fish Barrier Phase II of IV	WA	06	80	**$5,208**	$1,687	$1,000	$0	**$1,000**	$2,521	2022, outside scope of plan
2021	12	Branch of Dam Safety	Dam Safety Program - Evaluations of Newly Acquired Dams Phase V of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$1,000	$250	$0	**$250**	$0	
2021	13	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase II of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$200	$200	$0	**$200**	$600	2022-2024
2021	14	Information Resources & Technology Management	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase IV of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$750	$250	$0	**$250**	$250	2022
2021	15	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities [cc]	WY	AL	55	**$1,102**	$644	$458	$0	**$458**	$0	
2021	16	Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge	Construct Multi-purpose Building and Public Recreational Facilities [p/d]	WA	03	50	**$6,625**	$0	$0	$400	**$400**	$6,225	2024
2021	17	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	Remediate and Demolish Bureau of Indian Affairs Infrastructure	AK	AL	40	**$13,925**	$1,200	$3,675	$0	**$3,675**	$9,050	2022-2023
2021	18	Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery	Demolish Residence 6	AZ	01	36	**$60**	$0	$60	$0	**$60**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2021								**$9,093**		

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							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2022	19	Neosho National Fish Hatchery	Replace Feed Storage and Vehicle Storage Building	MO	07	90	**$500**	$0	$500	$0	**$500**	$0	
2022	20	Makah National Fish Hatchery	Replace Diversion Dam and Fish Barrier Phase III of IV	WA	06	80	**$5,208**	$2,687	$2,063	$0	**$2,063**	$458	outside scope of plan
2022	21	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase III of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$400	$200	$0	**$200**	$400	2023-2024
2022	22	Information Resources & Technology Management	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase V of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$1,000	$250	$0	**$250**	$0	
2022	23	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	Remediate and Demolish Bureau of Indian Affairs Infrastructure	AK	AL	40	**$13,925**	$4,875	$6,050	$0	**$6,050**	$3,000	2023
2022	24	Iron River National Fish Hatchery	Demolish Dilapidated Milking Barn	WI	07	40	**$30**	$0	$30	$0	**$30**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2022								**$9,093**		

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							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2023	25	Bears Bluff National Fish Hatchery	Replace and Relocate Laboratory [cc]	SC	06	90	**$1,464**	$1,000	$464	$0	**$464**	$0	
2023	26	Genoa National Fish Hatchery	Construct Aeration Tower and Head Box	WI	03	80	**$1,000**	$0	$0	$1,000	**$1,000**	$0	
2023	27	Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery	Update Waste Water Treatment Plant For NPDES Compliance	ME	02	80	**$442**	$0	$442	$0	**$442**	$0	
2023	28	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase IV of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$600	$200	$0	**$200**	$200	2024
2023	29	Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge	Remove Debris and Hazardous Waste	MQ	*	70	**$8,019**	$0	$3,225	$0	**$3,225**	$4,794	outside scope of plan
2023	30	Alchesay National Fish Hatchery	Effluent Treatment System [ic]	AZ	01	65	**$912**	$150	$0	$762	**$762**	$0	
2023	31	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	Remediate and Demolish Bureau of Indian Affairs Infrastructure	AK	AL	40	**$13,925**	$10,925	$3,000	$0	**$3,000**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2023								**$9,093**		

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Plan Fund FY	Priority	Facility or Unit Name	Project Title	State	Cong. District	DOI Score	Project Cost Information ($000)					Remaining to be Funded ($000)	Future Years of Funding for Other Phases
							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2024	32	Creston National Fish Hatchery	Replace Raceways 12-29	MT	AL	80	**$1,400**	$0	$1,400	$0	**$1,400**	$0	
2024	33	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase V of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$800	$200	$0	**$200**	$0	
2024	34	D D Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery	Construct Wildlife Water Production System - Treatment Building	VT	AL	70	**$850**	$0	$15	$835	**$850**	$0	
2024	45	Ennis National Fish Hatchery	Construct Water Intake By-Pass	MT	AL	60	**$418**	$0	$0	$418	**$418**	$0	
2024	36	Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge	Construct Multi-purpose Building and Public Recreational Facilities [cc]	WA	03	50	**$6,625**	$400	$0	$6,225	**$6,225**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2024								**$9,093**		

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Land Acquisition

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out chapter 2003 of title 54, United States Code, including administrative expenses, and for acquisition of land or waters, or interest therein, in accordance with statutory authority applicable to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, $9,864,000, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and to remain available until expended: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated for specific land acquisition projects may be used to pay for any administrative overhead, planning or other management costs: Provided further, that of the unobligated balances available under this heading, $5,324,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: Provided further, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

The Fish and Wildlife Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j). Authorizes acquisition of additions to the National Wildlife Refuge System for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources by purchase or exchange of land and water or interests therein.

Refuge Recreation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460-460k-4). Authorizes acquisition of areas that are adjacent to or within existing fish and wildlife Conservation Areas administered by the Department of the Interior, and suitable for (1) incidental fish and wildlife-oriented recreation development, (2) the protection of natural resources, (3) the conservation of listed, threatened, or endangered species, or (4) carrying out two or more of the above.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460l-4608). Authorizes appropriations to the Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire land for National Wildlife Refuges as otherwise authorized by law. Authorization of Appropriations:

National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee). Establishes overall policy guidance, places restrictions on the transfer, exchange, or other disposal of refuge lands, and authorizes the Secretary to accept donations of land.

Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1534-1544). Authorizes the acquisition of land, waters, or interests therein for the conservation of fish, wildlife, and plants, including those that are listed as endangered or threatened species, with Land and Water Conservation Fund Act appropriations.

Emergency Wetlands Resources Act (P.L 99-645; 100 Stat. 3582). Authorizes the purchase of wetlands, or interests in wetlands, consistent with the wetlands priority conservation plan established under the Act.

Highlands Conservation Act (P.L. 108-421). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to work in partnership with the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial assistance to the Highlands States to preserve and protect high priority conservation land in the Highland region.

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Land Acquisition

Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days This column reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.	+26	+25
Pay Raise The 2020 request reflects a pay freeze for civilian employees.	+34	+0
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.	+0	+14
Departmental Working Capital Fund The change reflects expected changes in the charges for centrally billed Department services and other services through the Working Capital Fund. These charges are detailed in the Budget Justification for Department Management.	+0	+0
Worker's Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of compensating injured employees and dependents of employees who suffer accidental deaths while on duty. Costs for the BY will reimburse the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Fund, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8147(b) as amended by Public Law 94-273.	+0	+0
Unemployment Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of unemployment compensation claims to be paid to the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Account, in the Unemployment Trust Fund, pursuant to Public Law 96-499.	+0	+0
Rental Payments The amounts reflect changes in the costs payable to General Services Administration (GSA) and others for office and non-office space as estimated by GSA, as well as the rental costs of other currently occupied space. These costs include building security; in the case of GSA space, these are paid to Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Costs of mandatory office relocations, i.e. relocations in cases where due to external events there is no alternative but to vacate the currently occupied space, are also included.	+0	+0
Baseline Adjustments for O&M Increases In accordance with space maximization efforts across the Federal Government, this adjustment captures the associated increase to baseline operations and maintenance requirements resulting from movement out of GSA or direct-leased (commercial) space and into Bureau-owned space. While the GSA portion of fixed costs will go down as a result of these moves, Bureaus often encounter an increase to baseline O&M costs not otherwise captured in fixed costs. This category of funding properly adjusts the baseline fixed cost amount to maintain steady-state funding for these requirements.	+0	+0

Land Acquisition

Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days	+26	+25
This column reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.		
Pay Raise	+34	+0
There is no pay raise for 2019 or 2020 (0.0%).		
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System	+0	+14
The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.		

Appropriation: Land Acquisition

	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Request				Change from 2019 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Land Acquisition Management ($000)	12,773	12,773	+39	0	-3,286	9,526	-3,247
Land Protection Planning ($000)	465	465	0	0	-465	0	-465
Exchanges ($000)	1,500	1,500	0	0	-1,500	0	-1,500
Inholdings / Emergencies and Hardships ($000)	5,351	5,351	0	0	-5,013	338	-5,013
Highlands Conservation Act ($000)	10,000	10,000	0	0	-10,000	0	-10,000
Sportsmen and Recreational Access ($000)	2,500	2,500	0	0	-2,500	0	-2,500
Federal Refuges/Projects ($000)	31,250	31,250	0	0	-31,250	0	-31,250
Total, Land Acquisition ($000)	**63,839**	**63,839**	**+39**	**0**	**-54,014**	**9,864**	**-53,975**
FTE	***79***	***79***	***0***	***0***	***-35***	***44***	***-35***
Cancellation of Prior Year Balances *($000)*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*-5,324*	-5,324	-5,324
Total, Current and Prior Year ($000)	**63,839**	**63,839**	**+39**	**0**	**-54,014**	**4,540**	**-53,975**
FTE	***79***	***79***	***0***	***0***	***-35***	***44***	***-35***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Land Acquisition

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Land Protection Planning	-465	-3
• Exchanges	-1,500	-12
• Sportsmen and Recreational Access	-2,500	0
• Land Acquisition Management	-3,286	-19
• Inholdings/Emergencies and Hardships	-5,013	0
• Highlands Conservation Act	-10,000	-1
• Land Acquisition Projects	-31,250	0
Program Changes	**-54,014**	**-35**

Program Overview

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was established by Congress in 1964 to fulfill a bipartisan commitment to safeguard our natural areas, water resources, and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities to all Americans. The fund invests revenues from offshore oil and gas leasing to help strengthen communities, preserve our history, and protect important fish, wildlife, and plant habitats. Acquired lands and waters become part of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) or National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS). When acquired in fee title, these lands and waters provide the public opportunities to hunt, fish, observe and photograph wildlife, and enjoy environmental education and interpretation.

The Service purchases the minimum interest in land that is necessary to meet the Service's conservation mission. Therefore, if conservation easements will meet biological objectives, then typically the Service will pursue those rather than buying the land in fee.

Each new refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge System is strategically planned to give migrating birds safe havens on their journeys, provide fish with clean waters, and ensure that our children and grandchildren have wild places to explore. The Service's Strategic Growth Policy directs the Service to focus on acquiring lands and waters that support three conservation priorities: 1) Recovery of threatened and endangered species; 2) Implementing the North American Waterfowl Management Plan; and 3) Conserving migratory birds of conservation concern.

A landowner and FWS staff discuss the benefits of a conservation easement to the ranch and to the tallgrass prairie ecosystem. Grazing of domestic livestock mimics the effects of grazing historic bison herds. Credit: Emily Fischer, USFWS.

Using these three priorities, a Service interdisciplinary team developed the Targeted Resource Acquisition Comparison Tool (TRACT). The TRACT provides a biological, science-based, transparent process for evaluating proposed Refuge System land acquisitions based on each of these three conservation priorities. The TRACT does not assign weights to the three priorities and does not produce a single numerical ranking that combines all of the Service's priorities. The TRACT's rankings are instead intended to provide decision makers with an objective analysis that is grounded in the best available science; it is a decision support tool to inform the decision maker, but does not make the decision. Consideration is also given to how an acquisition supports DOI and Service goals to provide connectivity of wildlife corridors and to increase public recreational opportunities, especially near urban areas.

The Service acquires land and interests in land from willing sellers only. For every project for which the Service requests LWCF funding, the Service has an approved Land Protection Plan and has completed the required National Environmental Policy Act review process.

Land Acquisition Management

This activity supports efforts directly related to the acquisition of lands within approved acquisition boundaries of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The funding supports all costs for staff and the administration, implementation, coordination, and evaluation of the Service's Federal land acquisition program in our Headquarters, Regional, and field offices. The land acquisition staff maintains the maps and property records for Service-managed lands, and prepares right-of-way permits for oil, gas, and other pipelines, electrical transmission lines, and other infrastructure. This budget activity also includes approximately $2 million for the land acquisition program's share of Service-wide infrastructure needs and assessments, including leased space and information technology investments. Land acquisition management also funds contract boundary surveys, title work, and appraisals when the specific project appropriation is insufficient to fund these costs in addition to land costs.

Land acquisition staff provides specialized support for several realty-based functions, including:

- Working with willing sellers, from initial explanations of Federal acquisition options to the final acquisition, including processing and accepting donations;

- Preparing right-of-way permits for oil and gas and other pipelines, electrical transmission lines, telecommunications, and other infrastructure that crosses Service-managed lands;
- Developing and maintaining tools that inform the decision-making process;
- Working collaboratively with States, local governments, landowners, non-governmental organizations, and other land management agencies to acquire land for wildlife corridors and public recreation;
- Creating, maintaining, and updating geospatial data, and property records for Service-managed lands. This supports the Service's GIS/mapping capacity for land use and the Service's contributions to the Protected Areas Database of the United States (PAD-US), which is a single, continuously updated geospatial database/official national inventory of federal and state protected areas. PAD-US includes all conservation areas managed by Federal and State agencies; conservation areas owned by nonprofits; and private lands protected by conservation easements. PAD-US serves many users, and is developed through partnerships with States, Federal agencies, and non-profit organizations;
- Preparing responses to information requests from a variety of sources; and
- Providing land surveying services to resolve encroachment and other boundary issues.

The Service acquired through donation a public hiking trail easement over 0.7 acres for Ridgefield NWR. The easement connects to a popular hiking trail and provides an additional 0.17 miles of trail through wetlands and upland forests. Credit: Charlie Parrott, USFWS.

Inholdings / Emergencies and Hardships

The Service uses funding in this activity to expedite purchases of smaller tracts of land from willing sellers for three categories: inholdings, emergencies, and hardships. The Service defines any land within an approved acquisition boundary as an inholding. The Service frequently uses funding for inholdings to purchase lands that connect with private- or State-conserved lands, to create larger contiguous blocks of protected wildlife habitat and to expand public recreational opportunities. The Service also uses funding for inholdings to acquire small tracts of land when doing so will improve refuge management effectiveness or efficiency, eliminate a costly management problem, or provide or expand public access to existing refuge lands for hunting, fishing, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation. An emergency that may be best addressed with land acquisition from a willing seller could be a proposed development or a conversion to other uses that would result in the permanent loss of wildlife habitat. Funding is also used to purchase lands when the owner is experiencing financial

The Service acquired 581 acres for Mortenson Lake NWR, Wyoming, to help recovery of the Federally-listed endangered Wyoming Toad (Bufo Baxteri). The toad needs open areas along lakeshores, and the Service uses grazing to maintain these open areas. Credit: Sarah Armstrong, USFWS.

hardship and must quickly sell his or her land that is within an approved refuge acquisition boundary. This funding allows the Service to capitalize on emergent opportunities to conserve fish and wildlife habitat and to be a good neighbor to local landowners.

Use of Residual LWCF Funds
Federal land acquisition projects sometimes have small amounts of funds remaining after land has been acquired. These residual funds are insufficient to acquire additional land. The Service reallocates residual project funds of less than $50,000 to the Inholdings / Emergencies and Hardships line item to be used to protect other lands that do not have project funding. This shift enables the Service to acquire valuable wildlife habitat within approved refuge acquisition boundaries that becomes available for acquisition between appropriations cycles.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Land Acquisition is $9,864,000 and 44 FTE, a program change of -$54,014,000 and -35 FTE from the 2019 CR Baseline. The budget request proposes cancelling $5,324,000 of prior year Land Acquisition unobligated balances.

Land Protection Planning (-$465,000/-3 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Exchanges (-$1,500,000/-12 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Sportsmen and Recreational Access (-$2,500,000/+0 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Land Acquisition Management (-$3,286,000/-19 FTE)
The Service will continue to prioritize land acquisition activities such as acquiring inholdings that provide connectivity for public recreation and wildlife corridors and previously funded acquisitions; streamlining the process for obtaining right-of-way permits; updating maps and geospatial data; and resolving encroachment and other boundary issues.

Inholdings, Emergencies, and Hardships (-$5,013,000/+0 FTE)
The Service is requesting $338,000 for the inholdings, emergencies, and hardships program. The Service will use the requested funding to acquire tracts that provide connectivity for public access and for wildlife corridors.

Highlands Conservation Act (-$10,000,000/-1 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Land Acquisition Projects (-$31,250,000/+0 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

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National Wildlife Refuge Fund

Appropriations Language

The budget proposes to eliminate discretionary funding for this program. Therefore, appropriations language is not necessary.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (P.L. 116–5). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

Refuge Revenue Sharing Act (16 U.S.C. 715s). Authorizes payments to be made to offset tax losses to counties in which Service fee and withdrawn public domain lands are located.

Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Sections 1002 and 1008 (16 U.S.C. 3142 and 3148). These sections address the procedures for permitting oil and gas leases on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge coastal plain (Section 1002) and other non-North Slope Federal lands in Alaska (Section 1008).

Appropriation: National Wildlife Refuge Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Appropriations	($000)	13,228	13,228	0	0	-13,228	0	-13,228
Receipts*	($000)	9,415	8,132	0	0	+364	8,496	+364
Total, National Wildlife Refuge Fund	**($000)**	**22,643**	**21,360**	**0**	**0**	**-12,864**	**8,496**	**-12,864**
	FTE	***3***	***3***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***3***	***0***

*The amount presented in 2018 and 2019 includes the sequestration in accordance with Sec. 251(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, 2 U.S.C 901(a). In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Wildlife Refuge Fund

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Appropriations	-13,228	0
TOTAL Program Changes	**-13,228**	**0**

Program Overview

The purpose of the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act is to share revenues derived from refuge lands with counties and other units of local government to compensate for lost tax revenues from Federal land acquisitions. The Act authorizes revenues and direct appropriations to be deposited into a special fund, the National Wildlife Refuge Fund (NWRF), and used for payments to counties in which lands are acquired in fee (fee land) or reserved from the public domain (reserved land) and managed by the Service for fish and wildlife purposes, minus any associated costs. These revenues are typically between six and eight million dollars each year, and are derived from the sale or disposition of products (e.g., timber and gravel); other privileges (e.g., rights-of-way and grazing permits); and/or leases for public accommodations or facilities (e.g., oil and gas exploration and development) incidental to, and not in conflict with, refuge purposes.

The Act authorizes payments for Service-managed fee lands based on a formula that entitles counties to whichever is the highest of the following amounts: 1) 25 percent of the net receipts; 2) 3/4 of 1 percent of the fair market value of the land; or 3) 75 cents per acre.

The refuge revenue sharing payments made on lands reserved from the public domain and administered by the Service are always 25 percent of the net receipts collected from the reserved land in the county. If no receipts are collected, there is no revenue sharing payment. However, the Department of the Interior makes Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) (31 U.S.C. 6901-6907) on all public domain lands, including Service-reserved lands. The Service reports to the Department annually on all Service reserved land acres and the revenue sharing amounts already paid on those acres. The Department then calculates the PILT

Oil and gas revenues from reserved lands are deposited into the U.S. General Treasury. Oil and gas revenues from fee lands are deposited in the National Wildlife Refuge Fund to be shared with counties and other units of local government. Credit: Pedro Ramirez, Jr., USFWS.

amounts, subtracts the amounts the Service has already paid, and makes the PILT payments to the local governments.

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) addresses procedures for oil and gas leasing on non-North Slope Federal lands in Alaska and for transportation and utility systems in and across the Alaska conservation system units. Applicants pay the costs to process applications or administer permits relating to utility and transportation systems or seismic exploration. These payments directly reimburse the Service for its management costs.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Discretionary Appropriations (-$13,228,000/ +0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for the appropriated (discretionary) portion of the National Wildlife Refuge Fund in order to support higher priorities. This Fund was intended to compensate communities for lost tax revenue from Federal land acquisitions, but fails to take into account the economic benefits refuges provide to communities.

Mandatory Receipts: The 2020 estimate for National Wildlife Refuge Fund revenue is $8,496,000. The Refuge Revenue Sharing Act authorizes the Service to deduct certain expenses incurred in connection with revenue producing activities. The table below shows how the Service derives the funding amount available for payments to counties and other units of local government.

(Dollars in Thousands)				
National Wildlife Refuge Fund	**2018 Actual**	**2019 Estimate**	**2020 Estimate**	**Program Change (+/-)**
Receipts / Expenses				
Receipts Collected	9,814	8,000	8,000	0
Sequestration*	-628	-496	0	+496
Recoveries	23	100	100	0
Expenses for Sales	-2,127	-2,514	-2,514	0
ANILCA Expenses	-10	-50	-50	0
Estimated User-Pay Cost Share	-58	-60	-60	0
Net Receipts				
Available during the following year	7,014	4,980	5,476	+496
Payments to Counties				
Receipts Available - collected previous year		7,014	4,980	-2,034
Sequestration Restored		628	496	-132
Appropriations		13,228	0	-13,228
Total Available for Payments to Counties		**20,870**	**5,476**	-15,394

*2020 amount assumes no sequestration.

Revenues from grazing permits, timber sales, and other activities are deposited in the National Wildlife Refuge Fund to be shared with counties and other units of local government.

Above: Thinning forests at Little Pend Oreille NWR, Washington.

Right: Cattle grazing at Red Rock Lakes NWR, Montana.

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

Appropriations Language

Of the unobligated balances available under this heading, $31,008,000 *are hereby permanently cancelled. Provided, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.*

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the Continuing Resolution.

Authorizing Statute

Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to and removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery; provides for interagency cooperation to avoid take of listed species and for issuing permits for otherwise prohibited activities; and implements the provisions of the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna* (CITES).

Appropriation: Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation Grants	($000)	12,508	12,508	0	0	-12,508	0	-12,508
Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants	($000)	7,485	7,485	0	0	-7,485	0	-7,485
Species Recovery Land Acquisition	($000)	11,162	11,162	0	0	-11,162	0	-11,162
HCP Land Acquisition Grants to States	($000)	19,638	19,638	0	0	-19,638	0	-19,638
Administration	($000)	2,702	2,702	0	0	-2,702	0	-2,702
Total Current Year Appropriated Funds	($000)	**53,495**	**53,495**			**-53,495**	**0**	**-53,495**
	FTE	***13***	***13***	***0***	***0***	***-13***	***0***	***-13***
Cancellation of Prior Year Balances							-31,008	
Total Current Year and Prior Year	**($000)**	**53,495**	**53,495**	**0**	**0**	**-53,495**	**-31,008**	**-84,503**
		13	**13**	**0**	**0**	**-13**	**0**	**-13**
Mandatory – Unavailable Receipts**	($000)	74,695	69,654			+1,896	71,550	+1,896

** Amounts shown reflect an annual deposit of an amount equal to 5 percent of total Federal Aid/Sport Fish and Lacey Act violation collections above $500,000 into this Special Fund. The Special Fund amounts are not available in the fiscal year in which they are collected, but are available for subsequent appropriation to the CESCF.

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Conservation Grants	-12,508	0
• HCP Planning Assistance Grants	-7,485	0
• Species Recovery Land Acquisition Grants	-11,162	0
• HCP Land Acquisition Grants	-19,638	0
• Administration	-2,702	-13
Program Changes	**-53,495**	**-13**

Program Overview

The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF; Section 6 of the ESA), administered by the Service's Ecological Services program, provides grant funding to States and Territories for species and habitat conservation actions on non-Federal lands, including habitat acquisition, conservation planning, habitat restoration, status surveys, captive propagation and reintroduction, research, and education.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (-$53,495,000/-13 FTE)

The Service is not requesting funding for these activities in order to support higher priorities. The budget request proposes cancelling $31,008,000 of prior year CESCF funding.

North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4401 et seq.), $40,000,000 to remain available until expended.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989, (16 U.S.C. 4401-4414). Section 4406 of the Act (NAWCA) authorizes fines, penalties, and forfeitures from violations of the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* to be made available for wetlands conservation projects. Section 4407 authorizes interest on excise taxes for hunting equipment deposited for wetlands conservation grants and costs for administering this grant program. Such amounts have been permanently appropriated as provided in Public Law 103-138. The Act authorizes appropriations to be used to encourage partnerships among public agencies and other interests to protect, enhance, restore, and manage wetland ecosystems and other habitats for migratory birds and other fish and wildlife; to maintain current or improved distributions of migratory bird populations; and to sustain an abundance of waterfowl and other migratory birds consistent with goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and international obligations with other countries.

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act, (16 U.S.C. 3951-3956). Establishes the National Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Program within the Sport Fish Restoration Account for projects authorized by NAWCA in coastal States.

Aquatic Resources Trust Fund, (26 U.S.C. 9504). Authorizes appropriations from the Sport Fish Restoration Account to carry out the *Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act*.

Appropriation: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund
Activity: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Appropriations: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	($000)	40,000	40,000	0	0	0	40,000	0
Receipts (Mandatory): Migratory Bird Treaty Act Fines	($000)	11,496	15,289	0	0	-14,589	700	-14,589
Total, North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	**($000)**	**51,496**	**55,289**	**0**	**0**	**-14,589**	**40,700**	**-14,589**
	FTE	***9***	***9***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***9***	***0***

* The amounts presented in 2018 and 2019 include the sequestration in accordance with Sec. 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

Since 1990, *the North American Wetlands Conservation Act* (NAWCA) has supported partnerships that protect, enhance, and restore habitat for wetland-dependent birds and other wildlife—from the boreal forest of Canada, to the Mississippi delta, to the mangroves of Mexico, and from coast to coast. Through NAWCA, Federal funds are typically leveraged at twice the legally required 1:1 non-Federal match-to-grant ratio supporting projects that not only provide significant conservation of North America's highly-valued waterfowl resource, but also:

- Sustain hunting and fishing by increasing both the quality and quantity of opportunities for outdoor recreation.
- Promote flood control, recharge groundwater stores, and improve water quality for local communities.
- Support the recovery of endangered and threatened species.
- Help implement the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and other national and international bird conservation plans.
- Achieve the Department's and Service's long-term goal of supporting healthy and sustainable migratory bird populations.

Partners in NAWCA projects include private landowners, States, local governments, conservation organizations, national and local sportsmen's groups, Tribes, trusts, and corporations.

Investments that Matter

NAWCA funds are invested in thousands of public-private partnerships that protect and improve the health and integrity of wetland-dominated landscapes across North America. These habitats are critically important for sustaining North American waterfowl populations and a diversity of native fish and wildlife species. NAWCA-funded projects also improve hydrologic functions in and around project areas, benefiting nearby human communities and industry.

Project proposals and grantees undergo a rigorous review process to ensure they comply with the purposes of the Act and financial assistance requirements. Once grant funding is awarded, the Service monitors projects to confirm that project objectives are met and to ensure regulatory compliance. This oversight promotes the successful implementation of strategic, long-term habitat conservation and ensures program accountability.

Through FY 2018, the NAWCA program supported over 2,800 projects in 50 U.S. States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, 13 Canadian provinces and territories, and 31 Mexican States. The Service has helped nearly 6,000 partners conserve 31.3 million acres.

NAWCA GRANT PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1991-2018

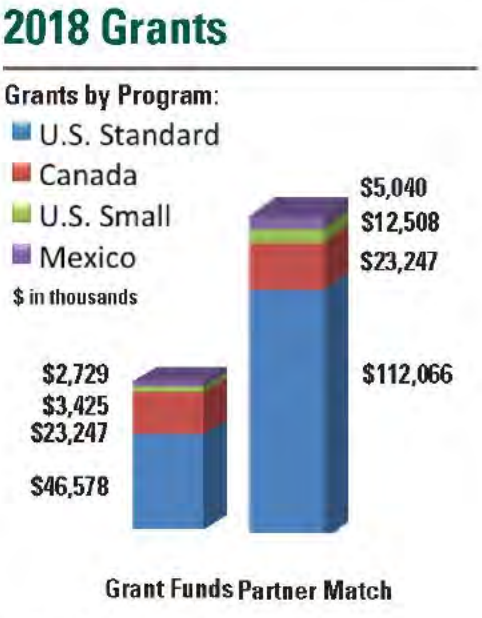
Country	Protected Acres	Enhanced, Restored, and Created Acres	Number of Projects
Canada	14,930,457	*3,355,344	562
Mexico	2,329,102	1,672,962	312
U.S.	4,785,748	4,266,501	1,949
All Countries	22,045,307	9,294,807	2,823

Acreages represent total proposed acres approved for funding in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico through FY 2018. Some acres are included in both "Protected" and "Enhanced, Restored, and Created" due to multiple activities occurring on the same properties. Additionally, some protection is not perpetual. Therefore, the two categories should not be added to demonstrate total acres affected over the life of the program.

* This figure includes 413,910 acres of moist soil management completed prior to 1998.

Supporting Service-Wide Priorities

- NAWCA is a critical funding source for migratory bird habitat conservation; additionally, these funds contribute to the conservation of other wetland-dependent species and support national and international conservation priorities. NAWCA-supported projects complement Service conservation efforts through the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Endangered Species Act, National Wildlife Refuge System, and other programs.
- NAWCA supports the Service's mission to ensure the conservation of wildlife for the benefit and enjoyment of all Americans, providing funding to projects that enrich and increase outdoor recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, and bird-watching.
- NAWCA depends on partnerships with public and private stakeholders to design and execute wetlands conservation projects.
- The NAWCA grant program also complements conservation actions of other Federal agencies, including the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Defense.



Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund is $40,000,000 and 9 FTE.

Mandatory Receipts – Receipts are derived from court-imposed fines for violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and vary greatly from year to year. The FY 2020 estimate is $700,000 for this account, which reflects a significant decrease from previous years because FY 2019 was the last year in which the Service received fine monies from the Deepwater Horizon settlement.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Process and issue NAWCA grants that support waterfowl and wetland habitat conservation.

NAWCA-funded enhancement at Rockefeller state refuge in Louisiana. Credit: John Hoffman, Ducks Unlimited

Multinational Species Conservation Fund

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the African Elephant Conservation Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 4201 et seq.), the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4261 et seq.), the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), and the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6601 et seq.), $6,000,000, to remain available until expended.

Note.— A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115–245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

African Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4201-4203, 4211-4214, 4221-4225, 4241-4246,1538). Authorizes funding for approved projects for research, conservation, management and protection of African elephants and their habitats, and combating ivory trafficking. The Act authorizes prohibitions against the sale, importation, and exportation of illegally obtained ivory derived from African elephants. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2012.

Asian Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4261-4266, 1538). Authorizes financial assistance for the conservation and protection of wild Asian elephants and their habitats. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2012.

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act, (16. U.S.C. 5301-5306, 1538). Authorizes funding to assist in the conservation of rhinoceroses and tigers in Asia and Africa, and combating trafficking of parts. Prohibits the sale, importation, and exportation of products derived from any species of rhinoceros or tiger. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2012.

Great Ape Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6301-6305, 1538). Authorizes financial assistance for the conservation of great apes within their ranges in Africa and Asia. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2010.

Marine Turtle Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6601-6607). Authorizes financial assistance for the conservation of marine turtles and their nesting habitats, and addresses other threats to marine turtles, such as stopping mortality due to bycatch. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2009.

Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act, (39 U.S.C. 416 note) as amended. Requires the United States Postal Service to issue and sell a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp. The stamp was to be made available to the public for at least six years, a period which has since expired. The proceeds from stamp sales are divided equally among the existing Multinational Species Conservation Funds and are used to help fund priority activities supported by those Funds. By law, the proceeds cannot affect or influence the disposition of discretionary appropriations.

Appropriation: Multinational Species Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Estimate	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
African Elephant Conservation Fund	($000)	2,582	2,582	0	0	-1,181	1,401	-1,181
Asian Elephant Conservation Fund	($000)	1,557	1,557	0	0	-712	845	-712
Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund	($000)	3,440	3,440	0	0	-1,575	1,865	-1,575
Great Ape Conservation Fund	($000)	1,975	1,975	0	0	-904	1,071	-904
Marine Turtle Conservation Fund	($000)	1,507	1,507	0	0	-689	818	-689
Total, Multinational Species Conservation Fund	**($000)**	**11,061**	**11,061**	**0**	**0**	**-5,061**	**6,000**	**-5,061**
	FTE	***3***	***3***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***3***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Multinational Species Conservation Fund

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Multinational Species Conservation Fund	-5,061	0
Program Changes	**-5,061**	**0**

Program Mission

To provide technical and financial assistance to local communities, wildlife authorities, and non-governmental organizations in developing countries for on-the-ground conservation work to protect elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, great apes, and marine turtles.

Program Overview

Elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, great apes, and marine turtles are among the world's most recognized and beloved animals. Yet, these iconic species face severe threats and some even teeter on the brink of extinction due to poaching, habitat loss, and wildlife trafficking. Key populations of these species are found in developing countries where these threats are compounded by political instability, expanding human populations, and a severe lack of funding and capacity for conservation.

The Multinational Species Conservation Funds (MSCFs) were authorized through five Congressional Acts to provide critical technical and financial assistance to local communities, government agencies, and non-government organizations that are working to protect and safeguard the future of wildlife. Through this support, the Service assists foreign countries to sustainably manage their wildlife populations and attract substantial leveraged or matched funding, while also building considerable good will toward the United States. From 2013 to 2017, the MSCFs provided more than $47 million in appropriated funds through grants and cooperative agreements for on-the-ground conservation and leveraged nearly $92 million in additional matching dollars. Since the Program's inception, the MSCFs have engaged nearly 600 domestic and foreign

partners in over 54 foreign countries. The provision of financial assistance to protect these priority species helps to ensure the U.S. restores trust outside our borders and creates a conservation stewardship legacy on behalf of the American people.

The MSCF project selection is highly competitive and enables the Service to direct assistance to key populations and the most urgently needed activities. Priority activities include establishing protected areas; monitoring wildlife populations; improving law enforcement and prosecution to stop wildlife trafficking; reducing consumer demand for illegal wildlife products; and providing vital infrastructure, training, and equipment to effectively manage protected areas. Several of the species covered by the MSCFs, including rhinoceroses, tigers and African elephants, are under unprecedented pressure due to poaching and wildlife trafficking. These programs provide emergency support to quickly and effectively respond to escalating threats.

African Elephant Conservation Fund

Poaching of African elephants has reached crisis levels with an estimated 20,000-30,000 elephants illegally killed per year. The African Elephant Conservation Fund provides critical support to curb this poaching epidemic; to combat trafficking of ivory, elephant meat, and other illegal elephant products; and to reduce the demand for these products. In 2018, these funds supported essential frontline protection in elephant habitat in West, Central, East and Southern Africa; sponsored technological innovations to better detect and intercept ivory in transit; and supported the installation of modern management systems for seized ivory in range states.

An estimated 20,000-30,000 elephants are illegally killed each year. Credit: Joe Milmoe/USFWS

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund (RTCF)

Tiger at Ranthambore National Park. Credit: Chandru Fotografia/Creative Commons

Rhinoceros poaching has skyrocketed in less than a decade, from 13 animals poached in South Africa in 2007 to more than 1,000 poached per year every year since 2013.[1] In the last 100 years, wild tiger populations have been reduced by 97% due to poaching, habitat loss, and human wildlife conflict. The Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund, which supports wildlife conservation in both Asia and Africa, has been essential in responding to this crisis while also addressing other critical threats facing rhinos and tigers. Program activities aim to protect existing populations; to restore animals to their original habitat; and to combat trafficking of tiger skins, bones, live animals, and rhino horn and other rhino products.

[1] Poaching Statistics. (2016). Retrieved from https://www.savetherhino.org/rhino_info/poaching_statistics.

The ASECF is the key source of funding for Asian elephants in range states. Credit: Cory Brown/USFWS

Asian Elephant Conservation Fund

Large herds of elephants once roamed freely throughout Asia's forests and grasslands. Today, wild population estimates range from 30,000 to 50,000 individuals, with continued declines caused primarily by habitat loss, human-elephant conflict, and poaching. The Asian Elephant Conservation Fund is the key source of funding for activities addressing the major threats to wild Asian elephant populations within range states. Program activities include law enforcement training and monitoring, public education campaigns via television and radio programming, forest ranger and patrol training, research on population dynamics, human-elephant conflict mitigation, strengthening counter-wildlife-trafficking efforts, wildlife veterinary capacity building, and promotion of elephant-centric land-use planning

Projects supported by the GACF have been integral to identify key orangutan populations in Malaysia. Credit: Cory Brown/USFWS

Great Ape Conservation Fund

The great apes, highly intelligent beings and humans' closest living relatives, are under extreme threat. Their slow rate of reproduction makes their populations less resilient to losses, and all are at risk of extinction. The Great Ape Conservation Fund (GACF) supports efforts to conserve all apes, including chimpanzees, gorillas, and bonobos in Africa and orangutans and gibbons in Asia. The Fund supports combating poaching and trafficking in great apes, enhancing habitat protection, establishing protected areas, developing ape range country capacity to address conservation threats, and creating long-term buy-in and stewardship for great ape conservation amongst local communities.

Kemp's Ridley sea turtle hatchlings. Credit: National Park Service

Marine Turtle Conservation Fund

Marine turtles are truly the ancient mariners of the world's oceans, with ancestors dating back more than 100 million years. These animals are important components of the ecosystems they inhabit, and as a flagship species, their conservation helps to sustain benefits to many other species of wildlife. Once abundant, marine turtle populations now are a fraction of what they once were. This Fund helps organizations and countries protect and increase their sea turtle populations through a variety of projects, including educational initiatives for communities, patrols of critical nesting beaches, and scientific research that benefits conservation.

Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp
The Save Vanishing Species semipostal stamp was first issued in September 2011 to raise public awareness and garner support for critically important global conservation work. The intent is to give the public an easy and inexpensive way to help conserve tigers, rhinos, elephants, great apes, and marine turtles around the world. The stamp, which features the image of an Amur tiger cub, sells just slightly above the cost of first-class postage with proceeds directed to the MSCFs. Since issuance, more than 49 million stamps have been sold, raising more than 5.4 million in direct funding for international wildlife conservation.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Multinational Species Conservation Fund is $6,000,000 and 3 FTE.

Multinational Species Conservation Fund (-$5,061,000/ +0 FTE)
The Service anticipates funding approximately 60 on-the-ground conservation projects that mitigate the threats to these iconic, imperiled species. MSCF grants fund conservation projects that address immediate threats such as habitat loss, poaching, illegal trade, and invasive species. Several of the species covered by the MSCFs, including rhinoceroses and African elephants, are under unprecedented pressure due to poaching and wildlife trafficking. Therefore, each project supports specific on-the-ground actions to address these threats. For example, without these efforts, a poaching ring may remain active, a wildlife trafficking route may continue operations, or habitat encroachment may continue to threaten a subspecies on the brink of extinction.

Since 2013, more than 1,000 rhinos have been poached every year in South Africa. Credit: Bryan Arroyo/USFWS

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Support the Service's work with partners around the world, to improve the conservation of elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, great apes, and marine turtles and their habitats through technical and financial assistance programs.

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Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), $3,900,000 to remain available until expended.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statute

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2006, (16 U.S.C. 6101-6109). For expenses necessary to carry out the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.). Authorizes a competitive grants program for the conservation of Neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

Appropriation: Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund	($000)	3,910	3,910	0	0	-10	3,900	-10
	FTE	*1*	*1*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*1*	*0*

Program Mission

The Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA or the Act) program provides matching grants to partners throughout the Western Hemisphere to promote the conservation of Neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

Program Overview

Over 380 species of Neotropical migratory birds breed in the United States and Canada and winter in Latin America and the Caribbean, including warblers, thrushes, sparrows, sandpipers, and raptors. Although many of these species travel tens of thousands of miles on their annual journeys, they also appear close to home in backyards, parks and local natural areas, making them an integral part of the resources that the Service seeks to conserve for the American people. As a result of habitat loss, predation, collisions with man-made structures and other sources of mortality, populations of many of these birds are declining. Eleven of these neotropical species are currently listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and sixty-two such species are on the Service's list of birds of conservation concern. Conservation actions funded through this program help to keep more of these species from being listed under the ESA by supporting projects on their breeding and wintering grounds.

NMBCA grants help achieve the Department's and Service's long-term goal of promoting healthy and sustainable migratory bird populations by supporting conservation projects that leverage nearly four dollars of non-Federal match for every Federal grant dollar invested—even in Latin America and the Caribbean, where resources for migratory bird conservation are scarce. The Act directs that at least 75 percent of the funds available each year go to projects in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Canada; the remaining funds go to projects in the United States. NMBCA grants are highly competitive with project demand greatly exceeding available funds, so only the highest quality proposals receive funding. In FY 2018, the Service funded 29 grants, leaving 16 proposals and over $1.8 million in projects unfunded.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund is $3,900,000 and 1 FTE.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Activities (-$10,000/ +0 FTE) – At the requested 2020 level, the NMBCA program will support priority national and international initiatives to engage people in the conservation of birds that are loved and enjoyed by birdwatchers, and that also benefit local communities

and local economies. The birds conserved under NMBCA provide significant benefits to local communities and economies through revenue generated from birding festivals and wildlife watching (purchasing of bird food, binoculars, etc.) and the jobs created in association with these recreational opportunities. The NMBCA supports and enhances the Department of the Interior's and the Service's efforts to get people outdoors and enjoy recreational opportunities on public lands. Additionally, NMBCA-funded actions support communities in other countries, which further sustain our shared bird resources.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Process and issue NMBCA grants that support the conservation of Neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

American Oystercatcher banding at Breezy Point, NY. Part of the Conserving Shorebirds at Jamaica Bay, NY project. Credit: Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon

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State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

STATE AND TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANT PROGRAM

Appropriations Language

For wildlife conservation grants to States and to the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa under the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, for the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitat, including species that are not hunted or fished, $31,286,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That $2,000,000 is for a competitive grant program for States, territories, and other jurisdictions, and at the discretion of affected States, the regional Associations of fish and wildlife agencies, not subject to the remaining provisions of this heading: Provided further, That the Secretary shall, after deducting $2,000,000 and administrative expenses, apportion the amount provided herein in the following manner: (1) to the District of Columbia and to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, each a sum equal to not more than one-half of 1 percent thereof; and (2) to Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, each a sum equal to not more than one-fourth of 1 percent thereof: Provided further, That the Secretary shall apportion the remaining amount in the following manner: (1) one-third of which is based on the ratio to which the land area of such State bears to the total land area of all such States; and (2) two-thirds of which is based on the ratio to which the population of such State bears to the total population of all such States: Provided further, That the amounts apportioned under this paragraph shall be adjusted equitably so that no State shall be apportioned a sum which is less than 1 percent of the amount available for apportionment under this paragraph for any fiscal year or more than 5 percent of such amount: Provided further, That the Federal share of planning grants shall not exceed 75 percent of the total costs of such projects and the Federal share of implementation grants shall not exceed 65 percent of the total costs of such projects: Provided further, That the non-Federal share of such projects may not be derived from Federal grant programs: Provided further, That any amount apportioned in 2020 to any State, territory, or other jurisdiction that remains unobligated as of September 30, 2021, shall be reapportioned, together with funds appropriated in 2022, in the manner provided herein.

Note.— A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115–245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544). Prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to or removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery; provides for interagency cooperation to avoid take of listed species and for issuing permits for otherwise prohibited activities; provides for cooperation with States, including authorization of financial assistance; and implements the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

Fish and Wildlife Act (16 U.S.C. 742(a)-742j). Establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take steps required for the development, management,

advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-666(e)). The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to provide assistance to, and cooperate with, Federal, State, and public or private agencies and organizations in the development, protection, rearing, and stocking of all species of wildlife, resources thereof, and their habitat, in controlling losses of the same from disease or other causes, in minimizing damages from overabundant species, and in providing public shooting and fishing areas, including easements across public lands for access thereto.

Activity: State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
State Wildlife Grants (Formula)	($000)	53,000	53,000	0	0	-23,714	29,286	-23,714
State Wildlife Grants (Competitive)	($000)	6,362	6,362	0	0	-4,362	2,000	-4,362
Tribal Wildlife Grants	($000)	4,209	4,209	0	0	-4,209	0	-4,209
Total, State and Tribal Wildlife	**($000)**	**63,571**	**63,571**	**0**	**0**	**-32,285**	**31,286**	**-32,285**
	FTE	**17**	***17***	***0***	***0***	**-8**	**9**	***-8***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• State Wildlife Grants (Formula)	-23,714	-5
• State Wildlife Grants (Competitive)	-4,362	-2
• Tribal Wildlife Grants	-4,209	-1
Program Changes	**-32,285**	**-8**

Program Overview

The State and Tribal Wildlife Grant (STWG) Program provides Federal grant funds to States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and Territories (States), to develop and implement programs for the benefit of fish and wildlife and their habitats, including species that are not hunted or fished. The program was first funded through the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2002 (Public Law 107-63).

Family Pheasant Hunting. Credit: USFWS

The STWG Program is the primary Federal funding source for States to implement proactive conservation targeting iconic American wildlife species, before they decline to levels that require listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Funding supports projects that conserve species identified in States' Wildlife Action Plans. Through preventative measures, such as habitat restoration and species management, the STWG Program helps to prevent imperiled species from becoming listed under the ESA. States may also choose to dedicate STWG Program funds to helping de-list and down-list Threatened or Endangered species. The STWG program accomplishes its goals by leveraging Federal funding through cost-sharing provisions with State fish and wildlife agencies and other partners. Working with interested stakeholders, State fish and wildlife agencies translate pressing conservation needs into practical actions and on-the-ground results. The STWG Program has played a crucial and indispensable role in reducing or preventing Service listings involving species such as Lake Erie water snake, Delmarva fox squirrel, pygmy rabbit, and New England cottontail rabbit, among many others.

Private Landowner Technical Assistance. Credit: USFWS

Current STWG Program investments allow State fish and wildlife agencies to improve habitat for important pollinators such as the monarch butterfly and regal fritillary, which are scheduled for Service status reviews in 2019 and 2022, respectively. Nationally, pollinators are in decline and further species loss could impose significant costs on American agricultural producers. Other States are focusing STWG Program investments on raising and releasing native mussels and other freshwater invertebrates in river systems in Texas, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, and many other States. Mussels are important in watershed health because they act as filters to provide clean water for agricultural and recreational uses as well as for municipal drinking water. Five species of freshwater snails and mussels are currently listed by the Service as Candidate species, while many others are scheduled for status reviews in the near future including Tennessee pigtoe and clubshell mussels.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for State and Tribal Wildlife Grants is $31,286,000 and 9 FTE.

State Wildlife Grants (Formula) (-$23,714,000/ -5 FTE)
The Service is requesting $29,286,000 for Formula State Wildlife Grants. This funding will support State fish and wildlife agencies in working with their many partners to update and improve their State Wildlife Action Plans, which identify common priorities for fish and wildlife conservation across the Nation. Formula funds often support timely conservation actions that aid the Service in removing species listings under the ESA. This benefits State agencies by returning species management authority to the State while reducing or eliminating potential barriers to economic growth. More commonly, State agencies use Formula funds to study and conserve species in decline before they require listing under the ESA, helping ensure sufficient data and information on agreements for future conservation are made available to the Service for use in the listing review process. Many potential species listings have been averted, in part due to States' efforts funded through Formula grants. Ongoing work targeting Candidate species is expected to continue, and additional successes of the Federal-State partnership in minimizing new species listings are expected.

State Wildlife Grants (Competitive) (-$4,362,000/ -2 FTE)
The Service is requesting $2,000,000 for funding big game research and science-supported conservation activities within 11 western State-identified priority corridors in support of Secretarial Order 3362.

Tribal Wildlife Grants (-$4,209,000/- 1 FTE)
The Service does not request in order to address higher priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will administer and implement financial assistance to States to develop and administer programs for the benefit of fish and wildlife and their habitats. Specifically, the request supports formula-based grant funds to State fish and wildlife agencies. State fish and wildlife agencies continue to coordinate effectively with Federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, universities, private landowners, and industry representatives in revising and updating the Wildlife Action Plans. Involving many stakeholders with different perspectives helps ensure that the Plans are strategic, thoroughly vetted, and leveraged with resources from many partners. Implementation activities include a wide range of strategies from research and monitoring to direct species and habitat management. For example, STWG Program funds have been used by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to enhance habitat for Kirtland's Warbler, a species the Service proposed for delisting in 2018. Funds dedicated to habitat improvements to benefit the threatened Gopher Tortoise in Mississippi were credited with tripling the relative abundance of Northern Bobwhite—a popular game bird—in the State's Marion County Wildlife Management Area. Best practices and lessons learned from these projects inform the States' planning processes and are

incorporated in periodic Plan revisions, demonstrating how the program facilitates an adaptive management approach to species conservation.

- The program will support ongoing efforts of States and their partners to reduce species listings under the ESA. An internal analysis of past performance found that between 2001 and 2015 States played an important role in helping to preclude listing of 19 Candidate species and in helping de-list or down-list seven threatened and endangered species using STWG Program funds. The Competitive subprogram provides incentives to encourage State fish and wildlife agencies to focus efforts on Service Candidate species, when doing so is consistent with priorities expressed in the Plans. Aside from Gopher Tortoise, which is a Candidate species in the eastern portion of its range, State fish and wildlife agencies are using STWG Program funds to protect and conserve additional Candidate species including Striped Newt, Island Marble Butterfly, Penasco Least Chipmunk, Sierra Nevada Red Fox, Red Tree Vole, Red-Crowned Parrot, Rattlesnake Master-Borer Moth, and several Candidate freshwater mussel species.
- The program will fund research and conservation activities within 11 western States to improve understanding of wildlife migration corridors and habitat conditions within corridors to benefit western species. Alone, and through financial assistance from the Service, a number of western State fish and wildlife agencies are making concerted efforts to collect adequate data and map migration corridors. For example, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is currently using STWG Program funds to support implementation of the *Oregon Connectivity Framework Mapping Project* which seeks to describe, understand, and enhance species connectivity to ensure the long-term viability of both game and non-game species throughout the State. In the rapidly developing western United States, these funds will facilitate understanding of where the most important corridors exist and provide for habitat conservation activities that support the full diversity of wildlife.

Table 1
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018
CFDA: 15.634

STATE	State Wildlife - 5620 (65/35 Match)
ALABAMA	$793,807
ALASKA	2,582,350
AMERICAN SAMOA	129,118
ARIZONA	1,300,078
ARKANSAS	599,338
CALIFORNIA	2,582,350
COLORADO	1,099,511
CONNECTICUT	516,470
DELAWARE	516,470
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	258,235
FLORIDA	2,354,617
GEORGIA	1,364,984
GUAM	129,118
HAWAII	516,470
IDAHO	614,578
ILLINOIS	1,692,522
INDIANA	896,275
IOWA	629,951
KANSAS	747,265
KENTUCKY	685,963
LOUISIANA	745,424
MAINE	516,470
MARYLAND	682,276
MASSACHUSETTS	754,719
MICHIGAN	1,385,042
MINNESOTA	1,024,540
MISSISSIPPI	575,737
MISSOURI	1,020,803
MONTANA	889,339
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	129,118
NEBRASKA	609,591
NEVADA	881,167

NEW HAMPSHIRE	516,470
NEW JERSEY	995,954
NEW MEXICO	870,134
NEW YORK	2,364,738
NORTH CAROLINA	1,315,186
NORTH DAKOTA	516,470
OHIO	1,472,114
OKLAHOMA	778,944
OREGON	931,973
PENNSYLVANIA	1,619,847
PUERTO RICO	258,235
RHODE ISLAND	516,470
SOUTH CAROLINA	667,570
SOUTH DAKOTA	516,470
TENNESSEE	913,027
TEXAS	2,582,350
UTAH	751,506
VERMONT	516,470
VIRGIN ISLANDS	129,118
VIRGINIA	1,084,457
WASHINGTON	1,092,107
WEST VIRGINIA	516,470
WISCONSIN	915,889
WYOMING	581,335
TOTAL	**$51,647,000**

Table 2
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019
CFDA: 15.634

STATE	State Wildlife - 5620 (65/35 Match)
ALABAMA	$480,861
ALASKA	1,564,300
AMERICAN SAMOA	78,215
ARIZONA	787,543
ARKANSAS	363,059
CALIFORNIA	1,564,300
COLORADO	666,046
CONNECTICUT	312,860
DELAWARE	312,860
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	156,430
FLORIDA	1,426,347
GEORGIA	826,861
GUAM	78,215
HAWAII	312,860
IDAHO	372,291
ILLINOIS	1,025,272
INDIANA	542,933
IOWA	381,603
KANSAS	452,668
KENTUCKY	415,533
LOUISIANA	451,553
MAINE	312,860
MARYLAND	413,300
MASSACHUSETTS	457,183
MICHIGAN	839,011
MINNESOTA	620,632
MISSISSIPPI	348,762
MISSOURI	618,368
MONTANA	538,732
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	78,215

NEBRASKA	369,270
NEVADA	533,781
NEW HAMPSHIRE	312,860
NEW JERSEY	603,315
NEW MEXICO	527,098
NEW YORK	1,432,478
NORTH CAROLINA	796,695
NORTH DAKOTA	312,860
OHIO	891,757
OKLAHOMA	471,858
OREGON	564,557
PENNSYLVANIA	981,249
PUERTO RICO	156,430
RHODE ISLAND	312,860
SOUTH CAROLINA	404,391
SOUTH DAKOTA	312,860
TENNESSEE	553,081
TEXAS	1,564,300
UTAH	455,237
VERMONT	312,860
VIRGIN ISLANDS	78,215
VIRGINIA	656,927
WASHINGTON	661,561
WEST VIRGINIA	312,860
WISCONSIN	554,815
WYOMING	352,153
TOTAL	**$31,286,000**

Table 3
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020
CFDA: 15.634

STATE	State Wildlife - 5620 (65/35 Match)
ALABAMA	$450,130
ALASKA	1,464,300
AMERICAN SAMOA	73,215
ARIZONA	737,196
ARKANSAS	339,850
CALIFORNIA	1,464,300
COLORADO	623,466
CONNECTICUT	292,860
DELAWARE	292,860
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	146,430
FLORIDA	1,334,189
GEORGIA	774,018
GUAM	73,215
HAWAII	292,860
IDAHO	348,492
ILLINOIS	959,685
INDIANA	508,235
IOWA	357,209
KANSAS	423,731
KENTUCKY	388,961
LOUISIANA	423,091
MAINE	292,860
MARYLAND	386,981
MASSACHUSETTS	428,026
MICHIGAN	784,917
MINNESOTA	580,960
MISSISSIPPI	326,470
MISSOURI	578,850
MONTANA	504,296
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	73,215

NEBRASKA	345,661
NEVADA	499,658
NEW HAMPSHIRE	292,860
NEW JERSEY	564,681
NEW MEXICO	493,403
NEW YORK	1,340,935
NORTH CAROLINA	745,786
NORTH DAKOTA	292,860
OHIO	834,780
OKLAHOMA	441,694
OREGON	528,492
PENNSYLVANIA	918,520
PUERTO RICO	146,430
RHODE ISLAND	292,860
SOUTH CAROLINA	378,570
SOUTH DAKOTA	292,860
TENNESSEE	517,722
TEXAS	1,464,300
UTAH	426,135
VERMONT	292,860
VIRGIN ISLANDS	73,215
VIRGINIA	615,454
WASHINGTON	619,496
WEST VIRGINIA	292,860
WISCONSIN	519,396
WYOMING	329,644
TOTAL	**$29,286,000**

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Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration

Appropriation Language

The Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration account does not require appropriations language because there is permanent authority, established August 31, 1951 (65 Stat. 262), to use the receipts deposited into the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund in the fiscal year following their collection.

Applicable Statutes

The Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950, now referred to as the *Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act* (16 U.S.C. 777 et seq.), as amended by the Deficit Reduction and Control Act of 1984 (P.L. 98-369), the *Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Act of 1987* (P.L. 100-17), the *Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1987* (P.L. 100-448), the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century* (P.L. 105-178), the *Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000* (P.L. 106-408), the *Surface Transportation Act of 2003* (P.L. 108-88), SAFETEA-LU, and the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94), which expires in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, authorizes assistance to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (States) to carry out projects to restore, enhance, and manage sport fishery resources. In addition to sport fishery projects, these acts allow for the development and maintenance of boating access facilities and aquatic education programs.

The Appropriations Act of August 31, 1951 (P.L. 82-136, 65 Stat. 262) authorizes receipts from excise taxes on fishing equipment to be deposited into the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, established as a permanent, indefinite appropriation. Receipts and interest distributed to the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund are available for use and distribution by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to States in the fiscal year following collection.

The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 3951 et. seq.) provides for three Federal grant programs for the acquisition, restoration, management, and enhancement of coastal wetlands in coastal States. A coastal State means a State of the United States, bordering on the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, or one or more of the Great Lakes, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the trust territories of the Pacific Islands. The Service administers two of the three grant programs that this Act provides funding for, including the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program and the North American Wetlands Conservation Grant Program. The latter program receives funds from other sources, as well as from the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Program. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers administers the third grant program that receives funding because of this Act. It also requires the Service to update and digitize wetlands maps in Texas and assess the status, condition, and trends of wetlands in Texas, and provides permanent authorization for coastal wetlands conservation grants and North American Wetlands Conservation projects. The *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94), authorizes funding for the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act through FY 2021.

The Clean Vessel Act of 1992 (16 U.S.C. 777c) Section 5604 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide grants to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands for the construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of sewage pumpout stations and dump stations,

as well as for educational programs designed to inform boaters about the importance of proper disposal of their onboard sewage. Section 5604 also amended the *Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act* to provide for the transfer of funds out of the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund for use by the Secretary of Homeland Security (U.S. Coast Guard) to fund State recreational boating safety programs. The *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94) authorizes funding for the Clean Vessel Act of 1992 and boating infrastructure improvement through Fiscal Year 2021.

The Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998 (16 U.S.C. 777c-777g) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to develop national outreach plans to promote safe fishing and boating, and to promote conservation of aquatic resources through grants and contracts with States and private entities. The Act contains provisions for transferring funds to the U.S. Coast Guard for State recreational boating safety programs. In addition, it authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide funds to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to construct, renovate, and maintain tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters in vessels 26 feet or more in length, and to produce and distribute information and educational materials under the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program. The *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94) authorizes funding for boating infrastructure improvement through FY 2021.

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-408) amends the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. It authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant Program for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects identified as priority projects by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. These high priority projects address problems affecting States on a regional or national basis. It also provides $200,000 each to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission; and $400,000 to the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council. The Act provides 12 allowable cost categories for administration of the Act.

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users of August 10, 2005 (P.L. 109-59) made several changes to the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. SAFETEA-LU changed the distribution of Sport Fish Restoration receipts from amounts primarily specified in law to a percentage-based distribution. The Act extends program authorizations for the Clean Vessel Act Program, the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program, and the National Outreach and Communications Program through FY 2009, and it extends the authority to use Sport Fish Restoration receipts for the U.S. Coast Guard's State Recreational Boating Safety Program through FY 2009. The Act authorizes the expenditure of remaining balances in the old Boat Safety Account through FY 2010, for Sport Fish Restoration and State recreational boating safety programs and redirected 4.8 cents per gallon of certain fuels from the general account of the Treasury to the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (P.L. 114-94, December 4, 2015) changes several sections of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. It amends Sections 3 and 4 of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777b and 16 U.S.C. 777c), changing the funding distribution percentages and extends funding authorizations for Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act, Boating Infrastructure Improvement (combining funding for the Clean Vessel Act of 1992 and the Boating Infrastructure Grant Programs), and the National Outreach and Communications program through FY 2021.

Appropriation: Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Payments to States	($000)	352,672	362,424	0	0	+19,994	382,418	+19,994
Administration	($000)	11,211	11,480	0	0	+945	12,425	+945
Boating Infrastructure Improvement	($000)	[24,525]	[25,198]	0	0	[+1,389]	[26,587]	[+1,389]
- Clean Vessel	($000)	12,263	12,599	0	0	+695	13,294	+695
- Boating Infrastructure Grant Program	($000)	12,262	12,599	0	0	+694	13,293	+694
National Outreach	($000)	12,263	12,599	0	0	+695	13,294	+695
Multistate Conservation Grant Program	($000)	3,009	3,012	0	0	+174	3,186	+174
Coastal Wetlands	($000)	17,173	17,644	0	0	+974	18,618	+974
Fishery Commissions	($000)	802	803	0	0	+47	850	+47
Sport Fishing & Boating Partnership Council	($000)	401	401	0	0	+24	425	+24
Subtotal	($000)	**422,056**	**433,561**	**0**	**0**	**+24,242**	**457,803**	**+24,242**
	FTE	***53***	***53***	***0***	***0***		***53***	
North American Wetlands	($000)	17,173	17,644	0	0	+974	18,618	+974
	FTE	*5*	*5*	*0*	*0*	0	*5*	*0*
TOTAL, Sport Fish	($000)	**439,229**	**451,205**	**0**	**0**	**+25,216**	**476,421**	**+25,216**
	FTE	***58***	***58***	***0***	***0***	**0**	***58***	***0***

The 2018 and 2019 amounts include sequestration in accordance with section 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C. 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

The Sport Fish Restoration Program provides Federal aid to State fish, wildlife, and boating agencies for the management and restoration of fish having material value in connection with sport or recreation. Since 1950, this stable source of funding has been critical to the recovery of many of the Nation's sport fish species, and has provided over $9 billion. The Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act programs have expanded over time through a series of Congressional actions and now encompass several grant programs that address increased conservation and recreation needs of States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and territorial governments. Partner agencies, within set program boundaries, determine the best use of these Federal funds to meet these needs. The various programs enhance the Nation's sport fish resources in both fresh and salt waters. They also provide funding for projects that improve and manage aquatic habitats, protect and conserve coastal wetlands, and provide important infrastructure for recreational boaters. Through administering these programs, the Service helps to create and maintain strong conservation stewardship by supporting local communities in sustainably utilizing natural resources.

Deyo Reservoir– a community driven project for anglers, boaters, and outdoor recreationists. Photo credit: Idaho Department of Fish and Game

The economic impacts of boating and sport fishing in the United States are considerable. According to the *2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation,* 35.8 million people participated in fishing and generated over $46.1 billion in retail sales. According to the American Sportfishing Association's 2018 report *Sportfishing in America: An Economic Force for Conservation*, anglers supported over 800,000 jobs in 2016.

The Sport Fish Restoration Program funds many important projects across the United States. For example, the program has improved fishing and boating access opportunities on Devo Reservoir in Idaho and provided more boat access and facilities for the Big Bend area on the Colorado River in Nevada, as well as provided enhanced sportfish opportunities (and the local economy) for Guadalupe Bass in The Hill Country, Texas. In addition, advances from program funding include development of a revolutionary new app that will allow recreational boaters to find operational pump out stations. Research activities include building knowledge about recreationally important coastal and estuarine fishes including snook, red drum, and red snapper in Florida as well as monitoring the health of Walleye populations to benefit anglers and local businesses in the Ceded Territory of Wisconsin. Outreach activities include support for aquatic education programs including ice fishing, fly tying, kayak fishing, fly-fishing, and basic fishing for kids and families in New Hampshire. The Sportfish program also supports raising and stocking approximately 3 million sport fish per year by supporting operations and maintenance at 11 fish hatcheries in West Virginia.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act programs is $476,421,000 and 58 FTE. The estimate is based on current law projections provided by the Department of the Treasury's Office of Tax Analysis.

Table 1

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF DINGELL-JOHNSON
SPORT FISH RESTORATION FUNDS

STATE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
ALABAMA	$6,146,495	$6,180,946	$6,684,091
ALASKA	$17,595,869	$17,694,493	$19,120,900
AMERICAN SAMOA	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
ARIZONA	$7,310,431	$7,351,405	$7,761,107
ARKANSAS	$5,332,944	$5,362,835	$5,813,375
CALIFORNIA	$16,687,017	$16,780,547	$17,929,359
COLORADO	$9,009,283	$9,059,780	$9,946,036
CONNECTICUT	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
DELAWARE	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
FLORIDA	$12,167,291	$12,235,487	$13,301,729
GEORGIA	$7,790,928	$7,834,595	$8,757,869
GUAM	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
HAWAII	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
IDAHO	$6,356,717	$6,392,346	$6,992,859
ILLINOIS	$6,678,118	$6,715,549	$7,157,062
INDIANA	$4,660,915	$4,687,039	$4,967,465
IOWA	$4,566,470	$4,592,064	$4,909,700
KANSAS	$5,021,082	$5,049,224	$5,409,923
KENTUCKY	$5,314,709	$5,344,498	$5,639,364
LOUISIANA	$6,820,988	$6,859,219	$7,529,977
MAINE	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
MARYLAND	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
MASSACHUSETTS	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
MICHIGAN	$10,694,454	$10,754,396	$11,618,003
MINNESOTA	$12,516,355	$12,586,508	$13,581,406
MISSISSIPPI	$3,996,986	$4,019,389	$4,357,237
MISSOURI	$7,885,443	$7,929,640	$8,325,869
MONTANA	$8,550,906	$8,598,833	$9,405,457
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
NEBRASKA	$4,448,888	$4,473,824	$4,874,104
NEVADA	$5,047,741	$5,076,033	$5,399,112
NEW HAMPSHIRE	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
NEW JERSEY	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
NEW MEXICO	$6,156,125	$6,190,630	$6,791,989
NEW YORK	$7,832,921	$7,876,824	$8,496,222
NORTH CAROLINA	$10,313,854	$10,371,663	$11,242,669

STATE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
NORTH DAKOTA	$4,138,620	$4,161,816	$4,487,444
OHIO	$7,076,842	$7,116,507	$7,481,968
OKLAHOMA	$7,179,528	$7,219,768	$8,403,233
OREGON	$7,913,820	$7,958,177	$8,489,601
PENNSYLVANIA	$8,523,176	$8,570,948	$9,317,674
PUERTO RICO	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
RHODE ISLAND	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
SOUTH CAROLINA	$5,020,641	$5,048,782	$5,313,517
SOUTH DAKOTA	$4,479,021	$4,504,125	$4,879,523
TENNESSEE	$7,560,698	$7,603,075	$8,094,605
TEXAS	$17,595,869	$17,694,493	$19,120,900
UTAH	$6,428,959	$6,464,993	$6,958,556
VERMONT	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
VIRGIN ISLANDS	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
VIRGINIA	$5,144,344	$5,173,178	$5,660,343
WASHINGTON	$7,159,364	$7,199,491	$7,724,469
WEST VIRGINIA	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
WISCONSIN	$11,430,383	$11,494,449	$12,413,227
WYOMING	$5,267,811	$5,297,337	$5,796,261
TOTAL	**$351,917,385**	**$353,889,852**	**$382,418,000**

Table 2

FY 2018 Clean Vessel Act Grant Program Awards

State	Coastal/Inland	Federal Share
Alabama	Coastal	$ 197,587.00
Alabama	Inland	$ 68,274.00
Arkansas	Inland	$ 867,454.00
California	Coastal	$ 851,213.00
California	Inland	$ 1,342,500.00
Connecticut	Coastal	$ 1,396,384.00
Connecticut	Inland	$ 52,196.00
Florida	Coastal	$ 1,314,655.00
Florida	Inland	$ 502,109.00
Georgia	Inland	$ 82,281.00
Idaho	Inland	$ 30,000.00
Maine	Coastal	$ 405,280.00
Massachusetts	Coastal	$ 788,903.00
Michigan	Coastal	$ 266,864.00
Michigan	Inland	$ 48,000.00
New Hampshire	Coastal	$ 110,403.00
New Hampshire	Inland	$ 51,718.00
North Carolina	Coastal	$ 115,641.00
North Carolina	Inland	$ 52,132.00
Ohio	Coastal	$ 383,631.00
Ohio	Inland	$ 9,601.00
Oregon	Coastal	$ 646,179.00
Oregon	Inland	$ 805,959.00
South Carolina	Coastal	$ 901,464.00
South Carolina	Inland	$ 484,931.00
Tennessee	Inland	$ 392,539.00
Vermont	Inland	$ 97,966.00
Virginia	Coastal	$ 322,190.00
Virginia	Inland	$ 93,907.00
Washington	Coastal	$ 1,458,446.00
Washington	Inland	$ 1,075,319.00
Wisconsin	Coastal	$ 175,841.00
Wisconsin	Inland	$ 50,000.00
	Total	**$ 15,441,567.00**

Table 3

FY 2018 Boating Infrastructure Grant Program – Tier 1 Awards

State/Territory	Federal Share
Alabama	$ 170,133
California	$ 197,000
Connecticut	$ 200,000
Georgia	$ 198,484
Idaho	$ 200,000
Kentucky	$ 135,000
Louisiana	$ 200,000
Maine	$ 36,992
Massachusetts	$ 195,668
Michigan	$ 200,000
Mississippi	$ 200,000
Missouri	$ 200,000
New Jersey	$ 200,000
New York	$ 191,490
Oregon	$ 100,000
Rhode Island	$ 199,913
South Carolina	$ 200,000
Tennessee	$ 200,000
Vermont	$ 173,000
Virginia	$ 151,454
Washington	$ 200,000
Wisconsin	$ 200,000
Wyoming	$ 200,000
Total	**$ 4,149,134**

Table 4

FY 2018 Boating Infrastructure Grant Program – Tier 2 Awards

State	Project Title	Federal Share
California	City of West Sacramento Raley's Dock	$ 1,500,000
Florida	City of Fernandina Beach	$ 1,500,000
Florida	Marco River	$ 591,648
Illinois	Navy Pier	$ 1,500,000
New Jersey	Kammerman's Marina	$ 1,025,976
Rhode Island	New England Boatworks	$ 933,117
South Carolina	Charleston City Marina	$ 444,800
South Carolina	Charleston Waterfront	$ 586,108
South Carolina	Skull Creek Marina	$ 1,283,749
Virginia	Rappahannock Yachts	$ 406,742
Total		**$ 9,772,141**

Table 5

FY 2018 National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program Awards

State	Project Name	Federal Share
NC	Hubbard-Pinkerton Wetland Protection	$ 1,000,000.00
OR	Columbia River Estuary - South Tongue Point	$ 1,000,000.00
NC	Waccamaw Campbell Acquisition	$ 1,000,000.00
CA	Elk River Estuary Restoration	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Leque Island Estuary Restoration Project	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Lower Dungeness Floodplain Restoration	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Guemes Island Coastal Protection	$ 1,000,000.00
NJ	Cohansey River and Bayshore Wetlands	$ 674,489.00
AK	Iliamna Islands Conservation Easements	$ 650,000.00
WA	Barnum Point Phase 2	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Big Beef Creek Estuary Acquisition	$ 1,000,000.00
GA	Little Cumberland Island Living Shoreline	$ 275,881.00
WA	Elwha River Delta Acquisition and Restoration	$ 1,000,000.00
CA	Bolinas Lagoon North End Restoration Phase 1	$ 814,590.00
OR	Winter Lake Restoration and Planting Project	$ 1,000,000.00
SC	Santee Coastal Preserve	$ 1,000,000.00
OH	Bay Point Preservation Project	$ 249,000.00
DE	Thousand Acre Marsh Wetland Protection - Selby Property	$ 900,000.00
HI	Alekoko Coastal Wetland Restoration	$ 999,731.00
TX	Follets Island Conservation Initiative-Pauls II Tract Phase	$ 735,500.00
HI	Kanaha Pond Sanctuary Restoration and Protection	$ 999,750.00
ME	Woodward Point Wetlands Conservation Project	$ 569,170.00
	Total	**$ 18,868,111.00**

Table 6

FY 2018 North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant Awards

Project Type	Number of Projects	NAWCA Grant	Matching Amount	Total Partner Amount	Total Acres
Canada Standard Grant	9	$18,723,302	$18,723,302	$18,723,302	29,083
Mexico Standard Grant	8	$2,280,779	$6,215,092	$6,215,092	24,581
U.S. Small Grant	38	$3,664,308	$10,967,071	$10,967,071	22,702
U.S. Standard Grant	39	$39,352,024	$91,584,623	$91,584,623	176,822
TOTAL	**94**	**$64,020,413**	**$127,490,088**	**$127,490,088**	**253,188**

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration

PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE RESTORATION

Appropriations Language

The Wildlife Restoration Account does not require appropriations language because there is permanent authority, established September 6, 1950 (64 Stat. 693), to use the receipts in the account in the fiscal year following their collection.

Authorizing Statutes

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, now referred to as *The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act,* as amended (16 U.S.C. 669-669k) provides Federal assistance to the 50 States, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (States) for projects to restore, enhance, and manage wildlife resources, and to conduct State hunter education programs. The Act authorizes the collection of receipts for permanent, indefinite appropriation to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for use in the fiscal year following collection. Funds not used by the States within two years revert to the Service for carrying out the provisions of the *Migratory Bird Conservation Act*. The *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act* also requires the Secretary of the Treasury to invest the portion of the fund not required for current year spending in interest-bearing obligations. The interest must be used for the *North American Wetlands Conservations Act*.

The Appropriations Act of August 31, 1951 (P.L. 82-136, 64 Stat. 693*)* authorizes receipts from excise taxes on selected hunting and sporting equipment to be deposited in the Wildlife Restoration Account as a permanent, indefinite appropriation. Receipts and interest distributed to the Wildlife Restoration Account are made available for use by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the fiscal year following collection.

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-408) amends the *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act* and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant Program for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects identified as priority projects by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. These high priority projects address problems affecting States on a regional or national basis. It also authorizes a Bow Hunter Education and Safety Program that provides grants to States.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 4407) amends the *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act* and requires the Secretary of the Treasury to invest the portion of the Wildlife Restoration Account not required for current year spending in interest-bearing obligations to be available for States to implement wetlands conservation projects.

Appropriation: Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Payments to States	($000)	789,035	663,371	0	0	+98,323	761,694	+98,323
Hunter Education & Safety Grants	($000)	8,024	8,032	0	0	+464	8,496	+464
Multistate Conservation Grants	($000)	3,009	3,012	0	0	+174	3,186	+174
Administration	($000)	11,211	11,480	0	0	+945	12,425	+945
Subtotal ($000)	($000)	**811,279**	**685,895**	**0**	**0**	**+99,906**	**785,801**	**+99,906**
	FTE	***50***	***50***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***50***	***0***
Interest – NAWCF	($000)	17,810	43,442	0	0	+4,348	47,790	+4,348
TOTAL, Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration	($000)	**829,089**	**729,337**	**0**	**0**	**+104,254**	**833,591**	**+104,254**
	FTE	***50***	***50***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***50***	***0***

The 2018 and 2019 amounts include sequestration in accordance with section 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C. 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

In 1937, Congress passed the *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act,* authorizing the appropriation of funds from an excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition to the Secretary of the Interior for apportionment to States on a formula basis. The accompanying Service-administered grant programs, including the Section 4(c) Hunter Education and Safety Program (Basic Hunter Education) and the Section 10 Enhanced Firearm and Bow Hunter Education and Safety Program (Enhanced Hunter Education), are key components of the Nation's cooperative conservation efforts for wildlife and their habitats. Through administering these programs, the Service helps to create and maintain strong conservation stewardship, supporting local communities in sustainably using their natural resources. Since 1937, the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Program has contributed $11.5 billion to restore, conserve, manage, and enhance wild bird and mammal populations, acquire and manage wildlife habitats, provide public uses that benefit from wildlife resources, educate hunters on conservation ethics and safety, and construct, operate, and manage recreational firearm shooting and archery ranges.

Black bears in North Carolina Credit:: LeAnne Bonner, USFWS

The economic impacts of hunting and recreational shooting in the United States are considerable. The Service's *2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation* estimates the total number of hunters in the United States to be 11.5 million, and total hunting expenditures to be $26.2 billion. An estimated 32 million people went target shooting with firearms annually, and 12.4 million engaged in archery activities. According to the 2018 National Shooting Sports Foundation's report, *Hunting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation*, hunter spending generates $185 million per day for the United States economy, and supports as many as 525,000 jobs. The 2018 National Shooting Sports Foundation's report, *Target Shooting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation,* reports that target shooters spent $16.9 billion in 2016 on equipment and travel, and supported 329,000 jobs.

The Wildlife Restoration Program funds many important projects across the United States. Important research funded includes black bear research in North Carolina; mountain lion population assessments and conservation in California; large-scale moose herd research in Colorado; comprehensive assessments of oil and gas development on mule deer populations in western North Dakota; the study of chronic wasting disease in deer populations in Wisconsin; and a wildlife health and genetics laboratory in Idaho. Funds were also provided for many other projects including a recreational shooting park in Florida and wildlife overpasses in Nevada to prevent accidents and protect human safety.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Program is $796,421,000 and 50 FTE. The estimate is based on current law projections provided by the Department of the Treasury's Office of Tax Analysis.

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF PITTMAN-ROBERTSON
WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

	WILDLIFE	HUNTER EDUCATION		
	FUNDS-5220	SEC 4(c) FUNDS-5210	ENHANCED FUNDS-5230	
STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
ALABAMA	$16,579,755	$3,608,384	$181,554	$20,369,693
ALASKA	$33,378,000	$1,590,000	$80,000	$35,048,000
AMERICAN SAMOA	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
ARIZONA	$18,517,400	$4,770,000	$240,000	$23,527,400
ARKANSAS	$12,484,365	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,154,365
CALIFORNIA	$22,352,951	$4,770,000	$240,000	$27,362,951
COLORADO	$16,781,231	$3,796,709	$191,029	$20,768,970
CONNECTICUT	$3,337,800	$2,698,206	$135,759	$6,171,765
DELAWARE	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	$0	$0	$0	$0
FLORIDA	$10,041,003	$4,770,000	$240,000	$15,051,003
GEORGIA	$18,798,703	$4,770,000	$240,000	$23,808,703
GUAM	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
HAWAII	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
IDAHO	$14,307,782	$1,590,000	$80,000	$15,977,782
ILLINOIS	$12,285,048	$4,770,000	$240,000	$17,295,048
INDIANA	$9,297,104	$4,770,000	$240,000	$14,307,104

STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
IOWA	$10,791,536	$1,590,000	$80,000	$12,461,536
KANSAS	$13,600,379	$1,590,000	$80,000	$15,270,379
KENTUCKY	$11,413,490	$3,275,934	$164,827	$14,854,251
LOUISIANA	$13,027,819	$3,422,395	$172,196	$16,622,410
MAINE	$6,842,123	$1,590,000	$80,000	$8,512,123
MARYLAND	$3,613,028	$4,358,649	$219,303	$8,190,980
MASSACHUSETTS	$3,337,800	$4,770,000	$240,000	$8,347,800
MICHIGAN	$20,793,652	$4,770,000	$240,000	$25,803,652
MINNESOTA	$20,317,160	$4,004,112	$201,465	$24,522,736
MISSISSIPPI	$11,064,616	$1,590,000	$80,000	$12,734,616
MISSOURI	$17,454,995	$4,521,243	$227,484	$22,203,722
MONTANA	$20,261,194	$1,590,000	$80,000	$21,931,194
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
NEBRASKA	$11,653,317	$1,590,000	$80,000	$13,323,317
NEVADA	$12,932,397	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,602,397
NEW HAMPSHIRE	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
NEW JERSEY	$3,337,800	$4,770,000	$240,000	$8,347,800
NEW MEXICO	$14,812,728	$1,590,000	$80,000	$16,482,728
NEW YORK	$16,800,805	$4,770,000	$240,000	$21,810,805
NORTH CAROLINA	$17,187,101	$4,770,000	$240,000	$22,197,101
NORTH DAKOTA	$10,241,093	$1,590,000	$80,000	$11,911,093
OHIO	$12,354,310	$4,770,000	$240,000	$17,364,310
OKLAHOMA	$16,081,917	$2,832,021	$142,492	$19,056,430
OREGON	$15,490,259	$2,892,207	$145,520	$18,527,986
PENNSYLVANIA	$24,789,198	$4,770,000	$240,000	$29,799,198
PUERTO RICO	$3,337,800	$265,000	$13,333	$3,616,133
RHODE ISLAND	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
SOUTH CAROLINA	$7,580,914	$3,491,843	$175,690	$11,248,448
SOUTH DAKOTA	$12,605,231	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,275,231
TENNESSEE	$19,012,492	$4,770,000	$240,000	$24,022,492
TEXAS	$33,378,000	$4,770,000	$240,000	$38,388,000
UTAH	$13,475,617	$1,590,000	$80,000	$15,145,617
VERMONT	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800

STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
VIRGIN ISLANDS	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
VIRGINIA	$9,888,737	$4,770,000	$240,000	$14,898,737
WASHINGTON	$10,822,836	$4,770,000	$240,000	$15,832,836
WEST VIRGINIA	$7,011,993	$1,590,000	$80,000	$8,681,993
WISCONSIN	$20,139,717	$4,293,297	$216,015	$24,649,029
WYOMING	$12,807,402	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,477,402
TOTAL	**$667,560,000**	**$159,000,000**	**$8,000,000**	**$834,560,000**

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WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

	WILDLIFE	HUNTER EDUCATION		
	FUNDS-5220	SEC 4(c) FUNDS-5210	ENHANCED FUNDS-5230	
STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
ALABAMA	$15,093,684	$3,404,136	$192,810	$18,690,630
ALASKA	$30,584,700	$1,500,000	$84,960	$32,169,660
AMERICAN SAMOA	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
ARIZONA	$16,561,107	$4,500,000	$254,880	$21,315,987
ARKANSAS	$11,136,309	$1,500,000	$84,960	$12,721,269
CALIFORNIA	$20,382,867	$4,500,000	$254,880	$25,137,747
COLORADO	$15,412,255	$3,581,801	$202,873	$19,196,929
CONNECTICUT	$3,058,470	$2,545,478	$144,176	$5,748,124
DELAWARE	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	$0	$0	$0	$0
FLORIDA	$9,135,821	$4,500,000	$254,880	$13,890,701
GEORGIA	$17,710,682	$4,500,000	$254,880	$22,465,562
GUAM	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
HAWAII	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
IDAHO	$13,311,368	$1,500,000	$84,960	$14,896,328
ILLINOIS	$11,058,508	$4,500,000	$254,880	$15,813,388
INDIANA	$8,415,514	$4,500,000	$254,880	$13,170,394
IOWA	$9,519,177	$1,500,000	$84,960	$11,104,137
KANSAS	$12,529,421	$1,500,000	$84,960	$14,114,381
KENTUCKY	$10,392,668	$3,090,504	$175,046	$13,658,218

STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
LOUISIANA	$11,956,043	$3,228,675	$182,872	$15,367,590
MAINE	$6,194,975	$1,500,000	$84,960	$7,779,935
MARYLAND	$3,230,688	$4,111,933	$232,900	$7,575,521
MASSACHUSETTS	$3,058,470	$4,500,000	$254,880	$7,813,350
MICHIGAN	$18,677,164	$4,500,000	$254,880	$23,432,044
MINNESOTA	$18,595,102	$3,777,464	$213,956	$22,586,522
MISSISSIPPI	$10,122,186	$1,500,000	$84,960	$11,707,146
MISSOURI	$15,898,538	$4,265,323	$241,588	$20,405,449
MONTANA	$18,765,030	$1,500,000	$84,960	$20,349,990
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
NEBRASKA	$10,792,283	$1,500,000	$84,960	$12,377,243
NEVADA	$11,855,396	$1,500,000	$84,960	$13,440,356
NEW HAMPSHIRE	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
NEW JERSEY	$3,058,470	$4,500,000	$254,880	$7,813,350
NEW MEXICO	$13,624,389	$1,500,000	$84,960	$15,209,349
NEW YORK	$15,422,463	$4,500,000	$254,880	$20,177,343
NORTH CAROLINA	$15,887,188	$4,500,000	$254,880	$20,642,068
NORTH DAKOTA	$9,387,344	$1,500,000	$84,960	$10,972,304
OHIO	$11,182,420	$4,500,000	$254,880	$15,937,300
OKLAHOMA	$16,497,071	$2,671,718	$151,326	$19,320,115
OREGON	$14,189,935	$2,728,496	$154,542	$17,072,973
PENNSYLVANIA	$22,401,669	$4,500,000	$254,880	$27,156,549
PUERTO RICO	$3,058,470	$250,000	$14,160	$3,322,630
RHODE ISLAND	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
SOUTH CAROLINA	$6,874,068	$3,294,192	$186,583	$10,354,843
SOUTH DAKOTA	$11,698,845	$1,500,000	$84,960	$13,283,805
TENNESSEE	$17,006,095	$4,500,000	$254,880	$21,760,975
TEXAS	$30,584,700	$4,500,000	$254,880	$35,339,580
UTAH	$12,507,256	$1,500,000	$84,960	$14,092,216
VERMONT	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
VIRGIN ISLANDS	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
VIRGINIA	$9,013,053	$4,500,000	$254,880	$13,767,933
WASHINGTON	$9,914,015	$4,500,000	$254,880	$14,668,895
WEST VIRGINIA	$6,339,325	$1,500,000	$84,960	$7,924,285
WISCONSIN	$18,454,344	$4,050,280	$229,408	$22,734,032
WYOMING	$11,774,144	$1,500,000	$84,960	$13,359,104
TOTAL	**$611,694,000**	**$150,000,000**	**$8,496,000**	**$770,190,000**

Migratory Bird Conservation Account

Appropriations Language

This activity does not require appropriations language, except for advances, which are not requested, as there is permanent authority as provided in the 81st Congress, Second Session—Chapter 896, Interior Appropriations Act, 1951, September 6, 1951 (64 Stat. 697) to use the receipts.

Authorizing Statutes

The Migratory Bird Conservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 715-715d, 715e, 715f-715r), established the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) to approve migratory bird areas that the Secretary of the Interior recommends for acquisition. The Act also authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire MBCC-approved migratory bird areas.

The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 718a-718k), requires all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to possess a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, commonly known as a Duck Stamp, while waterfowl hunting. Funds from the sale of Duck Stamps are deposited in a special treasury account known as the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF) established by this Act. The Act also authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to use funds from the MBCF to acquire waterfowl production areas. The 2014 amendment to the Act (Pub. L. 113-264) increased the price of the Federal Duck Stamp from $15 to $25, with the $10 increase dedicated to the acquisition of conservation easements.

The Wetlands Loan Act, (16 U.S.C. 715k-3 - 715k-5), authorizes the appropriation of advances (not to exceed $200 million, available until expended) to accelerate acquisition of migratory waterfowl habitat, and requires the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Service Director, to obtain the approval of the State's Governor or the appropriate State agency to acquire land in the State with MBCF monies. To date, $197,439,000 has been appropriated under this authority. Funds appropriated under the Wetlands Loan Act are merged with receipts from sales of Duck Stamps and other sources and made available for acquisition of migratory bird habitat under provisions of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act, as amended, or the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, as amended.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), requires payment of fair market value for any right-of-way granted over, across, through, or under National Wildlife Refuge System lands. These payments are deposited into the MBCF.

The Emergency Wetlands Resources Act, as amended (P. L. 99-645; 100 Stat. 3582), provides for: (1) an amount equal to the amount of all import duties collected on arms and ammunition to be paid quarterly into the MBCF, and (2) removal of the repayment provision of the Wetlands Loan Act (P. L. 87-383).

Appropriation: Migratory Bird Conservation Account

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Land Acquisition: Fee, Easements, and Leases	($000)	80,812	75,091	0	0	+3,959	79,050	+3,959
U.S. Postal Service Duck Stamp Printing and Sales Costs	($000)	518	600	0	0	0	600	0
Total, Migratory Bird Conservation Account	**($000)**	**81,330**	**75,691**	**0**	**0**	**+3,959**	**79,650**	**+3,959**
	FTE	***67***	***67***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***67***	***0***

*The amounts presented in 2018 and 2019 include sequestration in accordance with section 251(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, 2 U.S.C. 901(a). In addition, the amounts in 2018 and 2019 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

The Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF) supports America's conservation legacy and its tradition of migratory bird hunting. The MBCF is a sportsmen and waterfowl enthusiast-funded account that provides the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with monies to acquire important waterfowl habitat for the National Wildlife Refuge System under the authority of the *Migratory Bird Conservation Act* and the *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act*.

The *Migratory Bird Conservation Act* established the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC), which oversees MBCF expenditures. The MBCC is chaired by the Secretary and includes four members of Congress. Over its 80-year history, the MBCC has approved acquisition of key wetland habitats to sustain migratory bird populations, while establishing or enhancing many of our Nation's most popular destinations for public waterfowl hunting and bird watching. Since 1935, the MBCC has approved proposals to establish or expand more than 240 national wildlife refuges using the MBCF. These national wildlife refuges now account for 75% of all public refuge visits for waterfowl and migratory bird hunting and 52% of all public refuge visits for fishing. By protecting more wetlands, these refuges also improve water quality and groundwater recharge, and moderate flooding events.

All proposed MBCF land acquisitions for national wildlife refuges must be approved by the MBCC, and the MBCC only considers such proposals in a State after:

- The State's legislature has consented by law to acquisition by the United States (16 U.S.C. 715f);
- The Secretary, acting through the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has consulted with the affected county or other unit of local government and with the State's Governor or the appropriate State agency, about the proposed land acquisition (16 U.S.C. 715c); and
- The State's Governor or his/her designee has approved the acquisition (16 U.S.C. 715k-5).

Additionally, the State official that administers the State's game laws, or his/her representative, serves as an ex officio member of the MBCC and considers and votes on all proposed acquisitions in their State.

There are two major sources of funds deposited into the MBCF account. The best-known source is the revenue received from the sale of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps, commonly known as Duck Stamps, as provided for under the *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act*. In accordance with the *Federal Duck Stamp Act of 2014*, all amounts in excess of $15 received from the sale of each Duck Stamp can be used only for conservation easement acquisition. The other major funding source is import duties collected on arms and ammunition, as provided for under the *Emergency Wetlands*

Resources Act. The MBCF is further supplemented by payments for rights-of-way granted across refuge lands, and any proceeds from refuge land disposals. State-reverted funds in the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration account are also used for MBCF purposes.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund is $79,650,000 and 67 FTE.

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Recreation Fee Program

Appropriations Language

The 2019 budget proposed to permanently reauthorize the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, which expires in September 2019. As a precaution, the budget also proposed appropriations language to provide a two-year extension of FLREA through September 2021.

Authorizing Statutes

Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6801-6814). The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) provides the authority to establish, modify, charge, and collect recreation fees at Federal recreation land and waters. The Act seeks to improve recreational facilities and visitor opportunities and services on Federal recreational lands by reinvesting receipts from fair and consistent recreational fees and pass sales. The 2019 budget proposed legislation to permanently authorize the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, which will expire on September 30, 2019. Permanent authorization of FLREA will further the Secretary's priority of generating additional revenues to support DOI and National interests by ensuring that recreation fees collected on national wildlife refuges are reasonable and targeted to achieve cost recovery.

These specified allowable purposes include terms that are broad and have commonly understood, or ordinary, meanings. They include:

- Repair: Which generally means to fix or mend a thing suffering from damage or a fault; make good by fixing or repairing it; put right;
- Maintenance: Which generally means the process of maintaining or preserving someone or something, or the state of being maintained; the process of keeping something in good condition;
- Facility Enhancement (related directly to visitor enjoyment): This is generally understood to be an intensification, increase, or further improvement of the quality or value of a facility;
- Visitor Access: Which generally means approaching or entering a place; the right or opportunity to use or benefit from something; the condition of being able to be reached or obtained;
- Health: Which generally means the state of being free from illness or injury;
- Safety: Which generally means the condition of being protected from or unlikely to cause danger, risk, or injury;
- Interpretation: Which is generally understood to be the action of explaining the meaning of something; an explanation or way of explaining;
- Visitor Information: Which is generally understood to be providing visitors with facts about something or someone related to the visit;
- Visitor Service: Which is generally understood to be the action of helping or doing work for someone; assistance or advice given to a visitor;
- Signs: Which is generally understood to mean a notice that is publicly displayed giving information or instructions in a written or symbolic form; and
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreation.

Appropriation: Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)*	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 Estimate (+/-)
Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program	($000)	7,505	5,104	0	+58	5,162	+58
	FTE	*30*	*30*	*0*	*0*	*30*	*0*

*The amount presented in 2018 and 2019 includes the sequestration in accordance with Sec. 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Mission

The intent of the Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program is to provide an additional revenue source for "repair, maintenance, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety; interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs; habitat restoration directly related to wildlife-dependent recreation that is limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography; law enforcement related to public use and recreation; direct operating or capital costs associated with the Recreation Fee Program; and a fee management agreement established under section 6(a) or a visitor reservation service." [From FLREA, 16 U.S.C. 6803(c)].

Program Overview

The Recreation Fee Program, authorized through September 30, 2019, allows the collection of entrance, expanded amenity, and special recreation permit fees on Federal lands and waters managed by the Department of the Interior, such as National Wildlife Refuges. The Service returns at least 80 percent of the collections to the specific refuge site of collection to offset program costs and enhance visitor facilities and programs. The Service has more than 166 approved Recreation Fee Program sites. An additional 28 National Fish Hatchery, Ecological Service offices, or other refuge sites also sell the National Parks & Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass to improve pass availability for the public in certain regions. The Service's Recreation Fee Program expects to collect approximately $5,100,000 in FY 2019 and $5,162,000 in FY 2020 under FLREA authority.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program is $5,162,000 and 30 FTE.

Contributed Funds

Appropriations Language

Activities funded from this account do not require appropriation language since there is permanent authority to use the receipts.

Authorizing Statutes

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-668). This Act authorized the Secretary of the Interior to accept donations of land and contributed funds in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 743b-7421). This Act authorizes loans for commercial fishing vessels; investigations of fish and wildlife resources; and cooperation with other agencies. The Service is also authorized to accept donations of real and personal property. P.L. 105-242 amended this act to authorize cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer outreach and education programs. Funds contributed by partners from sales and gifts must be deposited in a separate account in the Department of the Treasury.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (16 U.S.C. 4601-1h). This Act authorizes donations of fund, property, and personal services or facilities for the purposes of the Act.

National Wildlife Refuge System Volunteer and Community Partnership Act (16 U.S.C. 742). Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

National Fish Hatchery System Volunteer Act (120 STAT 2058-2061). Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to promote the stewardship of resources through biological monitoring or research; to construct, operate, maintain, or improve hatchery facilities, habitat and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

Appropriation: Contributed Funds

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Contributed Funds	($000)	3,966	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	0
	FTE	*18*	*18*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*18*	*0*

Program Overview

The Service accepts unsolicited contributions from other governments, private organizations, and individuals. Once collected, the funds are used to support a variety of fish and wildlife conservation projects that contribute to fulfillment of DOI goals and the Service's mission.

Contributions are difficult to accurately forecast due to external events. In recent years, annual contributions have ranged from approximately $3.7 million in FY 2014 to $5.0 million in FY 2017.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for Contributed Funds is $5,000,000 and 18 FTE.

Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations

Appropriations Language

Activities funded from these mandatory spending accounts do not require appropriation language since they were authorized in previous years.

Authorizing Statutes

Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, as amended, (P.L. 98-473, section 320; 98 Stat. 1874). Provides that all rents and charges collected for quarters of agencies funded by the Act shall be deposited and remain available until expended for the maintenance and operation of quarters of that agency.

Flood Control Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 460d). Provides that receipts collected from the sales of timber and crops produced on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land leased by another Federal agency for natural resources conservation may be used to cover expenses of producing these products and for managing the land for natural resource purposes.

Truckee-Carson Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act, (P.L. 101-618, section 206(f)), as amended by Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 1998, (P.L. 105-83). Authorizes certain revenues and donations from non-federal entities to be deposited into the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund to support restoration and enhancement of wetlands in the Lahontan Valley and to restore and protect the Pyramid Lake fishery, including the recovery of two endangered or threatened species of fish. Payments to the Bureau of Reclamation for storage in Northern Nevada's Washoe Project that exceed the operation and maintenance costs of Stampede Reservoir are deposited into the Fund and are available without further appropriation, starting in FY 1996. Beginning in FY 1998, P.L. 105-83 provides that receipts from the sales of certain lands by the Secretary of the Interior are to be deposited into the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund.

Commercial Filming Fee, (P.L. 113-287). This law authorizes a fee system for commercial filming activities on Federal land and to use the fees for expenditure by the Secretary, without further appropriation.

Community Partnership Enhancement Act of 1998, (16 U.S.C.742f). This act authorizes the cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer outreach and education programs.

Appropriation: Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Operations and Maintenance of Quarters	($000)	3,364	3,300	0	0	+50	3,350	0
	FTE	*3*	*3*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*3*	*0*
Proceeds from Sales	($000)	168	225	0	0	+25	250	0
	FTE	*1*	*1*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*1*	*0*
Lahontan Valley & Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund	($000)	176	425	0	0	0	425	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Film and Photography Fee Program	($000)	0	75	0	0	0	75	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Community Partnership Enhancement	($000)	154	100	0	0	0	100	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Total, Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations	**($000)**	**3,862**	**4,125**	**0**	**0**	**+75**	**4,200**	**0**
	FTE	***4***	***4***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***4***	***0***

Program Overview

Operations and Maintenance of Quarters

The Operations and Maintenance of Quarters (Quarters) Account uses receipts from the rental of Service quarters to pay for maintenance and operation of those quarters. Certain circumstances, including a lack of off-site residences and site isolation, require Service personnel to occupy government-owned quarters. Such work includes protecting fish hatchery stock (e.g. maintaining water flow to fish rearing ponds during freezing temperatures), monitoring water management facilities, ensuring the health and welfare of visitors, responding to fires and floods, and protecting government property.

Proceeds From Sales, Water Resources Development Projects

As described in 16 U.S.C. 460(d), receipts collected from the sale of timber and crops from Refuge System lands leased or licensed from the Department of the Army may be used to pay the costs of production of the timber and crops and for managing wildlife habitat. Twenty-three National Wildlife Refuges were established as overlay projects on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land, and they are administered in accordance with cooperative agreements. The agreements provide that timber and grain may be harvested and sold with the receipts returned for development, conservation, maintenance, and utilization of such lands. The Service has used these funds in the past for soil amendments; road construction and repairs; and ditch and fence construction and maintenance. These expenses cannot exceed the receipt amounts deposited as proceeds from sales.

Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund

Pursuant to the Truckee-Carson Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990, the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund receives revenues and donations from non-Federal parties to support the restoration and enhancement of wetlands in the Lahontan Valley and to restore and protect the Pyramid Lake fishery. Payments received from the Bureau of Reclamation's Washoe and Truckee Storage Projects in excess of operation and maintenance costs for Stampede Reservoir are available without further

appropriation. Donations made for express purposes and State cost-sharing funds are available without further appropriation. The Secretary is also authorized to deposit proceeds from the sale of certain lands, interests in lands, and water rights into the Fund.

Film and Photography Fee Program
Congress provided authority for the Service to require permits and establish reasonable fees for commercial filming activities and certain still photography activities under Service jurisdiction. It requires all four bureaus involved—the Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service—to develop and implement a consistent fee schedule. To date, the four bureaus have revised the draft fee schedule after a public comment period, and the final fee schedule has not yet been published. Once the Service is able to charge and collect these fees, all costs recovered under this Act shall be available for expenditures by the Secretary, without further appropriation, at the site where collected, and shall remain available until expended.

Community Partnership Enhancement
The Community Partnership fund was established to encourage volunteer programs, donations, and other contributions by persons or organizations for the benefit of a particular wildlife refuge or complex. The partnership between a refuge or complex and non-federal organizations may promote public awareness of the resources of the Refuge System and public participation in the conservation of resources. Partnerships may be in the form of a non-profit organization (as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code), academic institution, or State or local government agency to carry out projects or programs for a refuge or refuge complex.

Funds may be used to promote education and the conservation of fish, wildlife, plants, and cultural and historical resources on a refuge or refuge complex.

2020 Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations is $4,200,000 and 4 FTE.

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Administrative Provisions and Legislative Proposals

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Public Lands Infrastructure Fund

Interior manages an infrastructure asset portfolio with a replacement value exceeding $300 billion, ranging from elementary and secondary schools serving Indian children in the West, to highways and bridges serving the daily commuting needs of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Most well-known, are Interior's iconic and unique national treasures that have priceless historical significance. Many of these assets are deteriorating, with older assets becoming more expensive to repair and maintain in good condition.

Interior and Agriculture manage an infrastructure asset portfolio with over $18 billion in deferred maintenance, which includes structures, trails, roads, utility systems, and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools. To address these needs, the Budget includes $6.5 billion over 5 years for a Public Lands Infrastructure Fund. The Fund will support infrastructure improvements through an allocation of 70 percent for national parks, 10 percent for national forests, 10 percent for wildlife refuges, five percent for BIE schools, and five percent for lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The Fund will be supported by the deposit of 50 percent of all Federal energy development revenue that would otherwise be credited or deposited as miscellaneous receipts to the Treasury over the 2020–2024 period, subject to an annual limit of $1.3 billion. Interior and Agriculture would prioritize projects, monitor implementation, and measure results. This investment will significantly improve many of America's most visible, visited, and treasured places.

Expiring Authorization Citation

Bureau/Office Name	Fish and Wildlife Service
Program Name	Land Acquisition
Citation	16 USC 2801-2810; 94 Stat. 1198
Title of Legislation	Land and Water Conservation Fund
Last Year of Authorization	2018
Appropriation in Last Year of Authorization ($000)	$63,839,000
BY Budget Request ($000)	$9,864,000
Explanation of Authorization Requirement for BY	None
Program Description	Authorizes appropriations to the Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire land for National Wildlife Refuges as otherwise authorized by law.

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Appendices

Section 403 Compliance

Purpose: To fulfill legislative requirements for disclosure of program assessments used to support Government-wide, departmental, or agency initiatives or general operations. H. R. 1625 / Public Law 115-141, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018:

> *SEC. 403. The amount and basis of estimated overhead charges, deductions, reserves or holdbacks, including working capital fund and cost pool charges, from programs, projects, activities and subactivities to support government-wide, departmental, agency, or bureau administrative functions or headquarters, regional, or central operations shall be presented in annual budget justifications and subject to approval by the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Changes to such estimates shall be presented to the Committees on Appropriations for approval.*

Pursuant to the *Section 403* directive, the Service fully discloses its administrative costs as follows:

REGIONAL COMMON PROGRAM SERVICES: Each region has reported on common program services (shared costs) and direct charges. A few examples of these services include facilities management, safety initiatives, and circumstances where programs pay for specific administrative services. As we transition to joint administrative operations under a Headquarters Assistant Director, these charges will become national charges.

NON-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT USER-PAY COST SHARE: Non-Resource Management Programs continue to pay annually for the administrative services they consume. The funding received from Non-Resource Management Programs supplements central, regional and Servicewide support operations. Specifically, the Non-Resource Management Programs pay for their actual use of communication services and Workers' Compensation. Other costs, such as Washington and Regional office administration and Service-wide costs, such as Unemployment Compensation are measured through FTE usage.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION: The Service has historically paid workers' compensation costs centrally through the Servicewide bill paying account. As a result, programs were not aware of the costs that result from employee injuries. Since FY 2015, workers' compensation costs have been charged to the applicable programs. The Service made this change to address an audit finding and provide incentive for programs to participate in the Department's Return to Work initiative.

ENTERPRISE-WIDE SERVICES: In order to provide the necessary level of funding for Enterprise-wide and Working Capital Fund Direct Bill services, the Service assesses its resource management programs for costs that can be directly tracked back to users. This includes software licenses, cell phone costs, personnel system costs, employee badges and the like.

RESERVES: The Service Director manages a deferred allocation fund of up to one-half of one percent of the current year Resource Management appropriation for each subactivity in excess of three million dollars. These management reserve funds are used for unanticipated requirements and are applied consistently with the original appropriation.

The Service strictly adheres to the policy that Congressional priorities must be funded in their entirety and are not subject to the deferred allocation or user-pay cost share.

Below shows administrative cost estimates for FYs 2019 and 2020:

	Fiscal Year 2019
External Administrative Costs	
WCF Centralized Billings	$23,253,700
WCF Direct Billings/Fee for Service	$17,086,100
Program Assessments	
Holdbacks, Reserves, and Deductions	$6,395,010
Bureau Administrative Costs/Central and Regional Operations	
Regional Common Program Services	$26,000,000
Non-Resource Management User-Pay Cost Share	$9,157,807
Workers' Compensation	$832,000
Enterprise-Wide Services	$23,000,000
One-Time Security and IT Investments	$2,856,700

	Fiscal Year 2020
External Administrative Costs	
WCF Centralized Billings	$24,960,600
WCF Direct Billings/Fee for Service	$17,135,100
Program Assessments	
Holdbacks, Reserves, and Deductions	$6,285,805
Bureau Administrative Costs/Central and Regional Operations	
Regional Common Program Services	$27,000,000
Non-Resource Management User-Pay Cost Share	$9,249,385
Workers' Compensation	$627,000
Enterprise-Wide Services	$23,000,000

Employee Count by Grade			
(Total Employment)			
	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Estimate	FY 2020 Estimate
Executive Level V ……	0	0	1
SES ……..……...	18	18	21
Subtotal ……..……	**18**	**18**	**22**
SL - 00 ……..……..	1	1	1
ST - 00 ……..……..	0	0	0
Subtotal ……..……	**1**	**1**	**1**
GS/GM -15 ……..……..	130	125	113
GS/GM -14 ……..…….	545	540	530
GS/GM -13 ……..…….	1,399	1,390	1,370
GS -12 ……..……...	1,697	1,690	1,675
GS -11 ……..……...	1,544	1,544	1,535
GS -10 ……..……...	8	8	8
GS - 9 ……..……	923	930	940
GS - 8 ……..……	113	113	105
GS - 7 ……..……	558	567	565
GS - 6 ……..……	193	190	190
GS - 5 ……..……	446	450	451
GS - 4 ……..……	163	165	165
GS - 3 ……..……	74	75	75
GS - 2 ……..……	10	10	15
GS - 1 ……..……	0	1	2
Subtotal ……..……	**7,803**	**7,798**	**7,739**
Other Pay Schedule Systems ……..……	685	648	644
**Total employment (actuals & estimates) ……..…….. **	**8,507**	**8,465**	**8,406**

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Allocations Received from Other Accounts

Department / Program	FY 2018 Actual		FY 2019 Estimate		FY 2020 Estimate	
	Budget Authority	Outlays	Budget Authority	Outlays	Budget Authority	Outlays
Department of Agriculture:						
Forest Pest Management 8550	0	77,134	0	27,770	0	0
Forest Pest Management 8874	157,000	15,000	200,000	187,100	200,000	200,000
Department of the Interior:						
Office of Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration						
Damage Assessment 8300	1,554,627	2,256,719	2,000,000	1,866,388	2,000,000	2,000,000
Restoration 9800	22,774,328	17,098,701	14,000,000	16,632,298	14,000,000	14,000,000
Office of Wildland Fire Coordination						
Wildland Fire Management	84,128,208	81,369,174	64,000,000	70,038,462	64,000,000	64,000,000
Disaster Relief - Hurricane Sandy	868,685	7,170,481	0	4,500,000	0	1,900,000
Bureau of Land Management						
Central Hazardous Materials Fund	3,007,653	4,148,159	4,000,000	3,702,296	4,000,000	4,000,000
So. Nevada Public Lands Management	1,341,000	824,324	1,000,000	1,102,300	1,000,000	1,000,000
Energy Act - Permit Improvement	1,201,000	1,387,077	1,201,000	1,201,000	1,201,000	1,201,000
Department of Transportation:						
Federal Highway Administration-Discretionary 0500	4,424,394	1,237,502	2,000,000	2,727,318	2,000,000	2,000,000
Federal Highway Administra ion- Mandatory 8083	9,514,274	10,310,397	8,000,000	8,454,282	8,000,000	8,000,000
TOTAL	128,971,169	125,894,668	96,401,000	110,439,215	96,401,000	98,301,000

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Executive Summary

Conserving the Nature of America
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is the oldest Federal conservation agency, tracing its lineage back to 1871, and the only agency in the Federal government whose primary responsibility is management of fish and wildlife for the American public. The Service helps ensure a healthy environment for people by providing opportunities for Americans to enjoy the outdoors and our shared natural heritage.

The first predecessor of the Service was the U.S. Fish Commission, which was established on February 9, 1871 under the Department of Commerce, and renamed the Bureau of Fisheries on July 1, 1903. The second predecessor bureau was the Office of Economic Ornithology and Mammalogy established in 1885 under the Department of Agriculture. In 1896, it was renamed the Division of Biological Survey and in 1905 renamed again the Bureau of Biological Survey. The Biological Survey was responsible for the protection of all non-fish species in the U.S. In 1900, the Biological Survey pioneered the Federal role in wildlife law enforcement with the passage of the *Lacey Act*. In 1903, as a result of an executive order by President Theodore Roosevelt, the Biological Survey began to administer the Pelican Island Bird Reservation, the first unit of what has become the modern National Wildlife Refuge System.

Kids ice fishing day at Genoa National Fish Hatchery. Credit: USFWS

In 1939 the Bureau of Biological Survey and the Bureau of Fisheries were merged and transferred to the Department of the Interior. One year later, the merged Bureau officially became the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Although at least three departments governed the bureau and many name changes occurred, the Service's mission has remained remarkably consistent for the last 148 years. The Service mission is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. A wide range of Federal laws and executive orders provide the Service with principal trust responsibility to protect and conserve migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, certain marine mammals, and inter-jurisdictional fisheries. This mission clearly contemplates fostering access to wildlife refuges in order to educate and inspire the public.

The Service believes connecting Americans directly with the Nation's wildlife heritage is a priority. To accomplish this goal, the Service will continue to make the wildlife refuges more welcoming to new and diverse audiences, and offer new hunting and fishing programs which serve the dual purpose of conservation and recreation.

The 2016 *National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation*, indicated that 101.6 million Americans, 38 percent of the U.S. population 16 years old and older, enjoyed some form of fishing, hunting, or wildlife-associated recreation. The report also noted that outdoor recreation is a huge contributor to our Nation's economy, spurring annual expenditures estimated at $156.3 billion. This

spending creates thousands of jobs, supports countless local communities and their economies, and provides vital funding for conservation.

The Service's National Wildlife Refuge System plays an essential role in providing outdoor recreation opportunities to the American public and the associated economic benefits to local communities. In FY 2018, over 55 million visitors to National Wildlife Refuges hunted, fished, observed or photographed wildlife, or participated in environmental education or interpretation on a refuge. The most popular visitor activities were use of our trails, wildlife auto routes, and wildlife observation programs. These activities help National Wildlife Refuges serve as an economic engine for local communities, helping to annually support 37,000 jobs and $2.4 billion in visitor expenditures according to the Service's latest *Banking on Nature* report, published in 2013.

American sportsmen and sportswomen are the backbone of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation that is admired around the globe. The 2020 budget sustains this commitment and also emphasizes the recovery of species, land health, and leveraged conservation partnerships. The budget invests in expanding access for sportsmen and sportswomen, supports the Administration's initiative to better protect habitat and research migration corridors for iconic North American big game species, and maintains support for important coastal and wetland restoration programs like the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Waterfowl hunting provides one important example of a traditional outdoor way of life. The Service provides opportunities for waterfowl hunting experiences across the Nation, and it ensures that this form of recreation can be practiced for years to come through sustainable harvests. Of the 567 wildlife refuges and 38 Wetland Conservation Districts, 377 are open to some type of hunting, and 312 are open to fishing. Over 2.4 million hunters and over 7.3 million recreational anglers visited these refuges last year.

A birding tour participant focuses in on a perched tree swallow. Credit: Larry Dean/USFWS

Of all the wildlife in the United States, birds attract the biggest following. According to the *2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation*, there were 45 million birdwatchers 16 years of age and older in the United States. Wildlife refuges provide wonderful places to observe birds, especially during major bird festivals that coincide with spring or fall migrations.

The Service is also responsible for implementing some of our Nation's most important and foundational environmental laws, such as the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA), *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* (MBTA), *Marine Mammal Protection Act, Lacey Act*, and international agreements such as the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species* (CITES).

While the Service holds the responsibility for conserving trust resources across broad landscapes, its work is impossible without vital partnerships with States, Tribes, and others to conserve natural resources. One area of particular focus for the Service is its partnerships with landowners. The Service invests in keeping landowners on their land, and preserving working landscapes for the benefit of plants, wildlife, and agriculture, ranching, timber and other traditional land uses. In many cases, species will greatly benefit from appropriately managed private lands. The Service has several tools to help private landowners be good

stewards of their lands, and has worked with landowners across the west to preserve open spaces. We have provided funding for habitat restoration and species recovery projects, such as the Malpai Borderlands project in Arizona and New Mexico to encourage ranching and other traditional land uses that will sustain the nature of the west for future generations. The group's efforts on behalf of the jaguar, the leopard frog, the long-nosed bat, and the ridge-nosed rattlesnake, among others, have resulted in a more secure future for those species as well as for the landowners whose livelihoods help maintain habitats.

The Service's Organization

The Service has headquarters in Washington, D.C. and Falls Church, Virginia, with regional offices located across the country and over 700 field stations. These stations include 567 units of the NWRS; seven National Monuments; 80 Ecological Services Field Stations; 70 National Fish Hatcheries; one historical National Fish Hatchery (D.C. Booth in South Dakota); eight Fish Health Centers; seven Fish Technology Centers; 51 Fisheries Offices; and waterfowl production areas in 209 counties managed within 38 Wetland Management Districts and 50 Coordination Areas. The Service works with diverse partners to accomplish its conservation mission, including other Federal agencies, State and local governments, Tribes, international organizations, and private organizations and individuals.

The Director reports to the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and has direct line authority over headquarters and the Regional Directors. Headquarter-based Assistant Directors provide policy, program management, and administrative support to the Director. The Regional Directors guide policy and program implementation, supervising the field structures, and coordinating activities with partners.

In 2019, the Service consolidated administrative functions into a single organization. The new Joint Administrative Operations (JAO), led by the Assistant Director for Management and Administration, fulfills the Service's needs for administrative support, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, and general services, at a reduced cost to the American taxpayer. In 2020, the Service proposes to restructure subactivities within General Operations to align with the JAO and deliver shared services to regional and field station managers.

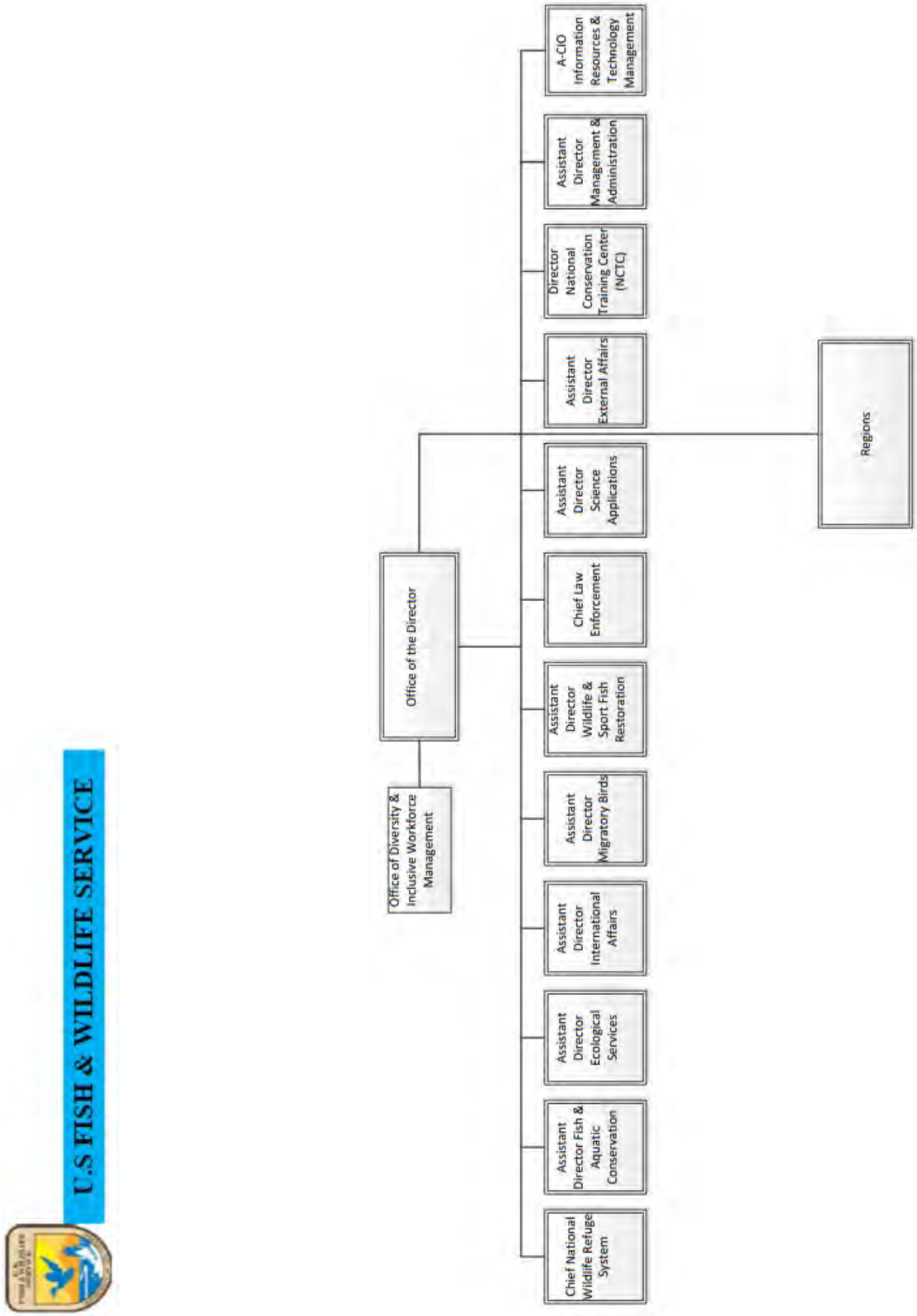
Over many decades, the Department of the Interior experienced new bureaus becoming established on an ad hoc basis with their own unique regional organizations. This ultimately resulted in a complicated series of 49 regional boundaries among 8 bureaus. This complexity led to the situation where bureau regional leadership was often focused on different geographic areas, did not have adequate and shared understanding of the needs and perspectives of regional stakeholders, and opportunities to share administrative capacity across bureaus were difficult to recognize and implement. Further, members of the public were often frustrated by problems in inter-bureau decision making where uncoordinated timelines and processes could lead to unnecessarily long delays in reaching a decision. The Department's reorganization is focused on making improvements across each of these areas.

The 2020 budget request for the Service includes $5.7 million to support the reorganization of the Department of the Interior. After working closely with stakeholders across the country on options to consolidate Interior's 49 different regions into common regions, on August 22, 2018, the Department announced the designation of Interior's 12 new unified regions. As a result of Tribal consultation, BIA, BIE, and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians will not realign their regional field structures.

Establishing unified regions across bureaus is the cornerstone of the reforms designed to improve Interior's service delivery to the public. Within each unified region, bureaus will focus work on the same resources and constituents and improve coordination across the Department. For the public, fewer regions make it easier to do business with Interior, particularly when the public interacts with several bureaus or jurisdictions.

As part of the reorganization reforms, Interior will relocate some bureau headquarters functions out West where the preponderance of Interior's assets and acres are located. The Service is currently assessing what headquarters functions could be delivered more effectively out West and identifying staff and functions to

be moved. Interior will leverage the unified regional structure to improve and streamline business operations using shared services and best practices across the Department, focusing primarily on human resources, information technology, and acquisition services. Work is underway in 2019 to plan implementation, conduct analysis, and identify areas for collaboration within the new regions.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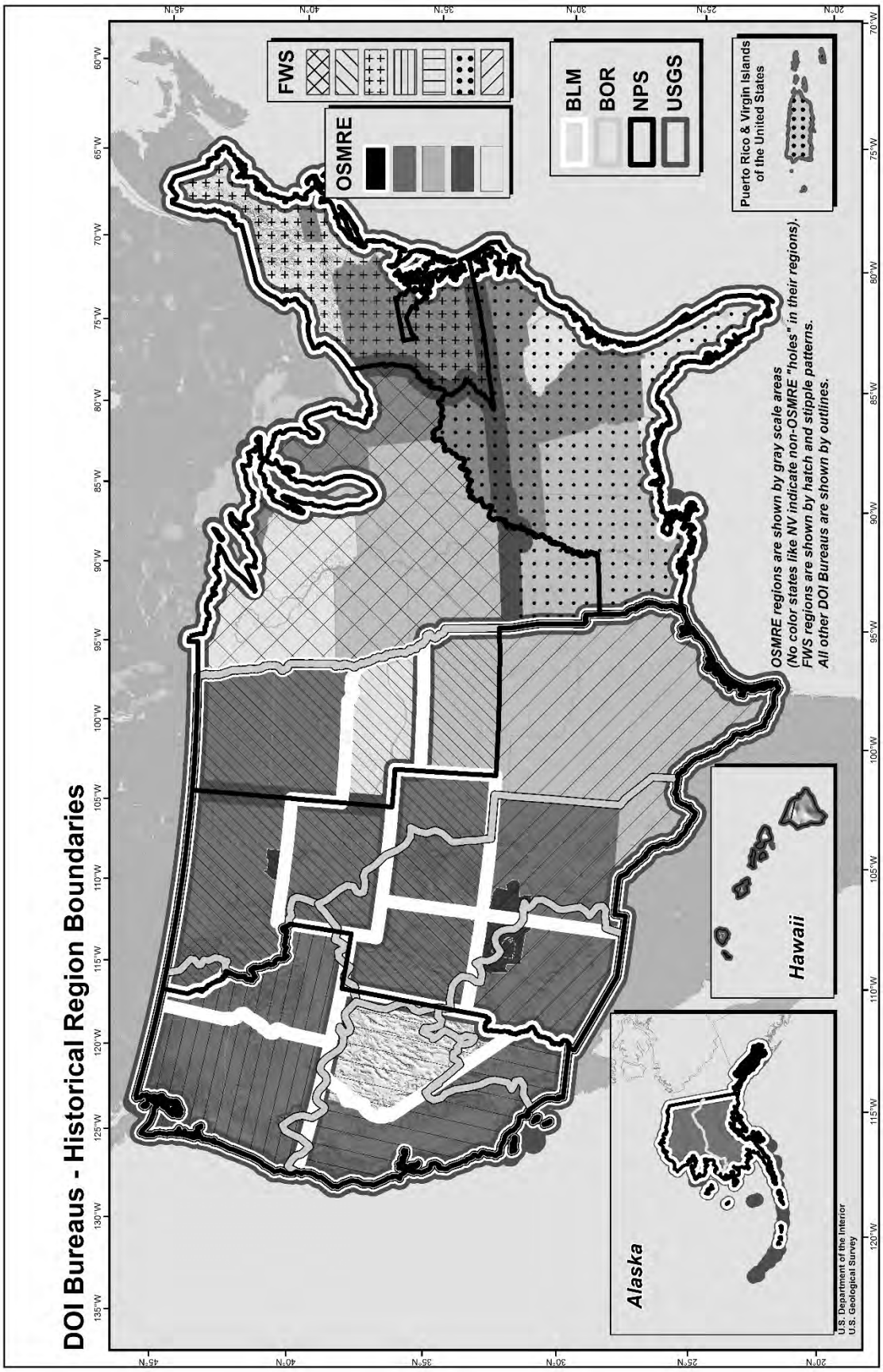
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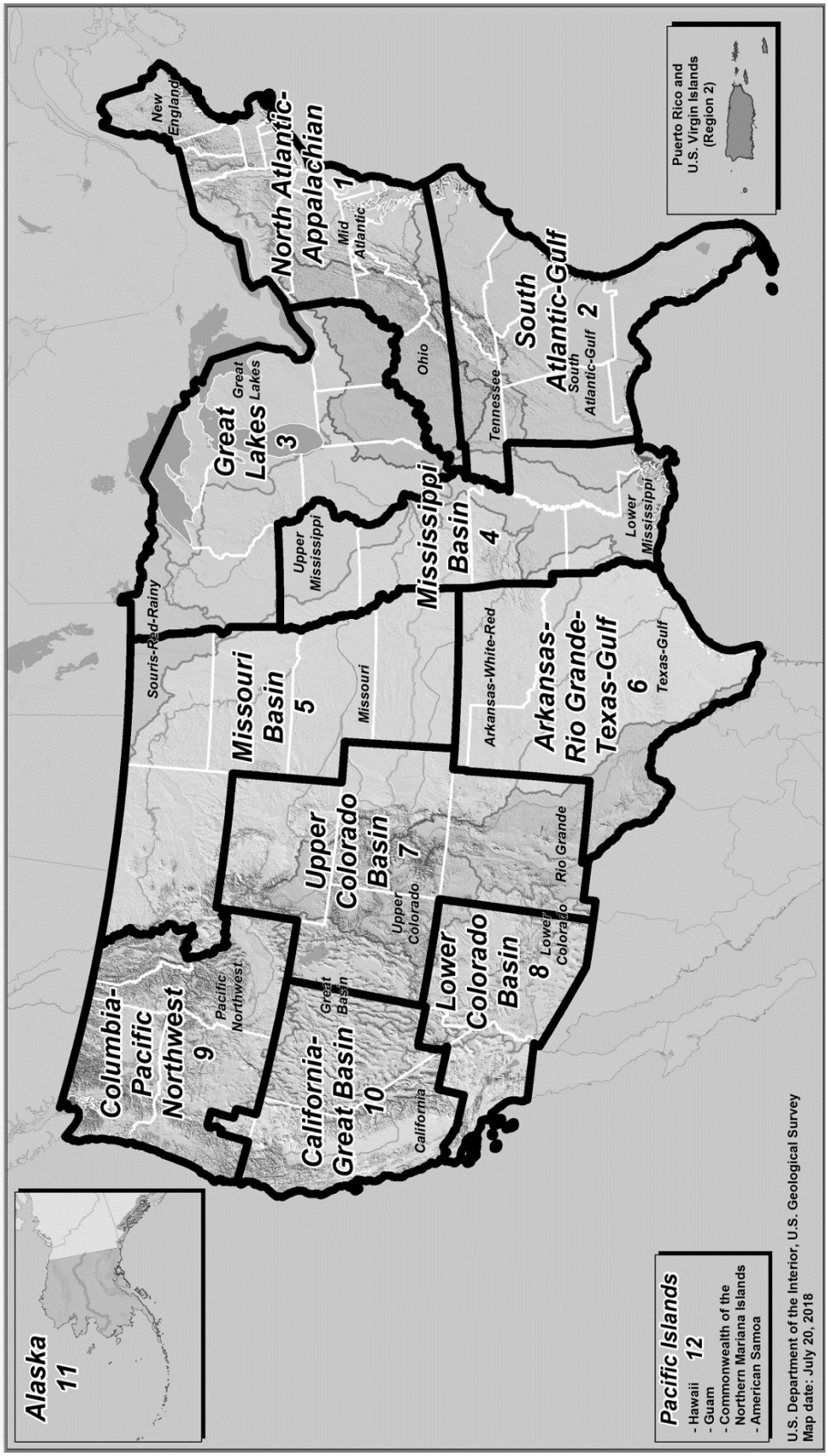

Overview of FY 2020 Budget Request

Budget Authority	*FY 2018 Actual*	2019 Annualized CR	2020 Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Discretionary Current Authority	1,594,646	1,594,646	1,363,904	-230,742
Cancellation of Balances[1]			-36,332	-36,332
Sub-total: Discretionary	1,594,646	1,594,646	1,327,572	-267,074
Supplemental Appropriation - Construction	210,629			+0
TOTAL: Discretionnary	1,805,275	1,594,646	1,327,572	-267,074
Mandatory	1,460,587	1,363,537	1,484,770	*+121,233*
Total $$$	**3,265,862**	**2,958,183**	**2,812,342**	**-145,841**
Discretionary	*6,682*	*6,682*	*6,618*	*-64*
Mandatory	*238*	*238*	*238*	*+0*
Transfers/Alloc.	*1,509*	*1,509*	*1,514*	*+5*
TOTAL FTEs	***8,429***	***8,429***	***8,370***	***-59***

[1] -$31.008 million CESCF and -$5.324 million Land Acquisition

Overview

The 2020 President's Budget request for the Service totals $2.8 billion, including current appropriations of $1.3 billion. The Budget also includes $1.5 billion available under permanent appropriations, most of which will be provided directly to States for fish and wildlife restoration and conservation. The Service estimates staffing will equal 8,370 full time equivalents (FTE) in 2020.

The Service's priorities reflect those of the Acting Secretary of the Interior, and provide the foundation for the Service's budget request.

1. Create a conservation stewardship legacy by expanding access to DOI lands for hunting and fishing;
2. Sustainably develop our energy & natural resources;
3. Restore trust & be a good neighbor;
4. Ensure Tribal sovereignty means something;
5. Increase revenues to support DOI and national interests;
6. Protect our people and the border;
7. Strike a regulatory balance;
8. Modernize our infrastructure; and
9. Reorganize DOI for the next 100 years.

Create a Conservation Stewardship Legacy

The Service's National Wildlife Refuge System embodies the Department's commitment to conserving our lands and waters and our Nation's commitment to conserving fish and wildlife for all Americans and future generations. With 567 refuges in all U.S. States and Territories, the Refuge System provides lands and waters for thousands of species of wildlife and plants, sanctuary for hundreds of threatened and endangered species, and secure spawning areas for economically and recreationally important native fish. Refuges are home to over 700 migratory bird species, 220 mammal species, 250 reptile and amphibian species, and more than 1,000 fish species, and offers protection to over 380 threatened or endangered plants or animals.

Another program that supports this Department goal is the Ecological Services Recovery Program, which strives to recover endangered and threatened species. The Service plays a vital role in guiding the recovery planning process, and in facilitating, supporting, and monitoring the implementation of recovery actions by the Service and others. The Service focuses on the Endangered Species Act (ESA) mandates that are inherently Federal, including development of recovery plans. Recovery plans are developed collaboratively with interested partners. Recovery plans may address multiple species and identify specific recovery tasks, establish downlisting and delisting criteria, and provide timetables and cost estimates. The Service works with other DOI bureaus, Federal agencies, States and other stakeholders to ensure all recovery plans have objective and measurable recovery criteria and address 5-year status review recommendations on the national workplan over the next three years. With proposed 2020 Recovery funding, the Service anticipates proposing or finalizing 36 delisting or downlisting rules.

Reducing the Regulatory Burden

The Service delivers conservation for imperiled species through its administration of the ESA, which provides a suite of voluntary tools for private landowners to undertake conservation practices for the benefit of species. The Service is committed to strengthening delivery of conservation under the ESA by making it easier to work with the agency on proactive conservation efforts for at-risk and threatened and endangered species.

The Service is committed to providing timely review and recommendations to facilitate decisions on proposed infrastructure, energy, and other development projects that contribute to job creation and economic growth, while ensuring that impacts to fish, wildlife, and their habitats are avoided, minimized or otherwise appropriately mitigated. The Service administers a variety of environmental review processes under various authorities. To ensure that the agency's regulations and policies are clear, effective, and do not pose unnecessary regulatory burden upon the public, the Service is reviewing current ESA regulations.

Expanding Outdoor Recreation and Access

There are 567 refuges and 38 wetland management districts in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Of these, 377 are open to hunting and 312 are open to fishing. The 2020 budget request prioritizes activities that support conservation stewardship in alignment with Secretarial Order 3347, *Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation*, that calls for improving game and habitat management and increasing outdoor recreation opportunities, particularly for hunters, anglers, and other sportsmen and women. Such activities include opening acres of wildlife refuges to hunting and fishing opportunities while aligning regulations with the States to better increase access and strike a regulatory balance.

The Service will work with States, sportsmen and sportswomen partners, and industry to enhance access to hunting, fishing and recreation opportunities; reduce unnecessary regulatory barriers to access; reevaluate habitat management strategies to support healthy game populations; increase access on Service owned lands; ramp up programs that contribute to recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters and anglers and engage new audiences.

Protecting Our People and the Border

Border security is critically important to the national security of the U.S. As managers of Federal properties along the U.S.-Mexico border, the Service coordinates closely with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on border security issues to assure their access and to address resource protection challenges related to border impacts. The Service also works with CBP on infrastructure projects in an effort to minimize impacts to fish and wildlife while meeting their national security mission. The Service will continue these efforts and respond to the Administration's policy and program milestones on the border.

Funding for Refuge Law Enforcement supports safe and secure refuges where more than 55 million people per year enjoy wildlife-dependent recreation. Refuge System officers will help ensure the safety and security of the visiting public, Service employees, government property, and wildlife and their habitats. This funding will enable Refuge Law Enforcement and the Service's Emergency Management personnel to receive the necessary training, equipment, and supplies to ensure safe public access to refuges along our borders for hunting, fishing, wildlife photography and observation, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation.

In addition, our International Wildlife Trade program protects our borders from invasive species and illegal trade of domestic and foreign wildlife and plants. With funding provided in this budget, the Service will modernize its permitting system, including moving toward fully electronic application submission and permit processing. We will also work with our State wildlife agency partners to ensure that trade in commercially valuable native species is legal and sustainable, such as by implementing recommendations of State and Tribal working groups regarding American ginseng management and trade.

Ensure Tribal sovereignty means something

While State fish and wildlife agencies are critically important partners in implementing the North American Model, arguably the strongest model of conservation in the world, the Department of the Interior has an equally important responsibility to follow through on its commitments to sovereign Indian Nations and territories. In addition to its consultation responsibilities, the Service works with Tribes on a variety of conservation efforts, from black-footed ferret recovery to fisheries management. The Service is committed to enhancing its relationships with Tribal partners and will take a series of actions to enhance government-to-government relationships with Tribes on conservation issues.

Department Wide Reorganization Plan

A priority of the Administration is to optimize operations of the Federal government through meaningful reorganization and increased administrative efficiency. This includes aligning our own transformation with larger efforts in the Department and government-wide. To build resilience and flexibility in our organization, the Service is working to transform its organization with the goal of streamlining operations with a focus on field operations and support. In 2019-2020 the Service will consolidate all administrative functions under a single Assistant Director for Management and Administration.

Modernizing Our Infrastructure

Interior and Agriculture manage an infrastructure asset portfolio with over $18 billion in deferred maintenance, which includes structures, trails, roads, utility systems, and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools. To address these needs, the budget includes $6.5 billion over 5 years for a Public Lands Infrastructure Fund. The Fund will support infrastructure improvements through an allocation of 70 percent for national parks, 10 percent for national forests, 10 percent for wildlife refuges, five percent for BIE schools, and five percent for lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The Fund will be supported by the deposit of 50 percent of all federal energy development revenue that would otherwise be credited or deposited as miscellaneous receipts to the Treasury over the 2020–2024 period, subject to an annual limit of $1.3 billion. Interior and Agriculture would prioritize projects, monitor implementation, and

measure results. This investment will significantly improve many of America's most visible, visited, and treasured places.

The facilities that the Service maintains for the public, from wildlife refuges to fish hatcheries, are suffering from a massive backlog of deferred maintenance totaling $1.3 billion. The maintenance backlog includes $280 million for roads, bridges and trails; $311 million for water management and habitat structures; nearly $355 million in hatcheries, boat docks, fishing piers, recreational sites and other public use infrastructure; and nearly $355 million for visitor centers, offices, housing and historic structures. As crown jewels of our public lands, the Service will continue to focus appropriations on the infrastructure and public works of these important places to ensure the public has welcoming, safe, and reliable wildlife dependent recreational access on their public lands.

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Government Reform

President Trump signed an Executive Order to modernize and reform the executive branch and Interior is leading the way, developing and executing a program that will streamline processes and better serve the American people. The absolute first step in building a better and more efficient executive branch though is fostering a culture of ethics and respect amongst colleagues.

Interior has launched several top management objectives to better achieve Departmental goals and lead the agency moving forward. From day one of this Administration, Interior's leadership has made the work environment a priority. There is zero tolerance for any type of workplace harassment at Interior. The Department is instilling a culture change through clear management accountability, swift personnel actions, reporting procedures for harassment conduct, improved training, and substantive action plans.

In the area of anti-harassment efforts, each bureau and office has made significant headway in putting a diverse set of measures in place to prevent and address unacceptable conduct. Interior has also launched an internal Workplace Culture Transformation Advisory Council to include leadership from across the Department to keep a focus on Interior's commitment to the workplace environment. The Council will look at common issues raised in the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey, ways to improve employee engagement, and building career paths which cross bureau silos; all with the goal to transform Interior's workplace culture for our employees, so they can realize their individual potential and be their most productive selves for the American people.

Another management priority is creating a strong ethical culture to ensure Interior employees honor the public's trust to manage taxpayer funds responsibly and avoid conflicts of interest. The expectations for appropriate employee conduct have been made clear. The Department has set goals and expectations for qualified ethics officials within Interior sufficient to ensure our operations are conducted ethically and ensure all employees have access to prompt, accurate ethics advice.

Summary of Request

Ecological Services – The budget includes $240.0 million to conserve, protect, and enhance listed and at-risk fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats. The budget proposes $107.5 million to support environmental reviews, consultation services, and permitting that enables economic development and the creation of American jobs. The budget prioritizes funding to promote the recovery of listed species and toward completing recovery actions and five-year species status reviews as required by the ESA. The budget proposes $11.1 million for the Listing activity to focus available resources on the recovery of listed species.

Habitat Conservation – The request for Habitat Conservation includes $54.4 million for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. The Coastal Program request is $13.4 million.

National Wildlife Refuge System – Funding for the operation and maintenance of the National Wildlife Refuge System is requested at $509.5 million. The request ensures access to high-quality opportunities for all Americans to enjoy wildlife-dependent recreation, including wildlife photography, hunting, and fishing and maintain habitat and facilities across the refuge system.

The request for the refuge system includes $239.4 million for wildlife and habitat management. The request includes an additional $5 million for invasive species early detection and rapid response on refuges and in coordination with partners. Invasive species are one of the most serious threats to native wildlife, fish, and plants in the Refuge System, and these threats are expected to grow. In fact, invasive species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity and Federally-listed threatened and endangered species, with habitat loss the first. Invasive species negatively affect native species through habitat modification, disruption of vital ecosystem functions, competition, predation, herbivory, transmission of pathogens, and by hybridizing with natives. Invasive species also impose a significant economic burden, damage infrastructure, and exacerbate wildfire.

The budget request includes $80.9 million for Visitor Services. The Refuge System offers a variety of wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities and continues welcoming more visitors each year. The priority for wildlife refuges in FY 2020 is increasing opportunities and access for hunters and anglers. With more than 100 wildlife refuges within 25 miles of most major cities, wildlife refuges offer excellent opportunities for more Americans to enjoy all kinds of wildlife-dependent recreation. The budget continues support for hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching that benefit local communities. The budget also contains an additional $1 million to support the urban refuges program, which reaches out to urban residents to encourage interest in wildlife-dependent recreation and conservation.

The request includes $146.0 million for refuge facility and equipment maintenance. The budget prioritizes maintenance of Service-owned facilities and infrastructure such as water control structures and maintenance of administrative facilities. Addressing health and human safety deficiencies at existing facilities is the highest priority for maintenance funding.

Migratory Bird Management – To support cooperation with States on migratory bird management, the budget includes $49.5 million for migratory bird management. In 2016, the most recent year in which the Service conducted the *National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation*, 2.4 million migratory bird hunters generated $2.3 billion in economic activity, much of it in rural America supporting jobs in the travel, hospitality, and outdoor recreation industries. The 2020 budget request includes $7.3 million for monitoring of waterfowl populations, which provides critical data for developing annual migratory bird hunting frameworks that States rely on to establish hunting seasons and maintain this economic activity.

Law Enforcement – The budget provides $77.2 million for the law enforcement program to investigate wildlife crimes and enforce wildlife laws. The Service continues to cooperate with the State Department, other Federal agencies, and foreign governments to disrupt transportation routes connected to the illegal wildlife trafficking supply chain. The Service will continue to cooperate with other nations to combat wildlife trafficking to halt the destruction of some of the world's most iconic species, such as elephants and rhinos, by stopping illicit trade; ensuring sustainable legal trade; reducing demand for illegal products; and providing technical assistance and grants to other nations to develop local enforcement capabilities.

International Affairs – The budget includes a total of $16.6 million for the Service's international program. The Service provides technical and financial assistance to partners to support innovative projects that address wildlife poaching and trafficking by strengthening enforcement, reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife, and expanding international cooperation and commitment to mitigate this threat.

Fish and Aquatic Conservation – The budget includes a total of $155.6 million for Fish and Aquatic Conservation. The request includes $56.4 million for operation of the National Fish Hatchery System. The Service will address top priorities such as recovery of federally-listed threatened or endangered species, restoration of imperiled species, and fulfillment of Tribal partnerships and trust responsibilities. The Service will cooperate with Federal agency partners to mitigate impacts of Federal water projects via reimbursable service agreements. Mitigation hatcheries provide sportfish that increase opportunities for recreational fishing and contribute to local economies. The budget includes $25.8 million for maintenance of infrastructure including pumps and raceways at fish hatcheries.

The budget proposes $73.4 million for Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation, including $7.8 million for combating Asian carp and $14.0 million for fish passage improvements, including dam and culvert removal or replacement to open streams and rivers to native fish restoration. The budget maintains funding for management of subsistence fishing in Alaska and fishery monitoring, management, and restoration nationwide.

General Operations – The Service's General Operations budget totals $140.9 million. The Service is in its second year of consolidating administrative services, and changes are proposed to the funding structure to provide the new Management and Administration program a defined funding source. The request includes $7.0 million for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to support conservation projects, and $21.4 million for the operation and maintenance of the National Conservation Training Center.

Construction – The Service requests $15.7 million for construction in FY 2020.

Land Acquisition – The Service's request for the Land Acquisition account is $9.9 million. The FY2020 Budget focuses available funds on the protection and management of existing lands and assets. Acquiring new lands is a lower priority than funding ongoing operations and maintenance.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants (NAWCA) – The Service is requesting $40.0 million for NAWCA grants, which provide funding for land acquisition by non-Federal partners for wetlands conservation.

Multinational Species Conservation Fund – The 2020 request for this international species grant account is $6 million.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund – The Service proposes $3.9 million for these North American bird conservation grants.

State Wildlife Grants – The request for this program is $31.3 million. These grants are provided to States for wildlife conservation.

The full report on the Service's contributions to Departmental performance goals will be published as part of the Annual Performance Plan and Report. It will be available in March, 2019 as a companion report to this document. The report provides the a trend of accomplishments for the last five years, includes targets for the next two years and the associated current year funding and supporting strategic actions.

Agency Priority Goals

Ensure Clear, Quantitative Criteria for Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Plans Agency Priority Goal

Bureau Contribution

The ESA requires that the Service develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of endangered and threatened species found in the U.S., which incorporate objective, and measureable criteria for recovering listed species. Good, defensible criteria for recovering species is critical to inform priorities, engage partners in conservation activities and direct resources towards the most immediate needs.

Implementation Strategy

Recovery plans provide the Service, partners, stakeholders, and the public a road map and goals for achieving recovery of listed species. Clear criteria for delisting a species directs resources to activities and actions that will most benefit the listed species. This measure will report on the number of recovery plans that provide quantitative criteria for delisting a species under the ESA.

The data source for this measure is the Service's Threatened and Endangered Species System database (contained within the Service's Environmental Conservation Online System, ECOS). The database includes information on all listed species, including their recovery plans, and when the species final recovery plan was completed. Determining whether the criteria used in the plan is quantitative will be determined through a review of each plan and tracked in a separate file.

Performance Metrics

For published recovery plans, Ecological Services is the lead component within Service for reviewing these plans to confirm that each plan provides quantitative criteria. For recovery plans under development or not yet initiated, the Service will require quantitative criteria be developed as part of the drafting and finalizing of the recovery plan.

Strategic Objective Performance Summary

The Service contributes to meeting the Department's performance goals in three of the Department's six mission areas, as discussed below.

Departmental Mission Area: Conserving Our Land and Water

Bureau Contribution

The Service met or exceeded two of the four FY 2018 targets set for the Strategy: Provide stewardship of land, surface water, streams and shorelines performance metrics, contributing to the Department meeting its metrics for FY 2018 in this strategic objective.

The Service met or exceeded five of the seven FY 2018 targets set for the Strategy: Provide stewardship of wildlife, bird, fish, and plant species performance metrics, contributing to the Department's meeting or exceeding its metrics for FY 2018.

Funding in FY 2020 enables the Service to support the National Wildlife Refuge System, which administers a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the U.S. for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans. Wildlife refuges are home to more than 700 species of birds, 220 species of mammals, 250 reptile and amphibian species, and more than 1,000 species of fish. Wildlife refuges manage a full range of habitat types – wetlands; prairies; coastal and marine areas; temperate, tundra and boreal forests. Managing these habitats requires controlling or eradicating invasive species, using fire in a prescribed manner, assuring adequate water resources, and assessing external threats like development or contamination. The Service uses prescribed fire to reduce dangerously overgrown vegetation-known as hazardous fuels- to keep habitat in good condition. In FY 2018, the Refuge System conducted prescribed burns across more than 325,000 acres. These actions help reduce the risk of devastating wildfires that can threaten people, fish, wildlife and plants.

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program has grown into a large and diversified habitat restoration program assisting thousands of private landowners across the Nation and the Coastal Program provides incentives for voluntary protection of threatened, endangered and other species on private and public lands alike. The *North American Wetlands Conservation Act* provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife. The FY 2020 request will maintain the Service's support for work with partners on private, State, and other Federal lands to conserve and restore habitat for fish and wildlife and plant species.

As the principal Federal partner responsible for administering the ESA, the Service takes the lead in recovering and conserving our Nation's imperiled species by fostering partnerships, employing scientific excellence, and developing a workforce of conservation leaders. The FY 2020 request will provide funding for the Service to work in partnership with others, on two major goals, 1) conserve candidate species and species-at-risk so that listing under the ESA is not necessary; and 2) protect endangered and threatened

species, and pursue their recovery. These goals are achieved through the following activities: candidate conservation; consultations; grants; habitat conservation plans; international activities; listing and critical habitat; recovery; and working with Tribes.

The Service Fisheries Program works at the intersection of fisheries science and management, developing and using the latest techniques to conserve America's fisheries. Fisheries science is an integrative approach to understanding the biology, ecology, and economics of a fishery with the goal of sustainable management. The Service analyzes and approves new drugs and chemicals for aquatic species; monitors population levels and responses to environmental changes; maps habitat usage; identifies pathogens and diseases; breeds and grows fish; and evaluates population structure using genetics. The Service applies scientific data to focus conservation activities on high-priority species and habitats to protect and maintain stable populations and healthy habitats, and restore degraded habitats and depleted populations.

Funding in FY 2020 will allow the Service to maintain efforts to oversee its legal mandate and trust responsibility to maintain healthy migratory bird populations for the benefit of the American public. More than 25 laws, treaties, and conventions authorize the Service to conserve more than 1,000 species of migratory birds and their habitats. Primary among these mandates is the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918, which establishes Federal responsibility for protecting and managing migratory birds. It also implements four international treaties affecting migratory birds common to the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Japan and the former Soviet Union. Management activities include establishing hunting seasons, bag limits, and other regulations and issuing permits to possess or use migratory birds. Other important laws that directly and significantly impact program activities include the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, which promote habitat and bird conservation across North America and throughout the western hemisphere.

Implementation Strategy

The Service will continue its efforts improve land and water health and sustaining fish, wildlife and plant species in FY 2020. The response by species to changes in habitat (or other stressors on their health and sustainability) can take years before it can be measured and therefore, measures related to overall status of species tend to move slowly across the years. Also, especially on projects conducted with partners on private lands, results can vary widely from year to year based on the makeup of projects and the partnerships in effect in that time span. The Annual Performance and Plan and Report (APP&R) contains details on some of the variability of specific measures.)

More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics

The Service contributes to four DOI Strategic Plan measures in the Strategy: Provide stewardship of land, surface water, streams and shorelines; and seven DOI Strategic Plan measures in the Strategy: Provide stewardship of wildlife, bird, fish, and plant species.

The related performance measures (including data) are included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Departmental Mission Area: Expanding Outdoor Recreation and Access

Bureau Contribution

The Service met or exceeded both FY 2018 targets set for the Strategy: Promote hunting, fishing and other recreation on DOI lands and waters.

In response to Secretarial Orders (S.O.) 3347 and 3356, the Chief of the Refuge System has led an effort to assess the Service's hunting and sport fishing regulatory alignment to State regulations, and support Regional Directors' in identifying opportunities to increase access for hunters and anglers. A web-based tool called the Service's Hunt/Fish Opportunity Tool (SHOT) was developed, and a team of Regional Chiefs of Hunting and Fishing are assessing all Service lands and waters for regulatory alignment to State hunting and fishing regulations. As part of the 2018-2019 station-specific final rule, which published in the Code of Federal Regulations on September 10, 2018, 30 refuges opened or expanded opportunities for hunters and anglers on 251,000 acres of the Refuge System. As assessments are completed in 2019, this data will support further proposals to increase access for hunters and anglers for the 2019-2020 station-specific rule.

Implementation Strategy

The Service will continue its efforts in promoting hunting, fishing and other recreation on Service lands and waters in FY 2020. More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics

The Service contributes to two DOI Strategic Plan measure in this strategic objective. The related performance measures (including data) are included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Bureau Contribution

The Service met its FY 2018 target for the Strategy: Enhance the enjoyment and appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage by creating opportunities for play, enlightenment, and inspiration. A visitor survey, conducted at selected, representative Refuge System locations showed increased visitor satisfaction over previous years in all facets of their experience. This updated result helped the Department also meet its overall goal for visitor satisfaction.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 provides direction to the Refuge System to provide "…compatible wildlife-dependent recreational uses involving hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education and interpretation as priority public uses of the Refuge System." In addition, many of the Service's fish hatcheries also provide opportunities for the public to visit and learn more about aquatic wildlife, fish, and fish hatcheries, as well as take advantage of recreational activities on hatchery grounds. The FY 2020 request will enable the Service to maintain opportunities for outdoor recreation at National Wildlife Refuges and National Fish Hatcheries at levels similar to FY 2018.

Implementation Strategy
The Service will continue its visitor service programs at similar levels in FY 2020, compared to FY 2018, and expects to maintain its current high level of visitor satisfaction (90%). More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics
The Service contributes to one DOI Strategic Plan measure in this strategic objective. The related performance measure (including data) is included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and is not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Departmental Mission Area: Modernizing Our Organization and Infrastructure for the Next 100 Years

The Service met or exceeded one of the three FY 2018 targets for the Strategy: Maintain critical DOI infrastructure and facilities to ensure effective operations and service delivery, contributing to the Department meeting its metrics for FY 2018 in this strategic objective.

Bureau Contribution
The Refuge System is the Service's primary organization responsible for identifying, protecting, and sharing historic structures and historic resources. The three primary goals are to (1) evaluate, through a systematic, open-minded study by archeologists, historians, and other specialists to locate resources and to discover or substantiate their significance; (2) provide considerable thought to the problem of simultaneously protecting resources and making them available to the public; and (3) implement essential and appropriate treatment programs and protective measures. The FY 2020 request will maintain efforts to protect these resources at levels similar to FY 2018.

Established in 1896, D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archives, formerly Spearfish National Fish Hatchery, is one of the oldest operating hatcheries in the country. Still rearing trout for the Black Hills through a cooperative effort with the State, the hatchery is also a museum and archive that serves to protect and preserve our Nation's fishery records and artifacts for educational, research, and historic purposes. With over 155,000 visitors and 14,000 volunteer hours annually, the facility also strives to provide interpretive and educational programs for the public.

The National Conservation Training Center Museum and Archives houses films, photos, and documents chronicling the rich heritage of wildlife conservation. A museum and state-of-the-art research archive help the public, researchers and professional conservationists better understand the rich history of American wildlife conservation.

Implementation Strategy

The Service will continue its historic and heritage resource efforts at similar levels in FY 2020, compared to FY 2018. More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics

Service contributes to three DOI Strategic Plan measures in this strategic objective. The related performance measures (including data) are included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

For more information about DOI performance measures, the full performance plan can be found at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/fy2018-2022-strategic-plan.pdf

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
MAJOR ACCOUNT SUMMARY OF FISCAL YEAR 2020

Account		2018 Actual	2019 Annualized CR	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	2020 Change from 2019 (+/-)
Current Appropriations								
Resource Management	$000	1,279,002	1,279,002	+7,455	0	-29,296	1,257,161	-21,841
	FTE	6,522	6,522			-8	6,514	-8
Construction	$000	66,540	66,540	+23	0	-50,870	15,693	-50,847
	FTE	41	41		0	+0	41	+0
Land Acquisition	$000	63,839	63,839	+39		-54,014	9,864	-53,975
	FTE	79	79		0	-35	44	-35
National Wildlife Refuge Fund	$000	13,228	13,228	0	0	-13,228	0	-13,228
	FTE	0	0		0		0	+0
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund	$000	53,495	53,495	0	0	-53,495	0	-53,495
	FTE	13	13		0	-13	0	-13
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	$000	40,000	40,000	0	0	+0	40,000	+0
	FTE	6	6		0	+0	6	+0
Multinational Species Conservation Fund	$000	11,061	11,061	0	0	-5,061	6,000	-5,061
	FTE	3	3		0	+0	3	+0
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation	$000	3,910	3,910	0	0	-10	3,900	-10
	FTE	1	1		0	+0	1	+0
State and Tribal Wildlife Grants	$000	63,571	63,571	0	0	-32,285	31,286	-32,285
	FTE	17	17		0	-8	9	-8
TOTAL, Current Appropriations	**$000**	**1,594,646**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-238,259**	**1,363,904**	**-230,742**
	FTE	**6,682**	**6,682**		**+0**	**-64**	**6,618**	**-64**
CESCF -$31.008M and Land Acquisition -$5.324M cancellation of balances		0	0	0	0	-36,332	-36,332	-36,332
TOTAL, Current Appropriations w/ Cancellation of CESCF/ Land Acquisition balances. $000		**1,594,646**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-274,591**	**1,327,572**	**-267,074**
	FTE	**6,682**	**6,682**		**+0**	**-64**	**6,618**	**-64**
Supplemental Appropriation - Construction		**210,629**	**0**	**+0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**+0**
TOTAL, Current Appropriations w/ Cancellation and Supplemental. $000		**1,805,275**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-274,591**	**1,327,572**	**-267,074**

Budget at a Glance

2020 Budget At A Glance

(Dollars in Thousands)

	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers	Program Changes	2020 Request
Appropriation: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT						
ECOLOGICAL SERVICES						
LISTING	**18,818**	**18,818**	**+124**	**0**	**-7,877**	**11,065**
PLANNING AND CONSULTATION	**105,579**	**105,579**	**+1,338**	**0**	**+599**	**107,516**
Gulf Coast Restoration					-3,002	
NEPA Streamlining					-2,500	
General Program Activities					+6,101	
CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION	**32,396**	**32,396**	**+254**	**0**	**-6,209**	**26,441**
Environmental Contaminants					-1,785	
Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem					-1,506	
Candidate Conservation					-2,918	
RECOVERY	**91,032**	**91,032**	**+841**	**0**	**+3,127**	**95,000**
De-listing and Down Listing					-1,393	
Recovery Challenge					-5,000	
State of the Birds Activities					-3,000	
White Nose Syndrome					-2,000	
Wolf Livestock Loss Demonstration Program					-1,000	
General Program Activities					+15,520	
ECOLOGICAL SERVICES TOTAL	**247,825**	**247,825**	**+2,557**	**0**	**-10,360**	**240,022**
HABITAT CONSERVATION						
PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE	**51,633**	**51,633**	**+321**	**0**	**+2,463**	**54,417**
Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication					-688	
Environmental Data Quality/Access (WA Salmon Recovery)					-643	
WA Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups					-1,285	
General Program Activities					+5,079	
COASTAL PROGRAM	**13,375**	**13,375**	**+185**	**0**	**-185**	**13,375**
Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group					-184	
Long Live the Kings					-184	
General Program Activities					+183	
HABITAT CONSERVATION TOTAL	**65,008**	**65,008**	**+506**	**0**	**+2,278**	**67,792**
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM						
WILDLIFE AND HABITAT MANAGEMENT						
Refuge Wildlife & Habitat Management	**233,141**	**233,141**	**+1,365**	**0**	**+4,931**	**239,437**
Invasive Species					+5,000	
Inventory and Monitoring					-1,044	
General Program Activities					+975	
Refuge Visitor Services	**73,319**	**73,319**	**+430**	**0**	**+7,106**	**80,855**
Urban Wildlife Conservation Program					+1,000	
Youth and Careers in Nature					-2,000	
General Program Activities					+8,106	
Refuge Law Enforcement	**38,054**	**38,054**	**+212**	**0**	**+4,929**	**43,195**
General Program Activities					+4,929	
Refuge Conservation Planning	**2,523**	**2,523**	**0**	**0**	**-2,523**	**0**
Refuge Planning					-2,523	
Refuge Maintenance	**139,469**	**139,469**	**+555**	**0**	**+6,018**	**146,042**
Annual Maintenance					+950	
Equipment and Vehicle Management				-4,000		
Deferred Maintenance					+3,090	
Youth Conservation Corps					-649	
Maintenance Support				+4,000	+2,627	
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM TOTAL	**486,506**	**486,506**	**+2,562**	**0**	**+20,461**	**509,529**

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers	Program Changes	2020 Request
CONSERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT						
MIGRATORY BIRD MANAGEMENT						
Conservation and Monitoring	**31,126**	**31,126**	**+258**		**+698**	**32,082**
Monitoring					+988	
Aviation Management					+1,237	
Bird-Livestock Conflicts						
Energy						
Urban Bird Treaties						
General Program Activities					-1,527	
Permits	**3,424**	**3,424**	**+21**	**0**	**+254**	**3,699**
Duck Stamp Office	**556**	**556**	**+8**	**0**	**0**	**564**
North American Waterfowl Management Plan	**13,140**	**13,140**	**+62**	**0**	**-62**	**13,140**
General Program Activities					-62	
Migratory Bird Management Total	**48,246**	**48,246**	**+349**	**0**	**+890**	**49,485**
LAW ENFORCEMENT						
Law Enforcement Operations	**75,980**	**75,980**	**+256**	**0**	**+71**	**76,307**
Wildlife Trafficking					+986	
General Program Activities					-915	
Equipment Replacement	**910**	**910**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**910**
Law Enforcement Total	**76,890**	**76,890**	**+256**	**0**	**+71**	**77,217**
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS						
International Conservation	**8,290**	**8,290**	**+50**	**0**	**+381**	**8,721**
Wildlife Trafficking					+1,084	
Arctic Council Support					-550	
General Program Activities					-153	
International Wildlife Trade	**7,526**	**7,526**	**+86**	**0**	**+290**	**7,902**
General Program Activities					+290	
International Affairs Total	**15,816**	**15,816**	**+136**	**0**	**+671**	**16,623**
CONSERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT TOTAL	**140,952**	**140,952**	**+741**	**0**	**+1,632**	**143,325**
FISH AND AQUATIC CONSERVATION						
National Fish Hatchery Operations	**55,822**	**55,822**	**+376**	**0**	**+192**	**56,390**
Washington State Mass Marking					-1,475	
Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Program					-400	
General Program Activities					+2,067	
Maintenance and Equipment	**22,920**	**22,920**	**+38**	**0**	**+2,888**	**25,846**
Annual Maintenance					+2,888	
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation						
Habitat Assessment and Restoration	**33,987**	**33,987**	**+85**	**0**	**-6,569**	**27,503**
Chehalis Fisheries Restoration					-268	
Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement					-1,390	
Deleware River Basin					-5,000	
General Program Activities					+89	
Population Assessment and Cooperative Mgmt.	**30,150**	**30,150**	**+597**	**0**	**-1,006**	**29,741**
Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey					-489	
General Program Activities					-517	

2020 Budget At A Glance
(Dollars in Thousands)

	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers	Program Changes	2020 Request
Aquatic Invasive Species	**21,748**	**21,748**	**+53**	**0**	**-5,654**	**16,147**
Asian Carp					-566	
Contract Fishing (Asian Carp)					-2,000	
Lake Tahoe Water Craft Inspections					-3,088	
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation Subtotal	**85,885**	**85,885**	**+735**	**0**	**-13,229**	**73,391**
FISH AND AQUATIC CONSERVATION TOTAL	**164,627**	**164,627**	**+1,149**	**0**	**-10,149**	**155,627**
COOPERATIVE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION	**12,988**	**12,988**	**0**	**0**	**-12,988**	**0**
SCIENCE SUPPORT						
Adaptive Science	**10,517**	**10,517**	**0**	**0**	**-10,517**	**0**
Service Science	**6,750**	**6,750**	**0**	**0**	**-6,750**	**0**
SCIENCE SUPPORT TOTAL	**17,267**	**17,267**	**0**	**0**	**-17,267**	**0**
GENERAL OPERATIONS						
Central Office Operations	**31,257**	**31,257**	**0**	**-9,613**	**+160**	**21,804**
Management and Administration	**40,866**	**40,866**	**0**	**+9,613**	**+4,387**	**54,866**
Servicewide Bill Paying	**35,781**	**35,781**	**-174**	**0**	**+163**	**35,770**
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	**7,022**	**7,022**	**0**	**0**	**-22**	**7,000**
National Conservation Training Center	**28,903**	**28,903**	**+114**	**0**	**-7,591**	**21,426**
General Program Activities					+2,226	
Yough and Careers in Nature					-3,913	
Annual Maintenance					-5,904	
GENERAL OPERATIONS TOTAL	**143,829**	**143,829**	**-60**	**0**	**-2,903**	**140,866**
TOTAL - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	**1,279,002**	**1,279,002**	**+7,455**	**0**	**-29,296**	**1,257,161**
Appropriation CONSTRUCTION						
Nationwide Engineering Services	5,475	5,475	+23	0	-130	5,368
Dam, Bridge and Seismic Safety	1,972	1,972	0	0	-740	1,232
Line Item Construction	59,093	59,093	0	0	-50,000	9,093
TOTAL - CONSTRUCTION	**66,540**	**66,540**	**+23**	**0**	**-50,870**	**15,693**
Appropriation LAND ACQUISITION						
Land Acquisition Management	12,773	12,773	+39	0	-3,286	9,526
Land Protection Planning	465	465	0	0	-465	0
Exchanges	1,500	1,500	0	0	-1,500	0
Inholdings, Emergencies and Hardships	5,351	5,351	0	0	-5,013	338
Sportsmen and Recreational Access	2,500	2,500	0	0	-2,500	0
Highlands Conservation Act	10,000	10,000	0	0	-10,000	0
Land Acquisition	31,250	31,250	0	0	-31,250	0
TOTAL - LAND ACQUISITION	**63,839**	**63,839**	**+39**	**0**	**-54,014**	**9,864**
Appropriation NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE FUND	**13,228**	**13,228**	**0**	**0**	**-13,228**	**0**
Appropriation COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND	**53,495**	**53,495**	**0**	**0**	**-53,495**	**0**

2020 Budget At A Glance *(Dollars in Thousands)*						
	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers	Program Changes	2020 Request
Appropriation NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION FUND	40,000	40,000	0	0	0	40,000
Appropriation MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND	11,061	11,061	0	0	-5,061	6,000
Appropriation NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION FUND	3,910	3,910	0	0	-10	3,900
Appropriation STATE & TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANTS	63,571	63,571	0	0	-32,285	31,286
TOTAL, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (Current Disc.)	**1,594,646**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-238,259**	**1,363,904**
CANCELLATION OF PRIOR YEAR BALANCES						
Appropriation LAND ACQUISITION					-5,324	-5,324
Appropriation CESCF					-31,008	-31,008
TOTAL, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (Discretionary)					**-274,591**	**1,327,572**

FY 2020 Summary of Fixed Cost Changes by Appropriation

(Dollars in Thousands)

Fixed Cost Component	Resource Management	Construction	Land Acq.	TOTAL
Change in Pay Days	2,766	15	25	**2,806**
Pay Raise	0	0	0	**0**
FERS Employer Contribution Increase	1,705	8	14	**1,727**
Departmental Working Capital Fund	453	0	0	**453**
Workers' Compensation Payments	-627	0	0	**-627**
Unemployment Compensation Payments	0	0	0	**0**
GSA and non-GSA Space Rental Payments	3,158	0	0	**3,158**
TOTAL, Fixed Costs	**7,455**	**23**	**39**	**7,517**

Resource Management

Resource Management

Appropriations Language

For necessary expenses of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, as authorized by law, and for scientific and economic studies, general administration, and for the performance of other authorized functions related to such resources, $1,257,161,000 to remain available until September 30, 2021: Provided, That not to exceed $11,065,000 shall be used for implementing subsections (a), (b), (c), and (e) of section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533) (except for processing petitions, developing and issuing proposed and final regulations, and taking any other steps to implement actions described in subsection (c)(2)(A), (c)(2)(B)(i), or (c)(2)(B)(ii)).

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the Continuing Resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

African Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4201-4245, 1538). Authorizes funding for approved projects for research, conservation, management or protection of African elephants. Authorizes prohibitions against the sale, importation, and exportation of ivory derived from African elephants.

Agricultural Credit Act, (P. L. 100-233). Section 616 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer lands, interest therein, to Federal or State agencies for conservation purposes. The Fish and Wildlife Service assesses inventory lands to determine when such lands would be of benefit to the National Wildlife Refuge System and makes transfer recommendations.

Airborne Hunting Act, (16 U.S.C. 742 j-1). Section 13 of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 prohibits taking or harassing wildlife from aircraft, except when protecting wildlife, livestock, and human health or safety as authorized by a Federal or State issued license or permit.

Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 410hh-3233, 43 U.S.C 1602-1784). Provides for the designation and conservation of certain public lands in Alaska, including units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for the continuing subsistence needs of the Alaska Natives. Sec. 42(g) of this Act makes use of such Native lands subject to refuge regulations.

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, (43 U.S.C. 1601-1624). Provides various measures for settling the claims of Alaska Native peoples to land in Alaska, including authorization of selection and ownership of land within National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska by Native Corporations.

Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, (P. L. 89-304). Authorizes the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce to enter into cooperative agreements with the States and other non-Federal interests for the conservation, development, and enhancement of anadromous fish, including those in the Great Lakes, and to contribute up to 50 percent of the costs of carrying out such agreements.

Antarctic Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 2401). Provides for the conservation and protection of the fauna and flora of Antarctica, and their ecosystems.

Archaeological Resources Protection Act, (16 U.S.C. 470aa-47011)**.** Provides for protection of archaeological resources and sites on public and Tribal lands and for increased cooperation between

government authorities, the professional archaeological community, and private collectors with collections obtained before October 31, 1979.

Arctic Tundra Habitat Emergency Conservation Act, (P.L.106-108). Requires the Secretary of the Interior to prepare, and as appropriate implement, a comprehensive, long-term plan for the management of mid-continent light geese and conservation of their habitat.

Asian Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4261-4266, 1538). Provides for cooperative projects for the conservation and protection of Asian elephants.

Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, (16 U. S.C. 5151-5158). The purpose of this Act is to support and encourage development, implementation, and enforcement of effective interstate action regarding the conservation and management of Atlantic striped bass. The Act recognizes the commercial and recreational importance of Atlantic striped bass and establishes a consistent management scheme for its conservation. The three partners which share management responsibility for Atlantic striped bass are the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Every two years, the Services are required to produce an Atlantic Striped Bass Biennial Report to Congress on the status and health of Atlantic Coast Striped Bass Stocks.

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Ac*t*, **(**16 U.S.C. 668-668d). This Act provides for the protection of Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles by prohibiting take, possession, sale, purchase, transport, export or import of such eagles or their parts or nests. Take, possession, and transport are permitted for certain authorized purposes.

Brown Tree Snake Eradication and Control Act, (P.L. 108-384). Through this Act, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture support a multi-agency and partner effort to eradicate brown tree snakes in Guam and to prevent introduction or establishment of this invasive species on other Pacific islands or the U.S. mainland.

Billy Frank Jr. Tell Your Story Act, (P.L. 114-101). Establishes the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial within the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. The Department of the Interior must: (1) establish the boundaries of the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial and to provide for its administration and interpretation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and (2) coordinate with representatives of the Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Puyallup, and Squaxin Island Indian Tribes in providing for that interpretation.

Chehalis River Basin Fishery Resources Study and Restoration Act, (P. L. 101-452). Authorizes a joint Federal, State, and tribal study for the restoration of the fishery resources of the Chehalis River Basin, Washington.

Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990, (16 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) Requires the Secretary (delegated to the Service) to maintain the maps of the Coastal Barrier Resources System, to review the system at least every five years for changes which have occurred as a result of natural forces, and to make minor and technical changes to the maps of the System reflecting those natural changes. It also requires the Secretary to submit a study to Congress on the need to include the west coast in the system, and to lead an interagency task force to provide recommendations to Congress for legislative action and Federal policies on developed and undeveloped coastal barriers.

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act, (16 U.S.C. 3951-3156). Provides a Federal grant program for the acquisition, restoration, management, and enhancement of coastal wetlands of States

adjacent to the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, and the Pacific, including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Pacific U.S. insular areas. Provides that the Service update and digitize wetlands maps in Texas and conduct an assessment of the status, condition, and trends of wetlands in that State. Provides permanent authorization to appropriate receipts, coastal wetlands conservation grants and North American Wetlands Conservation projects.

Coastal Zone Management Act, (16 U.S.C. 1451-1464). Establishes a voluntary national program within the Department of Commerce to encourage coastal States to develop and implement coastal zone management plans. Activities that affect coastal zones must be consistent with approved State programs. The Act also establishes a National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS).

Colorado River Floodway Protection Act, (43 U.S.C 1600; 42 U.S.C. 4029). Establishes a Task Force to advise the Secretary of the Interior on the specific boundaries for and management for the area.

Colorado River Storage Project Act, (43 U.S.C. 620). Provides that facilities will be built and operated to mitigate losses of, and improve conditions for, fish and wildlife in connection with the Colorado River Storage.

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, (42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq.). Provides that responsible parties, including Federal landowners, investigate and clean up releases of hazardous substances. Trustees for natural resources, which includes the Secretary of the Interior, may assess and recover damages for injury to natural resources from releases of hazardous substances and use the damages for restoration, replacement or acquisition of equivalent natural resources. Provides permanent authorization to appropriate receipts from responsible parties.

Coral Reef Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.). Promotes wise management and sustainable use of coral reef ecosystems and develop sound scientific information on the condition of coral reef ecosystems and threats to them. Provides financial resources to local communities and nongovernmental organizations to assist in the preservation of coral reefs. It establishes a formal mechanism for collecting and allocating monetary donations from the private sector to be used for coral reef conservation projects.

Delaware River Basin Restoration Act, (P.L. 114-322). Establishes a Delaware River Basin restoration program and directs the Secretary to produce a basin-wide strategy that draws on existing conservation efforts, involves partners, and provides for the implementation of a shared set of science-based restoration and protection activities, including cost-effective projects with measurable results that maximize conservation outcomes with no net gain of Federal employees. Establishes a voluntary grant and technical assistance program. Sunsets on September 30, 2023. Enacted as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016.

Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2016, (P.L. 114-231). Sets forth a national policy on wildlife trafficking and several directions for the U.S. Secretary of State. Creates a Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, the co-chairs of which include the Secretary of the Interior. Authorizes anti-poaching and anti-trafficking programs. Amends the Pelly Amendment to the Fisherman's Protection Act to require that Pelly certifications made to the President by the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior be reported to Congress.

Emergency Wetlands Resources Act, (16 U.S.C. 3901). Provides for the collection of entrance fees, thirty percent of which may be used for refuge operations and maintenance, and for the Secretary of the Interior to establish and periodically review a national wetlands priority conservation plan for Federal and State wetlands acquisition, complete National Wetlands Inventory maps for the contiguous United States by

September 30, l998, to update the report on wetlands status and trends by September 30, 1990, and at 10-year intervals thereafter.

Endangered Species Act, (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544). Prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to and removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery; provides for interagency cooperation to avoid take of listed species and for issuing permits for otherwise prohibited activities; provides for cooperation with States, including authorization of financial assistance; and implements the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Indian Water Settlement Act, (P.L. 101-618). Establishes the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund. Funds are administered by the Service for use in restoring Lahontan Valley wetlands and recovering the endangered and threatened fish of Pyramid Lake. Section 206(a) authorizes the acquisition of water rights for restoring wetlands in Lahontan Valley. The Act stipulates that sufficient water rights be acquired to restore and sustain, on a long term average, approximately 25,000 acres of primary wetland habitat within Nevada's Lahontan Valley.

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Control Act, (7 U.S.C. 136-136y). Provides for the registration of pesticides to avoid unreasonable adverse effects to humans or the environment. Such registrations are considered Federal actions and are subject to consultations with the Service under the Endangered Species Act.

Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), **(**16 U.S.C. 6801-6814). Through this Act, Congress authorized Federal collection of fees for recreational use of public lands managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service.

Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA), (43 U.S.C. 2301-2306). Allows the sale of BLM lands identified for disposal, with sales proceeds used for land acquisition by the various land management agencies, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Federal Power Act, (161 S.C. 791a et seq.). Provides that each license for hydropower projects issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission includes fish ways prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior or Commerce, and that conditions for the protection, mitigation and enhancement of fish and wildlife based on recommendations of the Service and other agencies.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act), (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387)**.** Section 404 (m) authorizes the Service to comment on permit applications submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the discharge of dredged or fill material into navigable waters of the United States. Section 208(i) authorizes the Service to provide technical assistance to States in developing management practices as part of its water pollution control programs and to continue with the National Wetlands Inventory. Section 320 authorizes the establishment of a State/Federal cooperative program to nominate estuaries of national significance and to develop and implement management plans to restore and maintain the biological and chemical integrity of estuarine waters.

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, (16 U.S.C. 742(a)-754). Establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 2901-2911). Directs the Secretary of the Interior to undertake research and conservation activities, in coordination with other Federal, State, international and private organizations, to fulfill responsibilities to conserve migratory nongame birds under existing authorities. The Secretary is required, for all species, subspecies, and migratory nongame birds, to monitor and assess population trends and status; to identify environmental change and human activities; and to identify species in need of additional conservation and identify conservation actions to ensure perpetuation of these species.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, (16 U.S.C. 661-666(e)). Directs the Service to investigate and report on proposed Federal actions that affect any stream or other body of water and to provide recommendations to minimize impacts on fish and wildlife resources.

Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act, (16 U.S.C. 777 note; P.L. 106-502)**.** Congress reauthorized the Fisheries and Irrigation Mitigation Act (FRIMA) as part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, P.L. 111-11. FRIMA was established in 2000 and has been an important tool for addressing fish screening and fish passage needs in the Pacific Northwest States.

Fishery Conservation and Management Act, (Magnuson-Stevens Act), (16 U.S.C. 1801-1882, 90 Stat. 331). Authorizes the conservation and management of the fishery resources found within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States, including anadromous species, through eight Regional Fishery Management Councils. Establishes the Service as a nonvoting member of the Councils.

Food Security Act, (16 U.S.C. 801-3945). Provides that the Secretary of Agriculture consult with the Secretary of the Interior on the identification of wetlands, determinations of exemptions, and issuance of regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act. Requires the Service to concur in wetland mitigation plans in association with minimal effect exemptions and to concur in conservation plans for lands proposed for inclusion in the Wetlands Reserve program. Establishes a program to protect and restore wetlands on Farmers Home Administration inventory property and provides for the Service to identify such wetlands.

Great Ape Conservation Act*,* (16 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.). Authorizes grants to foreign governments, the CITES secretariat, and non-governmental organizations for the conservation of great apes. The funds are to be a sub-account of the Multinational Species Conservation Fund.

Great Lakes Critical Programs Act, (P.L. 101-596). Authorization for Service activities is contained in title III, the "Lake Champlain Special Designation Act of 1990".

Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act, (P.L. 109-326). The 2006 reauthorization places new emphasis on terrestrial wildlife projects, whereas the previous Acts were primarily devoted to fisheries. The bill also reauthorizes the existing State and Tribal grant program and provides new authority for the Service to undertake regional restoration projects. In addition, it directs the Service to create and maintain a website to document actions taken as a result of the Act. Under authority of the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 2006, the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act Grant Program provides Federal grants on a competitive basis to States, Tribes and other interested entities to encourage cooperative conservation, restoration and management of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat in Great Lakes basin..

Great Lakes Fishery Act, (16 U.S.C. 931-939). Implements the Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between the United States and Canada, and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior and the Service to undertake lamprey control and other measures related to the Convention.

Highlands Conservation Act, (P.L. 108-421). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania (Highland States) to preserve and protect high priority conservation land in the Highlands region, an area depicted on a National Forest Service map entitled "The Highlands Region" dated June 2004.

Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act, (16 U.S.C. 719 et seq.). Authorizes an annual Junior Duck Stamp competition and environmental education program for school children; provides for the licensing and marketing of winning designs, with proceeds used for awards and scholarships to participants. Public Law 109-166 reauthorizes the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act, (16 U.S.C.460ss et seq.). Requires the Secretary to develop and implement a restoration plan for the Klamath River Basin.

Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, (18 U.S.C. 42; 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378). Provides that the Secretary of the Interior designate injurious wildlife and ensure the humane treatment of wildlife shipped to the United States. Prohibits importation, exportation, transportation, sale, or purchase of fish and wildlife taken or possessed in violation of State, Federal, Indian Tribal, and foreign laws. Provides for enforcement of Federal wildlife laws, and Federal assistance to the States and foreign governments in the enforcement of non-Federal wildlife laws.

Marine Mammal Protection Act, (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407). Establishes a moratorium on taking and importing marine mammals, including parts and products. Defines the Federal responsibility for conservation of marine mammals, with management authority vested in the Department for the sea otter, walrus, polar bear, dugong, and manatee.

Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grants, (16 U.S.C. 1421f; 114 Stat. 2765. Title II of P.L. 106-555). Amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act to authorize grants to non-governmental organizations which participate in the rescue and rehabilitation of stranded marine mammals.

Marine Turtle Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6601-6607). Establishes a Marine Turtle Conservation Fund in the Multinational Species Conservation Fund. The fund is a separate account to assist in the conservation of marine turtles, and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries.

Migratory Bird Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 715-715d). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct investigations and publish documents related to North American birds, and establishes a Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) to approve areas recommended by the Secretary for acquisition. The MBCC also approves wetlands conservation projects recommended by the North American Wetlands Conservation Council under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, (16 U.S.C. 718). This Act, commonly referred to as the Duck Stamp Act, requires waterfowl hunters, 16 years of age or older, to purchase and possess a valid Federal waterfowl hunting stamp prior to taking migratory waterfowl. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to use $1 million from sales of migratory bird hunting and conservation stamps to promote additional sales of stamps.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, (16 U.S.C. 703-712). Implements four international treaties that affect migratory birds common to the United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan, and the former Soviet Union. Establishes Federal responsibility for protection and management of migratory and non-game birds, including the establishment of season length, bag limits, and other hunting regulations, and the issuance of permits to band, possess or otherwise make use of migratory birds.

National Aquaculture Development Act, (16 U.S.C. 2801-2810). Establishes a coordinating group, the Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture (JSA). The JSA has been responsible for developing the National Aquaculture Development Pan. The plan establishes a strategy for the development of an aquaculture industry in the United States.

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969**,** (NEPA), (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)**.** Provides that the Service examine the environmental impacts, incorporate environmental information, and use public participation in the planning and implementation of all actions; integrate NEPA with other planning requirements; prepare NEPA documents to facilitate better environmental decision making; and review Federal agency environmental plans and documents when the Service has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impacts involved.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, (16 U.S.C. 3701-3709)**.** Establishes a federally-chartered, nonprofit corporation to encourage and administer donations to benefit Service programs and other activities to conserve fish, wildlife, and plant resources.

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, (16 U.S.C. 470-470b, 470c-470n)**.** Directs Federal agencies to preserve, restore, and maintain historic cultural environments.

National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.)**.** Provides authority, guidelines and directives for the Service to improve the National Wildlife Refuge System; administers a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and restoration of fish, wildlife and plant resources and habitat; ensures the biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health of refuges is maintained; define compatible wildlife-dependent recreation as appropriate general public use of refuges; establishes hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education as priority uses; establish a formal process for determining compatible uses of refuges; and provide for public involvement in developing comprehensive conservation plans for refuges.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act*,* (P.L. 105-57)**.** Spells out wildlife conservation as the fundamental mission of the refuge system; requires comprehensive conservation planning to guide management of the refuge system; directs the involvement of private citizens in land management decisions; and provides that compatible wildlife-dependent recreation is a legitimate and appropriate use that should receive priority in refuge planning and management.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act, (P.L. 106-408)**.** Reinforces *National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act* provisions to raise public understanding and appreciation for the refuge system; calls on the Secretary of the Interior to establish a Centennial Commission to oversee special public outreach activities leading up to and during the Centennial year, leverage resources with public and private partners for outreach efforts, and plan and host a major conference in 2003; calls on the Service to develop a long-term plan to address the highest priority operations, maintenance, and construction needs of the National Wildlife Refuge System; and requires an annual report assessing the operations and maintenance backlogs and transition costs associated with newly acquired refuges lands.

National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act, (P.L. 111-357)**.** Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6101 et. seq.). Authorizes grants for the conservation of neotropical migratory birds in the United States and Latin America and the Caribbean, with 75 percent of the amounts made available to be expended on projects outside the United States. The funds

are to be a sub-account of the Multinational Species Conservation Fund. Title III of P.L. 109-363, reauthorized appropriations for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

New England Fishery Resources Restoration Act, (P.L. 101-593). Authorizes the Service to formulate, establish, and implement cooperative programs to restore and maintain nationally significant interjurisdictional fishery resources in New England river systems.

Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species Prevention and Control Act, as amended by the National Invasive species Act, (NISA, 16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.). Authorizes the Service to develop and implement a program to prevent and control infestations of zebra mussels and other nonindigenous aquatic invasive species in waters of the United States.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4401). Authorizes grants to public-private partnerships in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. to protect, enhance, restore, and manage waterfowl, other migratory birds and other fish and wildlife, and the wetland ecosystems and other habitats upon which they depend, consistent with the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. There is a Standard and a Small Grants Program. Both are competitive grants programs which require that grant requests be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 1-to-1 ratio. Funds from U.S. Federal sources may contribute towards a project, but are not eligible as match. Public Law 109-322 reauthorized the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Nutria Eradication and Control Act, (P.L. 108-16). Provides for the States of Maryland and Louisiana to implement nutria eradication or control measures and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

Oil Pollution Act, (P.L. 101-380)**.** Provides that the Service consult with others on the development of a fish and wildlife response plan for the protection, rescue, and rehabilitation of, and the minimization of risk of damage to fish and wildlife resources and their habitat harmed or jeopardized by an oil discharge.

Partnerships for Wildlife Act, (16 U.S.C. 3741-3744). This Act establishes a Wildlife Conservation and Appreciation Fund to receive appropriated funds and donations from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other private sources to assist the State fish and game agencies in carrying out their responsibilities for conservation of nongame species and authorizes grants to the States for programs and projects to conserve nongame species.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act, (16 U.S.C. 3771-3774). Provides for the restoration, enhancement, and management of fish and wildlife habitats on private land through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, a program that works with private landowners to conduct cost-effective habitat projects for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources in the United States.

Pelly Amendment to the Fishermen's Protective Act, (22 U.S.C. 1978). Authorizes the President to embargo wildlife products, including fish, and limit other imports from nations whose nationals are determined by the Secretary of the Interior or Commerce to be engaging in trade or take that undermines the effectiveness of any international treaty or convention for the protection of endangered or threatened species to which the United States is a party.

Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act, (P.L. 113-239). Authorizes the Service to permanently allow any State to provide hunting and conservation stamps for migratory birds (referred to as Federal Duck Stamps) electronically. The electronic stamps would remain valid for 45 days to allow for the physical stamps to arrive in the mail.

Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act*,* (16 U.S.C. 2602-2645) and ***Energy Security Act of 1980****, (16* U.S.C. 792-828(c)). Authorizes the Service to investigate and report on effects of hydropower development on fish and wildlife during the licensing process of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Recreational Use of Fish and Wildlife Areas, (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4). Commonly known as the Refuge Recreation Act of 1962, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to administer refuges, hatcheries, and other conservation areas for recreational use when such use does not interfere with the primary purpose for which these areas were established**.**

Refuge Recreation Act, (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4). Public Law 87-714, approved September 28, 1962 (76 Stat.653) as amended by Public Law 89-669, approved October 14, 1966, (80 Stat.930) and P.L. 92-534, approved October 23, 1972, (86 Stat. 1063). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to administer refuges, hatcheries and other conservation areas for recreational use, when such uses do not interfere with the areas primary purposes.

Resource Conservation Recovery Act, (42 U.S.C. 6901). Establishes standards for Federal agencies on the treatment, transportation, storage, and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes on Federal lands and facilities.

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act*,* (16. U.S.C. 5306(a), 1538). Authorizes grants to other nations and to the CITES Secretariat for programs directly or indirectly assisting in the conservation of rhinoceros and tigers. Prohibits the sale, importation, and exportation of products derived from any species of rhinoceros and tiger.

Salmon and Steelhead and Conservation and Enhancement Act of 1980, (16 U.S.C. 3301, 11-15, 21-25, 31-36, 41-45). Provides for management and enhancement planning to help prevent a further decline of salmon and steelhead stocks, and to assist in increasing the supply of these stocks within the Columbia River conservation area and the Washington conservation area.

Sikes Act, (16 U.S.C. 670a-670o). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Bureau of Land Management, and State agencies in planning, developing, maintaining and rehabilitating Federal lands for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat.

Strategic Response to Asian Carp Invasion Act, (P.L. 113-121). Requires the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey, to lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian Carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries by providing high-level technical assistance, coordination, best practices, and support to state and local government strategies, to slow, and eventually eliminate, the threat posed by such carp. Enacted in the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.

Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, (30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to regulate surface mining and reclamation at existing and future mining areas. The Service provides technical assistance for fish and wildlife aspects of the Department of the Interior's programs on active and abandoned mine lands.

Water Resources Development Act*,* (90 Stat. 2921). Authorizes the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan to mitigate fish and wildlife losses caused by power generation at four Corps of Engineers dams on the Lower Snake River in Washington.

Wild Bird Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916). Requires that all trade in wild birds involving the United States is biologically sustainable and to the benefit of the species, and by limiting or prohibiting imports of exotic birds when not beneficial to the species.

Youth Conservation Corps Act, (16 USC 1701-1706) as amended by P.L. 93-408, September 3, 1974. Expands and makes permanent the Youth Conservation Corps, and for other purposes. The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program, started in 1971, is a summer employment program for young men and women (ages 15–18) from all segments of society who work, learn, and earn together by doing projects for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wildlife Refuge System lands and National Fish Hatcheries. The objectives of this program (as reflected in Public Law 93-408) authorize the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service to operate the YCC Program.

Executive Orders

The Executive Orders listed are not an exhaustive list and are those most frequently referenced and used by the Service.

Floodplain Management, (Executive Order 11988)**.** Requires that federally-owned floodplains be protected through restricting future activities that would harm the floodplain resource or withhold such properties from lease or disposal to non-Federal public or private partners.

Migratory Birds, (Executive Order 13186). Directs Federal agencies taking actions that may have measurable negative impacts on migratory bird populations to enter into memoranda of understanding (MOU) with the Service to promote conservation of migratory bird populations and directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish a multi-agency Council for the Conservation of Migratory Birds.

Protection of Wetlands, (Executive Order 11990). Requires that federally-owned wetlands proposed for lease or conveyance to non-Federal public or private parties be protected through restricting any future uses that would degrade or harm the wetland resource in the conveyance or withhold such properties from lease or disposal.

Recreational Fisheries, (Executive Order 12962). Directs Federal agencies to improve the quantity, function, and sustainable productivity, and distribution of U.S. aquatic resources for increased resources for recreational fishing opportunities. The Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service are ordered to promote compatibility and to reduce conflicts between the administration of the *Endangered Species Act* and recreational fisheries. The Secretary of the Interior is directed to expand the role of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership council to monitor specific Federal activities affecting aquatic systems and the recreational fisheries they support.

Combating Wildlife Trafficking, (Executive Order 13648). Directs agencies to combat the illegal poaching and wildlife trade of protected species, both domestically and internationally. Wildlife trafficking not only endangers the survival of wildlife species, but also contributes to global instability and undermines security. The Secretary of the Interior will co-chair a Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking with the Secretary of State and Attorney General, or their designees.

Improving Performance of Federal Permitting and Review of Infrastructure Projects, (Executive Order 13604). Directs agencies to make the Federal permitting and review process of infrastructure projects efficient and effective to support economic growth while ensuring the health, safety, and security of the environment and communities. Agencies are to provide transparency, consistency, and predictability in the process for both project sponsors and affected communities.

Major Treaties and Conventions

The Service is party to numerous International Treaties and Conventions, all of which cannot be listed here due to space constraints. However, those listed below are more pertinent to the daily activities of Service programs.

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Flora and Fauna, (TIAS 8249). Parties who signed the Convention in March of 1973 agreed to restrict international trade in all species threatened with extinction (Appendix I species), all species which may be threatened with extinction unless trade is halted or restricted (Appendix II species), and all species which the parties identify as being subject to regulation for the purpose of preventing or restricting exploitation (Appendix III species). Many species listed under CITES are also listed under the *Endangered Species Act*. The Service is responsible for issuing all CITES permits in the United States.

Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere, (56 Stat. 1354). Signed in October of 1940, this Convention authorizes the contracting parties to establish national parks, national reserves, nature monuments, and strict wilderness reserves for the preservation of flora and fauna, especially migratory birds.

Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar), (TIAS 11084). The Ramsar Convention, ratified by over 90 nations, promotes the sustainable management of important wetlands around the world, especially as habitat for waterfowl. The Service's objective with this initiative is to strengthen worldwide collaboration regarding conservation and management of wetlands habitats which sustain resources stared by or of importance to all countries of the globe.

Summary of Requirements
Appropriation: Resource Management
(Dollars in Thousands)

	2018 Actual		2019 Annualized CR		Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers		Program Changes (+/-)		2020 Request		Change from 2019 (+/-)	
	FTE	Amount	*FTE*	Amount	(+/-)	*FTE*	Amount	*FTE*	Amount	*FTE*	Amount	*FTE*	Amount
Ecological Services													
Listing	*119*	18,818	*119*	18,818	+124	*0*	0	*-51*	-7,877	*68*	11,065	*-51*	-7,753
Planning and Consultation	*647*	105,579	*647*	105,579	+1,338	*0*	0	*+24*	+599	*671*	107,516	*+24*	+1,937
Conservation and Restoration	*200*	32,396	*200*	32,396	+254			*-10*	-6,209	*160*	26,441	*-40*	-5,955
Recovery	*469*	91,032	*469*	91,032	+841	*0*	0	*+22*	+3,127	*491*	95,000	*+22*	+3,968
Subtotal, Ecological Services	*1,435*	**247,825**	*1,435*	**247,825**	**+2,557**	***0***	**0**	***-15***	**-10,360**	***1,390***	**240,022**	***-45***	**-7,803**
Habitat Conservation													
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	*233*	51,633	*233*	51,633	+321	*0*	0	*+5*	+2,463	*238*	54,417	*+5*	+2,784
Coastal Program	*49*	13,375	*49*	13,375	+185	*0*	0	*0*	-185	*49*	13,375	*0*	0
Subtotal, Habitat Conservation	*282*	**65,008**	*282*	**65,008**	**+506**	***0***	**0**	*+5*	**+2,278**	***287***	**67,792**	***+5***	**+2,784**
National Wildlife Refuge System													
Wildlife and Habitat Management	*1,303*	233,141	*1,303*	233,141	+1,365	*0*	0	*+62*	+4,931	*1,365*	239,437	*+62*	+6,296
Visitor Services	*508*	73,319	*508*	73,319	+430	*0*	0	*+38*	+7,106	*546*	80,855	*+38*	+7,536
Refuge Law Enforcement	*229*	38,054	*229*	38,054	+212	*0*	0	*+28*	+4,929	*257*	43,195	*+28*	+5,141
Conservation Planning	*16*	2,523	*16*	2,523	0	*0*	0	*-16*	-2,523	*0*	0	*-16*	-2,523
Refuge Maintenance	*543*	139,469	*543*	139,469	+555	*0*	0	*+12*	+6,018	*555*	146,042	*+12*	+6,573
Subtotal, National Wildlife Refuge System	***2,599***	**486,506**	***2,599***	**486,506**	**+2,562**	***0***	***0***	***+124***	**+20,461**	***2,723***	**509,529**	***+124***	**+23,023**
Conservation and Enforcement													
Migratory Bird Management	*215*	48,246	*215*	48,246	+349	*0*	0	*0*	+890	*215*	49,485	*0*	+1,239
Law Enforcement	*341*	76,890	*341*	76,890	+256	*0*	0	*0*	+71	*341*	77,217	*0*	+327
International Affairs	*82*	15,816	*82*	15,816	+136	*0*	0	*+1*	+671	*83*	16,623	*+1*	+807
Subtotal, Conservation and Enforcement	***638***	**140,952**	***638***	**140,952**	**+741**	***0***	**0**	*+1*	**+1,632**	***639***	**143,325**	***+1***	**+2,373**
Fish and Aquatic Conservation													
National Fish Hatchery System Operations	*323*	55,822	*323*	55,822	+376	*0*	0	*0*	+192	*323*	56,390	*0*	+568
Maintenance and Equipment	*67*	22,920	*67*	22,920	+38	*0*	0	*+8*	+2,888	*75*	25,846	*+8*	+2,926
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation	*297*	85,885	*297*	85,885	+735	*0*	0	*-7*	-13,229	*290*	73,391	*-7*	-12,494
Subtotal, Fish and Aquatic Conservation	***687***	**164,627**	***687***	**164,627**	**+1,149**	**0**	**0**	***+1***	**-10,149**	***688***	**155,627**	***+1***	**-9,000**
Cooperative Landscape Conservation	***50***	**12,988**	***50***	**12,988**	**0**	***0***	**0**	*-50*	**-12,988**	***0***	**0**	*-50*	**-12,988**
Science Support													
Adaptive Science	*19*	10,517	*19*	10,517	0	*0*	0	*-19*	-10,517	*0*	0	*-19*	-10,517
Service Science	*14*	6,750	*14*	6,750	0	*0*	0	*-14*	-6,750	*0*	0	*-14*	-6,750
Subtotal, Science Support	***33***	**17,267**	***33***	***17,267***	**0**	***0***	**0**	***-33***	**-17,267**	***0***	**0**	***-33***	**-17,267**
General Operations													
Central Office Operations	*262*	31,257	*262*	31,257	0	*-42*	-9,613	*0*	+160	*220*	21,804	*-42*	-9,453
Management and Administration	*403*	40,866	*403*	40,866	0	*+42*	9,613	*0*	+4,387	*445*	54,866	*+42*	+14,000
Servicewide Bill Paying	*23*	35,781	*23*	35,781	-174	*0*	0	*0*	+163	*23*	35,770	*0*	-11
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	*0*	7,022	*0*	7,022	0	*0*	0	*0*	-22	*0*	7,000	*0*	-22
National Conservation Training Center	*110*	28,903	*110*	28,903	+114	*0*	0	*-11*	-7,591	*99*	21,426	*-11*	-7,477
Subtotal, General Operations	***798***	**143,829**	***798***	**143,829**	**-60**	***0***	0	***-11***	**-2,903**	***787***	**140,866**	***-11***	**-2,963**
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Total, Resource Management	***6,522***	**1,279,002**	***6,522***	**1,279,002**	**+7,455**	*0*	0	**+22**	**-29,296**	***6,514***	**1,257,161**	***-8***	**-21,841**

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Resource Management

Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days This row reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.	+2,772	+2,766
Pay Raise The 2020 request reflects a pay freeze for civilian employees.	+3,654	+0
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.	+0	+1,705
Departmental Working Capital Fund The change reflects expected changes in the charges for centrally billed Department services and other services through the Working Capital Fund. These charges are detailed in the Budget Justification for Departmental Management.	+995	+453
Worker's Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of compensating injured employees who suffer accidental deaths while on duty. Costs will reimburse the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Fund, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8147(b) as amended by Public Law 94-273.	-832	-627
Unemployment Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of unemployment compensation claims to be paid to the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Account, in the Unemployment Trust Fund, pursuant to Public Law 96-499.	+0	+0
Rental Payments The amounts reflect changes in the costs payable to the General Services Administration (GSA) and others for office and non-office space as estimated by GSA, as well as the rental costs of other currently occupied space. These costs include building security; in the case of GSA space, these are paid to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Costs of mandatory office relocations, i.e. relocations in cases where due to external events there is no alternative but to vacate the currently occupied space, are also included.	-407	+3,158
Baseline Adjustments for O&M Increases In accordance with space maximization efforts across the Federal Government, this adjustment captures the associated increase to baseline operations and maintenance (O&M) requirements resulting from movement out of GSA or direct-leased (commercial) space and into Bureau-owned space. While the GSA portion of fixed costs will go down as a result of these moves, Bureaus often encounter an increase to baseline O&M costs not otherwise captured in fixed costs. This category of funding properly adjusts the baseline fixed cost amount to maintain steady-state funding for these requirements.	+50	+0

Internal Realignments and Non-Policy/Program Changes (Net-Zero)	BY (+/-)
National Wildlife Refuge System/Equiptment and Vehicle Management This internal transfer is proposed to properly align funds with management of facilities and equipment.	-4,000
National Wildlife Refuge System/Maintenance Support This internal transfer is proposed to properly align funds with management of facilities and equipment.	+4,000
General Operations/Centeral Office Operations The internal transfer is proposed to reorganize administrative functions, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, budget and performance, and risk management.	-9,613
General Operations/Management and Administration The internal transfer is proposed to reorganize administrative functions, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, budget and performance, and risk management.	+9,613

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Ecological Services

Activity: Ecological Services

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Listing	($000)	18,818	18,818	+124	0	-7,877	11,065	-7,753
	FTE	*119*	*119*	*0*	*0*	*-21*	*68*	*-21*
Planning and Consultation	($000)	105,579	105,579	+1,338	0	+599	107,516	1,937
	FTE	*647*	*647*	*0*	*0*	*+24*	*671*	*+24*
Conservation and Restoration	($000)	32,396	32,396	+254	0	-6,209	26,441	-5,955
	FTE	200	200	0	0	*-40*	*160*	*-40*
Recovery	($000)	91,032	91,032	+841	0	+3,127	95,000	+3,968
	FTE	*469*	*469*	*0*	*0*	*+22*	*491*	*+22*
Total, Ecological Services	**($000)**	**247,825**	**247,825**	**2,557**	**0**	**-10,360**	**240,022**	**-7,803**
	FTE	***1,435***	***1,435***	***0***	***0***	***-45***	***1,390***	***-45***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Ecological Services

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Recovery Activities	+15,520	+103
• Planning and Consultation Activities	+6,101	+45
• Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Program	-1,000	-6
• De-listing and Down Listing	-1,393	-9
• Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem	-1,506	-10
• Environmental Response and Restoration	-1,785	-11
• White Nose Syndrome	-2,000	-13
• NEPA Streamlining	-2,500	-1
• Candidate Conservation	-2,918	-19
• State of the Birds	-3,000	-20
• Gulf Coast Restoration	-3,002	-20
• Recovery Challenge	-5,000	-33
• Listing	-7,877	-51
Program Changes	**-10,360**	**-45**

Program Mission

The Ecological Services (ES) Program contributes to the Acting Secretary's priority of creating a conservation stewardship legacy, sustainably developing our energy and natural resources, restoring trust with our neighbors and communities, supporting Tribal sovereignty, protecting our southern border, striking a regulatory balance between sustainable economic development and providing for conservation into the future.

ES Field Offices provide leadership in environmental response and restoration and assist communities in balancing economic growth and conservation through their work to conduct timely environmental reviews

of Federal permits and projects, conserve and recover species listed under the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA), and permit take of listed species.

Program Elements

The Ecological Services program is comprised of the following program elements:

- **Listing** – Uses the best scientific and commercial information available to identify foreign and domestic plant and animal species that are in danger of extinction or likely to become in danger of extinction within the foreseeable future and thus need protection under the ESA.
- **Planning and Consultation** – Provides integrated advanced project planning, environmental review, and permitting assistance to proactively address environmental concerns in support of economic growth, demand for new infrastructure, and community development.
- **Conservation and Restoration** – Delivers proactive species conservation efforts in partnership with States, Tribes, local governments, and landowners to prevent the need to list a species when possible; protects and restores habitat important to Federal trust species; and provides databases and mapping products that are essential tools for conservation and restoration of species and habitats by landowners, other Federal and State agencies, and the public.
- **Recovery** – Works with communities and stakeholders to recover endangered and threatened species, with the goal to minimize or reduce threats to a listed species and improve their status so the species can be secured and removed from Federal protection.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

Under various statutes and authorities, the Ecological Services Program is charged with providing technical solutions and compliance with a variety of conservation laws, most specifically the *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act* (FWCA); ESA; *Marine Mammal Protection Act* (MMPA); *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA); *Emergency Wetlands Resources Act*; *Clean Water Act*; *Coastal Barrier Resources Act* (CBRA); *Oil Pollution Act* (OPA); *Federal Power Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act* (CERCLA); and multiple Executive Orders. Through these operating authorities, the Service identifies potential impacts and provides solutions that prevent species and their habitats from becoming more imperiled and support the Secretary's priority of Conserving Our Land and Water.

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Listing

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Listing	($000)	18,818	18,818	+124	0	-7,877	11,065	-7,753
	FTE	*119*	*119*	*0*	*0*	*-51*	*68*	*-51*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Restoration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Listing	-7,877	-51
Program Changes	**-7,877**	**-51**

Program Overview

The purpose of the ESA is to conserve endangered and threatened species and the ecosystems on which they depend. Before a plant or animal species can receive the protection provided by the ESA, it must first be added to the Federal lists of threatened and endangered wildlife and plants. Placing a species on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife (50 CFR 17.11) or the List of Endangered and Threatened Plants (50 CFR 17.12), and designating critical habitat as required under the ESA, focuses resources and efforts by the Service and its partners on recovering the species. Through the Listing subactivity, the Service uses the best scientific and commercial information available to identify species that are in danger of extinction or likely to become so within the foreseeable future and thus need protection under the ESA.

The Service works closely with States and Tribes during the listing process, which often includes the development of a species status assessment (SSA) that reflects the best available scientific and commercial information regarding life history, biology, and the factors affecting the viability of a species. The Service maintains a national listing workplan to encourage States, Tribes and the public to undertake conservation activities now for species on the workplan so that the species does not need the protection of the ESA.[1]

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Listing is $11,065,000 and 68 FTE.

Listing (-$7,877,000/-51 FTE)

The request will be used by the Service to implement the approved National Listing workplan. This plan funds 90-day and 12-month petition findings, and listing, 4(d), and critical habitat rules that are required by law. The funds will support staff working on findings and rules, public hearings, printing, and economic analyses associated with critical habitat designations.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Support implementation of the approved National Listing Workplan. This plan identifies and prioritizes 90-day and 12-month findings, listing rules, and critical habitat rules that are required by law. Listing determinations will be based on Species Status Assessments.
- Support staff work on rules, public hearings, printing, and economic analyses for critical habitat.
- The Service has developed performance metrics to track and hold itself accountable for providing States the opportunity to provide their valuable scientific input in the SSA development process.

[1] https://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/listing-workplan html

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Planning and Consultation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Planning and Consultation	($000)	105,579	105,579	+1,338	0	+599	107,516	1,937
	FTE	*647*	*647*	*0*	*0*	*+24*	*671*	*+24*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Restoration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Planning and Consultation Activities	+6,101	+45
• NEPA Streamlining	-2,500	-1
• Gulf Coast Restoration	-3,002	-20
Program Changes	**+599**	**+24**

Program Overview

A pronghorn seen in the Pinedale Anticline natural gas field in Wyoming. Credit: Theo Stein/USFWS

Planning and Consultation is the primary customer service component of the Ecological Services program. Service staff advance the Secretary's priorities of sustainably developing our Nation's energy and natural resources, coordinating with Tribes, protecting our people and our border, striking a regulatory balance, and modernizing our Nation's infrastructure. With this funding, the Service works collaboratively with industry, agencies, Tribes, and other stakeholders to balance conservation and development needs. Service biologists work with stakeholders at the planning stages of Federally-authorized, licensed, or funded projects—from highway expansions to energy development—to ensure that development has minimal impact on wildlife and habitats. By engaging in project development and planning processes early, the Service can save taxpayers and developers money by minimizing environmental impacts of development projects, reducing threats to species in a way that helps prevent the need to list them as endangered or threatened in the future, streamlining the permitting process so that benefits are realized sooner, and reducing paperwork.

Early coordination and involvement in the project siting and design process can minimize the impacts of a project on wildlife. Engaging through the NEPA process, Ecological Services works closely with the lead Federal agency to streamline the review process for their Federal infrastructure projects. Through authority for interagency consultation under Section 7 of the ESA, the Service collaborates with its partners to identify opportunities to reduce adverse impacts of development activities with a Federal nexus. If an agency action is likely to adversely affect a listed species or critical habitat, the Federal agency must initiate consultations with the Service. This requirement may affect private individuals when their action involves Federal authorization—including permits— or funding. Service biologists provide technical assistance that identifies and explains ways to modify or reduce adverse effects of proposed projects on listed species and issue incidental take authorization for listed species so that projects can proceed on schedule and in compliance with the ESA.

Environmental review functions constitute a significant workload for the Service, and we are continuously looking for ways to improve the efficiency, consistency, transparency, and effectiveness of environmental reviews for infrastructure and other development projects. The Service is enhancing our Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) decision support system for streamlining the environmental review process. This allows for rapid identification of potential projects that will not affect listed species and expedites completion of requirements involving ESA section 7 consultations, section 10 HCPs, and other environmental review processes. In addition, the Service is undertaking a process to update species range maps in a way that is transparent and repeatable. Through improved range maps for listed species, the Service will be able to focus environmental reviews to areas where the species is most likely to occur.

Using the Habitat Conservation Planning authority under Section 10 of the ESA, the Service provides technical assistance to non-Federal entities in the development of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) and issues incidental take permits. The Service's incidental take permit program is a flexible process for addressing situations in which a property owner's otherwise lawful activities might result in incidental take of a listed species. Through HCPs, the Service facilitates private and other non-Federal land development with proactive species and conservation planning that strike a regulatory balance for development while addressing threats to species and fulfilling species recovery needs. The HCP program encourages applicants to explore different methods to achieve compliance with the ESA and choose an approach that best suits their needs.

The Service is implementing ways to streamline its review process in coordination with other Federal agencies and provide programmatic consultations where appropriate. The Service will continue to work closely with other Federal agencies in FY 2020 to advance infrastructure projects expeditiously while minimizing adverse impacts to fish, wildlife, and plants.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Planning and Consultation is $107,516,000 and 671 FTE.

Planning and Consultation Activities (+$6,101,000/+45 FTE)
The request enables the Service to build field capacity for technical assistance to Federal agencies and project proponents and continue to streamline the consultation and project review process through the development of web-based tools, reducing the regulatory burden and time commitments on project proponents, industries and other Federal agencies. Funding will support new web-based applications through IPaC as well as maintain and increase the scope and capability of existing applications to meet increased demand. In addition, the Service will invest in refined range maps for listed species to reduce the areas of consideration for consultation to those areas where development activities are most likely to affect a listed species.

NEPA Streamlining (-$2,500,000/ -1 FTE)
In FY 2018, Congress provided $2,500,000 to streamline the permitting process and achieve compliance with permitting and other statues. This work will continue to be funded under general Planning and Consultation Activities, as it continues to be a priority for the Service.

Gulf Coast Restoration (-$3,002,000/-20 FTE)
Through this funding, the Service works closely with the States and local communities in the Gulf Coast to provide timely environmental reviews of projects funded as part of the restoration from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Within the requested funding the Service will provide technical assistance to those activities that are critically important to the health and vitality of our Nation's natural and economic resources.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide integrated advanced project planning, environmental review, and permitting assistance to address environmental concerns in support of energy production, infrastructure, and other development activities.
- Support development and population of data in our web-based application, Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC), to help streamline the ESA consultation process, provide clarity and transparency, and increase predictability for Federal agencies and applicants.
- Collaborate with many internal and external partners by providing technical assistance in evaluating the impacts of proposed Federal activities on fish, wildlife, and plants.
- Focus our consultation and permitting efforts on Administration and Departmental priorities, particularly priority infrastructure and energy projects.

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Conservation and Restoration

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation and Restoration	($000)	32,396	32,396	+254	0	-6,209	26,441	-5,955
	FTE	200	200	0	0	-40	160	-40

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Restoration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem	-1,506	-10
• Environmental Response and Restoration	-1,785	-11
• Candidate Conservation	-2,918	-19
Program Changes	**-6,209**	**-40**

Program Overview

The Service supports collaborative species conservation efforts, works to protect and restore habitats that are important to Federal trust species, and provides mapping products and databases that are essential tools for conservation and restoration of species and habitats by other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public.

Candidate Conservation

Identification of candidate species can assist environmental planning efforts by providing advance notice of potential listings, and by allowing landowners and resource managers to alleviate threats and thereby possibly remove the need to list species as endangered or threatened. Funding through this subactivity focuses on conducting species assessments and facilitating voluntary conservation efforts. The Service routinely publishes a Candidate Notice of Review (CNOR) which is an updated list of plant and animal species native to the United States regarded as candidates for or have been proposed for listing under the ESA. By reducing threats to species and their habitats before they become critically imperiled, future conservation efforts are likely to be less costly, more flexible, and more likely to result in successful conservation over time. Even if we subsequently list a candidate species, the early notice provided can result in more options for species management and recovery by prompting earlier candidate conservation measures to alleviate threats to the species.

Marine Mammals

Also funded under this subactivity is the Service's work to conserve marine mammals. While NOAA is responsible for porpoises, dolphins and whales under the MMPA, the Service oversees protections for walruses, manatees, otters, and polar bears. Marine mammals are a resource of great cultural, aesthetic, economic, and recreational significance. The MMPA provides protection by prohibiting (with certain exceptions): (1) "take" of marine mammals in U.S. waters and by U.S. citizens on the high seas and (2) the import, export, and sale of marine mammals and marine mammal parts, and products in the U.S. Under the MMPA, marine mammal populations, and the health and stability of marine ecosystems upon which they depend, are required to be maintained at, or returned to, healthy levels.

Sea Otters are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Photo Credit: Randall Davis

Meeting the Service's mandate for the conservation of marine mammal species requires communication and cooperation with other Federal agencies, State governments, Alaska Native Organizations, scientists from numerous institutions and organizations, industry groups, and nongovernmental organizations.

National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)
The Service is the principal Federal agency tasked with providing information to the public on the distribution as well as the status and trends of our Nation's wetlands. The National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) provides a publicly available online mapping resource that gives detailed information on the abundance, characteristic, and distribution of America's wetlands. The wetland data layer underlying the mapper provides the best available data to the Nation. The Service works extensively with other Federal and State partners to continually update the data. These maps expedite conservation and business decisions on, for instance, siting of development projects near a wetland. In FY 2020, the Service will be completing the collection of data for the sixth decadal report to Congress on the status and trends of the Nation's wetlands. As required by law, the next report will provide an assessment of the health, quality, and quantity of America's wetlands that informs policy and management decisions across the Federal Government.

Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA)
In the early 1980s, Congress recognized that certain Federal actions and programs have historically subsidized and encouraged development on coastal barriers, resulting in the loss of natural resources; threats to human life, health, and property; and the expenditure of millions of tax dollars each year. To remove the Federal incentive to develop these areas, CBRA designated relatively undeveloped coastal barriers along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts as part of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS), and made these areas ineligible for most new Federal expenditures and financial assistance. CBRA does not prohibit or restrict development conducted with non-Federal funds.

CBRA is a map-based law, and the Service continues to take significant steps to improve efficiencies and effectiveness of CBRA administration including: (1) the release of an online CBRS Mapper that makes CBRS boundary data more accessible to property owners, project proponents, and other stakeholders who need to know whether properties or project sites may be affected by the CBRA; (2) the release of an online validation tool for the public and other Federal agencies to make a self-determination as to whether individual properties are located "in" or "out" of the CBRS which is important for the issuance of flood insurance policies, real estate transactions and federal expenditures within the CBRS; (3) finish remapping 44 percent of the total units representing 16 percent of the total acreage between Virginia and New Hampshire; and (4) resolving property determinations requested by Congress and/or property owners that require extensive land research and imagery analysis.

Environmental Response and Restoration
Our coasts, rivers, estuaries, wetlands and other natural places are home to spectacular native wildlife and provide Americans with unrivaled places to fish, hunt, and get outdoors. They also play a critical role in our economy, generating revenues from tourism and recreational activities, while providing us with clean water and performing countless other important ecological functions. The Service's Environmental Response and Restoration Program protects and restores fish and wildlife, as well as habitats that have been injured by oil discharges, and the release of hazardous substances or emerging contaminants of concern. In order to be effective in responding to emergency spills, the Service must maintain a cadre of trained responders. Funding in this subactivity is critical to maintain the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's required training certificates or medical monitoring, to supply responders and Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) practitioners with the equipment and supplies to prevent exposure to spilled oil or environmental contaminants, and to conduct associated pre-assessment investigations. Trained responders will increase the Service's capacity to provide technical support and expertise to the U.S. Coast Guard and Environmental Protection Agency during spill events.

The Environmental Response and Restoration program within Ecological Services oversees the NRDAR activities nationwide. In order to achieve restoration, the Service must provide technical expertise to convert damage assessment awards to on-the-ground restoration. The Service uses this funding to provide support to ongoing cases and conduct early investigations that could potentially lead to restoration projects worth millions of dollars. For example, through ongoing cases in FY 2018, the Service, in coordination with co-trustees, put more than $120 million on the ground to restore fish and wildlife for the American people: enhancing or restoring nearly 2,000 acres, managing more than 40,000 acres, and protecting more than 7,000 acres. As a result, nearly 6,000 acres were made available for recreational use through the use of NRDAR funds. In FY 2017, the NRDAR program managed more than $13.5 million in funds recovered from responsible parties to implement restoration projects for the benefit of the American people. Based upon a recent report, the Service estimated that FY 2017 projects generated approximately $46 million for the economy and 480 year-long jobs.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Conservation and Restoration is $26,441,000 and 160 FTE.

Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem (-$1,506,000/-10 FTE)
With the requested funding, the Service will continue to work with Federal and State partners to implement important on the-ground conservation efforts for species within the sagebrush ecosystem.

Environmental Response and Restoration: (-$1,785,000/-11 FTE)
The Service will prioritize work in spill response and engagement with NRDAR trustees.

Candidate Conservation (-$2,918,000/-19 FTE)
Priority will be given to administering the Candidate Notice of Review (CNOR). The Service will rely on the States to assume the role in providing technical assistance for all CCAAs and CCAs. Guided by the national listing workplan, the States can leverage their expertise and relationships to provide landowners with technical assistance to achieve specific conservation goals for candidate and petitioned species and thus potentially eliminate the need to list a species.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Deliver proactive species conservation efforts in partnership with other Federal agencies, States, Tribes, local governments, and landowners to prevent the need to list a species when possible; protect and restore habitat important to Federal trust species; and provide databases and mapping products that are essential tools for conservation and restoration of species and habitats by landowners, other Federal and State agencies, and the public.

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Recovery

		2018 Actual	2019 Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Recovery	($000)	91,032	91,032	+841		+3,127	95,000	+3,968
	FTE	469	469			+22	491	+22

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Recovery

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Recovery Activities	+15,520	+103
• Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Program	-1,000	-6
• De-listing and Down Listing	-1,393	-9
• White Nose Syndrome	-2,000	-13
• State of the Birds	-3,000	-20
• Recovery Challenge	-5,000	-33
Program Changes	**+3,127**	**+22**

Program Overview

Preventing extinction and achieving recovery of listed species has always been, and will continue to be, one of the Service's highest priorities. It serves the Acting Secretary's objective of conserving our land and water by managing its fish and wildlife. The goal of Recovery is to minimize or remove the threats that led to the species' listing and to work toward reclassifying the species from endangered to threatened, and toward delisting the species altogether. This process requires technical leadership, monitoring, planning, and management together with close coordination with Service partners. The Service plays a vital role in guiding the recovery planning process, and in facilitating, supporting, and monitoring the implementation of recovery actions by the Service and others.

Recovery plans, non-regulatory blueprints for the work that needs to be done to achieve downlisting or delisting a species under the ESA, are required under the ESA. Recovery plans are developed collaboratively with interested partners. Recovery plans may address multiple species, identify specific recovery tasks, establish downlisting and delisting criteria, and provide timetables and cost estimates. There is a public review process for each draft recovery plan. The Service advances the Secretary's priorities of creating a conservation stewardship legacy and striking a regulatory balance by enhancing and increasing partnerships with agencies and organizations to implement highest priority recovery actions identified in recovery plans for endangered and threatened species under the trusteeship of the Service in the United States and its Territories, such that known threats to the species may be reduced or eliminated.

The ESA requires the Service to review the status of listed species once every five years to determine whether the current listing status, as endangered or threatened, is still appropriate. This assessment includes a notice to the public requesting information on the species under review. These documents are important tools to gather new information, assess threats to the species, and validate whether protection under the ESA is still necessary.

Service biologists support the implementation of the ESA via collaborative conservation actions that are advantageous, feasible, and practicable for all parties. Staff provides technical assistance to our partners to champion recovery projects on the ground. Recovery projects can range from habitat restoration to captive rearing and reintroduction to landowner agreements that will provide Safe Harbors to one or more listed

species for a set period of time. Safe Harbor Agreements provide assurances that non-Federal conservation actions (e.g., habitat restoration, reintroduction), will not result in additional regulation on the landowner.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Recovery of Listed Species is $95,000,000 and 491 FTE.

Recovery Activities (+$15,520,000/+103 FTE)
The Service is focused on the ESA mandates that are inherently Federal, including development of recovery plans, five-year status reviews, and has prioritized rulemakings to downlist or delist species whose status has improved. In FY 2018, the Service developed a national workplan for downlisting and delisting rulemakings and submitted a total of 26 proposed or final rules to reclassify a species, exceeding the target of eight rules. In FY 2019, the Service anticipates proposing or finalizing 36 delisting and downlisting actions. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Service expects to propose or finalize 36 delisting or downlisting rules. The request will support the Service's capacity to work with other DOI bureaus, Federal agencies, States, and other stakeholders, to ensure recovery plans have objective and measurable recovery criteria and address five-year status review recommendations on the national workplan. The Service has established a process to revise recovery plans to ensure that each plan has quantitative criteria for what constitutes a recovered species, and is implementing a streamlined approach to recovery planning to facilitate timely development of plans for all newly listed species.

Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Program (-$1,000,000/-6 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

Delisting and Downlisting (-$1,393,000/-9 FTE)
The Service remains committed to prioritizing delisting and downlisting rulemakings through species recovery activities. The request will support implementation of the Service National Delisting and Downlisting Workplan in addressing five-year status review recommendations and substantive petitions to downlist and delist species over the next three years (FY 20-22).

White Nose Syndrome (-$2,000,000/-13 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

State of the Birds (-$3,000,000/-20 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

Recovery Challenge (-$5,000,000/-33 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Support our work to complete the recovery responsibilities required of the Service by statute - preparing recovery plans for newly listed species within two and a half years of the final listing, working through recovery plan backlog, completing five-year reviews for approximately 20% of the species annually, acting on the recommendations to reclassify or delist species, and encourage collaborative partnerships with others for recovery implementation. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Service expects to finalize 36 delisting or downlisting rules.
- Ensure that all final recovery plans have quantitative criteria for what constitutes a recovered species and are completed in a timely manner.

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Habitat Conservation

HABITAT CONSERVATION

Activity: Habitat Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	($000)	51,633	51,633	+321	0	+2,463	54,417	+2,784
	FTE	*233*	*233*	*0*	*0*	*+5*	*238*	*+5*
Coastal Program	($000)	13,375	13,375	+185	0	-185	13,375	0
	FTE	*49*	*49*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*49*	*0*
Total, Habitat Conservation	**($000)**	**65,008**	**65,008**	**+506**	**0**	**+2,278**	**67,792**	**+2,784**
	FTE	***282***	***282***	***0***	***0***	***+5***	***287***	***+5***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Habitat Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Partners for Fish and Wildlife Activities	+5,079	+5
• Washington Salmon Recovery/Environmental Data Quality and Access	-643	0
• Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication	-688	0
• WA Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group	-1,285	0
• Coastal Program Activities	+183	0
• Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	-184	0
• Long Live the Kings	-184	0
Program Changes	**+2,278**	**+5**

Program Mission

Habitat Conservation, which includes the Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program and the Coastal Program, provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and other conservation partners to voluntarily protect, conserve, and restore their lands. By working together, the Service helps landowners keep their working lands in traditional uses and implement habitat improvement and conservation projects.

Program Elements

The PFW and Coastal Programs take a cooperative approach to deliver on-the-ground conservation in targeted geographic areas. Locally-based field biologists have an intimate knowledge of the natural resource concerns and conservation challenges in their communities. Field staff work with local communities, private landowners, and other stakeholders to leverage partners' resources and Federal dollars to support conservation strategies on public and private lands. These efforts help conserve America's traditional land uses for future generations, support robust fish and wildlife populations for recreational use by the American public, address conservation challenges such as invasive species and habitat fragmentation, and buffer important infrastructure from storm damages.

A large part of PFW work includes coordinating with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide technical assistance in the development, implementation, and evaluation of Farm Bill conservation

programs and initiatives to meet shared conservation goals. This work includes delivery of fish and wildlife technical assistance associated with implementation of any new programs, rules, or policies resulting from the passage of the Farm Bill in FY 2019, as well as the continuation of effective partnerships with USDA that help sustain wildlife populations and agricultural production.

Activity: Habitat Conservation
Subactivity: Partners for Fish and Wildlife

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	($000)	51,633	51,633	+321	0	+2,463	54,417	+2,784
	FTE	*233*	*233*	*0*	*0*	*+5*	*238*	*+5*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Partners for Fish and Wildlife Activities	+5,079	+5
• Washington Salmon Recovery/Environmental Data Quality and Access	-643	0
• Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication	-688	0
• WA Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group	-1,285	0
Program Changes	**+2,463**	**+5**

Program Overview

The PFW Program is a voluntary, citizen, and community-based stewardship program for fish and wildlife conservation on private land. Through the PFW Program, the Service and private landowners work collaboratively to implement local conservation strategies. In turn, these restored areas provide valuable benefits to the surrounding communities by supporting tourism and recreation, protecting infrastructure from flood damage, and supporting America's agricultural production by conserving soil, controlling pests, and benefitting pollinators. Funds spent in support of restoration projects create jobs, generate tax revenues, and economic activity as wages and purchases flow through the economy. A Service report found that for every $1 the program contributed to a project, $15.70 was generated in economic returns.[1]

To promote pollinator habitat, the Service teamed up with Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever to promote shooting sports and plant seed at the same time through this innovative Pollinating Pigeon. When used for target shooting, native grass and flower seeds are delivered across fields, providing habitat and vegetation for wildlife such as monarchs, deer, and quail. Credit: USFWS

In FY 2018, the PFW Program worked with private landowners and partners to complete 2,439 project accomplishments across the Nation. In total, the PFW Program has restored approximately 6.4 million acres of habitat while leveraging program dollars at a ratio of 4:1 or greater. These acres, coupled with over 13,500 miles of enhanced stream habitat, provide valuable habitat for Federal trust species while allowing enjoyment by the American people and their families, for generations to come.

[1] https://www.fws.gov/home/pdfs/restoration-returns.pdf p. 7

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Partners for Fish and Wildlife is $54,417,000 and 238 FTE.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Activities (+5,079,000/+5 FTE)
At the requested funding level, the Service will restore and enhance an estimated 34,497 wetland acres, 211,073 upland acres, 620 riparian miles, and 115 fish passage structures.

Washington Salmon Recovery/ Environmental Data Quality and Access (-$643,000/+0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication (-$688,000/+0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, this program will control bio-monitoring and ensure eradication efforts have been successful.

Washington Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group (-$1,285,000/+0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

In FY 2020, the PFW Program will focus on implementing DOI priorities, including restoring trust and being a good neighbor by delivering voluntary restoration and enhancement projects. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, PFW will restore and enhance approximately 34,497 wetland acres, 211,073 upland acres, 620 riparian miles, and 115 fish passage structures. The PFW program will continue to pursue solutions for public access on private lands to enhance recreational opportunities and support Secretarial Order 3362, *Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors* along with Secretarial Order 3356, *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation.*

In support of SO 3362, PFW is delivering habitat to support big-game migration corridors across the West to benefit species such as this pronghorn. Credit: USFWS

Activity: Habitat Conservation
Subactivity: Coastal Program

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Coastal Program	($000)	13,375	13,375	+185	0	-185	13,375	0
	FTE	*49*	*49*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*49*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Habitat Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Coastal Program Activities	+183	0
• Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	-184	0
• Long Live the Kings	-184	0
Program Changes	**-185**	**0**

Program Overview

The Coastal Program is a voluntary, partnership-based program that delivers technical and financial assistance for habitat conservation in coastal watersheds. Locally-based field staff work with diverse partners, including private landowners, to improve and protect habitat on both public and private lands.

Coastal habitats are highly dynamic and diverse regions of great complexity and significance. Coastal areas are home to 40 percent of the U.S. population, and coastal tourism and recreation contribute approximately $116 billion to the U.S. GDP annually.

The Coastal Program provides value to the public by leveraging partners' resources at a ratio of 8:1, effectively maximizing the Service's impact. This investment stimulates local economies by supporting jobs necessary to deliver habitat conservation, including environmental consultants, engineers, construction workers, surveyors, assessors, and nursery and landscape workers. These jobs also generate indirect economic activities that benefit local hotels, restaurants, stores, and gas stations. The Service estimates that the average Coastal Program project directly supports 12 jobs and eight businesses.

Partnerships in Action: habitat conservation along the coast can benefit wildlife, local communities, and peoples' livelihoods. Organizations, industry, and State and Federal agencies have partnered in the Chesapeake Bay to restore oyster reefs that improve water quality, provide fish and wildlife habitat, and support the local seafood industry. An oyster can filter as much as 50 gallons of water per day, and healthy oyster populations lead to greater oyster harvests. Credits: Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center and Harris Seafood Company

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Coastal Program is $13,375,000 and 49 FTE.

Coastal Program Activities (+$183,000/0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, the Service will restore or protect an estimated 16 miles of stream/shoreline, 9,358 wetland acres, 7,625 upland acres, and improve 23 barriers to fish passage.

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (-$184,000/0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

Long Live the Kings (-$184,000/0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

2020 Program Performance

In FY 2020 the Coastal Program will focus on priority geographic areas, delivering on-the-ground conservation in coordination with local communities to support resilient habitats for the benefit of wildlife and people. The program's strategic landscape design, capacity building, and other technical assistance will continue to support Departmental priorities, Service programs, Federal and State agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and coastal communities. Important on-the-ground projects will be delivered in priority areas such as the Gulf of Mexico, Florida Everglades, Great Lakes, and Chesapeake Bay. The Coastal Program typically achieves a ratio of at least 8:1 partner dollars for every Coastal Program dollar invested in a coastal enhancement project. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Coastal Program would be able to restore or protect about 16 miles of stream/shoreline, 9,358 wetland acres, 7,625 upland acres, and improve 23 fish passage barriers.

National Wildlife Refuge System

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Wildlife and Habitat Management	($000)	233,141	233,141	+1,365	0	+4,931	239,437	+6,296
	FTE	*1,303*	*1,303*	*0*	*0*	*+62*	*1,365*	*+62*
Refuge Visitor Services	($000)	73,319	73,319	+430	0	+7,106	80,855	+7,536
	FTE	*508*	*508*	*0*	*0*	*+38*	*546*	*+38*
Refuge Law Enforcement	($000)	38,054	38,054	+212	0	+4,929	43,195	+5,141
	FTE	*229*	*229*	*0*	*0*	*+28*	*257*	*+28*
Conservation Planning	($000)	2,523	2,523	0	0	-2,523	0	-2,523
	FTE	*16*	*16*	*0*	*0*	*-16*	*0*	*-16*
Refuge Operations	**($000)**	**347,037**	**347,037**	**+2,007**	**0**	**+14,443**	**363,487**	**+16,450**
	FTE	***2,056***	***2,056***	***0***	***0***	***+112***	***2,168***	***+112***
Refuge Maintenance	($000)	139,469	139,469	+555	0	+6,018	146,042	+6,573
	FTE	*543*	*543*	*0*	*0*	*+12*	*555*	*+12*
Total, National Wildlife Refuge System	**($000)**	**486,506**	**486,506**	**+2,562**	**0**	**+20,461**	**509,529**	**+23,023**
	FTE	***2,599***	***2,599***	***0***	***0***	***+124***	***2,723***	***+124***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for the National Wildlife Refuge System

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Invasive Species	+5,000	+56
• Wildlife and Habitat Management Activities	+975	+6
• Inventory and Monitoring	-1,044	0
• Refuge Visitor Services	+8,106	+35
• Urban Wildlife Conservation Program	+1,000	+3
• Youth and Careers in Nature	-2,000	0
• Refuge Law Enforcement	+4,929	+28
• Refuge Planning	-2,523	-16
• Deferred Maintenance	+3,090	0
• Maintenance Support	+2,627	+12
• Annual Maintenance	+950	0
• Youth Conservation Corps	-649	0
Program Changes	**+20,461**	**+124**

Program Mission

The National Wildlife Refuge System's mission is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and restoration of fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

Program Elements

With wildlife refuges in every State and many territories, the Refuge System is the front door of the Service. Refuges are accessible to nearly all Americans, from rural communities and suburbs to urban centers, and from the mainland to far away Pacific and Arctic islands. Over 55 million visitors are welcomed each year and provided opportunities for hunting, fishing, environmental education and interpretation, photography, wildlife viewing, and other recreational activities. Refuges are the world's most extensive network of public lands and waters and are dedicated to maintaining our Nation's legacy of stewardship and conservation of fish, wildlife, and plants.

The Refuge System manages 855.6 million acres of lands and waters and includes 567 National Wildlife Refuges, 38 wetland management districts, 50 coordination areas, seven National Monuments, and 19.1 million acres in Marine National Monuments under other authorities.

The 567 National Wildlife Refuges include all of the Refuge System lands, waters, and interests administered by the Service as wildlife refuges, wildlife ranges, wildlife management areas, game preserves, and conservation areas.

The Service's 38 wetland management districts administer 4.0 million acres of waterfowl production areas (WPAs). WPAs are small natural wetlands and associated grasslands located primarily in the upper Midwest, which the Service acquires under the authority of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act.

The Refuge System's 50 coordination areas are Federal lands that States manage as wildlife habitat under cooperative agreements with the Service, furthering the Secretary's priority of restoring trust with local communities and building relationships with neighbors bordering our lands.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The National Wildlife Refuge System is implemented under the following authorities:

- The *Fish and Wildlife Act* (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j) establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means;

- The *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act* (16 U.S.C. 661-666e) directs the Service to investigate and report on proposed Federal actions that affect any stream or other body of water, and to provide recommendations to minimize impacts on fish and wildlife resources;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act* (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) provides authority, guidelines, and directives for the Service in administering the lands and waters of the National Wildlife Refuge System, including establishing six wildlife-dependent recreation activities as priority uses;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act* (P.L. 105-57) spells out wildlife conservation as the fundamental mission of the Refuge System, requires comprehensive conservation planning to guide management of the Refuge System, directs involvement of private citizens in land management decisions, and provides that compatible wildlife-dependent recreation is a legitimate and appropriate use that should receive priority in refuge planning and management;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act* (P.L. 111-357) authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and promotes volunteer, outreach, and education programs;

- The *Refuge Recreation Act* (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to administer refuges, hatcheries, and other conservation areas for recreational use, when such uses do not interfere with the area's primary purposes;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act* (P.L. 106-408) reinforces National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act provisions to raise public understanding and appreciation for the Refuge System;

- The *Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act* (16 U.S.C. 410hh-3233, 43 U.S.C. 1602-1784) provides for the designation and conservation of certain public lands in Alaska, including units of the Refuge System, and for the continuing subsistence needs of Alaska Natives;

- The *Migratory Bird Conservation Act* (16 U.S.C. 715-715d. 715e, 715f-715r) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct investigations and publish documents related to North American birds, and establishes a Migratory Bird Conservation Commission to approve areas recommended by the Secretary for acquisition;

- The *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act* (16 U.S.C. 718a-718k) requires waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to possess a valid Federal Duck Stamp;

- The *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* (16 U.S.C. 703-712) establishes Federal responsibility for protecting and managing migratory birds; and

- The *Wilderness Act* (16 U.S.C. 1131-1136) establishes a National Wilderness Preservation System for the permanent good of the whole people.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Wildlife and Habitat Management

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Wildlife and Habitat Management	($000)	233,141	233,141	+1,365	0	+4,931	239,437	+6,296
	FTE	*1,303*	*1,303*	*0*	*0*	*+62*	*1,365*	*+62*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Wildlife and Habitat Management

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Invasive Species	+5,000	+56
• Wildlife and Habitat Management Activities	+975	+6
• Inventory and Monitoring	-1,044	0
Program Changes	**+4,931**	**+62**

Program Overview

This subactivity provides the basic operating funding for the National Wildlife Refuge System, which works collaboratively to leverage resources to provide public access and achieve effective conservation. Improving dialogue and relationships with stakeholders and entities bordering our lands fosters partnerships for balanced stewardship and allows individual refuges to respond more effectively to resource challenges and opportunities to provide for increased public use of refuge lands. These partnerships help restore trust in Federal management of resources through consulting with our neighbors and recognizing their concerns.

Active management of land and water resources supports conservation and wildlife dependent recreation. At Rice Lake NWR (MN), installation of a beaver deterrent helps maintain appropriate water levels and prevents flooding. Credit: USFWS

Wildlife and Habitat Management funds vital refuge operations that identify best practices to manage land and water resources. This helps the Refuge System achieve its dual mission of conservation and wildlife-dependent recreation, which contributes to the Departmental priority of creating a conservation stewardship legacy.

These activities include:

- Monitoring plant and animal populations;
- Restoring wetland, forest, grassland, and marine habitats;
- Managing habitats through manipulation of water levels, prescribed burning, haying, grazing, timber harvest, and planting vegetation;
- Controlling the spread of invasive species;
- Assessing water quality and quantity;
- Monitoring air quality;
- Preventing and controlling wildlife disease outbreaks;
- Investigating and cleaning contaminants;
- Ensuring the exercise of oil and gas rights on wildlife refuges occurs efficiently, consistently, and without undue burden on operators or the public;

- Inventory and monitoring (I&M) of the biological resources, ecological processes, physical environment, and human interactions to provide the information necessary to implement the Service's adaptive management framework; and
- Managing five Marine National Monuments, which support healthy fisheries and can act as sources for fish and wildlife populations outside of the monuments, including commercially fished populations.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Wildlife and Habitat Management is $239,437,000 and 1,365 FTE.

Invasive Species (+$5,000,000/+ 56 FTE)

Invasive species are one of the most serious threats to native wildlife, fish, and plants in the Refuge System and across the country, and these threats are expected to grow due to increasing international trade. Invasive species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity and Federally-listed threatened and endangered species, second only to habitat loss[1]. Invasive species negatively affect native species through habitat modification, disruption of vital ecosystem functions, competition, predation, herbivory, transmission of pathogens, and by hybridizing with natives. Invasive species can also significantly affect infrastructure such as transportation and power generation systems, dams, levees, and structures. Because invasive species ignore human jurisdictional boundaries, a multi-stakeholder approach is optimal in dealing with them.

The most cost-effective strategies to manage invasive species are prevention, early detection and rapid response (EDRR), and complete eradications of small, incipient populations. EDRR aims to limit the establishment or range expansion of invasive species and prevent the need for the more costly ongoing treatments often required once they are established (e.g., Asian Carp). In the Refuge System, prevention and EDRR activities are delivered through five Invasive Species Strike Teams.

The FY 2020 request builds on the success of the existing Strike Teams in combatting invasive species by establishing 11 new Strike Teams to apply proven early EDRR techniques. The request will support a new Strike Team in Alaska, which is on the early end of the invasion curve that will work with the State government to establish a framework for cooperative and multi-jurisdictional application of EDRR techniques. This State-Federal cooperation on EDRR may become a model for other parts of the country.

Wildlife & Habitat Management Activities (+$975,000/+6 FTE)

The Service requests funding to hire six biologists to support Secretarial Orders (S.O.) 3347, *Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation*; 3356, *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories*; 3366, *Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters*; and 3349, *American Energy Independence,* which will expand increased hunting, fishing, and other recreational opportunities; improve public access by facilitating management of big game, migratory waterfowl, and other species enjoyed by the visiting public; and streamline regulatory processes related to oil and gas exploration. These biologists will have the natural resources expertise necessary to manage wildlife and their habitats to provide robust fish and wildlife populations for premium hunting, fishing, and recreational experiences in the greatest number of areas possible. These biologist will also be critical links in the streamlining of regulatory efforts as they relate to energy independence, while ensuring sound science is used in the decision making process.

[1] Introduced Species: The Threat to Biodiversity & What Can Be Done. Dr. Daniel Simberloff; http://www.actionbioscience.org/biodiversity/simberloff.html#primer

Inventory and Monitoring (-$1,044,000/+0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, priority species and habitats will continued to be monitored in support of our adaptive management framework and S.O. 3362. The Service will complete I&M surveys in the field that are a critical first step to more effectively manage habitats for wildlife and plant species

2020 Program Activities and Performance

The 2020 budget request will enable the Service to focus on wildlife and habitat management activities in support of Secretarial priorities, including conservation stewardship, utilizing natural resources, expanding access for outdoor recreation, and using science to identify best practices to manage land and water resources. This includes using traditional approaches, such as water level manipulation, prescriptive grazing, and selective timber harvesting, to achieve desired habitat conditions for fish and wildlife. Healthy habitats are vital to ensure sustainable wildlife populations, whether they are imperiled or game species. In 2020, the Service expects to actively manage more than 3 million acres of habitat. Invasive species management includes Invasive Species Strike Teams with a focus on EDRR to recently established infestations that will control both the number of acres with invasive plants and animal populations on refuges at relatively current levels, and promote interagency and intergovernmental cooperation on EDRR in Alaska.

The budget level requested will support the refuge Inventory & Monitoring program. At the requested funding level, the Service will complete I&M surveys in the field that are a critical first step for the Service to more effectively manage habitats for wildlife and plant species, albeit at a reduced amount. In 2020, the Refuge System plans to implement approximately 2,000 threatened and endangered species recovery actions, 1,100 population management actions, and six refuge contaminant cleanup actions. These actions contribute to the Department's focus on recovery and delisting of threatened and endangered species, which reduces regulatory burdens of the Endangered Species Act on communities and industries, as well as helps sustain robust populations of game fish and wildlife species in support of S.O.s 3356 *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories* and 3366 *Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by Department of the Interior.*

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Refuge Visitor Services

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Refuge Visitor Services	($000)	73,319	73,319	+430	0	+7,106	80,855	+7,536
	FTE	*508*	*508*	*0*	*0*	*+38*	*546*	*+38*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Refuge Visitor Services

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Refuge Visitor Services	+8,106	+35
• Urban Wildlife Conservation Program	+1,000	+3
• Youth and Careers in Nature	-2,000	0
Program Changes	**+7,106**	**+38**

Program Overview

Refuge Visitor Services provides essential public access and high-quality outdoor recreational opportunities on National Wildlife Refuges to over 55 million visitors each year. This program is on the front line of implementing a number of Secretarial priorities including ensuring a thriving wildlife conservation legacy by working with partners to foster outdoor skills and recreation for future generations. Refuges are places where wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities are a priority, such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation; along with biking, photography, boating, environmental education, and interpretative programs. With units and staff across the country from rural communities to large cities, Visitor Services are central to advancing the Secretarial priority to restore trust and engage with local communities. Through a community-centered approach, Visitor Services professionals work closely with neighboring communities to develop partnerships, build a volunteer cadre, and inspire the next generation of hunters, anglers, and wildlife enthusiasts in communities across the nation.

A Federal Wildlife Officer and a Maine Game Warden provided helping hands to this very happy veteran during the annual Veteran's Fishing Day event at Moosehorn NWR. Credit: Keith Ramos/USFWS

Economic Benefits to Local Communities

Opportunities for outdoor recreation draw millions of people each year to wildlife refuges, boosting local economies. Many visitors take part in heritage sports of long standing such as hunting and fishing. Others enjoy hiking, paddling, and wildlife viewing or nature photography. The public services delivered by the Visitor Services program strategically advance the Secretarial priority to generate economic benefits to local communities. Of the Refuge System's $453 million spending in FY 2013, final demand—the economic impact on local communities from recreation visits—totaled

$2.4 billion of spending in regional economies, according to the *Banking on Nature 2013* report,[2] which looked at 21 national wildlife refuges across the country. This final demand generated $792.7 million in job income and over 35,000 jobs nationally.

The Refuge System provides an additional benefit to landowners and residents in nearby communities because of the positive financial impact that its open-space amenities has on property values. Property values surrounding refuges are higher than equivalent properties elsewhere.[3] The study found that homes within 0.5 miles of a refuge and within eight miles of an urban center were valued at three to nine percent higher than other homes, depending on the region of the country.

Urban Wildlife Conservation Program

The Urban Wildlife Conservation Program delivers an innovative model for increasing awareness and outdoor engagement with the 80% of Americans that live in or near cities. S.O. 3370, *Improving Conservation Stewardship of and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges,* directs the FWS to encourage and assist Americans, particularly those who live in urban areas, to experience the outdoors within their local communities.

With 101 refuges within 25 miles of a population center of 250,000 or more people, these refuges provide strategic opportunities to promote wildlife conservation and enjoyment of hunting, fishing and other recreational activities in the heart of where people live. Additionally, several Service programs, especially Migratory Birds, Fish and Aquatic Conservation, and Ecological Services, have joined efforts with the Refuge System to improve access to new audiences through 29 partnerships in local communities around the country. In 2018, the Service formed two new partnerships in Kansas City, MO and Lowell, MA.

A Refuge employee and volunteer instruct youth on how to hit a bullseye at a free pop-up archery range on Cecil Street in Philadelphia. Credit: USFWS

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Refuge Visitor Services is $80,855,000 and 546 FTE.

Refuge Visitor Services (+$8,106,000/+35 FTE)

The Visitor Services program welcomes and orients the public to national wildlife refuges and delivers positive outdoor experiences through quality programming and well-maintained facilities. This funding will support Departmental priorities, specifically S.O. 3366, by adding new programs and additional visitor services staff at field stations to expand public access, increase hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and other recreational opportunities; improve infrastructure; and adopt new technologies.

[2] https://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/Banking-on-Nature-Report.pdf

[3] *Amenity Values of Proximity to National Wildlife Refuges* prepared by the Center for Environmental and Resource Economic Policy at North Carolina State University in April 2012

Urban Wildlife Conservation Program (+$1,000,000/+3 FTE)
This funding will be used to support Departmental priorities, specifically S.O. 3370, to increase access and provide safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for outdoor recreational opportunities on national wildlife refuges in urban areas. Additional staff and new programs will focus on cultivating new partnerships in urban communities, addressing barriers to public access and working with States to introduce new and non-traditional audiences to hunting, fishing and other recreational activities.

Youth and Careers in Nature (-$2,000,000/+0 FTE)
No funding is requested for this program.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

In the FY 2020 budget, the Visitor Services program will direct funds to implement Secretarial priorities by: increasing access to FWS managed lands and waters; introducing new users to hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation; improving our digital infrastructure and offering new technologies; and aligning our regulations and efforts with the States. he requested funds will allow the Service to improve visitor satisfaction and continue quality public services that foster a conservation legacy in nearby communities. The Service will continue to strategically balance the expected increases in public demand for services while sustaining high rates of visitor satisfaction (90 percent) and ensuring the continued conservation of plants, animals, and habitat.

Where possible, employees will maintain and improve visitor facilities; expand interpretive and educational programs; construct and maintain trails and boardwalks; improve hunting, angling, and other outdoor access; and design outreach materials to better inform and educate the public about recreational opportunities on national wildlife refuges. In FY 2020, we expect to host over 2,500 special events with nearly one million participants. We also expect to host about 2.4 million hunting visits and 7.3 million fishing visits.

In FY 2020, the Visitor Services Program will also direct efforts to the Secretarial priority to restore trust with local communities through community-centered conservation efforts. Service staff will train and supervise approximately 40,000 volunteers, who contribute over 1.3 million hours annually, to deliver programs for the public. The Service will continue support for refuges working with Friends organizations. In addition, continued engagement with local communities and industry partners by developing private/public partnerships will increase opportunities for outdoor recreation awareness and skill building activities for youth and their families.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Refuge Law Enforcement

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Refuge Law Enforcement	($000)	38,054	38,054	+212	0	+4,929	43,195	+5,141
	FTE	*229*	*229*	*0*	*0*	*+28*	*257*	*+28*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Refuge Law Enforcement

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Refuge Law Enforcement	+4,929	+28
Program Changes	**+4,929**	**+28**

Program Overview

The Refuge Law Enforcement program supports the Department of the Interior priority of protecting our people and the border by funding salaries, training, equipment, supplies, management of the Refuge System's Federal Wildlife Officers, and Regional and Headquarters management support staff.

A Federal Wildlife Officer celebrating a youth angler catch a fish THIS BIG in Florida. Credit: USFWS

Refuge Law Enforcement

Federal Wildlife Officers are often the first and most recognizable employees that the public sees. They serve as ambassadors for the Refuge System and the Service by providing important public services above and beyond law enforcement, such as information and guidance to visitors on fishing, hunting, hiking, and wildlife viewing opportunities.

Federal Wildlife Officers provide safety and security for the visiting public and Service staff; protect fish, wildlife, cultural, and archaeological resources on refuges; educate the public about the Service's mission; contribute to environmental education and outreach; assist local communities with law enforcement and disaster recovery; and help protect subsistence rights.

In 2018, Federal Wildlife Officers provided protection services for more than 55 million visitors and participated in over 7,500 education encounters, such as school programs, scout programs, game warden camps, and community organizations, or otherwise educating visitors about hunting, trapping, rules, and regulations. They serve the public as hunter safety instructors, coordinate with veterans and disabled sportsman's groups to create hunting opportunities, and lead youth shooting, hunting and fishing events on refuges. They are routinely involved with local and other Federal law enforcement agencies in cooperative efforts to combat the Nation's drug problems, address border security issues, and aid in other security challenges.

A Federal Wildlife Officer patrolling the Southwest Border. Credit: USFWS

Since May 2018, the Service has deployed over 100 Federal Wildlife Officers to supplement staffing levels at South Texas National Wildlife Refuge Complex (TX) and Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge (AZ) in support of the Department of the Interior Priority #6 "Protecting our people and the border." As of December 2018, nearly 75% of Federal Wildlife Officers have deployed in support of the surge mission to assist Customs and Border Protection.

Emergency Management and Physical Security
The Service's Emergency Management and Physical Security program (EMPS) supports the Secretary's priority of protecting our people by providing expertise and leadership for the Service's emergency management and physical security responsibilities nationwide. We participate in activities described in Homeland Security's National Response Framework, the guide to how the Nation responds to all types of disasters and emergencies. Through this effort, the Service supports activities to prevent, protect against, prepare for, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from all hazards that may affect any part of the Service and the people and communities we serve.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Refuge Law Enforcement is $43,195,000 and 257 FTE.

Refuge Law Enforcement (+$4,929,000/+28 FTE)
The request will fund Federal wildlife officer positions. These officers will increase capacity for the Service to provide safe and secure refuges where more than 55 million visitors per year enjoy wildlife-dependent recreation. These officers will also help ensure the safety and security of the visiting public, Service employees, government property, and wildlife habitats. This funding would enable officers to receive the necessary training, equipment, and supplies to ensure safe public access to refuges for hunting, fishing, wildlife photography and observation, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

In FY 2020, the Division of Refuge Law Enforcement will continue to ensure the safety and security of the visiting public, Service employees, government property, and wildlife habitats. New Refuge Law

Enforcement personnel will receive the necessary training, equipment, and supplies to ensure safe public access to refuges for hunting, fishing, wildlife photography and observation, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation. The annual national hires will help support the continued expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities.

The Refuge Law Enforcement Program continues to support the Administration's priority of securing the southern border by building partnerships with Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, including the Customs and Border Protection, and State agencies. Rotational deployments of officers to Service lands in Texas and Arizona will continue. The program will also work to provide career development for new and existing employees. Providing career ladder opportunities for lower and mid-grade positions will increase retention within the division and limit instabilities to both the field and the Refuge System's mission.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Conservation Planning

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation Planning	($000)	2,523	2,523	0	0	-2,523	0	-2,523
	FTE	*16*	*16*	*0*	*0*	*-16*	*0*	*-16*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation Planning

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Refuge Planning	-2,523	-16
Program Changes	**-2,523**	**-16**

Justification of 2019 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Conservation Planning is $0 and 0 FTE..

Refuge Planning (-$2,523,000/-16 FTE)

No funding is requested for this program. Individual refuges will fund completion of Comprehensive Conservation Plans (required by the Refuge Improvement Act) from base funds.

Program Overview

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act requires the Service to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for every unit of the Refuge System and revise each CCP every 15 years, as may be necessary. The Refuge Planning subactivity funds development of CCPs and associated step-down plans, such as Habitat Management Plans and Visitor Services Plans, which "step down" the CCP and guide the management of a specific refuge to inform local conservation action. Refuge System planning processes are administered to include public input, engage stakeholders and local communities, and with aim to enhance public access while reducing potential regulatory burdens on the public.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Refuge Maintenance

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Maintenance Support	($000)	55,230	55,230	+555	+4,000	+1,978	61,763	+6,533
Annual Maintenance	($000)	26,350	26,350	0	0	+950	27,300	+950
Deferred Maintenance	($000)	42,901	42,901	0	0	+3,090	45,991	+3,090
Equipment and Vehicle Management	($000)	14,988	14,988	0	-4,000	0	10,988	-4,000
Refuge Maintenance	**($000)**	**139,469**	**139,469**	**+555**	**0**	**+6,018**	**146,042**	**+6,573**
	FTE	***543***	***543***	***0***	***0***	***+12***	***555***	***+12***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Refuge Maintenance

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Deferred Maintenance	+3,090	0
• Maintenance Support	+2,627	+12
• Annual Maintenance	+950	0
• Youth Conservation Corps	-649	0
Program Changes	**+6,018**	**+12**

Program Overview

The Refuge Maintenance subactivity underpins every management activity that occurs in the Refuge System, including wildlife and habitat management, fire management, law enforcement, and public access and outdoor recreation.

Nationwide Portfolio of Refuge System Constructed Facility Assets
As of September 30, 2018

Asset Grouping	Asset Count		Replacement Value		Deferred Maintenance	
	Quantity	% of Total	$ (Millions)	% of Total	$ (Millions)	% of Total
Buildings	5,255	14.69%	$6,121	14.41%	$285	26.41%
Water Management Structures	8,595	24.02%	$17,158	40.40%	$303	28.08%
Roads, Bridges, and Trails	13,846	38.69%	$14.404	33.91%	$252	23.35%
Other Structures	8,088	22.60%	$4,790	11.28%	$239	22.15%
Total	**35,784**	**100%**	**$42,474**	**100%**	**$1,079**	**100%**

At a Glance: Maintenance of Facilities, Fleet, and Equipment

The Refuge System maintenance program optimizes the alignment between infrastructure investments and mission delivery. Enabling activities include repairing and replacing:

- Roads, trails, and visitor facilities that allow over 55 million people to enjoy refuge lands and wildlife, and allow access for management purposes including fire prevention, law enforcement, and fish and wildlife management;
- On- and off-road vehicles needed to carry out everyday field activities of approximately 2,700 FTE and 40,000 volunteers;
- An extensive fleet of agricultural and construction equipment needed to actively manage habitat and to maintain constructed real property assets; and
- A portfolio of constructed assets valued at $42.4 billion that provides the base of operations for all refuge programs and enables all fish and wildlife management on Refuge System lands and waters that occur throughout the U.S. and its various island territories.

The Refuge Maintenance budget consists of four program elements:

Refuge Maintenance Support

Refuge Maintenance Support includes supplies, materials and salaries for maintenance and facilities management. Maintenance employees are critical in properly maintaining facility and equipment assets, which enable the Service to accomplish habitat management and refuge operations goals and provide the public safe and reliable recreational and educational opportunities. Maintenance employees spend about half their time maintaining infrastructure and equipment and the other half maintaining habitat and supporting public recreational activities.

Annual Maintenance

Annual Maintenance encompasses all non-staff expenditures for preventative maintenance needed to keep the Service's infrastructure and mobile equipment fleet functioning for its intended purpose. It is required to achieve the expected life of infrastructure and equipment. Annual maintenance includes: utilities, custodial care, and snow removal for offices, administrative, and public buildings; repair of system failures before they are deferred; and preventive maintenance—including scheduled servicing, repairs, and parts replacement—required to achieve the expected life of facilities and equipment.

Proactively maintaining facilities through Maintenance Support and Annual Maintenance is 30 to 40 percent more cost effective on average than waiting until maintenance is deferred. These funds are critical in providing the American taxpayers the maximum return on investment.

Deferred Maintenance

Deferred Maintenance projects repair, rehabilitate, dispose of, or replace constructed real property assets. Available funds are directed to the highest priority mission critical projects based upon facilities condition, asset priority, consequences of failure to act, and return on investment (in reducing Deferred Maintenance, operations costs and obtaining outside funding) in accordance with Departmental guidance. Prioritization of projects is completed by utilizing the DOI priority scoring and by the front line field, operations, and facilities managers that know firsthand the field based mission impacts, return on investment, and outside funding opportunities available and are reported to DOI and OMB in the five-year deferred maintenance plans annually.

6-Year History of Deferred Maintenance Backlog by Four Major Categories of Assets

Category	Refuge System Deferred Maintenance (beginning of FY) ($ millions)					
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Buildings	315	316	302	306	292	285
Water Management	343	299	286	286	335	303
Roads/Bridges/Trails	849	383	296	305	255	252
Other	240	286	281	279	276	239
Total	**1,747**	**1,284**	**1,165**	**1,176**	**1,158**	**1,079**

The Service uses a strategic, portfolio-based approach to manage assets in a manner that informs decision-making and maximizes efficient and effective mission delivery with an emphasis on mission-critical assets and the protection of investments through long-term life cycle management.

Modernizing Infrastructure by Reducing the Deferred Maintenance Backlog

The Refuge System has worked to reduce the deferred maintenance backlog through the use of Maintenance Action Teams, proactive investments, improved policies, improved data quality and increased focus on preventative and routine maintenance investments. This improved focus and investment of resources in areas with the largest return has resulted in reducing the Refuge System's deferred maintenance backlog by about 50 percent. From FY 2019 through FY 2023, 60 percent of Refuge System Deferred Maintenance funding will be dedicated to retaining, restoring and enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities and the supporting habitats.

Equipment and Vehicle Management

The Refuge System requires an extensive fleet of vehicles and equipment to successfully carry out the conservation mission and provide safe and reliable public recreation and education opportunities. The Refuge System employs rental and leasing options to provide a cost-effective, efficient program. Equipment and Vehicle Management funds optimize the management of fleets to meet mission needs and serve as an example for the efficient use of public assets. The Refuge System is actively focusing on modernizing our equipment and vehicle fleet, implementing utilization and age standards, and investing in a smaller, more agile, and modernized fleet.

Heavy Equipment Safety Training at Balcones Canyonlands NWR (TX). The Refuge System uses heavy equipment to maintain roads and trails, and to create and maintain healthy wildlife habitats. Credit: USFWS

Fleet Management

The majority of the 3,600 vehicles used on refuges are four wheel-drive trucks and utility vehicles for transporting personnel, equipment, materials, and tools to remote sites for firefighting, wildlife and habitat management, and law enforcement. The vehicles must be capable of operation under on-road and off-road conditions, which limits the ability to utilize two-wheel drive vehicles, vans, or sedans and limits the

applicability of recommended annual vehicle mileage use typical of non-natural resource agencies.

Small Equipment
Specialized equipment such as all-terrain vehicles, small aircraft, boats, small tractors, snowmobiles, trailers, agricultural implements, and similar equipment is needed to access, maintain, and restore habitats in remote or rugged areas. In total, the Refuge System's small equipment fleet consists of about 5,000 assets.

Heavy Equipment
Heavy equipment management includes acquisition, rental, and repair of heavy equipment. Agricultural, earthmoving, and construction equipment are used to maintain wetland impoundments and roads; construct and maintain wildlife habitat; control invasive plants; and maintain and construct visitor facilities such as boardwalks, observation platforms, fishing piers, hunt blinds, tour routes, and trails. The Service owns nearly 4,000 heavy equipment assets with a combined replacement value of about $423 million.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Refuge Maintenance is $146,042,000 and 555 FTE.

Deferred Maintenance (+$3,090,000/+0 FTE)
This request will allow the Service to complete about 135 of the highest priority deferred maintenance projects, which will generate an estimated $143 million and 841 jobs in local and State economies and provide opportunities for public-private partnerships. This funding will also allow the Service to invest in infrastructure projects to reduce deferred maintenance backlog and operational costs, ultimately saving taxpayer dollars. Improved infrastructure provides safe and reliable outdoor recreational access for the American public.

Maintenance Support (+$2,627,000/+12 FTE)
This funding will be invested in maintenance staffing at priority refuges. Maintenance staff provide critical preventative maintenance expertise that ultimately reduces deferred maintenance and saves taxpayer dollars.

Annual Maintenance (+$950,000/+0 FTE)
This funding will allow the Service to invest in proactive preventative maintenance and repairs. Combined with the investment in maintenance support, these funds will contribute to the prevention and elimination of $5 million in deferred maintenance which will save the American tax payers 40% over investing in deferred maintenance alone.

Youth Conservation Corps (-$649,000/-0 FTE)
This funding is not requested so the Service can address other priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Service will support maintenance staffing for field stations to carry out a wide variety of activities that provide safe and reliable outdoor access and habitat management. The request supports the replacement of mobile equipment and fleet assets, further implementing an initiative to improve management and modernize the vehicle and equipment fleet. In total, this funding level will allow the Service to continue supporting refuge programs and prioritize projects that maintain wildlife habitats that expand and improve safe and reliable outdoor recreation for the American public.

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Migratory Bird Management

Activity: Conservation and Enforcement
Program Element: Migratory Bird Management

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation and Monitoring	($000)	31,126	30,126	+258	0	+698	32,082	+956
	FTE	*137*	*137*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*137*	*0*
Permits	($000)	3,424	3,424	+21	0	+254	3,699	+275
	FTE	*30*	*30*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*30*	*0*
Federal Duck Stamp	($000)	556	556	+8	0	0	564	+8
	FTE	*2*	*2*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*2*	*0*
North American Waterfowl Management/ Joint Ventures	($000)	13,140	13,140	+62	0	-62	13,140	0
	FTE	*46*	*46*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*46*	*0*
Total, Migratory Bird Management	**($000)**	**48,246**	**48,246**	**+349**	**0**	**+890**	**49,485**	**+1,239**
	FTE	***215***	***215***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***215***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Migratory Bird Management

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Aviation Management	+1,237	+1
• Monitoring	+988	+6
• Permits	+254	0
• North American Waterfowl Management Plan/Joint Venture Activities	-62	0
• Conservation and Monitoring Activities	-1,527	-7
Program Changes	**+890**	**0**

Program Mission

The Service has the legal mandate and trust responsibility to ensure the continued existence of healthy migratory bird populations for the benefit of the American public. Migratory birds are central to several traditional recreational pastimes, including hunting and birdwatching. Migratory birds provide various ecosystem services to people as well, including insect and rodent control, plant pollination, and seed dispersal.

Waterfowl banding crew removing ducks from traps in southern Alberta, August 2018. Photo Credit Sarah Yates, USFWS

The Migratory Bird Program works to conserve birds and to preserve traditional outdoor recreational pursuits involving birds. The Program works with partners such as national sportsmen's groups, conservation organizations, Tribes, State wildlife agencies, and others to conserve habitats needed to support these populations for future generations of Americans to enjoy.

Program Elements

Four elements comprise the Migratory Bird Management program:

- Conservation and Monitoring – Conducts surveys and other monitoring activities to determine the status and health of migratory birds, using the results to develop bird harvest and other regulations that secure healthy wild bird populations. These actions provide recreational opportunities for sportsmen and other users while promoting bird conservation and sustainable use.
- Permits – Provides a means to balance hunting harvest and other take of protected migratory bird species with their conservation, enabling the public to engage in legitimate take-related activities through a permit or other authorization. The permit program assists biologists to track the impact of these activities, and permits ensure that such activities are carried out in a manner that safeguards migratory bird populations and promotes conservation efforts.
- Federal Duck Stamp Program – Produces the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp), which is required for anyone 16 years of age and older to hunt waterfowl. Proceeds from the sale of the stamp are deposited into the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund, and expended to protect wetland habitats within the National Wildlife Refuge System.
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan and Migratory Bird Joint Venture Partnerships – Employs a tripartite agreement among North American nations as a basis for supporting and promoting collaborative, voluntary partnerships that restore or protect waterfowl habitat and identify, develop, and apply regionally prioritized science needed for migratory bird conservation through the Migratory Bird Joint Venture Partnerships.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

More than 25 laws, treaties, and conventions mandate that the Service sustain over 1,000 species of migratory birds and their habitats. Primary among these is the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* (MBTA) (16 U.S.C. 703-712), which establishes Federal responsibility for protecting and managing migratory birds. Other important laws that directly and significantly impact program activities include the *Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act* (16 U.S.C. 668-668d), the *North American Wetlands Conservation* (16 U.S.C. 4401-4412) and the *Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation* (16 U.S.C. 6101-6109) *Acts*, which promote habitat and bird conservation across North America and throughout the western hemisphere through competitive grants. Additionally, the *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act* (U.S.C. 718-718j) requires waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to possess a valid Federal Duck Stamp.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: Conservation and Monitoring

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation and Monitoring	($000)	31,126	31,126	+258	0	+698	32,082	+956
	FTE	*137*	*137*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*137*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Monitoring

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Aviation Management	+1,237	+1
• Monitoring	+988	+6
• Conservation and Monitoring Activities	-1,527	-7
Program Changes	**+698**	**0**

Program Overview

The Migratory Bird Program works with partners to conserve and monitor birds to ensure that they can continue to be enjoyed by hunters, bird watchers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. Our success in working with others to conserve birds across the country provides a model for wildlife conservation that others in the world can follow.

Conservation

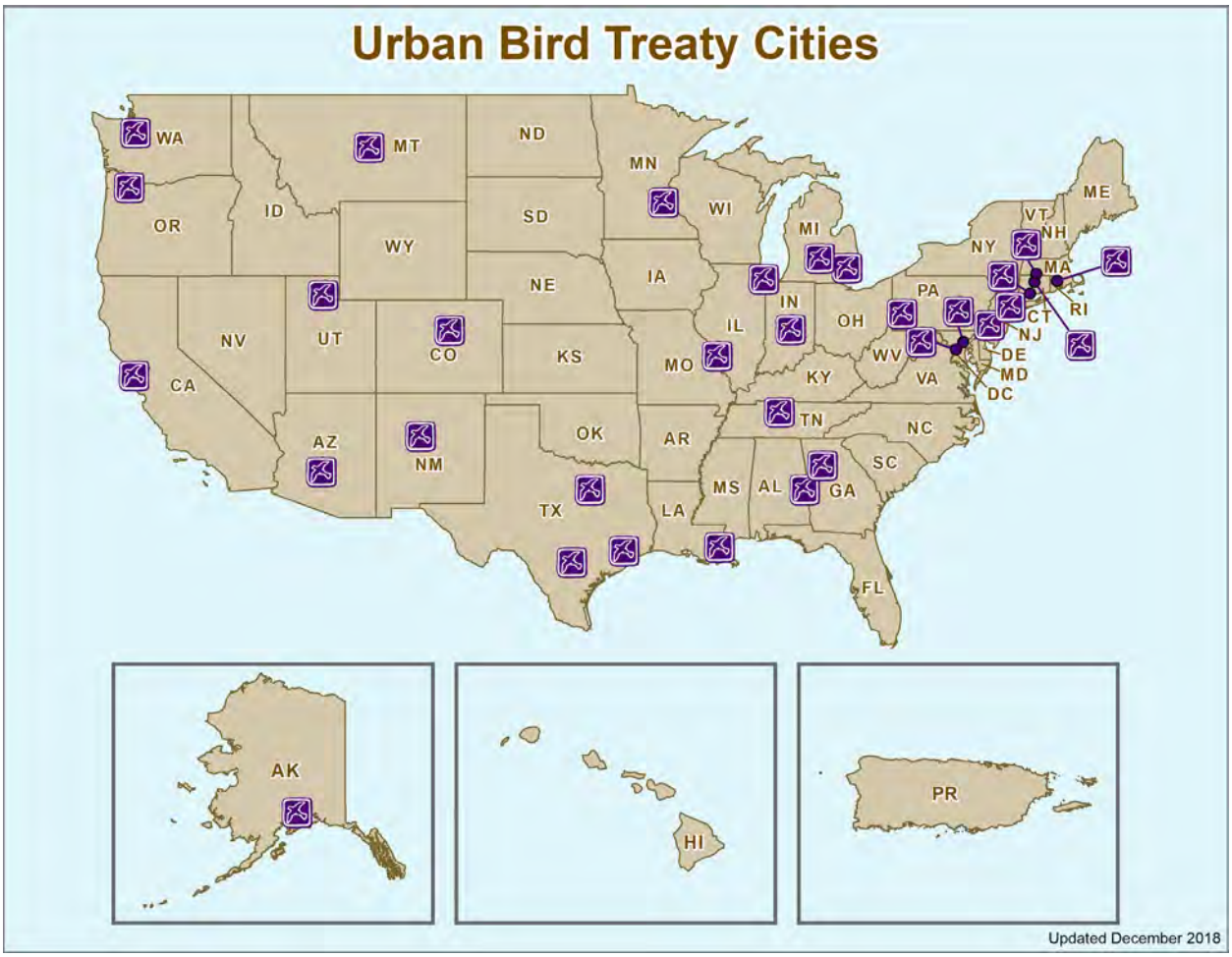
The Service's Migratory Bird Program coordinates and supports a number of multi-partner conservation efforts, including the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, the Migratory Bird Joint Ventures, Partners in Flight, the U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan, and Waterbird Conservation for the Americas. The Migratory Bird program serves as a hub for many conservation partners and is uniquely positioned to help share information, identify complementary activities, eliminate duplicative efforts, and provide technical assistance across this diverse network of partnerships. These multi-stakeholder efforts contribute significantly to the identification of bird species that need increased attention across jurisdictional boundaries. The Service works with individuals committed to the conservation of birds throughout their range to provide access for hunting and birding, and protect the habitats that make these activities possible.

Cinnamon teal (front) and blue-winged teal (rear) captured during The Service, with the support of organizations waterfowl banding operations in southern Alberta, August 2018. Photo Credit Sarah Yates, USFWS

The Urban Bird Treaty Program

In our urban and suburban landscapes, birds are often the most colorful and observable wildlife, and are many residents' principal connection to nature. Through the Urban Bird Treaty Program, the Service works with participating U.S. cities to create bird-friendly environments and help citizens learn about birds and their habitats. The Urban Bird Treaty Program emphasizes habitat conservation through invasive species control and native plant restoration; hazard reductions through bird-safe building programs; citizen science activities involving bird and habitat monitoring; and recreation and outreach programs. These programs provide people with improved access to urban green space, opportunities to learn about and appreciate birds and their habitats, and ways to participate in bird conservation. Participating cities get the distinction of becoming Urban Bird

Treaty cities and receive small grants that promote bird conservation. There are currently 31 Urban Bird Treaty cities[1].



Promoting Migratory Bird Conservation

The Service continues to work with partners by providing technical assistance and developing guidance and recommendations to empower the public, Federal and State agencies, and industries to seek voluntary, non-regulatory solutions to address both direct and indirect impacts to migratory birds. Recent guidance includes recommendations for reducing bird collisions with building glass and developing a national list of suggested conservation measures. These resources are available from the Migratory Bird program's webpage[2] to anyone seeking to reduce impacts to migratory birds.

The Service is committed to working with our stakeholders to address bird/human activity conflicts while ensuring the continued conservation of migratory bird species. The Migratory Bird Program will continue to collect information to identify management alternatives to resolve conflicts, including identifying if lethal take is appropriate, at what amount, and what are the cumulative impacts.

[1] https:// www. fws.gov/ birds/grants/urban-bird-treaty.php

[2] https://www.fws.gov/birds/index.php

Monitoring

Monitoring is essential to the science-based conservation approach used by the Service to ensure the sustainability of migratory bird populations and, where necessary, to take actions to address declines that may lead to their listing under the Endangered Species Act. For example, each year, the Service conducts extensive migratory game bird population, habitat, and harvest surveys across North America, and then produces reports that assess the status of these species. These reports include the most current data on breeding populations, production, and harvest information available for waterfowl, sandhill cranes, woodcock, dove, rail and other migratory game birds in North America. These reports are necessary for developing annual hunting seasons and bag limits that can maximize hunter satisfaction while ensuring bird conservation. These surveys and the migratory bird hunting regulatory frameworks are the result of cooperative efforts with the States, the Canadian Wildlife Service and provincial agencies, Tribes, and private conservation partners. Monitoring bird populations also allows the Service to determine the need for species management, to identify conservation actions that will be effective, and to evaluate the success of actions taken to conserve species.

Aviation

The safety and training oversight of the Fish and Wildlife Service's fleet of planes and pilots is the responsibility of the National Aviation Management Branch, presently nested within the Migratory Bird program. The Assistant Director of the Migratory Bird Program serves as the agency's Aviation Executive overseeing this Branch and representing the Service as a voting member of the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Executive Aviation Committee, which is responsible for promulgating all DOI Aviation policy. The National Aviation Management Branch is in charge of Service-wide aviation policy development and ensures compliance by the Service's nearly 60 pilots—many of whom are also biologists—who fly primarily wildlife monitoring or support missions for the Service. Additionally the National Aviation Management Branch is responsible for the Service's Aviation Fire program, Unmanned Aircraft System program development within DOI, and Service Emergency Management related to aviation. The National Aviation Management Branch administers all Service aircraft acquisitions and vendor contracts. The Service currently operates and maintains 59 percent of the DOI fleet aircraft (53 airplanes and 1 helicopter) and accounts for 25 percent of all DOI flight hours. The Service has identified and is implementing six priorities that will immediately improve the Service's Aviation Enterprise: Automated Flight Following, Crew Resource Management, Improved Pilot Training program, Standardized Risk Assessment Processes, Aviation Management Communications, and a Kodiak Aircraft Training Plan.

View from the cockpit of Quest Kodiak on a waterfowl survey in central Newfoundland, May 2018. Photo Credit Mark Koneff, USFWS

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Conservation and Monitoring is $32,082,000 and 137 FTE.

Aviation Management (+$1,237,000/ +1 FTE) – The 2020 request for the Service-wide Aviation Management Program supports the Service's continued efforts to improve aviation safety, training for pilots and aerial observers, and provide critical oversight of aviation operations at the national level. This funding will enable Service Fleet Pilots to transport staff and materials to remote sites in the National Wildlife Refuge System, conduct biological monitoring and surveys critical to informing conservation efforts, and participate in prescribed fires that help prevent or mitigate wildland fires on Federal land. The Aviation Management Program is the Service's lead on developing policy and procedures on the use of Unmanned Aviation Systems (UAS), also known as drones. This work is expanding as the availability and practicality of using UAS increases within the Service. Additionally, the funding will assist the Aviation Management Program to improve safety and training through the implementation of automated flight following, crew resource management, pilot/instructor pilot training program, standardized risk assessment processes, aviation management communications, centralized dispatching of all Service flights, and the development of a Kodiak aircraft training plan that covers the entire Department of the Interior.

Monitoring (+$988,000/ +6 FTE) – The 2020 request for the Monitoring Program allows for continued investments in the Service's modernization efforts of our monitoring programs that support migratory bird hunting. This includes investing in new technologies and internet-based approaches, which ultimately will reduce costs while improving data acquisition, management, and sharing procedures for information collected from our monitoring programs. These investments support our ability to collect, analyze, and disseminate the population and harvest data needed to ensure that annual migratory bird hunting regulations are based on sound science.

Conservation and Monitoring Activities (-$1,527,000/ -7 FTE) – At the requested 2020 level, the Service proposes to shift funding from general conservation activities to monitoring activities that support the establishment of annual migratory bird hunting seasons that, in turn, provide hunting opportunities and preserve the Nation's hunting heritage. Improved monitoring, closer collaboration with States, and the incorporation of hunter survey information will enable the Service to respond better to changing hunter expectations and measures of satisfaction.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Monitor migratory game bird species and establish annual hunting seasons.
- Begin implementing national comprehensive cormorant management strategy, as informed by activities conducted in FY 2019 (e.g., State workshops and NEPA analysis).
- Support efficient permitting of infrastructure and energy projects for the take of Bald and Golden Eagles.
- Continue work to enhance the safety of the Service's pilots through investments in aircraft enhancements and improved pilot training.
- Continue work to improve the Service's National Aviation program, including investigating new technologies and better management of the Service's air fleet.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: Permits

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Permits	($000)	3,424	3,424	+21	0	+254	3,699	+275
	FTE	*30*	*30*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*30*	*+0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Permits

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Permits	+254	0
Program Changes	**+254**	**0**

Program Overview

The mission of the Migratory Bird Permits program is to promote long-term sustainability of migratory bird populations, while providing opportunities for the public to study, use, and enjoy migratory birds consistent with the provisions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA).

Permits authorizing take and possession of migratory birds are issued for scientific study, depredation control, falconry, raptor propagation, rehabilitation of injured birds, educational use, taxidermy, waterfowl sale, and Native American religious use. The Service processes more than 11,000 such permit applications annually.

The Service continues to focus on streamlining permitting procedures and requirements to improve the permit applicant's experience while ensuring that the Service delivers on its trust responsibilities related to migratory birds. In 2020, the Service will complete the modernization of the Service's Permits Issuance and Tracking System (SPITS), which will reduce the processing time for permits, provide a more user-friendly interface for the public, and provide electronic payment methods for permittees.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Permits Program is $3,699,000 and 30 FTE.

Permits (+254,000/0 FTE) – The 2020 request enhances the Service's ability to receive, process, and respond to permit applications, which will provide a better and more efficient process for our customers.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Continue to issue permits efficiently for the use of birds protected under the MBTA and BGEPA.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: Federal Duck Stamp Program

		2018Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Federal Duck Stamp	($000)	556	556	+8	0	0	564	+8
	FTE	*2*	*2*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*2*	*0*

Program Overview

2018-2019 Federal Duck Stamp with art by Robert Hautman, of Minnesota

2018-2019 Junior Duck Stamp with art by Georgia student Rayen Kang

The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (commonly known as the Duck Stamp) is required for waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older. The Federal Duck Stamp program supports conservation of important migratory bird habitat through the purchase of wetland and associated upland habitats within the National Wildlife Refuge System. Many non-hunters also buy Federal Duck Stamps to support habitat conservation in the Refuge system. In 2016, the most recent year with complete information, Duck Stamp sales totaled more than $40 million. Since 1934, the stamps have raised over $1 billion for the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF). These monies, along with other contributions to the MBCF, have enabled the protection of 14 million acres of prime waterfowl habitat within the National Wildlife Refuge System. In addition to places for waterfowl to breed, stopover on migration, and overwinter, these lands also provide Americans with opportunities to enjoy the outdoors by engaging in activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, photography, and wildlife viewing. Increasing the amount of wildlife habitat held in trust for Americans provides compatible public use of natural resources, increases opportunities for and access to outdoor recreation, and provides private landowners and local communities with economic and environmental benefits.

The Service also attracts youth to the outdoors through the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program (Junior Duck Stamp Program) and its associated art contest. The Junior Duck Stamp Program employs a science-based curriculum with an art focus to teach students about wildlife conservation, waterfowl, and the importance of wetlands. Students in the program are encouraged to submit artwork for their State's Junior Duck Stamp art competition. Each year the individual State winners compete in the national contest for the honor of having their artwork featured on that year's Junior Duck Stamp. Annually, over 30,000 students participate in these competitions and share their knowledge and experience with their communities. This engagement with the natural world will help create future conservation stewards that value that protection of our natural resources for future generations.

Electronic Duck Stamp Program

The issuance of the 2018-2019 Federal Duck Stamp marked the 11th year of the Electronic Duck Stamp (E-Stamp) program. The E-Stamp program provides a valuable customer service, making Duck Stamps available quickly and conveniently from anywhere in the U.S. This popular program enables someone to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp through a participating State's website at any time, and receive an

immediate certification of purchase that is valid for waterfowl hunting anywhere in the United States. Interest in this program remains high, with 24 States now providing E-Stamp certification. Sales of E-Stamps have continued to grow with each successive year—from over 58,000 in 2008, to more than 823,000 in 2016-2017. In just the first four months of availability of the 2018-2019 Duck Stamp, from July through October 2018, E-Stamp sales reached 475,000. The Service plans to add up to 10 additional States over the next two years, expanding access to the stamp and associated outdoor recreation opportunities. The growth of the E-Stamp program has allowed the Service to modernize stamp dispersal through partnerships with States and to deploy technology appropriately to attract new and retain existing hunters.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Federal Duck Stamp Program is $564,000 and 2 FTE.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Manage the production and sale of the Federal Duck Stamp.
- Investigate new and emerging methods to promote the Duck Stamp.
- Expand the Electronic Stamp program.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP)/Joint Ventures

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
North American Waterfowl Management/ Joint Ventures	($000)	13,140	13,140	+62	0	-62	13,140	0
	FTE	*46*	*46*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*46*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for North American Waterfowl Management / Joint Ventures

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• North American Waterfowl Management Plan/Joint Venture Activities	-62	0
Program Changes	**-62**	**0**

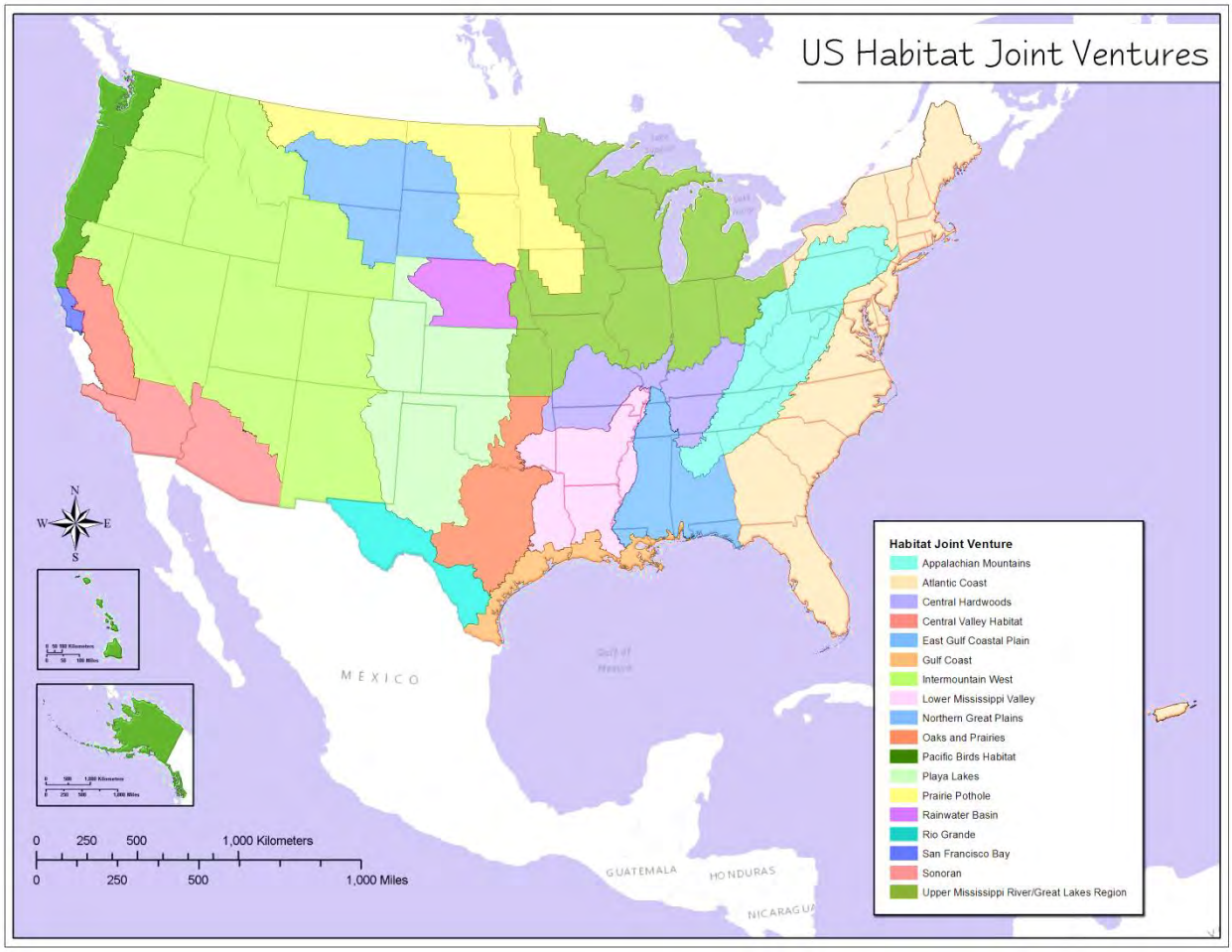
Program Overview

The North American Waterfowl Management Plan (Plan) is an international accord signed by the U.S. and Canada in 1986 and, in 1994, by Mexico. It is the foundational bird conservation partnership upon which many others have been modeled. For the past three decades, the Plan has guided efforts to sustain abundant waterfowl and other wetland dependent bird populations across North America through voluntary partnerships driven by sound science. The Plan is updated regularly - most recently in 2018 -adapting strategies and objectives to lessons learned through science, population management, and habitat conservation.

The habitat goals outlined in the Plan, as well as the conservation and management priorities of national and international shorebird, waterbird, and landbird partnership initiatives, are primarily implemented by Migratory Bird Joint Ventures (JVs). These regional, self-directed partnerships include Federal, State, and local governments; corporations; individuals; and non-government conservation groups. Together, they form a network for habitat conservation that benefits waterfowl, other wildlife, and people.

The JVs leverage Federal contributions with non-Federal funds and in-kind contributions, and foster collaboration from local to international scales, thereby improving the effectiveness of conservation.

One of the most significant responsibilities of the JVs is the development of landscape-level bird conservation plans. The JVs utilize science to support the decisions and activities that implement the habitat conservation priorities identified in these plans. These landscape-level plans along with the targeted habitat projects that come from them bring a broad population-based perspective to local conservation delivery. The JVs work closely with their stakeholders/partners in a collaborative manner, incorporating their input to develop and implement these landscape management plans.



Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the North American Waterfowl Management Plan is $13,140,000 and 46 FTE.

North American Waterfowl Management Plan/Joint Ventures (-$62,000/0 FTE) – At the requested 2020 level, the NAWMP/JV program will ensure that all 21 Migratory Bird Joint Ventures receive funding to step-down large landscape-scale plan priorities into effective, locally delivered conservation activities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Continue to implement the 2018 Plan update via partners and the JVs to achieve NAWMP waterfowl population, habitat, and human dimension objectives.
- Design and develop habitat strategies that work with landowners and other partners to conserve migratory bird resources across the landscape; and collect and analyze data on Black Duck, Arctic Geese, and Sea Duck species to inform harvest strategies that lead to hunter opportunities.

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Law Enforcement

Activity: Conservation and Enforcement
Subactivity: Law Enforcement

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Operations	($000)	75,980	75,980	+256	0	+71	76,307	+327
Equipment Replacement	($000)	910	910	0	0	0	910	0
Total, Law Enforcement	**($000)**	**76,890**	**76,890**	**+256**	**0**	**+71**	**77,217**	**+327**
	FTE	***341***	***341***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***341***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Law Enforcement

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Law Enforcement Operations (Wildlife Trafficking)	+71	0
Program Changes	**+71**	**0**

Program Mission

The mission of the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) is to protect wildlife and plant resources through the effective enforcement of Federal laws. By working with Federal, State, Tribal, and foreign enforcement agencies, and other conservation partners, we help recover endangered species, conserve migratory birds, preserve wildlife habitat, safeguard fisheries, combat invasive species, and promote international wildlife conservation.

Program Overview

OLE fulfills its mission by facilitating a multi-billion dollar legal wildlife trade, while simultaneously interdicting illegal wildlife and wildlife products and investigating wildlife trafficking crimes. Service special agents, wildlife inspectors, intelligence analysts, forensic scientists, and support staff provide critical work in the fight against wildlife trafficking and the successful prosecution of criminals who break Federal and international wildlife laws.

A defendant was sentenced to prison for illegally trafficking parts from endangered tigers and African lions. Credit: USFWS

Transnational criminal organizations are largely responsible for the growing illegal wildlife trade. Addressing the involvement of transnational criminal organizations requires strong and effective law enforcement, both in the U.S. and abroad. OLE works with INTERPOL, the State Department and other agencies to reduce criminal activity involving wildlife worldwide.

The U.S. remains one of the world's largest markets for legal and illegal wildlife and wildlife products. The Service upholds the Nation's responsibility to facilitate the legal wildlife trade, stop the illegal activity in protected species, provide assistance to improve wildlife enforcement in other countries, detect and deter the illegal import and export of wildlife, and protect our Nation's borders by preventing invasive species and potential diseases from entering the U.S.

Through law enforcement efforts, the Service disrupts criminal networks, apprehends violators, refers wildlife trafficking cases for prosecution, seizes and forfeits property of the crimes, and applies penalties to deter and prevent others from committing such wildlife crimes. Effective enforcement is critical to the Service's conservation mission.

Law Enforcement Investigations

The Service's investigation of wildlife trafficking disrupts and dismantles highly organized transnational smuggling networks engaged in the illegal wildlife trade around the world. OLE special agents are plainclothes criminal investigators who enforce Federal wildlife laws. Agents investigate crimes by collecting evidence, interviewing witnesses and subjects, conducting surveillance, executing Federal search warrants, making arrests, preparing cases for Federal court, and assisting local, Tribal, State, Federal, and international counterparts with wildlife crime investigations. Agents often work undercover to infiltrate wildlife trafficking syndicates, and other criminal groups, to document violations from the "inside." Covert and complex investigations often are multi-year operations. To provide additional operational and investigative field support, the Service hires and trains new agents.

Inspection and Facilitation of Wildlife Trade

The Service's trade monitoring activities at U.S. ports provide a front-line defense against massive, global wildlife trafficking, as well as facilitating robust legal wildlife trade. The work of Service wildlife inspectors significantly impacts our Nation's public health, safety, economy, and natural resources. Service wildlife inspectors process declared shipments, intercept wildlife contraband, conduct proactive enforcement operations to interdict smuggled wildlife and wildlife products, ensure the humane transport of live wildlife, and work with special agents to investigate businesses and individuals engaged in wildlife trafficking. Their work also prevents the introduction of invasive species, which if established, would contribute to an estimated $120 billion in annual economic damage to the U.S. and ecological impacts caused by these damaging species.

A wildlife inspector canine team inspects cargo for illegal wildlife and wildlife products. Credit: USFWS

The Service has strategically placed wildlife inspector canine teams at seven critical ports of entry. Since the program began in 2013, trained canines and wildlife inspectors have enhanced the interdiction of smuggled plants, wildlife, and wildlife parts and products by being able to examine a greater volume of international cargo and mail. Wildlife inspector canine teams have alerted to and intercepted many illegally transported items. As a result of their work, domestic and international investigations were initiated that led to the arrest and successful criminal prosecutions of wildlife traffickers. In addition, potential diseases and invasive species were prevented from being introduced and spread to the U.S. population, native wildlife, and wildlife habitats, which could have negatively affected U.S. domestic agriculture industries such as fruits, vegetables, wine, poultry, cattle, and swine.

To increase customer service while protecting our Nation's borders from the illegal wildlife trade, the Service will station 11 wildlife inspectors at nine currently unstaffed ports and create four additional wildlife inspector canine teams. The canine teams will be strategically placed to enhance U.S. port coverage.

International Collaboration and Capacity Building through the International Operations Unit and the Branch of Training and Inspections

In support of the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act and President Trump's Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking, the International Operations Unit has stationed Service special agent attachés throughout the world in areas that are considered high-risk for wildlife crimes. At present, one attaché is posted at each of the following seven U.S. embassies: Botswana (Gaborone), China (Beijing), Gabon (Libreville), Mexico (Mexico City), Lima (Peru), Tanzania (Dar es Salaam), and Thailand (Bangkok). Service attachés are vital members of "country teams" and participate with partners in broader enforcement working groups. They function on a regional basis to create, maintain, and use government-to-government relationships to combat wildlife crime; and build wildlife crime enforcement capacity. Through the program, the Service is positioned to assist in investigations, as well as provide technical assistance and training to international counterparts. Attachés are the main conduit between our foreign partners and the advanced technical assistance the Service provides. They also coordinate U.S. and other government agencies, and provide support to wildlife enforcement networks throughout their areas of responsibility. To further boost the program's effectiveness and enhance the ability to fight global wildlife trafficking, the Service will increase the number of locations where attachés are stationed to 12 in 2019.

To further build international capacity, OLE's Branch of Training and Inspections (BTI) partnered with the National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs and created the International Conservation Chiefs Academy (ICCA). The first cohort of U.S. State conservation law enforcement officers and African officials trained together in 2016. Since then, the ICCA has grown from one cohort per year to two and has expanded the geographic range of attendees to include Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. This in-person training is critical to form global alliances, create collaborative law enforcement initiatives, open the flow of communication, and strengthen law enforcement at a local, State, Federal, and international level.

OLE is also building international capacity through expanding its training programs. For the first time, BTI conducted an Executive Symposium on Wildlife Trafficking at the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA). This symposium brought together executive level agency delegates from Africa and Southeast Asia, which developed model law and policy that was taken back in their respective countries for action. Newly created training programs include the Attaché Training Program, the Service's International Affairs Program, additional training programs at ILEAs, and the ICCA will conduct its first alumni event bringing together sub-Saharan Africa attendees from the first cohort to discuss ways to further collaborate and continue the fight against wildlife trafficking on a global scale. These new training missions will focus on wildlife crime scene investigation, crime scene management, seizures, cybercrime, and inspection.

Wildlife Intelligence Unit

The Service's Wildlife Intelligence Unit is responsible for the collection and analysis of information on all aspects of wildlife trafficking to support Service investigations, inspections, and smuggling interdiction efforts. Through this unit, Service investigators have access to a multitude of law enforcement tools and resources, which assist them to identify and disrupt wildlife trafficking networks. The unit also coordinates information sharing with other law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and other countries. In addition, it has

established and maintains a broad network of domestic and international contacts with conservation groups, trade associations, and other entities involved in, or concerned with, wildlife trade.

Digital Evidence Recovery and Technical Support Unit

The Digital Evidence Recovery and Technical Support Unit (DERTSU) is based in Jacksonville, Florida and supports the OLE globally by providing digital evidence seizure and analysis as well as technical surveillance equipment and support. The DERTSU is staffed with experienced senior special agents and digital evidence specialists. The DERTSU's expertise in analyzing seized digital evidence from computers, smart phones, GPS units, and many other types of devices is an important asset for the field agent in furthering their investigative and prosecutorial efforts to combat wildlife trafficking. Digital evidence services include on-scene search warrant operations, lab based data extraction, and detailed investigative analysis. Additionally, the DERTSU equips and trains field agents with the latest technical surveillance technology, to include audio and video surveillance platforms, GPS based trackers, and custom-built solutions to the unique situations faced by our field agents.

A senior special agent conducts a digital evidence analysis in support of a wildlife trafficking investigation. Credit: USFWS

National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory

The National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory (NFWFL) in Ashland, Oregon is vital to Service's efforts to fight wildlife trafficking. It is the world's only full-service, highly accredited, crime laboratory devoted exclusively to supporting wildlife law enforcement investigations.

NFWFL forensic scientists provide the physical evidence analysis, and supporting expert witness testimony, for officials to successfully investigate and prosecute serious violations of wildlife law. These scientists identify the source species of mammal, bird, reptile, fish, plant, and wood parts and products, which is a function needed by Service special agents, wildlife inspectors, and Department of Justice prosecutors. Conclusive evidence of criminal activity in wildlife investigations often hinges on the investigators' and prosecutors' ability to establish flora and fauna parts to the species level, making the NFWFL's capabilities integral to Service enforcement efforts.

Laboratory scientists conduct research to develop new analytical techniques needed in wildlife forensics and build databases to help spot trafficking trends of protected species. To support successful law enforcement operations and criminal prosecutions, they continuously evolve their research and analytical methods to ensure accuracy, and maintain efficiency, throughout the necessary scientific identification process. Identification of evidence items is done by comparing it against known reference specimens. To continue advancing the role as a world leader in wildlife forensic science, the NFWFL is building a center to store, curate, and maintain the collection of reference specimens. Many of the specimens are one-of-a kind, and this modern day "Noah's Ark" of dead wildlife specimens needs vigilant protection so they endure for the benefit of the American people.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service has the statutory mandate and trust responsibility to fulfill its mission derived from the Nation's wildlife and plant protection laws. Brief descriptions of these various laws follow:

- The Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42; 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378) prohibits the importation, exportation, transportation, sale, or purchase of fish, wildlife, or plants taken or possessed in violation of Federal, State, Tribal, or foreign laws.
- The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712) makes it unlawful to pursue, hunt, kill, capture, possess, buy, sell, purchase, or barter any migratory bird including their parts and products.
- The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668C) prohibits import, export, or take of bald or golden eagles including their parts and products without permits, and prohibits the sale, purchase, or barter of their parts or products.
- The Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) prohibits the importation, exportation, taking, and interstate or foreign commerce of fish, wildlife, and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species.
    - The Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) is an international treaty to which 183 countries are parties, including the United States. CITES is implemented in the United States under the ESA and provides a set of universal protections and controls involving the international movement of plant and animal species engaged in significant global trade.
- The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718) requires waterfowl hunters to purchase and possess a valid federal waterfowl hunting stamp before take of migratory waterfowl.
- The Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407) establishes a moratorium on the take and importation of marine mammals, including parts and products.
- The Airborne Hunting Act (16 U.S.C. 742j-l) prohibits taking or harassing wildlife from aircraft.
- The National Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) provides guidelines for administration and management of all areas in the refuge system.
- The African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4201-4245) places a moratorium on the importation of raw or worked ivory from African elephant-producing countries that do not meet certain criteria.
- The Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901) limits or prohibits the importation of exotic bird species as necessary to ensure that their populations are not harmed by international trade.
- The Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 5301-5306) prohibits the import, export, or sale of any product, item, or substance containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, any substance derived from tiger or rhinoceros.
- The Antarctic Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 2401) makes unlawful for any citizen to take, possess, or sell any native bird or mammal from Antarctica.
- The Archeological Resources Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 470aa) prohibits excavation, removal, damage, or alteration to any archaeological resource located on public or Indian lands without a permit.
- The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-644) is a truth-in-advertising law that prohibits misrepresentation in marketing of Indian arts and crafts products within the United States.
- In conducting investigations of wildlife crimes, the OLE frequently encounters and investigates violations of other Federal laws to include conspiracy, smuggling, money laundering, narcotics, cybercrimes, unlawful possession and trafficking of firearms, mail fraud, tax evasion, wire fraud, corruption, and bribery.
- The Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act (P.L. 114-231) authorizes support for law enforcement training, investigative capacity building, range state conservation programs, and other important tools to protect and sustain wild populations of imperiled species in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and other critical locations.
- The Presidential Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking (issued February 9, 2017) strengthens enforcement of federal law in order to thwart transnational criminal organizations and

subsidiary organizations, including criminal gangs, cartels, racketeering organizations, and other groups engaged in illicit activities. This Executive Order specifically lists wildlife trafficking as a targeted transnational crime that presents a threat to public safety and national security.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Office of Law Enforcement is $77,217,000 and 341 FTE.

Law Enforcement Operations (Wildlife Trafficking) (+$71,000/ +0 FTE)
Wildlife Trafficking is a major concern of the Service, the Department, and the Administration. With wildlife poaching reaching unprecedented levels worldwide, the request will further support the President's Executive Order on combating wildlife trafficking, and continue implementing the Administration's inter-agency National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking. Wildlife trafficking has been identified as a threat not only to conservation of species, but to global prosperity and peace. The unprecedented levels of trade in illegal fish, wildlife, and plant products are often intertwined with other major types of criminal activity. Governmental and private sector entities, both inside and outside of the United States, have turned to the Office of Law Enforcement for leadership role in the coordination, guidance and implementation of a workable strategy in combatting this illegal activity.

This request will bolster efforts to establish a permanent commitment to combat and pursue traffickers of natural resources on the internet and high-speed transport. The OLE will continue to build its Intelligence Program capabilities and forge permanent liaisons with the .S. intelligence community along with other federal law enforcement agencies.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will continue to fully utilize its network of special agent/international attaches and build on past successes in combating global wildlife trafficking. Investigations will continue to prioritize crimes that jeopardize wild populations of protected species nationally and around the world that are being devastated by poaching, black market trafficking, and transnational profiteering.
- The Service will hire 24 new agents in 2020 to continue efforts to address staffing shortfalls due to attrition and mandatory retirements that affect the program's ability to perform its ongoing enforcement work. Federal law enforcement officers and firefighters are subject to mandatory retirement at age 57 if they have 20 years of service.
- The program will continue to strengthen forensic capabilities to address wildlife trafficking and expand the capacity of the Special Investigations Unit so that it can maximize the scope and effectiveness of Service efforts to respond to poaching crisis and shutdown trafficking of elephant ivory. This funding, in concert with implementation of the agent/attaché program, will increase Service investigations involving species that are subject to illegal trade.

International Affairs

Activity: Conservation and Enforcement
Subactivity: International Affairs

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
International Conservation	($000)	8,290	8,290	+50	0	+381	8,721	+431
International Wildlife Trade	($000)	7,526	7,526	+86	0	+290	7,902	+807
Total, International Affairs	**($000)**	**15,816**	**15,816**	**+136**	**0**	**+671**	**16,623**	**+807**
	FTE	***82***	***82***	***0***	***0***	**+1**	**83**	**+1**

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for International Affairs

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Combating Wildlife Trafficking	+1,084	+1
• International Affairs Activities	+137	0
• Arctic Council Support	-550	0
Program Changes	**+671**	**+1**

Program Mission

The International Affairs Program leads domestic and international efforts to protect, restore, and enhance the world's diverse wildlife and their habitats with a focus on species of concern to the American people. The Service works to ensure that wildlife trade is both legal and sustainable to benefit the survival of species and domestic economies through the implementation of the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora* (CITES) and domestic wildlife laws.

Program Elements

The International Affairs program is comprised of the following program elements:

- **International Conservation** – Species and regional programs provide technical and financial assistance to partners around the globe to conserve high-priority species and habitats.
- **International Wildlife Trade** – This program is responsible for implementing CITES and stricter domestic laws of the United States to ensure international wildlife trade does not threaten the survival of listed animals and plants in the wild.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service has the legal mandate and responsibility to engage in the conservation of wildlife species both within and beyond our borders in the context of several long-standing commitments. These obligations are contained in domestic laws, international treaties, and other multilateral agreements, such as CITES, the *Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt* (END*) Wildlife Trafficking Act*, the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee, the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA), the *Lacey Act*, the *Wild Bird Conservation Act*, the *Marine Mammal Protection Act*, the *Western Hemisphere Convention*, the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act*, the

Cartagena Convention and the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife, and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention).

Program Overview

The International Affairs Program leads domestic and international efforts to protect, restore, and enhance the world's diverse wildlife and their habitats with a focus on species of international concern. The Service works to ensure wildlife trade results in sustained plant and animal populations and supports livelihoods of people who depend on international trade in wildlife through implementation of CITES and domestic conservation laws. The Service plays a leadership role in the implementation of the National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking, addressing urgent conservation and global security threats posed by poaching and illegal trade in wildlife. Through technical and financial assistance, the Service works with partners to strengthen enforcement, reduce demand for illegally-traded wildlife, and expand international cooperation and commitment to address the growing threat.

Pangolins are the most trafficked animals in the world
Credit: Maria Diekmann

Elephants, rhinos, tigers, marine turtles, and apes are just a few of the species of foreign origin that captivate the hearts and minds of the American public. Of U.S. citizens traveling abroad in 2017, 32 percent visited a national park or monument, 8 percent camped or hiked, 8 percent went on an environmental or eco-excursion, and 3 percent fished or hunted while in other countries. These visitors choose to spend their free time with wildlife, sharing these experiences with family and friends, and educating their children about conservation. In addition, Americans have purchased more than 41 million Save Vanishing Species stamps to support the international conservation efforts of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds.

The Service works closely with State agencies and Tribes to ensure legal and sustainable wildlife trade. The Service provides technical and financial assistance to strengthen capacity within other countries to address conservation of species that are important to the U.S. economy and have intrinsic value to the American people. The Service works with partners to find innovative solutions to combat the most urgent threats to species survival. This work addresses transnational wildlife trafficking, wildlife disease, habitat loss, illegal and unsustainable trade, and inadequate law enforcement. Through these efforts, the Service's work supports sustainable use and conservation of plants and animals, from helping to establish protected areas and supporting boots on the ground enforcement to leading high-level international trade negotiations.

The Service funds, facilitates, and supports vital efforts to conserve wildlife and high value landscapes that provide economic, geopolitical, and other benefits to the American people. Since 1989, the Service has provided more than 4,200 grants for international conservation totaling nearly $283 million. The Service has worked with more than 700 partners in developing countries who have contributed almost $436 million in additional, non-Federal matching support for grant projects, more than doubling the impact of our funding. In 2017 alone, the Service awarded 289 grants, totaling more than $36 million and matched by nearly $45 million in non-Federal support.

Sustainable Use of Wildlife

The United States is one of the world's largest importers and exporters of wildlife and wildlife products, and plays a significant role in the global legal wildlife trade, currently valued in billions of dollars annually. To facilitate legal and sustainable trade and ensure international trade does not threaten the survival of animals and plants in the wild, the Service is responsible for implementation of CITES in the U.S. Each Party to the agreement designates Management and Scientific Authorities to issue permits, make legal and scientific findings, and monitor trade. For the U.S., these authorities reside in the Service's International Affairs Program.

Paddlefish is the most common species harvested for caviar in the U.S. Credit: Ryan Hagerty/USFWS

Through implementation of CITES, the Service facilitates more than $675 million in trade per year. In addition, the Service compiles and maintains trade records for U.S. imports and exports. In conjunction with reports from other CITES Parties, the Service uses this data to monitor trade levels, determine trends over time, and help ensure that plant and animal trade is sustainable. The Service works with importers and exporters of wildlife products to ensure compliance with the law and to facilitate and streamline the permitting process. The Service aims to strike a regulatory balance that minimizes the burden on the public and U.S. companies, while also conserving wildlife for generations to come.

Native Species Support Local Economies

The international trade in CITES-listed native species such as bobcats and alligators and plants such as cacti and American ginseng, provides livelihoods for rural communities in the U.S. As an example of the value of this trade, from 2013 to 2015 the declared values of U.S. exports of skins from American alligators, bobcats, and river otters totaled more than $390 million. The Service works to restore trust and be a good neighbor by working directly and closely with State agencies to implement CITES for species of economic importance. Examples of this collaboration include assessing the status of native species impacted by trade, seeking input on CITES permit findings, facilitating participation on U.S. delegations to CITES meetings, and coordinating CITES export programs. Through the CITES Coordination Committee, the Service also works closely with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) to facilitate communication between State wildlife agencies and the Service's CITES Authorities.

American alligator credit: Sue Slick/Creative Commons

The recovery of the American alligator, together with the transformation of U.S. industry practices, is a success story that illustrates how conservation and sustainable use can go hand-in-hand. Once hunted to near extinction, the American alligator made a full recovery due to collaboration between the Federal government, State wildlife agencies, and the leather industry. Today, the management program for

American alligators includes a sustainable harvest, supporting industry while also conserving the species. This is a model of collaboration and cooperation that the Service aims to replicate with other native species.

Creating a Responsive and Efficient Permitting Process

In 2018, the Service received applications from over 5,000 applicants and issued over 40,000 permits to authorize a wide variety of wildlife trade activities. The Service uses the best available biological information to make findings on whether the import or export of CITES-listed species may be detrimental to their survival, or whether the trade will enhance the survival and not jeopardize the continued existence of species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Decisions on whether to issue permits frequently must be made in close consultation with foreign CITES authorities, state wildlife agencies, other Federal agencies, the CITES Secretariat, other relevant experts, and applicants.

2017 marked the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act. Credit: Ganesh Raghunathan

The Service recently increased the number of people dedicated to permit application review and processing to help ensure a responsive and efficient system for the American public and businesses. The Service has also been working to increase the use of electronic applications to facilitate more efficient transfer of data between applicants and the Service. We are developing an electronic permitting system, which requires updating our existing permitting database, the Service-wide Permit Issuance and Tracking System (SPITS). The new e-permitting system, once fully implemented, will further streamline the permitting process by better integrating data submitted electronically into the permit database. It will also allow for the development of "expert" systems that will automate portions of the application review, permit issuance, and reporting.

Conserving Priority Species

Multinational Species Conservation Fund Species

The Service has developed a large international network of key projects and trusted implementing partners as a result of its nearly 30-year Congressional mandate to conserve elephants, great apes, rhinos, tigers, and marine turtles; iconic species that a majority of the American public wants to see roam the Earth for hundreds of years to come. Service staff have decades of expertise on wildlife management in the U.S. and in developing countries and are the ideal partners to assist staff in national parks and protected areas overseas in their efforts to conserve species loved by the American people.

Species Threatened by Wildlife Trafficking

Conserving species impacted by wildlife trafficking is vitally important to wildlife, as well as people. Wildlife trafficking is a serious transnational crime that involves the unlawful harvest of and trade in live animals and plants or parts and products derived from them, and threatens conservation, security, economic prosperity, and the rule of law. Organized crime syndicates are well structured, often violent, and capable of moving large volumes of poached wildlife and wildlife products. Combating this illicit trade takes a significant human toll and it is estimated that worldwide, a ranger is killed in the line of duty every three days. The illegal trade is a multi-billion-dollar business that depletes natural resource assets and revenues by driving numerous species of economic value to the brink of extinction. The cross-border smuggling of live wildlife leaves countries at risk to the spread of wildlife-borne diseases and the introduction of invasive species, which, once established, cause $120 billion in economic impacts annually in the U.S alone. Invasive species also are at least partially responsible for more than 40 percent of all listings under the ESA. The Service provides technical and financial assistance to counter wildlife trafficking worldwide through several programs. Through CITES, the Service advances global policy that supports legal and sustainable trade and combats illegal trade. Financial and technical assistance from Service programs provide resources for on the ground conservation actions for species targeted by the illegal trade and for building capacity of other countries to combat wildlife trafficking.

Rampant poaching has driven ploughshare tortoises to the brink of extinction. Credit: Peter Paul van Diik

In FY 2016, the Service launched the Combating Wildlife Trafficking (CWT) grants program to support innovative projects that aim to halt wildlife poaching and trafficking. Through the grants program, the Service is focusing its efforts on species threatened by illegal trade that have not typically received international attention or significant resources. The Service provides an opportunity to develop projects and cutting-edge technologies, which benefit many species at once. For example, a project based on the island of Sumatra to strengthen law enforcement is intended to conserve Sumatran tigers, the helmeted hornbill, and Malay pangolin, since the same poaching syndicates and "kingpins" are believed to be closely linked with the illegal trade in each of these species. Asiatic black bears, pangolins, sturgeon, saiga antelope, snow leopards, ploughshare tortoises, African grey parrots, flying foxes, and precious timber species such as ebony and rosewood are among the many and varied species that have benefited from the support of the CWT program.

Wildlife Trafficking: Global Solutions for a Global Problem

The Service works in a collaborative, whole-of-government approach to combat wildlife trafficking, as outlined in the National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking and codified by the Eliminate Neutralize and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act and the Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking (signed February 2017). To address the serious and urgent threats posed by illegal trade in wildlife, the Strategy outlines three key priorities: strengthening enforcement; reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife; and expanding international cooperation and commitment to combat illegal trade. The Service coordinates and implements the U.S. Government and non-Federal partner efforts to address this growing threat to imperiled species and U.S. economic and security interests.

The Service is investing to strengthen the implementation of CITES, which provides the global framework for legal and sustainable trade, to enhance enforcement of wildlife laws and regulations and to combat wildlife trafficking. Implementation of CITES is complex and highly technical. It requires dedicated and knowledgeable staff to guide political governments to engage in the global dialog and make wise decisions about international trade in wildlife resources. In 2018, the Service supported the completion of coursework of up-and-coming professionals of foreign CITES Authorities in the prestigious Master's Degree Program on the Management and Conservation of Species in Trade: the International Framework (CITES Master's Course) at the Universidad Internacional de Andalucia, in Spain. By supporting self-sufficiency of other Governments to implement CITES, we are not only contributing to wildlife conservation and thwarting illegal wildlife trade, we are also working to level the playing field for U.S. business trading in wildlife by ensuring requirements are being applied comparably among CITES Parties.

Capture for the pet trade is the most significant threat to wild African grey parrots. Credit: Paul Balfe / Creative Commons license

Species of Economic Importance

In the U.S., wildlife trafficking undercuts legal trade and reduces populations of in-demand domestic species that are of significant economic value, threatening livelihoods for American communities. The Service's coordination of American ginseng conservation exemplifies how the Service works with States and Tribes to ensure sustainable use of America's natural resources. In 2017, the harvest of wild American ginseng roots exceeded 41,000 dried pounds, with most of this ginseng exported to Asia. Harvesters ('diggers'), the first tier in the economic chain for the sale and export of American ginseng, received $400 to $500 a pound for dried wild American ginseng roots. Conservative estimates have placed the wholesale value of wild American ginseng roots at roughly $26.9 million per year. The Service is working with the State and Tribal ginseng program officials in four American ginseng Working Groups (enforcement, biology, regulatory, and outreach) to address issues and challenges associated with a legal and sustainable trade in American ginseng. Each Working Group has identified needed steps to improve the sustainability of wild ginseng. In 2019-2020, in coordination with the States and Tribes, the Service will work to support and implement measures that these Working Groups recommended

Partnerships to Advance Shared Conservation Goals

Working with others towards shared conservation goals is a theme that runs throughout the Service's international work. Whether it's assisting the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to develop a paddlefish sport fishing program that supports conservation; coordinating with Canada and Mexico to manage shared wildlife species; engaging with zoo staff to strategize how captive rhinos and outreach programs in America can contribute to the survival of wild rhinos; or working with JetBlue Airlines to preserve the beauty of the Caribbean, the Service's partnerships increase the impact and reach of our work and establish the Service as a trusted and respected partner in wildlife conservation around the globe.

Nesting leatherback sea turtle in Pongara National Park along Gabon's Atlantic Coast. Credit: Tatiana Hendrix / USFWS.

A Strategic, Results-Based Vision for Central Africa

The Service benefits from nearly three decades of experience working in Central Africa with foreign governments, multi-donor agencies, other U.S. government agencies, NGOs, and civil society. Building on this experience, the Service has established a strategic, results-based vision for wildlife conservation in Central Africa. This vision emphasizes direct action in the field and strengthening individual and institutional capacity, including improved law enforcement. The Service's expertise is critical in the face of the urgent conservation needs of the region. As an example of these pressures, the region has experienced a loss of an estimated two-thirds of its forest elephants due to poaching for ivory and bushmeat.

In partnership with Gabon's National Parks Agency (ANPN), the Service is safeguarding forest elephants, great apes, and other species by protecting the resilience of tropical forests and biodiversity and conserving ecologically important marine ecosystems. In 2017, the Government of Gabon expanded its Marine Protected Area (MPA) network by adding nine new marine parks and 11 new aquatic reserves, making it the largest MPA network in Africa. This would not have been achieved without the Service's support to ANPN's marine initiative *Gabon Bleu*. This support led to an unprecedented transformation of marine management in Gabon, with a focus on reviving fisheries productivity while conserving biodiversity. In working towards an expanded MPA network as part of *Gabon Bleu*, ANPN, in collaboration with the Gabonese Navy and Gabon's national fisheries agency, succeeded in bringing together diverse stakeholders ranging from coastal communities to companies involved in offshore oil production. Controlling large-scale illegal fishing, mainly by foreign trawlers, is a shared interest between conservationists and energy producers. Working together through *Gabon Bleu*, these stakeholders were able to meet biodiversity goals and enable the safe and responsible development of Gabon's energy resources, which exports a majority of its oil output to the U.S.

Conserving the Western Hemisphere's High-biodiversity Value Landscapes

Populations of guanacos, the wild relative of the domesticated llama, have declined in a similar fashion to the bison of the American West. Credit: Richard Ruggiero / USFWS.

A stable and secure Western Hemisphere is critical to the safety and economy of the American people. To that aim, the Service provides technical and financial support for conservation efforts in Central and South America that help to support American business and recreation in the region and strengthen rule of law. This work helps to protect shared species that provide important economic benefits for the American people, such as migratory bats that contribute an estimated $3.7 billion to U.S. agriculture in pest control. Specifically, the Service is supporting projects to conserve five distinct Central American landscapes with high biodiversity value, while promoting regional integration for conservation. In South America, the Service is working with the Government of Peru and other key partners to curb illegal wildlife trade in the Tropical Andes region. For example, this past year the Service provided integral support in the adoption of Peru's first National Wildlife Strategy and will aim to expand this effort to other countries in the region. Working with partners such as the Wildlife Conservation Society and the Governments of Argentina and Chile, the Service is conserving Patagonia's priority landscapes and unique species. Through the "Trilateral Committee," the Service collaborates with the wildlife agencies of Mexico and Canada to implement a joint regional agenda including topics such as monarch butterfly conservation; wildlife law enforcement; CITES implementation; and conservation of shared ecosystems, species of conservation concern, and migratory birds.

Conserving Latin America and the Caribbean

A stable and secure Latin America/Caribbean Region is critical to the safety and economy of the American people. In Latin America, the Service supports efforts to reduce threats to key wildlife populations from wildlife trafficking, unsustainable resource use, and human-wildlife conflict.

The Service provides technical and financial support to reduce removal of wildlife and plants (including timber) from natural ecosystems for illegal and/or unsustainable consumption, commercial sale, or trade. The objectives are:

- Combat poaching, illegal resource extraction, and habitat degradation in high value conservation areas;
- Increase local and national political will and capacity to improve compliance with wildlife and protected area laws;
- Raise public awareness to change behaviors to combat wildlife trafficking and associated illegal wildlife pet trade; and
- Reduce the availability of and markets for wild animals and plants (including timber) illegally and/or unsustainably harvested.

These objectives are achieved by:

- Supporting implementation of wildlife law compliance and enforcement in the region;
- Strengthening the capacity of Latin America governments to address the wildlife crime chain at any critical stage of enforcement in range, transit and consumer countries;

- Assisting indigenous people and rural communities affected by illegal clearing of wildlife habitat, poaching and/or wildlife trafficking activities by strengthening their capacity to monitor and control illegal activities within community managed lands;
- Working with local communities to promote rural stability and greater security for people and wildlife in order to prevent wildlife poaching and trafficking;
- Supporting public outreach campaigns to influence behavior change in recognition of wildlife poaching and trafficking and its negative impacts.

In the Caribbean, in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development, the Service supports three key objectives:

1. Conservation of endangered coastal and marine species and their habitats;
2. Combating illegal trade of wildlife in the Caribbean; and
3. Managing coastal and marine protected areas through institutional capacity building and local community engagement.

The Service works with counterparts in Russia to conserve walruses. Credit: Joel Garlich Miller/USFWS

Decades of Dialogue with China and Russia

The U.S. has shared conservation interests with countries across Europe and Asia, and the Service has been a conduit for conservation information exchange. The U.S. shares populations of wildlife species that migrate between the U.S. and northeast Asia. The Service partners with those countries to share information and improve wildlife management. For example, the Service maintains a decades-long dialogue with wildlife managers in Russia to ensure that populations of polar bears, walrus, and migratory birds will be maintained for future generations. In China, the Service encourages improved capacity to manage wetlands and natural areas that provide habitat to rare species of concern to the American people.

Good for Wildlife, Good for Business

To engage a broader public, beyond the traditional conservation community, the Service is spearheading private-public partnerships that significantly increase the reach of our messages. Consumers, particularly international travelers, can unknowingly fuel the illegal wildlife trade by purchasing souvenirs or trinkets that are illegal to bring into the U.S. In 2017, JetBlue aired a short in-flight video, produced in partnership with the Service, to inform their customers about responsible travel and shopping practices that help to protect the beauty and wildlife of the Caribbean. JetBlue and the Service furthered this partnership in 2018 through a campaign to educate travelers to the Dominican Republic about illegal wildlife products that they may encounter during their trip. In January 2017, the Service, in coordination with the U.S. Wildlife Trafficking Alliance and its members, released a digital toolkit that provides travel and tourism industry

The Caribbean "Be Informed. Buy Informed." Traveler's Guide uses photos of confiscated wildlife items, like the sea turtle items pictured here, to educate travelers about items to avoid purchasing. Credit: Sarah Metzer/USFWS

leaders with resources they can use to engage travelers in the fight to stop wildlife trafficking. The toolkit was distributed to members of the Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA), American Society for Travel Agents (ASTA), and Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), which together serve more than 25 million travelers annually.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for International Affairs is $16,623,000 and 83 FTE.

Combating Wildlife Trafficking (+$1,084,000 / +1 FTE)
The recent escalation in poaching of protected species and the corresponding illegal trade poses an urgent threat to conservation and global security. Wildlife trafficking is a multibillion-dollar illegal trade fueled by demand and enabled by corruption, limited legal authorities, insufficient law enforcement capabilities, and weak institutions. Wildlife trafficking generates billions of dollars in illicit revenues each year, contributing to the illegal economy, fueling global instability, and undermining regional security.

The Service provides technical and financial assistance to partners to support innovative projects that address wildlife poaching and trafficking by strengthening enforcement, reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife, and expanding international cooperation and commitment to mitigate this threat. The Service will utilize this funding to support approximately 18 additional projects, a significant investment to protect imperiled species threatened by illicit trade.

International Affairs Activities (+$137,000 / 0 FTE)
In contrast to wildlife trafficking, the legal, sustainable trade of wildlife and wildlife products supports local communities, provides important sources of revenue to U.S. businesses, and incentivizes conservation of commercially valuable species and the habitats on which they depend. The International Affairs program oversees the Service's international wildlife trade permitting responsibilities and implements the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and other Federal wildlife laws that ensure that wildlife trade is legal and sustainable. This request will support efforts to modernize its permitting system, including moving toward fully electronic application submission and permit processing. We will also work with our State wildlife agency partners to ensure that trade in commercially valuable native species is legal and sustainable, such as by implementing recommendations of State/tribal working groups regarding American ginseng management and trade.

Arctic Council Support (-$550,000 /0 FTE)
Funding is not requested or needed to support the U.S. chairmanship of the Arctic Council, which has ended.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Work with partners around the world to improve the conservation of species of international concern and their habitats through technical and financial assistance programs.
- Expand efforts to combat wildlife trafficking through technical and financial assistance programs that strengthen enforcement, reduce demand for illegally traded wildlife, and expand international cooperation and commitment.
- Support the Service's work to implement CITES and other U.S. wildlife laws in the U.S. and to ensure international wildlife trade does not threaten the survival of animals and plants in the wild. Specifically this subactivity supports:
    - Processing of CITES import and export permits and the permit requirements of other laws, including the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Wild Bird Conservation Act, Lacey Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

- Combating wildlife trafficking through improved CITES implementation, technical and financial assistance and policy implementation.
- Representing the United States' interests at high-level international wildlife trade negotiations at CITES Meetings of the Conference of Parties and Animal, Plant, and Standing Committees.

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Fish and Aquatic Conservation

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change From 2019 (+/-)
National Fish Hatchery Operations	($000)	55,822	55,822	+376	0	+192	56,390	+568
	FTE	*323*	*323*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*323*	*0*
Maintenance and Equipment	($000)	22,920	22,920	+38	0	+2,888	25,846	+2,926
	FTE	*67*	*67*	*0*	*0*	*+8*	*75*	*+8*
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation	($000)	85,885	85,885	+735	0	-13,229	73,391	-12,494
	FTE	*297*	*297*	*0*	*0*	*-7*	*290*	*-7*
Total, Fish and Aquatic Conservation	($000)	**164,627**	**164,627**	**+1,149**	**0**	**-10,149**	**155,627**	**-9,000**
	FTE	***687***	***687***	***0***	***0***	***+1***	***688***	***+1***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Fish and Aquatic Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Annual Maintenance	+2,888	+8
• Hatchery System Operations	+2,067	+8
• Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities	+89	0
• Chehalis Fisheries Restoration	-268	0
• Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership	-400	0
• Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey	-489	0
• Population Assessment and Cooperative Management Activities	-517	-3
• Asian Carp	-2,566	-2
• Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement	-1,390	-2
• Washington State Mass Marking	-1,475	-8
• Lake Tahoe Restoration Act	-3,088	0
• Delaware River Basin Conservation Act	-5,000	0
Program Changes	**-10,149**	**+1**

Program Mission

The Fish and Aquatic Conservation program works with partners and the public to manage fish and other aquatic resources for the continuing benefit of the American people. For over 145 years, the Service has fostered outdoor recreational opportunities and provided economic and ecological benefits through the conservation of aquatic species and habitats. Since its inception as the United States Commission on Fish and Fisheries in 1871, the Service's Fisheries Program has worked collaboratively with Native American Tribes, States, landowners, partners and stakeholders to achieve the goals of healthy, self-sustaining populations of fish and other aquatic species, and the conservation or restoration of their habitats.

Program Elements

The Fish and Aquatic Conservation program comprises the following program elements:

- National Fish Hatchery System – propagates healthy, genetically diverse aquatic species to help support wild populations and fulfill Tribal obligations while ensuring access to angling opportunities.
- Maintenance and Equipment – maintains property and equipment, including the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of constructed assets, for 86 National Fish Hatchery System facilities and a National network of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices (Fisheries Offices). The Service's ability to accomplish its mission and ensure safety of employees and visitors is dependent upon the condition of key assets associated with water delivery, aquatic species propagation, and effluent management.
- Population Assessment and Cooperative Management – Fish & Wildlife Conservation Offices (Fisheries Offices) are the boots on-the-ground fish conservation arm of the Service, where field staff work in close cooperation with Tribal, State, and Federal partners to analyze the status and trends of our Nation's aquatic resources and proactively manage these complex systems. Due to restructuring of individual facilities, the Service currently maintains a national network of 51 Fisheries Offices.
- Habitat Assessment and Restoration – coordinated through a nationwide network of Fisheries Offices—works to improve riparian and water habitats for aquatic species, utilizing programs such as the National Fish Passage Program and the National Fish Habitat Partnership.
- Aquatic Invasive Species - prevents the introduction and reduces the spread of invasive species, which is a primary threat to the Nation's natural resources and economy. This is accomplished through leadership of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, injurious wildlife listings, risk assessments, and voluntary efforts with industry, States, Tribes, and other stakeholders to educate and engage the public.

Economic Benefits

The economic value of fisheries conservation is substantial and well documented. The Service's 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation[1] reported that 35.8 million Americans went fishing that year. They took 383 million fishing trips, spent a total of 459 million days fishing, and expended $46.1 billion for the fishing trips and to purchase equipment and other supplies. Fishing and other aquatic-based recreational opportunities are also multi-cultural, multi-generational experiences that bring substantial economic returns to local communities, increase jobs, and lead to improved quality of life for the American people.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service's Fish and Aquatic Conservation program is authorized by a wide range of statutes, treaties, compacts, court orders, mitigation agreements, and cooperative agreements.

- ***The Fish and Wildlife Act*** (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j)—establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.
- ***The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act*** (16 U.S.C. 661-666(e))—directs the Service to investigate and report on proposed Federal actions that affect any stream or other body of water and to provide recommendations to minimize impacts on fish and wildlife resources.
- ***The Endangered Species Act*** (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544)—prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to and removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery.

[1] https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/nationalsurvey/national_survey.htm

- ***The Mitchell Act*** (16 U.S.C. 755-757)—authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to carry on activities for conservation of fishery resources in the Columbia River Basin.
- ***The Colorado River Storage Project Act*** (43 U.S.C. 620)—provides that facilities will be built and operated to mitigate losses of, and improve conditions for, fish and wildlife in connection with the Colorado River Storage Project.
- ***The Sikes Act*** (16 U.S.C. 670a-670o)—authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Bureau of Land Management, and State agencies in planning, developing, maintaining and rehabilitating Federal lands for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat.
- ***The Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species Prevention and Control Act***, as amended by the *National Invasive Species Act*, (NISA, 16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.)—authorizes the Service to develop and implement a program to prevent and control infestations of zebra mussels and other nonindigenous aquatic invasive species in waters of the United States.
- ***The Lacey Act Amendment***, (18 U.S.C. 42; 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378)—provides that the Secretary designate injurious wildlife and ensure the humane treatment of wildlife shipped to the United States.

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation
Subactivity: National Fish Hatchery System Operations

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change From 2019 (+/-)
National Fish Hatchery Operations	($000)	55,822	55,822	+376	0	+192	56,390	+568
	FTE	*323*	*323*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*323*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Fish Hatchery System Operations

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Hatchery System Operations Activities	+2,067	+8
• Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership	-400	0
• Washington State Mass Marking	-1,475	-8
Program Changes	**+192**	**+0**

Program Overview

The National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS) consists of 70 National Fish Hatcheries, one historic National Fish Hatchery, eight Fish Health Centers, seven Fish Technology Centers, and the Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership Program. The NFHS operates facilities across the Country under the authority of numerous treaties and consent decrees, statutes, and recovery and restoration plans.

Hatcheries propagate fish to bolster or re-establish self-sustaining populations in the wild, to fulfill Tribal responsibilities, and to mitigate impacts to fish populations associated with Federal water projects. In 2018, 65 fish species and 30 other aquatic species (amphibians, mollusks, plants, and reptiles) were propagated and distributed from Service hatcheries. These facilities also provided refugia for 31 listed species facing catastrophic events such as wildfires, droughts, or floods. Hatcheries implemented 423 recovery actions in approved Recovery Plans and Biological Opinions, benefitting 72 federally-listed species. In addition, to help preclude further ESA listings, NFHS facilities implemented over 1,541 tasks, benefitting at least 66 non-listed species, in Fisheries Management Plans and other agreements.

Fish Technology Centers

Fish Technology Centers (FTCs) provide the scientific foundation for recovery and restoration programs and enable fisheries professionals to more effectively carry out their work. The seven FTCs conduct practical research in animal culture biology, genetics, ecological physiology, nutrition, biometrics and modeling, and cryopreservation for application in aquatic resource management. The knowledge gained through FTC studies informs conservation and benefits the aquaculture industry and other fish propagation efforts. Service FTCs have published over 1,000 papers in peer-reviewed journals over the last 30 years, including 42 papers in 2018. These publications cover a broad range of topics, which have an impact well beyond the Service.

Fish Health Centers

Aquatic animal health biologists operating at eight Fish Health Centers (FHCs) detect, monitor, and mitigate disease-causing pathogens that threaten aquatic species. Their findings inform decisions that improve the health of captive fishes at both Federal and partner hatcheries and of fish populations in the wild. Fish health professionals also investigate emerging health issues, such as invasive species that can be vectors for disease, to help prevent the introduction or spread of dangerous aquatic pathogens.

Aquatic Animal Health
The Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership (AADAP) program works with other Federal agencies, along with State and industry partners, to obtain U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of safe and effective new drugs needed for aquaculture and fisheries management. In addition to Federal appropriations, the program receives financial support generated by the National Investigational New Animal Drug (INAD) Program. The INAD Program provides fishery managers and aquaculture facilities across the country with legal access to experimental fish medications for which AADAP is pursuing FDA approval. In addition to Service programs, over 200 non-Service facilities in 45 States receive direct benefits through participation in this unique program.

Mitigation
The Service conducts mitigation programs under the broad authorities of the *Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956*, the *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act*, as well as authorities for specific Federal water development projects. The Service supplies fish for Federal agencies to mitigate the impacts of Federal water development projects on fisheries that are important for recreation and for Tribal sustenance. These propagation programs are funded by the water development agencies and conducted at Service hatcheries. Mitigation propagation programs are operated on a user-pay basis and are dependent on outside funding to fully reimburse the Service for its costs. The National Fish Hatchery System conducts mitigation fish production for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tennessee Valley Authority, Bureau of Reclamation, National Marine Fisheries Service and the Bonneville Power Administration.

Recreation and Education
The NFHS also provides opportunities for the public to visit and learn more about fish propagation and conservation as well as to take advantage of recreational activities on hatchery grounds. The Service's work to propagate and conserve fish and their habitats contributes annually to the enjoyment of tens of millions of recreational anglers.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for National Fish Hatcheries Operations is $56,390,000 and 323 FTE.

Hatchery Operations Activities (+$2,067,000/+8 FTE)

Hatchery Operations activities support a network of highly skilled biologists in our National Fish Hatchery System that work with States, Tribes, industry, non-government organizations, and private citizens to enhance recreational fishing opportunities, fulfill our Tribal trust responsibilities, and conserve and restore aquatic species. This request will focus on propagating fish and other aquatic species to sustain wild populations, carry out Tribal obligations, and increase fishing opportunities. In addition, these funds will allow the Service to significantly expand public angling, outreach, and education activities throughout the NFHS.

Animal Drug Approval Partnership (-$400,000/ +0 FTE)

At the requested level the Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership will continue to work with other Federal agencies, along with State and industry partners, to obtain U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of safe and effective new drugs needed for aquaculture and fisheries management.

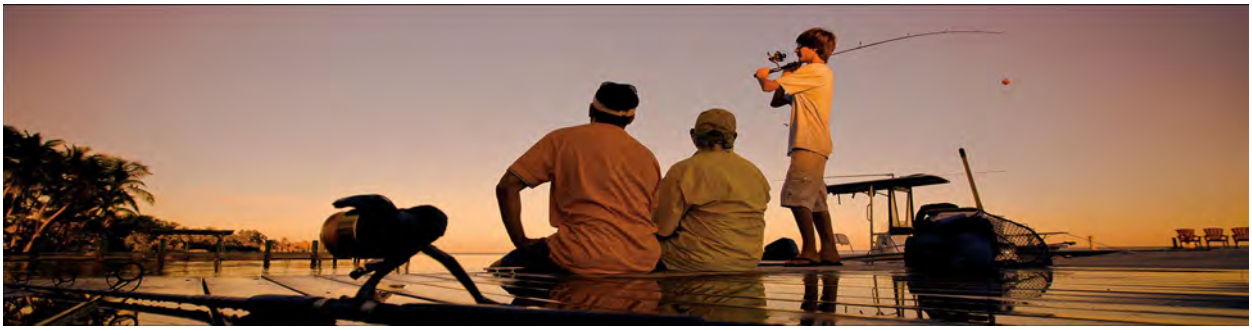
Washington State Mass Marking (-$1,475,000/ -8 FTE)

No funding is requested for this program in order to support higher priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will support work to propagate healthy, genetically diverse aquatic species to help sustain wild populations and fulfill Tribal obligations while ensuring continued access to quality angling opportunities.

- The program will continue to implement Secretarial Order 3347 - *Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation* and Secretarial Order 3356 - *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories* by providing more educational opportunities, expanding annual events, and recruiting more anglers.



Let's Go Fishing and Catch the Fun!

The Service is working in partnership with State fish and wildlife agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders to bring the fun of fishing to anglers of all ages. In 2018, nearly 1.3 million people, individually and through over 1,000 fishing and educational events, visited National Fish Hatcheries and other Service FAC facilities to fish, picnic, or learn about the Nation's fisheries resources. To increase fishing opportunities on all public lands, the Service has joined the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) in placing a "widget" on RBFF and Service websites that connects web-page visitors to fishing license and boating registration outlets in all 50 States. To continue to implement Secretarial Orders 3347 (Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation) and 3356 (Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories) the Service's goal for FY 2019 is to help more and more people to go fishing and "Catch the Fun!" This initiative will include new, improved fishing opportunities on Service-managed waters that are supported by outreach and educational tools to help beginners and experienced anglers. To find out more, visit: **https://www.fws.gov/fisheries/fishing.html**

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation
Subactivity: Maintenance and Equipment

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change From 2019 (+/-)
National Fish Hatchery Maintenance and Equipment	($000)	22,402	22,402	+38	0	+2,888	25,328	+2,926
	FTE	*67*	*67*	*0*	*0*	*+8*	*75*	*+8*
FWCO Maintenance and Equipment	($000)	518	518	0	0	0	518	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Total, Maintenance and Equipment	**($000)**	**22,920**	**22,920**	**+38**	**0**	**+2,888**	**25,846**	**+2,926**
	FTE	***67***	***67***	***0***	***0***	***+8***	***75***	***+8***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Maintenance and Equipment

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Annual Maintenance	+2,888	+8
Program Changes	**+2,888**	**+8**

Program Overview

Hatcheries produce fish and other aquatic species to meet management needs and provide public access to hatchery facilities for recreation and education. Properly functioning infrastructure is essential to fish production and to the safety of Service employees and visitors. Hatcheries employ tanks, ponds, and raceways for propagation and boats and trucks for transport. The propagation process requires a consistent, well oxygenated water supply that is heated or cooled to the correct temperature. Hatchery assets, such as water wells, pumps, pipelines, and heating/cooling equipment must be well-maintained to prevent mortality and meet production goals. Similarly, public access areas must be maintained to provide safe recreational use. A proactive asset management system helps to ensure safe, efficient, and successful hatchery operations.

National Fish Hatchery System Maintenance and Equipment

Maintenance and equipment funding provides maintenance and upkeep for the NFHS and enables the program to carry out the mission of the Service and ensure the safety of employees and visitors. The Service's ability to accomplish its mission is largely determined by the condition of key assets associated with water delivery, aquatic species culture, and effluent management. Although the reliability of these assets is especially important with respect to threatened and endangered species, three-fourths of the NFHS' $2.8 billion of real property assets are mission-critical water management assets.

In alignment with the Acting Secretary's initiative to modernize our infrastructure, the Service has developed asset performance measures and a strategy to ensure effective operations and service delivery. The Department measures real property asset conditions using a Facility Condition Index (FCI), a ratio of repair cost to replacement cost. A rigorous condition assessment process ensures that repair needs are determined objectively and associated costs are appropriately estimated, using industry standards. The Service's Asset Management Plan and Regional Asset Business Plans are used to manage assets, address repair needs, and dispose of assets that are low in priority or excess to the Government's needs.

Annual maintenance funds ensure timely upkeep of NFHS real property and equipment. These funds are used for salaries of our maintenance staff, to purchase maintenance-related supplies, and to replace small equipment costing less than $5,000. Deferred maintenance funds are directed at the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of constructed assets within the NFHS. The Service has identified $194 million in current deferred maintenance needs for the NFHS. The NFHS equipment funds pay for maintenance, repair, and replacement of equipment. Fisheries Office maintenance and equipment funds are used to purchase and maintain over $34 million in assets such as boats, vehicles, and specialized fisheries equipment.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Maintenance and Equipment is $25,846,000 and 75 FTE.

Annual Maintenance (+$2,888,000/ +8 FTE)

This request will ensure the health and safety of employees and visitors while allowing the Service to maintain complex water system capabilities for production of fish. These funds will enable the Service to significantly improve the condition of critical NFHS assets nationwide that now comprise over $194 million in backlog for deferred maintenance needs.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will support maintenance of property and equipment, including the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of constructed assets, for 86 NFHS facilities and 51 Fisheries Offices. The Service's ability to accomplish its mission and ensure safety of employees and visitors is dependent upon the condition of key assets associated with water delivery, aquatic species culture, and effluent management.

Service Asset & Maintenance Management System

Under the auspices of the *Occupational Safety and Health Act* and DOI standards, the Service developed an Asset Management Plan that guides management of the NFHS's $2.8 billion in essential real and personal property inventories, including systematic and objective tracking, evaluation, reporting of asset condition, and prioritization of asset management. Using the Service Asset Maintenance Management System (SAMMS), an integrated web-based information system, the Service standardizes asset management, corroborates deferred maintenance needs with objective condition assessment data, identifies short- and long-term maintenance needs, and analyzes annual operating and maintenance expenditures.

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation
Subactivity: Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020				Change From 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Habitat Assessment and Restoration	($000)	33,987	33,987	+85	0	-6,569	27,503	-6,484
	FTE	*95*	*95*	*0*	*0*	*-2*	*93*	*-2*
Population Assessment and Cooperative Management	($000)	30,150	30,150	+597	0	-1,006	29,741	-409
	FTE	*137*	*137*	*0*	*0*	*-3*	*134*	*-3*
Aquatic Invasive Species	($000)	21,748	21,748	+53	0	-5,654	16,147	-5,601
	FTE	*65*	*65*	*0*	*0*	*-2*	*63*	*-2*
Total, Aquatic Habitat & Species Conservation	**($000)**	**85,885**	**85,885**	**+735**	**0**	**-13,229**	**73,391**	**-12,494**
	FTE	***297***	***297***	***0***	***0***	***-7***	***290***	***-7***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities	+89	0
• Chehalis Fisheries Restoration	-268	0
• Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey	-489	0
• Population Assessment and Cooperative Management Activities	-517	-3
• Asian Carp	-566	-2
• Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement	-1,390	-2
• Asian Carp Contract Fishing	-2,000	0
• Lake Tahoe Restoration	-3,088	0
• Delaware River Basin Conservation	-5,000	0
Program Changes	**-13,229**	**-7**

Program Overview

The Fisheries Offices are strategically located across the Nation and play an important role in implementing the Service's fisheries and aquatic resource programs. These field offices work with a broad range of partners and utilize non-regulatory conservation tools to protect, enhance, and restore aquatic resources. Fisheries Offices are under increasing demands for their services, because they provide important technical and biological information to partners on the condition of the habitat and populations of fish and other species. This information is used to inform decisions under the ESA and for determining frameworks for management of recreational fisheries. It also informs resource management decisions that lead to on-the-ground conservation actions conducted by Fisheries Offices in collaboration with private landowners, non-profit organizations and local, State, and Federal agencies. Additionally, Fisheries Office staff work closely with Tribal nations to fulfill trust responsibilities associated with fisheries and aquatic resources. The work of Fisheries Offices is essential to the understanding and collaborative management of anadromous and other migratory and inter-jurisdictional species, such as Pacific salmon, Striped bass, Lake trout, and American shad.

Habitat Assessment and Restoration Program Overview
This program funds habitat restoration for aquatic organisms through initiatives such as the National Fish Habitat Action Plan (Action Plan) and the National Fish Passage Program. Utilizing its National network of Fisheries Offices, the Service organizes projects with partners, provides technical expertise, enlists voluntary efforts of landowners and local communities, and delivers cost-shared resources to complete habitat conservation projects. This work improves environmental conditions and restores ecological connectivity to strengthen the resiliency of our Nation's aquatic resources.

The Action Plan is supported by 20 Fish Habitat Partnerships (Partnerships) that are geographically located across the Nation. These Partnerships marshal funds, knowledge, and other resources for conservation projects that enlist landowners, fishing clubs, school groups, and businesses to restore stream banks, plant vegetation, renovate oyster reefs, and otherwise improve fish habitat. In addition to restoring aquatic connectivity by removing or bypassing barriers that prevent fish from accessing vital habitat, the National Fish Passage Program's infrastructure investments help protect local communities from flooding.

Population Assessment and Cooperative Management Program Overview
Fishery Offices focus on management, restoration, inventory and monitoring to maintain self-sustaining, healthy, and diverse populations of fish and other aquatic species. The Service's Fisheries Offices evaluate the causes of species decline, determine the limiting factors for aquatic populations, and implement actions to restore those populations across habitat types and jurisdictional boundaries.

The Service works with partners to develop and implement resource management plans for Federal trust species on Federal, State, and local lands and waters. Service biologists collect and evaluate population data and develop models to estimate population trends and inform management actions such as harvest limits. Restoration activities on large, connected natural areas and the monitoring and assessment of the Service's propagation programs provide an important component in developing and maintaining self-sustaining aquatic populations.

As part of the Service's trust responsibilities, Fisheries Offices work with tribal resource agencies to manage fish and wildlife on 56 million acres of Tribal trust lands and 44 million acres of Alaska Native lands. The Service also works closely with the Department of Defense and the military services, stewards of millions of acres of land, to protect and enhance natural areas on military installations.

Aquatic Invasive Species Overview
The negative impacts of invasive species are second only to habitat destruction among causal factors in the decline of fish, wildlife, and habitat in the United States. Nearly half of the imperiled species in the United States are threatened by invasive species.[2] Species such as Asian carp, quagga mussel, giant salvinia, lionfish, and brown tree snake cause tens of billions of dollars of economic and ecological impacts each year in diminished fish and wildlife resources, recreational opportunities, agricultural productivity, personal property values, human health and safety, and public utility capacity.

The Service works to prevent or reduce the introduction and spread of invasive species through its leadership of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (ANS Task Force). The ANS Task Force, which the Service co-chairs with NOAA, provides a national forum for collaborative discussion and decision making. The Service supports the funding and implementation of 44 State/Interstate Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plans that address State and Tribal priorities through cost-sharing and technical assistance. Relying on these funds, State aquatic invasive species programs coordinate with their partners to prevent the introduction and spread of unwanted organisms and have planned, directed, and

[2] Wilcove, D.W., Rothstein, D., Bubow, J.,Phillips, A., Losos, E., 1998. Quantifying threats to imperiled species in the United States. Bioscience 48(8): 607-615.

accomplished significant regional and landscape-level invasive species prevention and management resource outcomes. The ANS Task Force has also approved nine national species control and management plans.

Quagga and zebra mussels cause an estimated $500 million annually in economic burden to utilities and industry in the Great Lakes. Should invasive mussels become established in the Columbia River Basin, they will have a similar impact on consumer electric rates and irrigated agriculture. The Aquatic Invasive Species program continues to target quagga and zebra mussels and Asian carp as high-priority species, leveraging prevention, containment, and outreach resources among partners. The spread of Asian carp toward the Great Lakes is one of the most acute threats facing this key natural resource and its $7 billion sport and recreational fishery. The Service plays a key role in coordinating across Federal, State, and local agencies to control the spread of these species.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation is $73,391,000 and 290 FTE.

Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities (+$89,000/ +0 FTE)
Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities provides the operational support for the Habitat Assessment and Restoration program, providing funding for our national network of Fisheries Offices that deliver on-the-ground fish and aquatic species conservation. These funds will allow the Service to continue a broad range of habitat assessment and restoration initiatives, such as fish population surveys and stream restoration, for which costs have increased.

Chehalis Fisheries Restoration (-$268,000/ +0 FTE)
The budget does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey (-$489,000/ +0 FTE)
The Service does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

Population and Assessment and Cooperative Management Activities (-$517,000/ -3 FTE)
Funding at the requested level will provide for field staff, who work in close cooperation with Tribal, State, and Federal partners, to analyze the status and trends of aquatic resources and manage these complex systems.

Asian Carp (-$2,566,000/ -2 FTE)
Funding at the requested level will be used to continue the implementation of the *Management and Control Plan for Bighead, Black, Grass, and Silver Carps in the United States* and the associated collaborative multi-State Asian Carp Control Strategy Frameworks. The Service, along with our State and Federal partners, have been working to detect and track the leading edges of the Asian carp invasion in the Illinois, Ohio, and Upper Mississippi Rivers, and to develop and implement technologies to deter upstream movement and control populations. No funding is requested for contract fishing in order to support other priorities.

Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (-$1,390,000/ -2 FTE)
Funding at the requested level will allow staff to continue to support habitat work for salmon, steelhead and other native fish in the Klamath Basin.

Lake Tahoe Restoration (-3,088,000/ +0 FTE)
The budget does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

Delaware River Conservation (-$5,000,000/ +0 FTE)
The budget does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

The program will:

- Utilize partnership programs such as the National Fish Passage Program and the National Fish Habitat Partnership to implement numerous local fish habitat restoration projects to improve riparian and aquatic habitats.
- Work with partners to inventory, monitor, manage and restore fish and other aquatic species to maintain self-sustaining, healthy and diverse populations.
- Work to prevent the introduction and reduce the spread of invasive species; a primary threat to the Nation's natural resources, infrastructure, and economy. The program continues to target quagga and zebra mussels and Asian carp as high-priority species, leveraging containment, prevention, and outreach resources among partners.

Cooperative Landscape Conservation

Activity: Cooperative Landscape Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Cooperative Landscape Conservation	($000)	12,988	12,988	0	0	-12,988	0	-12,988
	FTE	*50*	*50*	*0*	*0*	*-50*	*0*	*-50*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Cooperative Landscape Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
Landscape Conservation Cooperatives	-12,988	-50
Program Changes	**-12,988**	**-50**

Program Mission

The Cooperative Landscape Conservation program works with States to deliver conservation on a landscape scale and build collaborative approaches to conservation through coalitions with States and other partners.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

- ***Fish and Wildlife Act***, (16 U.S.C 742(a)-754)—establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (-$12,988,000/-50 FTE)

The budget does not request funding for the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives program. Service programs will continue to coordinate with State resource management agencies and other partners.

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Science Support

Activity: Science Support

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Adaptive Science	($000)	10,517	10,517	0	0	-10,517	0	-10,517
	FTE	*9*	*9*	*0*	*0*	*-19*	*0*	*-19*
Service Science	($000)	6,750	6,750	0	0	-6,750	0	-6,750
	FTE	*17*	*17*	*0*	*0*	*-14*	*0*	*-14*
Total, Science Support	**($000)**	**-17,267**	**-17,267**	**0**	**0**	**-17,267**	**0**	**-17,267**
	FTE	***33***	***33***	***0***	***0***	***-33***	***0***	***-33***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Science Support

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Adaptive Science	-10,517	-19
• Service Science Activities	-6,750	-14
Program Changes	**-17,627**	**-33**

Program Mission

The Service is committed to science. All Service programs have a part to play in improving the use of science in conservation and management, including the generation, sharing, and application of scientific processes and products. The Service's operational programs including Ecological Services, Refuges, Fisheries, and Migratory Birds devote considerable resources to the practical application of science every day. These programs also leverage resources with other entities on shared science partnership priorities. Nationally, regionally, and locally, Science Support staff work directly with Service biologists, project leaders, and others to form strategic and issue-oriented networks to answer management-oriented questions.

The Service's goal for its science activities is to strengthen the agency's tradition of scientific excellence in the conservation of fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitat. This is accomplished by:

- Sustaining its capacities to acquire, apply, and communicate scientific information;
- Promoting scientific integrity and active involvement of the Service and its employees in the larger scientific community; and
- Encouraging strengthened partnerships between the Service and other scientific organizations, while working with Cooperative Research Units whenever possible.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

- ***Fish and Wildlife Act***, (16 U.S.C 742(a)-754)—Establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife

resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Adaptive Science (-$10,517,000/-19 FTE)
The budget does not request funding for this activity. Future science needs will be addressed by each Service program.

Service Science (-$6,750,000/-14 FTE)
Future science needs will be addressed by each Service program. The budget does not request funding for this activity.

General Operations

Activity: General Operations

Proposed Structure

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Central Office Operations	($000)	31,257	31,257	0	-9,613	+160	21,804	-9,453
	FTE	*262*	*262*	*0*	*-42*	*0*	*220*	*-42*
Management and Administration	($000)	40,866	40,866	0	+9,613	+4,387	54,866	+14,000
	FTE	*403*	*403*	*0*	*42*	*0*	*445*	*42*
Servicewide Bill Paying	($000)	35,781	35,781	-174	0	+163	35,770	-11
	FTE	*23*	*23*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*23*	*0*
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	($000)	7,022	7,022	0	0	-22	7,000	-22
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
National Conservation Training Center	($000)	28,903	28,903	114	0	-7,591	21,426	-7,477
	FTE	*110*	*110*	*0*	*0*	*-11*	*99*	*-11*
Total, General Operations	**($000)**	**143,829**	**143,829**	**-60**	**0**	**-2,903**	**140,866**	**-2,963**
	FTE	***798***	***798***	***0***	***0***	***-11***	***787***	***-11***

Old Structure

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Central Office Operations	($000)	37,965	37,965	0	0	+5,261	43,226	+5,261
	FTE	*262*	*262*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*262*	*0*
Regional Office Operations	($000)	33,574	33,574	0	0	-714	32,860	-714
	FTE	*403*	*403*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*403*	*0*
Servicewide Bill Paying	($000)	36,365	36,365	-174	0	+163	36,354	-11
	FTE	*23*	*23*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*23*	*0*
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	($000)	7,022	7,022	0	0	-22	7,000	-22
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
National Conservation Training Center	($000)	28,903	28,903	+114	0	-7,591	21,426	-7,477
	FTE	*110*	*110*	*0*	*0*	*-11*	*99*	*-11*
Total, General Operations	**($000)**	**143,829**	**143,829**	**-60**	**0**	**-2,903**	**140,866**	**-2,963**
	FTE	***798***	***798***	***0***	***0***	***-11***	***787***	***-11***

Program Mission

The General Operations Program provides the management and support that allows the Service's programmatic activities and organizations to accomplish their goals and mission. Primarily, it provides headquarters, regions, and field offices with the resources (e.g., people, funding, facilities, access to data, etc.) they need to carry out the work of the Service to benefit the American people. General Operations also ensures that the Service is in compliance with legal, regulatory, and Departmental policies for all administrative areas and functions.

To further the reorganization approved by Congress in FY 2019, the Service is proposing to realign funding within the General Operations Activity to reflect the changes in its organizational structure. The reorganization will enable the Service to maximize available resources for mission delivery.

Program Elements

Five subactivities comprise the General Operations Program:

- Central Office Operations – Headquarters offices provide the Service with the leadership, strategic direction, and necessary resources to accomplish mission priorities and goals. These functions include: policy provision from Administration-appointed officials; implementation of equal employment opportunity and diversity programs; coordination of Service contact with Native American Tribes; and communications and outreach.
- Management and Administration – Renamed to align with the new organizational structure, Management and Administration funds human resources, contracting, safety, budget and finance, and information technology services to the regions and Headquarters offices. Service support functions are consolidated under this subactivity in FY 2020 instead of being split between Central Office Operations and Regional Office Operations. This corresponds to with the new organizational structure, whereby all administrative functions are now centrally managed. The subactivity previously called Regional Office Operations is renamed Management and Administration and contains funding for the new joint regional/Headquarters administrative organization and the Associate Chief Information Officer (ACIO) organization. The Assistant Director for Management and Administration encompasses Budget and Performance, Human Resources, Business Management Operation. The ACIO supervises Information Resources and Technology Management.
- Servicewide Bill Paying – This subactivity provides a means to centrally budget and pay for nationwide operational support and infrastructure costs that the Service incurs in the course of accomplishing its mission. A non-exhaustive list of expenses paid from this subactivity include Information Technology (IT) and communication needs, payments to the DOI Working Capital Fund (WCF), mail delivery and distribution, and some printing.
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) – NFWF runs a competitive challenge grant program with a statutory non-Federal matching requirement of 1:1 for all awards of federally appropriated funds. However, in recent years the non-Federal match has been closer to 3:1, greatly multiplying the impact of the Service's funding for on-the-ground conservation projects.
- National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) – Opened in 1997 and located on 533 acres along the Potomac River in Shepherdstown, WV, NCTC is the Service's primary training facility. In addition to training Service employees, NCTC provides training on a reimbursable basis to conservation professionals from DOI, other Federal, State and local governments, not-for-profit conservation organizations, private landowners and the business community. In this way, NCTC programs expand their reach and impact and help Service professionals build collaborative partnerships for conservation.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: Central Office Operations

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Central Office Operations	($000)	31,257	31,257	0	-9,613	+160	21,804	-9,453
	FTE	*262*	*262*	*0*	*-42*	*0*	*220*	*-42*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Central Office Operations

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Central Office Operations	+160	0
• **Program Changes**	**+160**	**0**

Program Overview

The Service's Central Office Operations provide leadership, strategic direction, and organizational management required to accomplish mission priorities and goals. These functions include: policy provision from Administration-appointed officials; implementation of equal employment opportunity; coordination of Service contact with Native American Tribes; and communications and outreach.

Headquarters and Regional Management, which includes the Office of the Director and the offices of the Regional Directors. This funds key Service leadership positions and their immediate staff.

Diversity and Inclusive Workforce Management supports the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program for the Service. The ODIWM provides direction, policy formulation, and oversight of the Service's Diversity and Inclusion Implementation Plan with regard to applicable civil rights laws and directives.

Native American Programs Coordination serves as a key point of contact for Native American Tribes, and works to expand the Service's capacity to work cooperatively with Tribes to further the Service's conservation mission.

External Affairs (EA) oversees and coordinates the communications activities of the Service, including internal communications, public affairs, media services, congressional and legislative affairs, partnerships, webpage development, policy and compliance, printing and publishing, and other multimedia communications.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Central Office Operations is $21,804,000 and 220 FTE.

Central Office Operations (+160,000/0 FTE)

The budget will allow the Service to provide leadership, strategic direction, and necessary resources to support the mission, and will continue to focus on consolidating administrative functions, eliminating duplication, and implementing process efficiencies across the organization.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide the Service with the leadership, strategic direction, and necessary resources to accomplish mission priorities and goals. Specifically, this subactivity:
    - Provides policy direction and implementation at Headquarters and regional levels.
    - Supports implementation of equal employment opportunity.
    - Coordinates Service consultation with Native American Tribes.
    - Provides communications and outreach Servicewide.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: Management and Administration

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Management and Administration	($000)	40,866	40,866	0	+9,613	+4,387	54,866	+14,000
	FTE	*403*	*403*	*0*	*+42*	*0*	*445*	*+42*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Management & Administration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• DOI Reorganization Implementation	+5,700	0
• Information Resources and Technology Management	+851	0
• Management and Administration	-2,164	0
Program Changes	**+4,387**	**0**

Program Overview

Management and Administration is responsible for most administrative functions including human resources, budget and performance, finance, contracting, and other functions. In FY 2018, the Service initiated a plan to consolidate some Central Office Operations to more efficiently provide needed administrative support to Service programs. In 2019, the Service consolidated administrative functions into one organization. The new organization, under the Assistant Director for Management and Administration, fulfills the Service's needs for administrative services, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, and general services, at a reduced cost to the American taxpayer. In 2019, the Service continues to implement enterprise shared services and consolidate resources into the Joint Administrative Operations (JAO) to deliver shared services to regional and field station managers. The new organization is expected to be fully functional by June 2019.

This organization also works with Service programs and the Directorate to formulate budget proposals and conduct workforce and succession planning to support its mission and goals. This function provides essential oversight to ensure the agency is following appropriations law and the guidance of our Appropriations Committees, as well as managing Federal Register notices, and directives management. Staff also coordinate programmatic Internal Controls under OMB Circular A-123, and serve as the liaison with the Government Accountability Office and the Office of the Inspector General. Management and Administration staff also provide direction, policy formulation, oversight and management in the areas of finance, contracting, asset management, safety, economic analyses, and other support functions.

Information Resources and Technology Management: The Service's Associate Chief Information Officer (ACIO) provides secure, efficient and effective management of information resources and technology that allows the Service to accomplish its mission. This office provides reliable mission essential connectivity for email, internet, network applications, records and the Freedom of Information Act across the Service. The Service's cyber security program maintains and monitors network security subsystems to ensure a stable and dependable environment for the network and its users. The ACIO also plays a pivotal role ensuring that the Service is in compliance with all Federal IT laws, regulations, and requirements.

DOI Reorganization Implementation: The 2020 request continues support for the reorganization of the Department of the Interior with funding to stand up the unified regions, relocate certain headquarters staff and functions as appropriate, and improve operations through the use of technology, shared services, and consistent practices. The Service will utilize funding to:

- Support and participate in standing up the unified regions, including collaboration across bureaus.
- Transition internal business operations to the new regional structure.
- Relocate selected functions closer to Interior's assets, customers, and mission areas out West to provide more responsive service.
- Implement shared service solutions to improve delivery of one or more of human resources, information technology, and acquisition services.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Management and Administration is $54,866,000 and 445 FTE.

DOI Reorganization Implementation (+$5,700,000/0 FTE)
At the 2020 request level of $5.7 million, the Service will support implementation of the 12 unified regions, relocation of certain headquarters staff and functions West, and modernization of Interior's administrative services. The request will support:

- Implementation of Unified Regions. Funds will support bureau planning and implementation needed to transition to the new regions and implement shared service solutions.
- Relocation and Regional Stand Up. This request helps relocate some staff closer to assets and customers.
- Modernizing Interior's Business. Deployment of common shared service solutions to improve delivery of human resources, information technology, and acquisition services.

Starting in FY 2018, the Service began implementing shared services for all administrative functions and generated over $8 million in savings. In FY 2019, the Service will continue on this path, ensuring that we are providing exceptional service and building capacity to service our mission. The Service's Joint Administrative Operations organization is a model for the Department on providing efficient and effective shared services.

Information Resources and Technology Management (+$851,000/0 FTE)
The requested funding will be used for rising costs of software licenses and core infrastructure operational and maintenance requirements.

Management and Administration (-$2,164,000/0 FTE)
The requested funding will provide daily support to the headquarters and over 700 geographically diverse field offices, including human resource, budget, finance, and contracting.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide human resources support for Headquarters and the regions.
- Coordinate budget formulation, presentation, and execution.
- Provide finance, acquisition, and contracting management.
- Provide management of IT throughout the Service.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: Servicewide Bill Paying

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Servicewide Bill Paying	($000)	35,781	35,781	-174	0	+163	35,770	-11
	FTE	*23*	*23*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*23*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Servicewide Bill Paying

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Servicewide Bill Paying	+163	0
Program Changes	**+163**	**0**

Program Overview

The Servicewide Bill Paying subactivity covers bills received by the Service for charges by the Department or other outside entities. These are fixed costs that the Service must cover.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Servicewide Bill Paying is $35,770,000 and 23 FTE.

Servicewide Bill Paying (+163,000/0 FTE)
Funding will be used to address Working Capital Fund Centralized Bills to reduce the amount assessed from programs.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Funding to centrally budget and pay for nationwide operational support and infrastructure costs that the Service incurs in the course of accomplishing its mission. Specifically, this subactivity:
  - Pays expenses for Information Technology and communication needs.
  - Supports worker's compensation and unemployment compensation payments.
  - Manages payments for DOI Working Capital Fund and other DOI bills.
  - Manages payments for mail delivery and distribution and printing.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	($000)	7,022	7,022	0	0	-22	7,000	-22
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	-22	0
Program Changes	**-22**	**0**

Program Overview

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) runs a competitive challenge grant program with a statutory non-Federal matching requirement of 1:1 for all federally-appropriated dollars that NFWF awards. In recent years NFWF has averaged a 3:1 match. All grantee matching funds are non-Federal funds provided in cash or as in-kind services. One hundred percent of the congressionally appropriated funds provided to NFWF by the Service is directed to on-the-ground projects and is not used to support NFWF's administrative expenses. NFWF uses the funding to leverage additional commitments of resources from corporations, foundations, and conservation partners. The funds are invested through outcome-focused grant programs guided by conservation business plans developed in partnership with the Service. Individual projects are reviewed by diverse outside reviewers (e.g., Federal, State, non-profit, educational and private sector), NFWF, and the Service.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is $7,000,000 and 0 FTE.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (-$22,000/0 FTE)

The requested funding will provide competitive grants to State, local, non-profit, and private organizations to leverage additional resources for natural resource conservation.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide funding to State, local, non-profit, and private organizations for conservation and management of fish, wildlife, and plant resources through the grant process.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: National Conservation Training Center

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
National Conservation Training Center	($000)	28,903	28,903	114	0	-7,591	21,426	-7,477
	FTE	*110*	*110*	*0*		*-11*	*99*	*-11*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Conservation Training Center

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Operations	-1,687	-11
• Annual Maintenance	-5,904	0
Program Changes	**-7,591**	**-11**

Program Overview

Opened in 1997 and located on 533 acres along the Potomac River in Shepherdstown, WV, the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) is the Service's primary training facility. In addition to training Service employees, NCTC provides training on a reimbursable basis to conservation professionals from DOI, other Federal, State, and local governments, not-for-profit conservation organizations, private landowners and the business community. In this way, NCTC programs expand their reach and impact to help Service professionals build collaborative partnerships for conservation.

NCTC will deliver approximately 200 annual onsite training sessions and provide over 1,500 on-line courses and training modules to employees. NCTC supports the FWS with approximately 1,500 inter-library loan requests and over 400,000 scientific journal searches. NCTC also preserves the heritage of the Service by collecting, interpreting, and disseminating the history of the Service and American conservation. The NCTC Museum and Archives helps the public, researchers, and professional conservationists to better understand the rich history of American wildlife conservation by managing over 500,000 objects. NCTC serves as a place where the Service and our partners come together to help solve the urgent conservation challenges facing our nation.

The Service is currently working with State, Federal, and NGO partners under Secretarial Order 3356 to recruit, retain and reactivate sportsmen through the R3 initiative, which seeks to create new participants or increase participation rates of current or lapsed outdoor recreationists. The Service is using the NCTC facility and staff to grow and support the Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation (R3) designed to restore American's connection with the outdoors through collaborative workshops, symposia, and training. The Service, working closely with the Association of State Fish and Wildlife Agencies, States, and other partners serves as the basis for the nationwide expansion of the R3 effort.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the National Conservation Training Center is $21,426,000 and 99 FTE.

Operations – General Program Activities (-$1,687,000/-11 FTE)
This funding will allow the Service to continue to provide training opportunities to internal as well as external partner audiences.

Maintenance (-$5,904,000/0 FTE)
The requested funding will allow the Service to maintain day-to-day operational maintenance.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provides training opportunities for the Service, DOI and other Federal and non-Federal partners in conservation, applied landscape, leadership and communication.
- Provides collections management and stewardship to care for and preserve artifacts, films, photographs, and documents.

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Appropriations Language

For construction, improvement, acquisition, or removal of buildings and other facilities required in the conservation, management, investigation, protection, and utilization of fish and wildlife resources, and the acquisition of lands and interests therein; $15,693,000, to remain available until expended.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service has the legal mandate and responsibility to ensure its inventory of assets, facilities, and infrastructure is safe and adequate to accomplish its conservation mission and that operations are conducted in compliance with applicable regulations. More than 19 laws, statutes, and executive orders govern what the Construction program must do with the funding it receives from Congress. Governing authorities are discussed below.

Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4). Authorizes development of fish and wildlife areas for recreational use, including land acquisition and facilities construction and management.

National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to award contracts for the provision of public accommodations of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715-715d, 715e, 715f-715r). Provides for land acquisition, construction, maintenance, development, and administration for migratory bird reservations.

Fish and Wildlife Act (16 U.S.C. 742a-742f). Authorizes the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources, including the acquisition and development of existing facilities.

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 9601-9675). Authorizes Federal agencies to conduct cleanup and/or recover costs associated with hazardous materials removal, remediation, cleanup, or containment activities from responsible parties.

Federal Facilities Compliance Act (42 U.S.C. 6961). Requires Federal agencies to comply with Federal, State, and local solid and hazardous waste laws in the same manner as any private party.

Pollution Prevention Act, (42 U.S.C. 13101, 13101 note, 13102-13109), as amended by P.L. 101-508. Requires pollution that cannot be prevented at the source to be recycled in an environmentally sound manner and disposal as a last resort.

Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act (42 U.S.C. 7701 -7706). Establishes an earthquake hazards reduction program.

National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467). Provides for Federal agencies to implement the Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety, which established management practices for dam safety at all Federal agencies.

National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8152-8259). Establishes an energy management program in the Federal government and directs Federal agencies to perform energy surveys and implement energy conservation opportunities to reduce consumption of nonrenewable energy resources in buildings, vehicles, equipment, and general operations.

Energy Policy Act (EPAct) (P.L. 109-58). Extends previous Congressional direction to Federal facility managers with even greater goals of energy efficiency improvements in existing and new facilities, mandates increased use of renewable energy sources, sustainable building design and construction, metering of all Federal buildings, and procurement of Energy Star equipment. This legislation contains energy efficiency tax credits and new ways to retain energy savings.

Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) (P.L. 110-140). Intends to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security; increase production of clean renewable fuels; protect consumers; increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles; promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options; and improve the energy performance of the Federal Government.

(16 U.S.C. 695k-695r). Provides for limitations on reduction of areas by diking or other construction in California and Oregon in the case of migratory waterfowl and other refuges, as well as other construction provisions.

(16 U.S.C. 760-760-12). Provides for the construction, equipping, maintenance, and operation of several named fish hatcheries.

(23 U.S.C. 144 and 151). Requires bridges on public highways and roads to be inspected.

Executive Orders

Presidential Memorandum of October 4, 1979. Directs all Federal agencies to adopt and implement the Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety as prepared by the Federal Coordinating Council for Science, Engineering, and Technology. (Secretary of the Interior Order No. 3048, implements and assigns responsibility for a Department-wide dam safety program in accordance with the President's memorandum.)

Executive Order 12088, Federal Compliance with Pollution Control Standards (October 13, 1978). Requires agencies to ensure that facilities comply with applicable pollution control standards; ensure that sufficient funds for environmental compliance are requested in their budgets; and include pollution control projects in an annual pollution abatement budget plan.

Executive Order 13717, Establishing a Federal Earthquake Risk Management Standard (February 2016). Updates performance goals to strengthen the security and resilience of the Nation against earthquakes, to promote public safety, economic strength, and national security. New Implementation Guidelines (January 2017) provide Federal agencies with clarifying guidance for implementing Executive Order 13717.

Executive Order 13834, Efficient Federal Operations (May 17, 2018). Directs Federal agencies to manage their buildings, vehicles, and overall operations to meet statutory requirements related to energy and environmental performance. Agencies shall meet such statutory requirements in a manner that increases efficiency, optimizes performance, eliminates unnecessary use of resources, and protects the environment. In implementing this policy, each agency shall prioritize actions that reduce waste, cut costs, enhance the resilience of Federal infrastructure and operations, and enable more effective accomplishment of its mission.

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Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days This column reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.	+14	+15
Pay Raise The 2020 request reflects a pay freeze for civilian employees.	+19	+0
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.	+0	+8

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		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Nationwide Engineering Services	($000)	5,475	5,475	+23	0	-130	5,368	-107
	FTE	*41*	*41*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*41*	*0*
Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	($000)	1,972	1,972	0	0	-740	1,232	-740
Line-Item Construction Projects	($000)	59,093	59,093	0	0	-50,000	9,093	-50,000
Total, Construction	**($000)**	**66,540**	**66,540**	**+23**	**0**	**-50,870**	**15,693**	**-50,847**
	FTE	***41***	***41***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***41***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Engineering Services	-130	0
• Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	-740	0
• Line-Item Construction Projects	-50,000	0
Program Changes	**-50,870**	**0**

Mission

The Service's infrastructure projects help millions of visitors experience our national treasures, provide water to the West, and support American jobs. The Construction program delivers exceptional engineering design and construction, facility maintenance, and regulatory compliance to provide these benefits and deliver the Service mission to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The program performs this wide range of functions for the Service's entire inventory of assets, including 567 National Wildlife Refuges, 70 National Fish Hatcheries and one historic fish hatchery, and 51 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices. The program accomplishes its mission in accordance with more than 19 applicable laws, statutes, and executive orders, in addition to Departmental and Service priorities.

Activities

Three activities comprise the Construction appropriation:

- Nationwide Engineering Services (NES) – This activity manages the numerous construction and maintenance projects undertaken each year; protects employees, visitors, and volunteers by ensuring operations comply with safety and environmental laws and regulations; supports access to Service lands; guides energy conservation; and maintains Service facilities that are structurally and environmentally safe, require minimal resources to operate, and maximize resources efficiency.
- Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety – This activity supports the safety and security of the Service's dams, bridges, and buildings. This primarily is accomplished for the most critical structures through inspections, assessments, and monitoring. Many of the functions carried out in this activity are prescribed by law. Rehabilitation, repair, and mitigation to help assure public safety, contribute to recreational and other public access, are accomplished through Line-Item construction.
- Line-Item Construction – This activity contains the specific construction projects requesting funding in a given year. These projects reconstruct, repair, rehabilitate, and replace existing buildings or other structures/facilities, including dams and bridges. New buildings and structures/facilities also may be included. Funding may be used for project-specific planning, design, and construction management; construction, demolition, site work, and land acquisition; and the purchase of associated furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Completed individual projects from Line-Item Construction with authority remaining may transfer unspent balances of less than $1,000,000 for unforeseen reconstruction,

replacement, or repair of facilities or equipment damaged or destroyed by storms, floods, fires, and similar unanticipated events.

Appropriation: Construction
Activity: Nationwide Engineering Services

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Engineering Services	($000)	5,475	5,475	+23	0	-130	5,368	-107
	FTE	*41*	*41*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*41*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Engineering Services	-130	0
Program Changes	**-130**	**0**

Program Overview

The Nationwide Engineering Services activity supports implementation of safe construction and maintenance projects, regardless of funding source, and provides guidance to comply with environmental and energy laws. The three program elements that comprise this activity are discussed below.

Core Engineering Services – Funding in this program element provides technical oversight for construction and maintenance projects throughout the Service, regardless of funding source. Engineers provide technical expertise and assistance to the field for the entire construction life cycle for Line-Item projects, Deferred Maintenance, and Federal Highways projects. Accomplishing these varied projects requires Headquarters policy development, budget formulation and execution, coordination for efficiency, and national technical consistency, as well as day-to-day supervision and technical guidance from regional managers.

Environmental Compliance – This program supports resource stewardship and protects the health and safety of employees, visitors, and volunteers. On-site environmental compliance audits help ensure safe drinking water, acceptable wastewater discharge to rivers and streams and proper management of hazardous waste and hazardous materials. The program provides oversight, technical assistance, and training for more than 700 field stations to help field staff comply with complex environmental laws and regulations at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal levels. The program also provides project oversight and technical assistance for the clean-up of large-scale environmental contamination of air, water and soil pollution that may adversely affect human health and the environment. Recently completed clean-ups demonstrate the positive impact on wildlife and benefit to the local community associated with beneficial reuse of formerly contaminated areas. For example, at a refuge in Illinois, hundreds of acres of land contaminated by previous industrial use have been cleaned up, with the restored land supporting an active agricultural program that includes haying, row crop production, and cattle grazing. These historical agricultural lands are still farmed through cooperative agreements with the Refuge.

Waste Prevention, Recycling and Environmental Management Systems –This program element supports implementation of Service-wide sustainable practices to help facilities minimize energy and water use, improve efficiencies in program areas such as fleet management and pollution prevention, and adopt work practices that advance sustainable acquisition of goods and services.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Engineering Services activity is $5,368,000 and 41 FTE.

Engineering Services (-$130,000/+0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, engineers will provide technical expertise and assistance for construction and maintenance projects throughout the Service, regardless of funding source for Line-Item projects, Deferred Maintenance, and Federal Highways projects.

Appropriation: Construction
Activity: Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Dam Safety and Security	($000)	1,113	1,113	0	0	-418	695	-418
Bridge Safety	($000)	739	739	0	0	-277	462	-277
Seismic Safety	($000)	120	120	0	0	-45	75	-45
Total, Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	**($000)**	**1,972**	**1,972**	**0**	**0**	**-740**	**1,232**	**-740**
	FTE	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	-740	0
Program Changes	**-740**	**0**

Program Overview

The Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety activity provides the information needed for engineers to assess the safety and security of the Service's dams, bridges, and buildings. The three program elements that comprise this activity are discussed below.

Dam Safety and Security – This program element supports the safety and security of 18 high hazard dams of the Service's 300 inventory dams. Located on refuges and hatcheries for the purpose of resource or facility management, these dams provide vital benefits such as recreation, habitat, flood risk reduction, irrigation, wetland creation, water supply for hatcheries, nesting habitat for waterfowl, and fishing. Funding supports the most critical activities to ensure existing dams are maintained, identified for rehabilitation, and properly operated to protect human life, property, and the valuable natural resources on Service lands.

The Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) provide site-specific guidance for on-site detection and mitigation of conditions that may cause dam failures; communication protocols for notifying and evacuating downstream populations also are provided in the EAPs. Periodic Safety Evaluation of Existing Dams (SEED) inspections identify dam deficiencies at the earliest stages and, when addressed, may stave off more serious repairs, consequences, or interventions, and avoid increasing the maintenance backlog.

SEED inspections include performing and reassessing hazard classifications— which are based upon estimates of loss of life and property damage should a dam fail. This program element also funds engineering analyses of the response and safety impacts of a dam as a result of increased magnitude of flood and earthquake predictions. The Service uses the hazard classification, a risk assessment, and the overall condition of the dam to identify and prioritize dam repair and rehabilitation projects.

The Service requests funding to complete needed dam safety repair projects separately in its Line-Item Construction activity. Management of major rehabilitation or construction work is accomplished under the supervision of the Service's Dam Safety Officer. Consistent with practice from past years, unobligated funds from dam safety projects may be used to address ongoing Dam Safety and Security needs (e.g., additional SEED inspections, minor dam safety repairs, low hazard dam inspections) or used for emergency construction projects. The inspection of low hazard dams are the lowest priority, tthough conducting these inspections would help ensure compliance with State dam safety programs.

Bridge Safety – This funding supports work towards the safety and integrity of the Service's approximately 700 bridges through the application of technically current design guidelines and a comprehensive inspection, appraisal, and inventory program. Bridge inspections are conducted at time intervals required by statute. During bridge inspections, Service staff determine and verify safe load-carrying capacity; identify and recommend mitigation of unsafe conditions; and identify maintenance, rehabilitation, or reconstruction needs. Similar to dam safety projects, funding for bridge safety projects is requested as part of the Line-Item Construction activity.

During FY 2020, the Bridge Safety Program will pursue completion of bridge inspections required by law. The inspections will prioritize in the following order: public use bridges in less than satisfactory condition; non-public use bridges in less than satisfactory condition; public use bridges in satisfactory condition or better; and non-public use bridges in satisfactory condition or better. Consideration also will be given, on a case-by-case basis, to approximately 30 bridges recommended for scour inspection, as a result of a 2015 Program Review recommendation.

By prioritizing inspections as described, the Service will maximize staff and public safety and access. Safety remains the top priority for the Service; if safe conditions cannot be verified, the Service will remove a bridge from service to preserve safety.

Seismic Safety – This program element funds planning and analysis of the seismic safety of the Service's approximately 6,500 buildings. The work fulfills the requirements of Executive Order 13717 (Establishing a Federal Earthquake Risk Management Standard, February 2016) and allows the Service to identify buildings that present a substantial risk to the safety of Service personnel, volunteers, and visitors in the event of a significant earthquake. Program staff screens Service-owned buildings to identify those that are *exceptionally high risk* (EHR). Any building found to meet EHR criteria undergoes a rigorous engineering analysis, which includes development of a cost estimate to mitigate seismic deficiencies. Engineering analysis has identified 73 seismically deficient Service-owned buildings that would sustain life-threatening damage in a seismic event. Preliminary screening has identified an additional 125 EHR buildings that pose a similar life-safety risk. Engineering analysis and mitigation projects are funded via the Line-Item Construction activity.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety activity is $1,232,000 and 0 FTE.

Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety (-$740,000/ 0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, the Dam Safety and Security Program will prioritize the inspection of high hazard dams according to risk-based criteria and develop Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) for dams that threaten downstream populations. The Bridge Safety Program will pursue completion of bridge inspections required by law. Seismic Safety staff screen Service-owned buildings to identify risk level and recommend exceptionally high risk buildings for engineering analysis, which includes development of a cost estimate to mitigate seismic deficiencies.

Appropriation: Construction
Activity: Line-Item Construction

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Line-Item Construction	($000)	59,093	59,093	0	0	-50,000	9,093	-50,000
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Line-Item Construction Projects	-50,000	0
Program Changes	**-50,000**	**0**

Program Overview

A list of the proposed Line-Item projects for FY 2020 is provided below. A Project Data Sheet (PDS) for each project is provided that includes key information about the purpose, justification, cost, and schedule. Additionally, after the individual PDSs, a Summary PDS for FYs 2020-2024 presents the Service's five-year construction plan and reflects funding directed to the most critical needs (i.e., health, safety, natural resources, and access). The Service selects and ranks projects in accordance with Department of Interior and Service guidance and priorities.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Line-Item Construction activity is $9,093,000 and 0 FTE.

Line-Item Construction (-$50,000,000/0 FTE)

At the requested funding level, the Service will fund the eight projects shown in the project list below.

2020 Construction Project Listing by Program					
DOI Rank Score	Unified Region	Station	State	Project Title/Description	Request ($000)
National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS)					
90	Lower Colorado	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge	CA	Flood Protection Levee Rehabilitation Phase II	5,875
Subtotal, NWRS					**5,875**
National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS)					
70	Great Lakes	Jordan River National Fish Hatchery	MI	Rehabilitate Raceways 57-58	500
70	Appalachia	Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery	VA	Construct Mussel Rearing Building	558
60	South Atlantic - Gulf	Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery	GA	Repair Main Water Supply Line for Raceways	816
55	Upper Colorado	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery [ic]	WY	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities	644
Subtotal, NFHS					**2,518**
Other					
70	Headquarters	Branch of Dam Safety	N/A	Dam Safety – Evaluation of Newly Acquired Dams Phase IV of V	250
70	Headquarters	Branch of Dam Safety	N/A	Nationwide Seismic Investigations and Mitigations Phase I of V	200
70	Headquarters	Information Resources & Technology Management	N/A	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase II of V	250
Subtotal, Other					**700**
TOTAL, CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS					**9,093**

Notes: p = planning, d = design, ic = initiate construction, cc = complete construction

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	90
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Flood Protection Levee Rehabilitation Phase II				
Project Number	2017291191	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge		
Unified Region:	Lower Colorado	**Congressional District:**	15	**State:**	CA

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40162300	10068160	100	0.07	0.00

Project Description (PD):
Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge serves one of the largest urban communities in the United States and offers year round fishing and hunting for Canada geese. The Refuge welcomes more than 750,000 people each year and offers a range of wildlife recreation that serves families with young children as well as first-time recreationists, veterans, people with disabilities, and the full array of citizens in this bustling community. Equally important, the Refuge's Mountain View and Aviso Ponds provide critical flood protection for Silicon Valley businesses and the 4.6 million people across the South Bay who call this community home. These funds will be leveraged by partnering with the other Federal agencies, local communities, businesses, and non-profit organizations to address the full $55,000,000 in Deferred Maintenance needed for levees and water control structures across the Refuge. Phase III will address interior restoration, at $7,125,000.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project supports the South San Francisco Bay Ecosystem and Tidal Marsh Ecosystem Recovery Plan and will help ensure the safety of the local communities, as well as supporting the success of the local businesses, industries and economy.

Investment Strategy (IS):
The project has $2 million in non-Federal matching funds and is expected to enable our partners to continue to expand these public-private partnerships.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
Failure to act would result in further deterioration of the levee system, which could lead to levee breaches and flooding of adjacent infrastructure and communities. The levees provide a level of flood protection for vulnerable communities including many tech industry businesses adjacent to the Refuge. Failure of the levee system would also reduce or close waterfowl hunting and other recreational opportunities currently offered due to unsafe conditions.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.07	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning		Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	Y	**Total Project Score**	90
VE Study:	D	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)		

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 5,875,000	100	Appropriated to Date	$ 6,400,000
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 5,875,000
Total:	$ 5,875,000	100	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ 7,125,000
			Total:	$ 19,400,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	B	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet** (mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update 08/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22		

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	418	Projected	0	Net Change	-418

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Rehabilitate Raceways 57-58				
Project Number	2017284631	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Jordan River National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	Great Lakes	**Congressional District:**	01	**State:**	MI

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40500400	10050268	100	0.80	0.00

Project Description (PD):
Jordan River National Fish Hatchery produces native lake trout for the Great Lakes. Production Raceways 57-58 consist of eight reinforced concrete raceways inside a building. Constructed in 1963, the raceways are beginning to show their age as documented in the Comprehensive Condition Assessment from 2016. Cracks and joints are beginning to open up causing water loss, and the once smooth surface is rough which negatively impacts fish health and ability to effectively clean. This project will clean and seal all cracks and joints, then apply a polymer treatment to the entire surface to prolong the raceway life by 20-30 years.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project supports the Fish and Wildlife Service meeting the obligations in the multi-jurisdictional fishery management plans and the "United States vs. Michigan 2000 Consent Decree."

Investment Strategy (IS):
By completing this project, annual operating costs will be reduced by an estimated 30%. Less time will be required for staff to clean the tanks as a result of the smoother surface. Fish health will improve since the culture tanks will be cleaner and smoother.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
These tanks are a critical part of the early rearing phase of the native species reared at the facility. Without the tanks, the early rearing phase of the fish reared at the facility will be compromised.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.80	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 500,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 500,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ -
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 500,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ -
Total:		$ 500,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22

Project Data Sheet	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Prepared/Last Update	07/18	Yes

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	1522	Projected	1100	Net Change	-422

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Construct Mussel Rearing Building				
Project Number	2017291779	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	Appalachia	**Congressional District:**	03	**State:**	VA

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	51210	100	0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
Construction of a 1,500 square foot, pre-engineered mussel rearing building with trench drains, including connection to existing water delivery, drains, and electrical, is required to meet the mission of the Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery. The station's cooperative, interagency freshwater mussel program is of regional importance in addressing culture needs for imperiled mussels endemic to Atlantic Slope rivers, including Federally threatened endangered species. The station will receive long-term funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (2017-2020) and Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (2018-2028) to continue technology development work for large-scale production and release of tagged sub-adult mussels for recovery and restoration actions. Without the construction of the requested culture building, the station lacks the space, specialized propagation infrastructure, and the rearing systems needed to achieve the stocking targets for upcoming interagency conservation actions.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
Completion of the project allows for stocking a wide array of imperiled mussels endemic to Atlantic Slope rivers, including Federally endangered species (James spiny mussel, dwarf wedge mussel), those expected to be Federally-listed soon (Atlantic pigtoe, green floater, brook floater, yellow lance), and others that are declining and of concern to State partners (notched rainbow, triangle floater, creeper, yellow lampmussel, alewife floater, northern lance, eastern elliptio). This stocking is vital to ongoing restoration and recovery efforts.

Investment Strategy (IS):
The project will not increase the annual operations and maintenance costs as those costs are being covered by matching partner funding averaging $260,000 per annum under the long-term cooperative agreement. Service dollars are not used for Operations and Maintenance.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
Failure to complete the project will result in insufficient climate-controlled rearing space, and the agency's failure to complete the large-scale production and release of tagged sub-adult mussels for recovery and restoration.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ -	0%	Appropriated to Date	$ -
Capital Improvement Work:	$ 558,000	100%	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 558,000
Total:	$ 558,000	100%	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ -
			Total:	$ 558,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	07/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Dam Safety Program - Evaluations of Newly Acquired Dams - Phase IV of V				
Project Number	2017293676	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Branch of Dam Safety		
Unified Region:	*	**Congressional District:**	*	**State:**	*

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	98510	100	0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
The Service Dam Inventory is growing as more dams are identified through field investigations at Service facilities and cross checks with the real property inventory. Many of these dams have not been evaluated for hazard classification potential, dam failure consequences, or compliance with Service dam safety standards.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project provides required evaluations and risk analyses of dams added to the inventory to identify any unsafe structures and to assess the hazard classification potential, structural deficiencies, and response to potential dam failure modes. This information will be used to categorize the new dam, prioritize remedial actions, prepare emergency action plans and standard operating procedures, and estimate future needs for operation and maintenance and inspections.

Investment Strategy (IS):
This project is a necessary investment that provides net savings when including the potential loss of valuable resources, costs of dam failures, and more expensive repairs if work is delayed.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
People in local communities are at risk when dams deteriorate and need repair. Significant benefits including habitat, recreation, fishing and downstream flood reduction may be impacted.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 250,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 250,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ 750,000
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 250,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ 250,000
Total:		$ 1,250,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	08/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase I of V				
Project Number	2017297501	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Branch of Dam Safety		
Unified Region:	*	**Congressional District:**	*	**State:**	*

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	98510	100	0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
This project supports ongoing efforts to analyze Service buildings at risk of collapse due to an earthquake, by providing retrofit options and preliminary cost estimates to mitigate identified seismic deficiencies, and beginning to retrofit seismically deficient buildings. Previous preliminary screening level assessments have identified more than 100 Service buildings that have a significant risk of collapse in the event of an earthquake. More detailed engineering analysis of these buildings is required to identify retrofit options, develop preliminary cost estimates and subsequently implement economically feasible mitigation strategies to reduce the risk of bodily harm in the event of an earthquake.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
The project supports Department Mission Area #6 – Modernizing Our Organization and Infrastructure for the Next 100 Years; Goal #3 – Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs and reduce deferred maintenance backlog; Strategy #1 –Maintain critical DOI infrastructure and facilities to ensure effective operations and service delivery.

Investment Strategy (IS):
This project will evaluate risk from earthquakes and implement retrofit strategies that will result in earthquake-resistant buildings.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
This project will help to ensure maximum safety of visitors and employees in the event of seismic activity, by evaluating risk and recommending mitigation strategies.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study: N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)	

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 200,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 200,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ -
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 200,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ 800,000
Total:		$ 1,000,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	YY

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet** (mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update 06/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22		

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase III of V				
Project Number	2016278916	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Information Resources and Technology Management		
Unified Region:	*	**Congressional District:**	*	**State:**	*

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	90200		0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
These funds will be used to perform required radio tower evaluations of Service buildings per DOI policy. Preliminary screening has identified more than 150 Service-owned and leased radio systems lacking sufficient initial safety and structural inspection. Detailed investigations are necessary, and engineering evaluations are the next required analysis to confirm the systems are safe for operational use, develop a comprehensive maintenance and repair plan, and expand options for shared use of Service, other Federal agency, or bureau tower sites. The engineering evaluations will provide technical evidence to determine risk, determine where mitigation efforts are required and provide locations where towers should be removed from operations and demolished. The project supports Department Mission Area #6 – Modernizing Our Organization and Infrastructure for the Next 100 Years; Goal #3 – Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs and reduce deferred maintenance backlog; Strategy #1 –Maintain critical DOI infrastructure and facilities to ensure effective operations and service delivery

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project supports necessary efforts to identify radio facilities conditions and risks, identify mitigation options, and develop preliminary cost estimates to reduce the risk or remove the systems from operations.

Investment Strategy (IS):
The project will evaluate risk and identify retrofit strategies that will result in expanded opportunities to share radio related facilities. It will not change annual operations and maintenance costs or leverage non-DOI resources.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
The Service has not yet evaluated radio facilities as required by DOI policy, leaving unknown levels of risk associated with current operations. Failure to fulfill these responsibilities could endanger the life and health of USFWS employees and visitors.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)		Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)				Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)				Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning		Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score**	70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)		

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 250,000	100%	Appropriated to Date	$ 500,000
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 250,000
Total:	$ 250,000	100%	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ 500,000
			Total:	$ 1,250,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	07/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	60
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Repair Main Water Supply Line for Raceways				
Project Number	2017297511	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	South Atlantic-Gulf	**Congressional District:**	09	**State:**	GA

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40710400	10014111	100	0.65	0.00

Project Description (PD):
The current main water distribution line constructed in 1965 is exhibiting signs of deterioration and substantial water escapement. The 800-foot long asbestos concrete and steel pipe provides nearly all the rearing water to the raceways. In 2017, efforts were initiated to pinpoint the leak through video examination and determine the extent of any voids that may have been developing. Multiple cracks were observed but excavation is needed to determine severity. The current pipeline will be repaired or replaced as needed, any voids or sinkholes will be repaired, and pavement and landscape returned to current condition. The asbestos concrete pipe will be demolished and handled according to applicable code and disposed of responsibly. The repaired water line will ensure adequate water is delivered to raceways that support Federal water development mitigation activities in the Southeast.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project ensures an adequate water supply to rearing units used in mitigating reimbursed Federal water development projects by repairing the only incoming water line.

Investment Strategy (IS):
There are no matching contributions for this project. Operating costs are not expected to change with project.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
Failure to address this project could lead to sudden failure and catastrophic loss of fish produced to mitigate Federal water development projects having a negative effect on the production of recreational fish in the Southeast.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.65	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 60
VE Study: N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)	

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 816,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 816,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ -
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 816,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ -
Total:		$ 816,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet** (mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update 07/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22		

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	55
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities [ic]				
Project Number	2011182226	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	Upper Colorado	**Congressional District:**	AL	**State:**	WY

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40710300	10024803	100	0.32	0.00

Project Description (PD):

Rehabilitate the water treatment system that was constructed in 1995, by replacing old drum filters, ultra violet system, water pumps, piping, packed columns, and associated items. Most of the equipment was manufactured in another country and replacement parts are expensive and difficult to obtain. The UV system is worn out and routinely needs new parts. The hatchery is in the process of filing water rights on a new spring. The added water from this spring cannot be used because the current drum filter and UV system is undersized for this additional water. The water treatment system is needed to provide water free of disease to the trout being reared at the hatchery. The hatchery supplies 2 million lake trout eggs for restoration in the Great Lakes region and 2-3 million brown trout eggs to Federally mandated waters for mitigation. This project supports fish restoration goals.

Scope of Benefits (SB):

Maintenance of a lake trout broodstock meets the strategic goals of the Service for restoration of imperiled species.

Investment Strategy (IS):

Fully utilizing new water rights for the production of fish and utilizing up to date water reuse equipment should reduce maintenance costs but will increase operations costs for utilities.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):

Protection and utilization of water rights is essential for current lake trout egg production and any other aquatic species production in the future. Without

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	100	)=	40
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.21	Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	-25	)=	-5
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 55
VE Study: N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)	

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 644,000	100	Appropriated to Date	$ -
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 644,000
Total:	$ 644,000	100	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ 458,000
			Total:	$1,102,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	19	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	02/19	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/21			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	301	Projected	10,000	Net Change	9,699

*This project was updated from the project description included in the Department of the Interior Budget in Brief, Fiscal Year 2020.
The revised estimate now includes $458,000 proposed as a separate phase of the project in 2021 of the FWS five-year construction plan.

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Plan Fund FY	Priority	Facility or Unit Name	Project Title	State	Cong. District	DOI Score	Project Cost Information ($000)					Remaining to be Funded ($000)	Future Years of Funding for Other Phases
							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2020	1	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Flood Protection Levee Rehabilitation Phase II	CA	15	90	**$19,400**	$6,400	$5,875	$0	**$5,875**	$7,125	outside scope of plan
2020	2	Jordan River National Fish Hatchery	Rehabilitate Raceways 57-58	MI	01	70	**$500**	$0	$500	$0	**$500**	$0	
2020	3	Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery	Construct Mussel Rearing Building	VA	03	70	**$558**	$0	$0	$558	**$558**	$0	
2020	4	Branch of Dam Safety	Dam Safety Program - Evaluations of Newly Acquired Dams Phase IV of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$750	$250	$0	**$250**	$250	2021
2020	5	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase I of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$0	$200	$0	**$200**	$800	2021-2024
2020	6	Information Resources & Technology Management	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase III of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$500	$250	$0	**$250**	$500	2021-2022
2020	7	Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery	Replace Main Drain Line for Raceways	GA	09	60	**$816**	$0	$816	$0	**$816**	$0	
2020	8	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities [ic]	WY	AL	55	**$1,102**	$0	$644	$0	**$644**	$458	2021
			Total for Fiscal Year 2020								**$9,093**		

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cc = Complete construction
* = Located in multiple Congressional Districts that are to be determined

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							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2021	9	Bears Bluff National Fish Hatchery	Replace and Relocate Laboratory [p/d/ic]	SC	06	90	**$1,464**	$0	$800	$200	**$1,000**	$464	2023
2021	10	Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Repair Umbarger Dam	TX	19	90	**$2,100**	$300	$1,800	$0	**$1,800**	$0	
2021	11	Makah NFH	Replace Diversion Dam and Fish Barrier Phase II of IV	WA	06	80	**$5,208**	$1,687	$1,000	$0	**$1,000**	$2,521	2022, outside scope of plan
2021	12	Branch of Dam Safety	Dam Safety Program - Evaluations of Newly Acquired Dams Phase V of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$1,000	$250	$0	**$250**	$0	
2021	13	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase II of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$200	$200	$0	**$200**	$600	2022-2024
2021	14	Information Resources & Technology Management	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase IV of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$750	$250	$0	**$250**	$250	2022
2021	15	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities [cc]	WY	AL	55	**$1,102**	$644	$458	$0	**$458**	$0	
2021	16	Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge	Construct Multi-purpose Building and Public Recreational Facilities [p/d]	WA	03	50	**$6,625**	$0	$0	$400	**$400**	$6,225	2024
2021	17	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	Remediate and Demolish Bureau of Indian Affairs Infrastructure	AK	AL	40	**$13,925**	$1,200	$3,675	$0	**$3,675**	$9,050	2022-2023
2021	18	Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery	Demolish Residence 6	AZ	01	36	**$60**	$0	$60	$0	**$60**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2021								**$9,093**		

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Plan Fund FY	Priority	Facility or Unit Name	Project Title	State	Cong. District	DOI Score	Project Cost Information ($000)					Remaining to be Funded ($000)	Future Years of Funding for Other Phases
							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2022	19	Neosho National Fish Hatchery	Replace Feed Storage and Vehicle Storage Building	MO	07	90	**$500**	$0	$500	$0	**$500**	$0	
2022	20	Makah National Fish Hatchery	Replace Diversion Dam and Fish Barrier Phase III of IV	WA	06	80	**$5,208**	$2,687	$2,063	$0	**$2,063**	$458	outside scope of plan
2022	21	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase III of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$400	$200	$0	**$200**	$400	2023-2024
2022	22	Information Resources & Technology Management	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase V of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$1,000	$250	$0	**$250**	$0	
2022	23	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	Remediate and Demolish Bureau of Indian Affairs Infrastructure	AK	AL	40	**$13,925**	$4,875	$6,050	$0	**$6,050**	$3,000	2023
2022	24	Iron River National Fish Hatchery	Demolish Dilapidated Milking Barn	WI	07	40	**$30**	$0	$30	$0	**$30**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2022								**$9,093**		

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Plan Fund FY	Priority	Facility or Unit Name	Project Title	State	Cong. District	DOI Score	Project Cost Information ($000)					Remaining to be Funded ($000)	Future Years of Funding for Other Phases
							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2023	25	Bears Bluff National Fish Hatchery	Replace and Relocate Laboratory [cc]	SC	06	90	**$1,464**	$1,000	$464	$0	**$464**	$0	
2023	26	Genoa National Fish Hatchery	Construct Aeration Tower and Head Box	WI	03	80	**$1,000**	$0	$0	$1,000	**$1,000**	$0	
2023	27	Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery	Update Waste Water Treatment Plant For NPDES Compliance	ME	02	80	**$442**	$0	$442	$0	**$442**	$0	
2023	28	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase IV of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$600	$200	$0	**$200**	$200	2024
2023	29	Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge	Remove Debris and Hazardous Waste	MQ	*	70	**$8,019**	$0	$3,225	$0	**$3,225**	$4,794	outside scope of plan
2023	30	Alchesay National Fish Hatchery	Effluent Treatment System [ic]	AZ	01	65	**$912**	$150	$0	$762	**$762**	$0	
2023	31	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	Remediate and Demolish Bureau of Indian Affairs Infrastructure	AK	AL	40	**$13,925**	$10,925	$3,000	$0	**$3,000**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2023								**$9,093**		

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LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION FIVE YEAR PLAN -- FY 2020-2024

Plan Fund FY	Priority	Facility or Unit Name	Project Title	State	Cong. District	DOI Score	Project Cost Information ($000)					Remaining to be Funded ($000)	Future Years of Funding for Other Phases
							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2024	32	Creston National Fish Hatchery	Replace Raceways 12-29	MT	AL	80	**$1,400**	$0	$1,400	$0	**$1,400**	$0	
2024	33	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase V of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$800	$200	$0	**$200**	$0	
2024	34	D D Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery	Construct Wildlife Water Production System - Treatment Building	VT	AL	70	**$850**	$0	$15	$835	**$850**	$0	
2024	45	Ennis National Fish Hatchery	Construct Water Intake By-Pass	MT	AL	60	**$418**	$0	$0	$418	**$418**	$0	
2024	36	Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge	Construct Multi-purpose Building and Public Recreational Facilities [cc]	WA	03	50	**$6,625**	$400	$0	$6,225	**$6,225**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2024								**$9,093**		

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Land Acquisition

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out chapter 2003 of title 54, United States Code, including administrative expenses, and for acquisition of land or waters, or interest therein, in accordance with statutory authority applicable to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, $9,864,000, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and to remain available until expended: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated for specific land acquisition projects may be used to pay for any administrative overhead, planning or other management costs: Provided further, that of the unobligated balances available under this heading, $5,324,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: Provided further, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

The Fish and Wildlife Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j). Authorizes acquisition of additions to the National Wildlife Refuge System for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources by purchase or exchange of land and water or interests therein.

Refuge Recreation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460-460k-4). Authorizes acquisition of areas that are adjacent to or within existing fish and wildlife Conservation Areas administered by the Department of the Interior, and suitable for (1) incidental fish and wildlife-oriented recreation development, (2) the protection of natural resources, (3) the conservation of listed, threatened, or endangered species, or (4) carrying out two or more of the above.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460l-4608). Authorizes appropriations to the Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire land for National Wildlife Refuges as otherwise authorized by law. Authorization of Appropriations:

National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee). Establishes overall policy guidance, places restrictions on the transfer, exchange, or other disposal of refuge lands, and authorizes the Secretary to accept donations of land.

Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1534-1544). Authorizes the acquisition of land, waters, or interests therein for the conservation of fish, wildlife, and plants, including those that are listed as endangered or threatened species, with Land and Water Conservation Fund Act appropriations.

Emergency Wetlands Resources Act (P.L 99-645; 100 Stat. 3582). Authorizes the purchase of wetlands, or interests in wetlands, consistent with the wetlands priority conservation plan established under the Act.

Highlands Conservation Act (P.L. 108-421). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to work in partnership with the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial assistance to the Highlands States to preserve and protect high priority conservation land in the Highland region.

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Land Acquisition

Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days This column reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.	+26	+25
Pay Raise The 2020 request reflects a pay freeze for civilian employees.	+34	+0
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.	+0	+14
Departmental Working Capital Fund The change reflects expected changes in the charges for centrally billed Department services and other services through the Working Capital Fund. These charges are detailed in the Budget Justification for Department Management.	+0	+0
Worker's Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of compensating injured employees and dependents of employees who suffer accidental deaths while on duty. Costs for the BY will reimburse the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Fund, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8147(b) as amended by Public Law 94-273.	+0	+0
Unemployment Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of unemployment compensation claims to be paid to the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Account, in the Unemployment Trust Fund, pursuant to Public Law 96-499.	+0	+0
Rental Payments The amounts reflect changes in the costs payable to General Services Administration (GSA) and others for office and non-office space as estimated by GSA, as well as the rental costs of other currently occupied space. These costs include building security; in the case of GSA space, these are paid to Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Costs of mandatory office relocations, i.e. relocations in cases where due to external events there is no alternative but to vacate the currently occupied space, are also included.	+0	+0
Baseline Adjustments for O&M Increases In accordance with space maximization efforts across the Federal Government, this adjustment captures the associated increase to baseline operations and maintenance requirements resulting from movement out of GSA or direct-leased (commercial) space and into Bureau-owned space. While the GSA portion of fixed costs will go down as a result of these moves, Bureaus often encounter an increase to baseline O&M costs not otherwise captured in fixed costs. This category of funding properly adjusts the baseline fixed cost amount to maintain steady-state funding for these requirements.	+0	+0

Land Acquisition

Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days	+26	+25
This column reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.		
Pay Raise	+34	+0
There is no pay raise for 2019 or 2020 (0.0%).		
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System	+0	+14
The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.		

Appropriation: Land Acquisition

	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Request				Change from 2019 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Land Acquisition Management ($000)	12,773	12,773	+39	0	-3,286	9,526	-3,247
Land Protection Planning ($000)	465	465	0	0	-465	0	-465
Exchanges ($000)	1,500	1,500	0	0	-1,500	0	-1,500
Inholdings / Emergencies and Hardships ($000)	5,351	5,351	0	0	-5,013	338	-5,013
Highlands Conservation Act ($000)	10,000	10,000	0	0	-10,000	0	-10,000
Sportsmen and Recreational Access ($000)	2,500	2,500	0	0	-2,500	0	-2,500
Federal Refuges/Projects ($000)	31,250	31,250	0	0	-31,250	0	-31,250
Total, Land Acquisition ($000)	**63,839**	**63,839**	**+39**	**0**	**-54,014**	**9,864**	**-53,975**
FTE	***79***	***79***	***0***	***0***	***-35***	***44***	***-35***
Cancellation of Prior Year Balances *($000)*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*-5,324*	-5,324	-5,324
Total, Current and Prior Year ($000)	**63,839**	**63,839**	**+39**	**0**	**-54,014**	**4,540**	**-53,975**
FTE	***79***	***79***	***0***	***0***	***-35***	***44***	***-35***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Land Acquisition

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Land Protection Planning	-465	-3
• Exchanges	-1,500	-12
• Sportsmen and Recreational Access	-2,500	0
• Land Acquisition Management	-3,286	-19
• Inholdings/Emergencies and Hardships	-5,013	0
• Highlands Conservation Act	-10,000	-1
• Land Acquisition Projects	-31,250	0
Program Changes	**-54,014**	**-35**

Program Overview

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was established by Congress in 1964 to fulfill a bipartisan commitment to safeguard our natural areas, water resources, and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities to all Americans. The fund invests revenues from offshore oil and gas leasing to help strengthen communities, preserve our history, and protect important fish, wildlife, and plant habitats. Acquired lands and waters become part of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) or National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS). When acquired in fee title, these lands and waters provide the public opportunities to hunt, fish, observe and photograph wildlife, and enjoy environmental education and interpretation.

The Service purchases the minimum interest in land that is necessary to meet the Service's conservation mission. Therefore, if conservation easements will meet biological objectives, then typically the Service will pursue those rather than buying the land in fee.

Each new refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge System is strategically planned to give migrating birds safe havens on their journeys, provide fish with clean waters, and ensure that our children and grandchildren have wild places to explore. The Service's Strategic Growth Policy directs the Service to focus on acquiring lands and waters that support three conservation priorities: 1) Recovery of threatened and endangered species; 2) Implementing the North American Waterfowl Management Plan; and 3) Conserving migratory birds of conservation concern.

A landowner and FWS staff discuss the benefits of a conservation easement to the ranch and to the tallgrass prairie ecosystem. Grazing of domestic livestock mimics the effects of grazing historic bison herds. Credit: Emily Fischer, USFWS.

Using these three priorities, a Service interdisciplinary team developed the Targeted Resource Acquisition Comparison Tool (TRACT). The TRACT provides a biological, science-based, transparent process for evaluating proposed Refuge System land acquisitions based on each of these three conservation priorities. The TRACT does not assign weights to the three priorities and does not produce a single numerical ranking that combines all of the Service's priorities. The TRACT's rankings are instead intended to provide decision makers with an objective analysis that is grounded in the best available science; it is a decision support tool to inform the decision maker, but does not make the decision. Consideration is also given to how an acquisition supports DOI and Service goals to provide connectivity of wildlife corridors and to increase public recreational opportunities, especially near urban areas.

The Service acquires land and interests in land from willing sellers only. For every project for which the Service requests LWCF funding, the Service has an approved Land Protection Plan and has completed the required National Environmental Policy Act review process.

Land Acquisition Management

This activity supports efforts directly related to the acquisition of lands within approved acquisition boundaries of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The funding supports all costs for staff and the administration, implementation, coordination, and evaluation of the Service's Federal land acquisition program in our Headquarters, Regional, and field offices. The land acquisition staff maintains the maps and property records for Service-managed lands, and prepares right-of-way permits for oil, gas, and other pipelines, electrical transmission lines, and other infrastructure. This budget activity also includes approximately $2 million for the land acquisition program's share of Service-wide infrastructure needs and assessments, including leased space and information technology investments. Land acquisition management also funds contract boundary surveys, title work, and appraisals when the specific project appropriation is insufficient to fund these costs in addition to land costs.

Land acquisition staff provides specialized support for several realty-based functions, including:

- Working with willing sellers, from initial explanations of Federal acquisition options to the final acquisition, including processing and accepting donations;

- Preparing right-of-way permits for oil and gas and other pipelines, electrical transmission lines, telecommunications, and other infrastructure that crosses Service-managed lands;
- Developing and maintaining tools that inform the decision-making process;
- Working collaboratively with States, local governments, landowners, non-governmental organizations, and other land management agencies to acquire land for wildlife corridors and public recreation;
- Creating, maintaining, and updating geospatial data, and property records for Service-managed lands. This supports the Service's GIS/mapping capacity for land use and the Service's contributions to the Protected Areas Database of the United States (PAD-US), which is a single, continuously updated geospatial database/official national inventory of federal and state protected areas. PAD-US includes all conservation areas managed by Federal and State agencies; conservation areas owned by nonprofits; and private lands protected by conservation easements. PAD-US serves many users, and is developed through partnerships with States, Federal agencies, and non-profit organizations;
- Preparing responses to information requests from a variety of sources; and
- Providing land surveying services to resolve encroachment and other boundary issues.

The Service acquired through donation a public hiking trail easement over 0.7 acres for Ridgefield NWR. The easement connects to a popular hiking trail and provides an additional 0.17 miles of trail through wetlands and upland forests. Credit: Charlie Parrott, USFWS.

Inholdings / Emergencies and Hardships

The Service uses funding in this activity to expedite purchases of smaller tracts of land from willing sellers for three categories: inholdings, emergencies, and hardships. The Service defines any land within an approved acquisition boundary as an inholding. The Service frequently uses funding for inholdings to purchase lands that connect with private- or State-conserved lands, to create larger contiguous blocks of protected wildlife habitat and to expand public recreational opportunities. The Service also uses funding for inholdings to acquire small tracts of land when doing so will improve refuge management effectiveness or efficiency, eliminate a costly management problem, or provide or expand public access to existing refuge lands for hunting, fishing, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation. An emergency that may be best addressed with land acquisition from a willing seller could be a proposed development or a conversion to other uses that would result in the permanent loss of wildlife habitat. Funding is also used to purchase lands when the owner is experiencing financial

The Service acquired 581 acres for Mortenson Lake NWR, Wyoming, to help recovery of the Federally-listed endangered Wyoming Toad (Bufo Baxteri). The toad needs open areas along lakeshores, and the Service uses grazing to maintain these open areas. Credit: Sarah Armstrong, USFWS.

hardship and must quickly sell his or her land that is within an approved refuge acquisition boundary. This funding allows the Service to capitalize on emergent opportunities to conserve fish and wildlife habitat and to be a good neighbor to local landowners.

Use of Residual LWCF Funds
Federal land acquisition projects sometimes have small amounts of funds remaining after land has been acquired. These residual funds are insufficient to acquire additional land. The Service reallocates residual project funds of less than $50,000 to the Inholdings / Emergencies and Hardships line item to be used to protect other lands that do not have project funding. This shift enables the Service to acquire valuable wildlife habitat within approved refuge acquisition boundaries that becomes available for acquisition between appropriations cycles.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Land Acquisition is $9,864,000 and 44 FTE, a program change of -$54,014,000 and -35 FTE from the 2019 CR Baseline. The budget request proposes cancelling $5,324,000 of prior year Land Acquisition unobligated balances.

Land Protection Planning (-$465,000/-3 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Exchanges (-$1,500,000/-12 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Sportsmen and Recreational Access (-$2,500,000/+0 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Land Acquisition Management (-$3,286,000/-19 FTE)
The Service will continue to prioritize land acquisition activities such as acquiring inholdings that provide connectivity for public recreation and wildlife corridors and previously funded acquisitions; streamlining the process for obtaining right-of-way permits; updating maps and geospatial data; and resolving encroachment and other boundary issues.

Inholdings, Emergencies, and Hardships (-$5,013,000/+0 FTE)
The Service is requesting $338,000 for the inholdings, emergencies, and hardships program. The Service will use the requested funding to acquire tracts that provide connectivity for public access and for wildlife corridors.

Highlands Conservation Act (-$10,000,000/-1 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Land Acquisition Projects (-$31,250,000/+0 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

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National Wildlife Refuge Fund

Appropriations Language

The budget proposes to eliminate discretionary funding for this program. Therefore, appropriations language is not necessary.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (P.L. 116–5). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

Refuge Revenue Sharing Act (16 U.S.C. 715s). Authorizes payments to be made to offset tax losses to counties in which Service fee and withdrawn public domain lands are located.

Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Sections 1002 and 1008 (16 U.S.C. 3142 and 3148). These sections address the procedures for permitting oil and gas leases on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge coastal plain (Section 1002) and other non-North Slope Federal lands in Alaska (Section 1008).

Appropriation: National Wildlife Refuge Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Appropriations	($000)	13,228	13,228	0	0	-13,228	0	-13,228
Receipts*	($000)	9,415	8,132	0	0	+364	8,496	+364
Total, National Wildlife Refuge Fund	**($000)**	**22,643**	**21,360**	**0**	**0**	**-12,864**	**8,496**	**-12,864**
	FTE	***3***	***3***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***3***	***0***

*The amount presented in 2018 and 2019 includes the sequestration in accordance with Sec. 251(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, 2 U.S.C 901(a). In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Wildlife Refuge Fund

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Appropriations	-13,228	0
TOTAL Program Changes	**-13,228**	**0**

Program Overview

The purpose of the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act is to share revenues derived from refuge lands with counties and other units of local government to compensate for lost tax revenues from Federal land acquisitions. The Act authorizes revenues and direct appropriations to be deposited into a special fund, the National Wildlife Refuge Fund (NWRF), and used for payments to counties in which lands are acquired in fee (fee land) or reserved from the public domain (reserved land) and managed by the Service for fish and wildlife purposes, minus any associated costs. These revenues are typically between six and eight million dollars each year, and are derived from the sale or disposition of products (e.g., timber and gravel); other privileges (e.g., rights-of-way and grazing permits); and/or leases for public accommodations or facilities (e.g., oil and gas exploration and development) incidental to, and not in conflict with, refuge purposes.

The Act authorizes payments for Service-managed fee lands based on a formula that entitles counties to whichever is the highest of the following amounts: 1) 25 percent of the net receipts; 2) 3/4 of 1 percent of the fair market value of the land; or 3) 75 cents per acre.

The refuge revenue sharing payments made on lands reserved from the public domain and administered by the Service are always 25 percent of the net receipts collected from the reserved land in the county. If no receipts are collected, there is no revenue sharing payment. However, the Department of the Interior makes Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) (31 U.S.C. 6901-6907) on all public domain lands, including Service-reserved lands. The Service reports to the Department annually on all Service reserved land acres and the revenue sharing amounts already paid on those acres. The Department then calculates the PILT

Oil and gas revenues from reserved lands are deposited into the U.S. General Treasury. Oil and gas revenues from fee lands are deposited in the National Wildlife Refuge Fund to be shared with counties and other units of local government. Credit: Pedro Ramirez, Jr., USFWS.

amounts, subtracts the amounts the Service has already paid, and makes the PILT payments to the local governments.

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) addresses procedures for oil and gas leasing on non-North Slope Federal lands in Alaska and for transportation and utility systems in and across the Alaska conservation system units. Applicants pay the costs to process applications or administer permits relating to utility and transportation systems or seismic exploration. These payments directly reimburse the Service for its management costs.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Discretionary Appropriations (-$13,228,000/ +0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for the appropriated (discretionary) portion of the National Wildlife Refuge Fund in order to support higher priorities. This Fund was intended to compensate communities for lost tax revenue from Federal land acquisitions, but fails to take into account the economic benefits refuges provide to communities.

Mandatory Receipts: The 2020 estimate for National Wildlife Refuge Fund revenue is $8,496,000. The Refuge Revenue Sharing Act authorizes the Service to deduct certain expenses incurred in connection with revenue producing activities. The table below shows how the Service derives the funding amount available for payments to counties and other units of local government.

(Dollars in Thousands)				
National Wildlife Refuge Fund	**2018 Actual**	**2019 Estimate**	**2020 Estimate**	**Program Change (+/-)**
Receipts / Expenses				
Receipts Collected	9,814	8,000	8,000	0
Sequestration*	-628	-496	0	+496
Recoveries	23	100	100	0
Expenses for Sales	-2,127	-2,514	-2,514	0
ANILCA Expenses	-10	-50	-50	0
Estimated User-Pay Cost Share	-58	-60	-60	0
Net Receipts				
Available during the following year	7,014	4,980	5,476	+496
Payments to Counties				
Receipts Available - collected previous year		7,014	4,980	-2,034
Sequestration Restored		628	496	-132
Appropriations		13,228	0	-13,228
Total Available for Payments to Counties		**20,870**	**5,476**	-15,394

*2020 amount assumes no sequestration.

Revenues from grazing permits, timber sales, and other activities are deposited in the National Wildlife Refuge Fund to be shared with counties and other units of local government.

Above: Thinning forests at Little Pend Oreille NWR, Washington.

Right: Cattle grazing at Red Rock Lakes NWR, Montana.

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

Appropriations Language

Of the unobligated balances available under this heading, $31,008,000 *are hereby permanently cancelled. Provided, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.*

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the Continuing Resolution.

Authorizing Statute

Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to and removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery; provides for interagency cooperation to avoid take of listed species and for issuing permits for otherwise prohibited activities; and implements the provisions of the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna* (CITES).

Appropriation: Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation Grants	($000)	12,508	12,508	0	0	-12,508	0	-12,508
Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants	($000)	7,485	7,485	0	0	-7,485	0	-7,485
Species Recovery Land Acquisition	($000)	11,162	11,162	0	0	-11,162	0	-11,162
HCP Land Acquisition Grants to States	($000)	19,638	19,638	0	0	-19,638	0	-19,638
Administration	($000)	2,702	2,702	0	0	-2,702	0	-2,702
Total Current Year Appropriated Funds	($000)	**53,495**	**53,495**			**-53,495**	**0**	**-53,495**
	FTE	***13***	***13***	***0***	***0***	***-13***	***0***	***-13***
Cancellation of Prior Year Balances							-31,008	
Total Current Year and Prior Year	**($000)**	**53,495**	**53,495**	**0**	**0**	**-53,495**	**-31,008**	**-84,503**
		13	**13**	**0**	**0**	**-13**	**0**	**-13**
Mandatory – Unavailable Receipts**	($000)	74,695	69,654			+1,896	71,550	+1,896

** Amounts shown reflect an annual deposit of an amount equal to 5 percent of total Federal Aid/Sport Fish and Lacey Act violation collections above $500,000 into this Special Fund. The Special Fund amounts are not available in the fiscal year in which they are collected, but are available for subsequent appropriation to the CESCF.

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Conservation Grants	-12,508	0
• HCP Planning Assistance Grants	-7,485	0
• Species Recovery Land Acquisition Grants	-11,162	0
• HCP Land Acquisition Grants	-19,638	0
• Administration	-2,702	-13
Program Changes	**-53,495**	**-13**

Program Overview

The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF; Section 6 of the ESA), administered by the Service's Ecological Services program, provides grant funding to States and Territories for species and habitat conservation actions on non-Federal lands, including habitat acquisition, conservation planning, habitat restoration, status surveys, captive propagation and reintroduction, research, and education.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (-$53,495,000/-13 FTE)

The Service is not requesting funding for these activities in order to support higher priorities. The budget request proposes cancelling $31,008,000 of prior year CESCF funding.

North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4401 et seq.), $40,000,000 to remain available until expended.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989, (16 U.S.C. 4401-4414). Section 4406 of the Act (NAWCA) authorizes fines, penalties, and forfeitures from violations of the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* to be made available for wetlands conservation projects. Section 4407 authorizes interest on excise taxes for hunting equipment deposited for wetlands conservation grants and costs for administering this grant program. Such amounts have been permanently appropriated as provided in Public Law 103-138. The Act authorizes appropriations to be used to encourage partnerships among public agencies and other interests to protect, enhance, restore, and manage wetland ecosystems and other habitats for migratory birds and other fish and wildlife; to maintain current or improved distributions of migratory bird populations; and to sustain an abundance of waterfowl and other migratory birds consistent with goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and international obligations with other countries.

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act, (16 U.S.C. 3951-3956). Establishes the National Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Program within the Sport Fish Restoration Account for projects authorized by NAWCA in coastal States.

Aquatic Resources Trust Fund, (26 U.S.C. 9504). Authorizes appropriations from the Sport Fish Restoration Account to carry out the *Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act*.

Appropriation: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund
Activity: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Appropriations: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	($000)	40,000	40,000	0	0	0	40,000	0
Receipts (Mandatory): Migratory Bird Treaty Act Fines	($000)	11,496	15,289	0	0	-14,589	700	-14,589
Total, North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	**($000)**	**51,496**	**55,289**	**0**	**0**	**-14,589**	**40,700**	**-14,589**
	FTE	***9***	***9***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***9***	***0***

* The amounts presented in 2018 and 2019 include the sequestration in accordance with Sec. 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

Since 1990, *the North American Wetlands Conservation Act* (NAWCA) has supported partnerships that protect, enhance, and restore habitat for wetland-dependent birds and other wildlife—from the boreal forest of Canada, to the Mississippi delta, to the mangroves of Mexico, and from coast to coast. Through NAWCA, Federal funds are typically leveraged at twice the legally required 1:1 non-Federal match-to-grant ratio supporting projects that not only provide significant conservation of North America's highly-valued waterfowl resource, but also:

- Sustain hunting and fishing by increasing both the quality and quantity of opportunities for outdoor recreation.
- Promote flood control, recharge groundwater stores, and improve water quality for local communities.
- Support the recovery of endangered and threatened species.
- Help implement the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and other national and international bird conservation plans.
- Achieve the Department's and Service's long-term goal of supporting healthy and sustainable migratory bird populations.

Partners in NAWCA projects include private landowners, States, local governments, conservation organizations, national and local sportsmen's groups, Tribes, trusts, and corporations.

Investments that Matter

NAWCA funds are invested in thousands of public-private partnerships that protect and improve the health and integrity of wetland-dominated landscapes across North America. These habitats are critically important for sustaining North American waterfowl populations and a diversity of native fish and wildlife species. NAWCA-funded projects also improve hydrologic functions in and around project areas, benefiting nearby human communities and industry.

Project proposals and grantees undergo a rigorous review process to ensure they comply with the purposes of the Act and financial assistance requirements. Once grant funding is awarded, the Service monitors projects to confirm that project objectives are met and to ensure regulatory compliance. This oversight promotes the successful implementation of strategic, long-term habitat conservation and ensures program accountability.

Through FY 2018, the NAWCA program supported over 2,800 projects in 50 U.S. States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, 13 Canadian provinces and territories, and 31 Mexican States. The Service has helped nearly 6,000 partners conserve 31.3 million acres.

NAWCA GRANT PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1991-2018

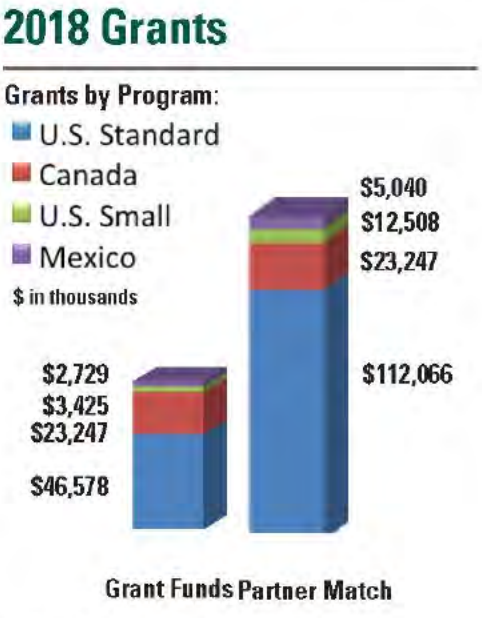
Country	Protected Acres	Enhanced, Restored, and Created Acres	Number of Projects
Canada	14,930,457	*3,355,344	562
Mexico	2,329,102	1,672,962	312
U.S.	4,785,748	4,266,501	1,949
All Countries	22,045,307	9,294,807	2,823

Acreages represent total proposed acres approved for funding in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico through FY 2018. Some acres are included in both "Protected" and "Enhanced, Restored, and Created" due to multiple activities occurring on the same properties. Additionally, some protection is not perpetual. Therefore, the two categories should not be added to demonstrate total acres affected over the life of the program.

* This figure includes 413,910 acres of moist soil management completed prior to 1998.

Supporting Service-Wide Priorities

- NAWCA is a critical funding source for migratory bird habitat conservation; additionally, these funds contribute to the conservation of other wetland-dependent species and support national and international conservation priorities. NAWCA-supported projects complement Service conservation efforts through the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Endangered Species Act, National Wildlife Refuge System, and other programs.
- NAWCA supports the Service's mission to ensure the conservation of wildlife for the benefit and enjoyment of all Americans, providing funding to projects that enrich and increase outdoor recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, and bird-watching.
- NAWCA depends on partnerships with public and private stakeholders to design and execute wetlands conservation projects.
- The NAWCA grant program also complements conservation actions of other Federal agencies, including the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Defense.



Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund is $40,000,000 and 9 FTE.

Mandatory Receipts – Receipts are derived from court-imposed fines for violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and vary greatly from year to year. The FY 2020 estimate is $700,000 for this account, which reflects a significant decrease from previous years because FY 2019 was the last year in which the Service received fine monies from the Deepwater Horizon settlement.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Process and issue NAWCA grants that support waterfowl and wetland habitat conservation.

NAWCA-funded enhancement at Rockefeller state refuge in Louisiana. Credit: John Hoffman, Ducks Unlimited

Multinational Species Conservation Fund

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the African Elephant Conservation Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 4201 et seq.), the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4261 et seq.), the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), and the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6601 et seq.), $6,000,000, to remain available until expended.

Note.— A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115–245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

African Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4201-4203, 4211-4214, 4221-4225, 4241-4246,1538). Authorizes funding for approved projects for research, conservation, management and protection of African elephants and their habitats, and combating ivory trafficking. The Act authorizes prohibitions against the sale, importation, and exportation of illegally obtained ivory derived from African elephants. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2012.

Asian Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4261-4266, 1538). Authorizes financial assistance for the conservation and protection of wild Asian elephants and their habitats. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2012.

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act, (16. U.S.C. 5301-5306, 1538). Authorizes funding to assist in the conservation of rhinoceroses and tigers in Asia and Africa, and combating trafficking of parts. Prohibits the sale, importation, and exportation of products derived from any species of rhinoceros or tiger. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2012.

Great Ape Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6301-6305, 1538). Authorizes financial assistance for the conservation of great apes within their ranges in Africa and Asia. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2010.

Marine Turtle Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6601-6607). Authorizes financial assistance for the conservation of marine turtles and their nesting habitats, and addresses other threats to marine turtles, such as stopping mortality due to bycatch. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2009.

Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act, (39 U.S.C. 416 note) as amended. Requires the United States Postal Service to issue and sell a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp. The stamp was to be made available to the public for at least six years, a period which has since expired. The proceeds from stamp sales are divided equally among the existing Multinational Species Conservation Funds and are used to help fund priority activities supported by those Funds. By law, the proceeds cannot affect or influence the disposition of discretionary appropriations.

Appropriation: Multinational Species Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Estimate	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
African Elephant Conservation Fund	($000)	2,582	2,582	0	0	-1,181	1,401	-1,181
Asian Elephant Conservation Fund	($000)	1,557	1,557	0	0	-712	845	-712
Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund	($000)	3,440	3,440	0	0	-1,575	1,865	-1,575
Great Ape Conservation Fund	($000)	1,975	1,975	0	0	-904	1,071	-904
Marine Turtle Conservation Fund	($000)	1,507	1,507	0	0	-689	818	-689
Total, Multinational Species Conservation Fund	**($000)**	**11,061**	**11,061**	**0**	**0**	**-5,061**	**6,000**	**-5,061**
	FTE	***3***	***3***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***3***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Multinational Species Conservation Fund

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Multinational Species Conservation Fund	-5,061	0
Program Changes	**-5,061**	**0**

Program Mission

To provide technical and financial assistance to local communities, wildlife authorities, and non-governmental organizations in developing countries for on-the-ground conservation work to protect elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, great apes, and marine turtles.

Program Overview

Elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, great apes, and marine turtles are among the world's most recognized and beloved animals. Yet, these iconic species face severe threats and some even teeter on the brink of extinction due to poaching, habitat loss, and wildlife trafficking. Key populations of these species are found in developing countries where these threats are compounded by political instability, expanding human populations, and a severe lack of funding and capacity for conservation.

The Multinational Species Conservation Funds (MSCFs) were authorized through five Congressional Acts to provide critical technical and financial assistance to local communities, government agencies, and non-government organizations that are working to protect and safeguard the future of wildlife. Through this support, the Service assists foreign countries to sustainably manage their wildlife populations and attract substantial leveraged or matched funding, while also building considerable good will toward the United States. From 2013 to 2017, the MSCFs provided more than $47 million in appropriated funds through grants and cooperative agreements for on-the-ground conservation and leveraged nearly $92 million in additional matching dollars. Since the Program's inception, the MSCFs have engaged nearly 600 domestic and foreign

partners in over 54 foreign countries. The provision of financial assistance to protect these priority species helps to ensure the U.S. restores trust outside our borders and creates a conservation stewardship legacy on behalf of the American people.

The MSCF project selection is highly competitive and enables the Service to direct assistance to key populations and the most urgently needed activities. Priority activities include establishing protected areas; monitoring wildlife populations; improving law enforcement and prosecution to stop wildlife trafficking; reducing consumer demand for illegal wildlife products; and providing vital infrastructure, training, and equipment to effectively manage protected areas. Several of the species covered by the MSCFs, including rhinoceroses, tigers and African elephants, are under unprecedented pressure due to poaching and wildlife trafficking. These programs provide emergency support to quickly and effectively respond to escalating threats.

African Elephant Conservation Fund

Poaching of African elephants has reached crisis levels with an estimated 20,000-30,000 elephants illegally killed per year. The African Elephant Conservation Fund provides critical support to curb this poaching epidemic; to combat trafficking of ivory, elephant meat, and other illegal elephant products; and to reduce the demand for these products. In 2018, these funds supported essential frontline protection in elephant habitat in West, Central, East and Southern Africa; sponsored technological innovations to better detect and intercept ivory in transit; and supported the installation of modern management systems for seized ivory in range states.

An estimated 20,000-30,000 elephants are illegally killed each year. Credit: Joe Milmoe/USFWS

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund (RTCF)

Tiger at Ranthambore National Park. Credit: Chandru Fotografia/Creative Commons

Rhinoceros poaching has skyrocketed in less than a decade, from 13 animals poached in South Africa in 2007 to more than 1,000 poached per year every year since 2013.[1] In the last 100 years, wild tiger populations have been reduced by 97% due to poaching, habitat loss, and human wildlife conflict. The Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund, which supports wildlife conservation in both Asia and Africa, has been essential in responding to this crisis while also addressing other critical threats facing rhinos and tigers. Program activities aim to protect existing populations; to restore animals to their original habitat; and to combat trafficking of tiger skins, bones, live animals, and rhino horn and other rhino products.

[1] Poaching Statistics. (2016). Retrieved from https://www.savetherhino.org/rhino_info/poaching_statistics.

The ASECF is the key source of funding for Asian elephants in range states. Credit: Cory Brown/USFWS

Asian Elephant Conservation Fund

Large herds of elephants once roamed freely throughout Asia's forests and grasslands. Today, wild population estimates range from 30,000 to 50,000 individuals, with continued declines caused primarily by habitat loss, human-elephant conflict, and poaching. The Asian Elephant Conservation Fund is the key source of funding for activities addressing the major threats to wild Asian elephant populations within range states. Program activities include law enforcement training and monitoring, public education campaigns via television and radio programming, forest ranger and patrol training, research on population dynamics, human-elephant conflict mitigation, strengthening counter-wildlife-trafficking efforts, wildlife veterinary capacity building, and promotion of elephant-centric land-use planning

Projects supported by the GACF have been integral to identify key orangutan populations in Malaysia. Credit: Cory Brown/USFWS

Great Ape Conservation Fund

The great apes, highly intelligent beings and humans' closest living relatives, are under extreme threat. Their slow rate of reproduction makes their populations less resilient to losses, and all are at risk of extinction. The Great Ape Conservation Fund (GACF) supports efforts to conserve all apes, including chimpanzees, gorillas, and bonobos in Africa and orangutans and gibbons in Asia. The Fund supports combating poaching and trafficking in great apes, enhancing habitat protection, establishing protected areas, developing ape range country capacity to address conservation threats, and creating long-term buy-in and stewardship for great ape conservation amongst local communities.

Kemp's Ridley sea turtle hatchlings. Credit: National Park Service

Marine Turtle Conservation Fund

Marine turtles are truly the ancient mariners of the world's oceans, with ancestors dating back more than 100 million years. These animals are important components of the ecosystems they inhabit, and as a flagship species, their conservation helps to sustain benefits to many other species of wildlife. Once abundant, marine turtle populations now are a fraction of what they once were. This Fund helps organizations and countries protect and increase their sea turtle populations through a variety of projects, including educational initiatives for communities, patrols of critical nesting beaches, and scientific research that benefits conservation.

Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp
The Save Vanishing Species semipostal stamp was first issued in September 2011 to raise public awareness and garner support for critically important global conservation work. The intent is to give the public an easy and inexpensive way to help conserve tigers, rhinos, elephants, great apes, and marine turtles around the world. The stamp, which features the image of an Amur tiger cub, sells just slightly above the cost of first-class postage with proceeds directed to the MSCFs. Since issuance, more than 49 million stamps have been sold, raising more than 5.4 million in direct funding for international wildlife conservation.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Multinational Species Conservation Fund is $6,000,000 and 3 FTE.

Multinational Species Conservation Fund (-$5,061,000/ +0 FTE)
The Service anticipates funding approximately 60 on-the-ground conservation projects that mitigate the threats to these iconic, imperiled species. MSCF grants fund conservation projects that address immediate threats such as habitat loss, poaching, illegal trade, and invasive species. Several of the species covered by the MSCFs, including rhinoceroses and African elephants, are under unprecedented pressure due to poaching and wildlife trafficking. Therefore, each project supports specific on-the-ground actions to address these threats. For example, without these efforts, a poaching ring may remain active, a wildlife trafficking route may continue operations, or habitat encroachment may continue to threaten a subspecies on the brink of extinction.

Since 2013, more than 1,000 rhinos have been poached every year in South Africa. Credit: Bryan Arroyo/USFWS

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Support the Service's work with partners around the world, to improve the conservation of elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, great apes, and marine turtles and their habitats through technical and financial assistance programs.

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Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), $3,900,000 to remain available until expended.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statute

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2006, (16 U.S.C. 6101-6109). For expenses necessary to carry out the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.). Authorizes a competitive grants program for the conservation of Neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

Appropriation: Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund	($000)	3,910	3,910	0	0	-10	3,900	-10
	FTE	*1*	*1*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*1*	*0*

Program Mission

The Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA or the Act) program provides matching grants to partners throughout the Western Hemisphere to promote the conservation of Neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

Program Overview

Over 380 species of Neotropical migratory birds breed in the United States and Canada and winter in Latin America and the Caribbean, including warblers, thrushes, sparrows, sandpipers, and raptors. Although many of these species travel tens of thousands of miles on their annual journeys, they also appear close to home in backyards, parks and local natural areas, making them an integral part of the resources that the Service seeks to conserve for the American people. As a result of habitat loss, predation, collisions with man-made structures and other sources of mortality, populations of many of these birds are declining. Eleven of these neotropical species are currently listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and sixty-two such species are on the Service's list of birds of conservation concern. Conservation actions funded through this program help to keep more of these species from being listed under the ESA by supporting projects on their breeding and wintering grounds.

NMBCA grants help achieve the Department's and Service's long-term goal of promoting healthy and sustainable migratory bird populations by supporting conservation projects that leverage nearly four dollars of non-Federal match for every Federal grant dollar invested—even in Latin America and the Caribbean, where resources for migratory bird conservation are scarce. The Act directs that at least 75 percent of the funds available each year go to projects in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Canada; the remaining funds go to projects in the United States. NMBCA grants are highly competitive with project demand greatly exceeding available funds, so only the highest quality proposals receive funding. In FY 2018, the Service funded 29 grants, leaving 16 proposals and over $1.8 million in projects unfunded.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund is $3,900,000 and 1 FTE.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Activities (-$10,000/ +0 FTE) – At the requested 2020 level, the NMBCA program will support priority national and international initiatives to engage people in the conservation of birds that are loved and enjoyed by birdwatchers, and that also benefit local communities

and local economies. The birds conserved under NMBCA provide significant benefits to local communities and economies through revenue generated from birding festivals and wildlife watching (purchasing of bird food, binoculars, etc.) and the jobs created in association with these recreational opportunities. The NMBCA supports and enhances the Department of the Interior's and the Service's efforts to get people outdoors and enjoy recreational opportunities on public lands. Additionally, NMBCA-funded actions support communities in other countries, which further sustain our shared bird resources.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Process and issue NMBCA grants that support the conservation of Neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

American Oystercatcher banding at Breezy Point, NY. Part of the Conserving Shorebirds at Jamaica Bay, NY project. Credit: Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon

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State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

STATE AND TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANT PROGRAM

Appropriations Language

For wildlife conservation grants to States and to the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa under the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, for the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitat, including species that are not hunted or fished, $31,286,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That $2,000,000 is for a competitive grant program for States, territories, and other jurisdictions, and at the discretion of affected States, the regional Associations of fish and wildlife agencies, not subject to the remaining provisions of this heading: Provided further, That the Secretary shall, after deducting $2,000,000 and administrative expenses, apportion the amount provided herein in the following manner: (1) to the District of Columbia and to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, each a sum equal to not more than one-half of 1 percent thereof; and (2) to Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, each a sum equal to not more than one-fourth of 1 percent thereof: Provided further, That the Secretary shall apportion the remaining amount in the following manner: (1) one-third of which is based on the ratio to which the land area of such State bears to the total land area of all such States; and (2) two-thirds of which is based on the ratio to which the population of such State bears to the total population of all such States: Provided further, That the amounts apportioned under this paragraph shall be adjusted equitably so that no State shall be apportioned a sum which is less than 1 percent of the amount available for apportionment under this paragraph for any fiscal year or more than 5 percent of such amount: Provided further, That the Federal share of planning grants shall not exceed 75 percent of the total costs of such projects and the Federal share of implementation grants shall not exceed 65 percent of the total costs of such projects: Provided further, That the non-Federal share of such projects may not be derived from Federal grant programs: Provided further, That any amount apportioned in 2020 to any State, territory, or other jurisdiction that remains unobligated as of September 30, 2021, shall be reapportioned, together with funds appropriated in 2022, in the manner provided herein.

Note.— A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115–245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544). Prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to or removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery; provides for interagency cooperation to avoid take of listed species and for issuing permits for otherwise prohibited activities; provides for cooperation with States, including authorization of financial assistance; and implements the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

Fish and Wildlife Act (16 U.S.C. 742(a)-742j). Establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take steps required for the development, management,

advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-666(e)). The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to provide assistance to, and cooperate with, Federal, State, and public or private agencies and organizations in the development, protection, rearing, and stocking of all species of wildlife, resources thereof, and their habitat, in controlling losses of the same from disease or other causes, in minimizing damages from overabundant species, and in providing public shooting and fishing areas, including easements across public lands for access thereto.

Activity: State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
State Wildlife Grants (Formula)	($000)	53,000	53,000	0	0	-23,714	29,286	-23,714
State Wildlife Grants (Competitive)	($000)	6,362	6,362	0	0	-4,362	2,000	-4,362
Tribal Wildlife Grants	($000)	4,209	4,209	0	0	-4,209	0	-4,209
Total, State and Tribal Wildlife	**($000)**	**63,571**	**63,571**	**0**	**0**	**-32,285**	**31,286**	**-32,285**
	FTE	**17**	***17***	***0***	***0***	**-8**	**9**	***-8***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• State Wildlife Grants (Formula)	-23,714	-5
• State Wildlife Grants (Competitive)	-4,362	-2
• Tribal Wildlife Grants	-4,209	-1
Program Changes	**-32,285**	**-8**

Program Overview

The State and Tribal Wildlife Grant (STWG) Program provides Federal grant funds to States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and Territories (States), to develop and implement programs for the benefit of fish and wildlife and their habitats, including species that are not hunted or fished. The program was first funded through the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2002 (Public Law 107-63).

Family Pheasant Hunting. Credit: USFWS

The STWG Program is the primary Federal funding source for States to implement proactive conservation targeting iconic American wildlife species, before they decline to levels that require listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Funding supports projects that conserve species identified in States' Wildlife Action Plans. Through preventative measures, such as habitat restoration and species management, the STWG Program helps to prevent imperiled species from becoming listed under the ESA. States may also choose to dedicate STWG Program funds to helping de-list and down-list Threatened or Endangered species. The STWG program accomplishes its goals by leveraging Federal funding through cost-sharing provisions with State fish and wildlife agencies and other partners. Working with interested stakeholders, State fish and wildlife agencies translate pressing conservation needs into practical actions and on-the-ground results. The STWG Program has played a crucial and indispensable role in reducing or preventing Service listings involving species such as Lake Erie water snake, Delmarva fox squirrel, pygmy rabbit, and New England cottontail rabbit, among many others.

Private Landowner Technical Assistance. Credit: USFWS

Current STWG Program investments allow State fish and wildlife agencies to improve habitat for important pollinators such as the monarch butterfly and regal fritillary, which are scheduled for Service status reviews in 2019 and 2022, respectively. Nationally, pollinators are in decline and further species loss could impose significant costs on American agricultural producers. Other States are focusing STWG Program investments on raising and releasing native mussels and other freshwater invertebrates in river systems in Texas, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, and many other States. Mussels are important in watershed health because they act as filters to provide clean water for agricultural and recreational uses as well as for municipal drinking water. Five species of freshwater snails and mussels are currently listed by the Service as Candidate species, while many others are scheduled for status reviews in the near future including Tennessee pigtoe and clubshell mussels.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for State and Tribal Wildlife Grants is $31,286,000 and 9 FTE.

State Wildlife Grants (Formula) (-$23,714,000/ -5 FTE)
The Service is requesting $29,286,000 for Formula State Wildlife Grants. This funding will support State fish and wildlife agencies in working with their many partners to update and improve their State Wildlife Action Plans, which identify common priorities for fish and wildlife conservation across the Nation. Formula funds often support timely conservation actions that aid the Service in removing species listings under the ESA. This benefits State agencies by returning species management authority to the State while reducing or eliminating potential barriers to economic growth. More commonly, State agencies use Formula funds to study and conserve species in decline before they require listing under the ESA, helping ensure sufficient data and information on agreements for future conservation are made available to the Service for use in the listing review process. Many potential species listings have been averted, in part due to States' efforts funded through Formula grants. Ongoing work targeting Candidate species is expected to continue, and additional successes of the Federal-State partnership in minimizing new species listings are expected.

State Wildlife Grants (Competitive) (-$4,362,000/ -2 FTE)
The Service is requesting $2,000,000 for funding big game research and science-supported conservation activities within 11 western State-identified priority corridors in support of Secretarial Order 3362.

Tribal Wildlife Grants (-$4,209,000/- 1 FTE)
The Service does not request in order to address higher priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will administer and implement financial assistance to States to develop and administer programs for the benefit of fish and wildlife and their habitats. Specifically, the request supports formula-based grant funds to State fish and wildlife agencies. State fish and wildlife agencies continue to coordinate effectively with Federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, universities, private landowners, and industry representatives in revising and updating the Wildlife Action Plans. Involving many stakeholders with different perspectives helps ensure that the Plans are strategic, thoroughly vetted, and leveraged with resources from many partners. Implementation activities include a wide range of strategies from research and monitoring to direct species and habitat management. For example, STWG Program funds have been used by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to enhance habitat for Kirtland's Warbler, a species the Service proposed for delisting in 2018. Funds dedicated to habitat improvements to benefit the threatened Gopher Tortoise in Mississippi were credited with tripling the relative abundance of Northern Bobwhite—a popular game bird—in the State's Marion County Wildlife Management Area. Best practices and lessons learned from these projects inform the States' planning processes and are

incorporated in periodic Plan revisions, demonstrating how the program facilitates an adaptive management approach to species conservation.

- The program will support ongoing efforts of States and their partners to reduce species listings under the ESA. An internal analysis of past performance found that between 2001 and 2015 States played an important role in helping to preclude listing of 19 Candidate species and in helping de-list or down-list seven threatened and endangered species using STWG Program funds. The Competitive subprogram provides incentives to encourage State fish and wildlife agencies to focus efforts on Service Candidate species, when doing so is consistent with priorities expressed in the Plans. Aside from Gopher Tortoise, which is a Candidate species in the eastern portion of its range, State fish and wildlife agencies are using STWG Program funds to protect and conserve additional Candidate species including Striped Newt, Island Marble Butterfly, Penasco Least Chipmunk, Sierra Nevada Red Fox, Red Tree Vole, Red-Crowned Parrot, Rattlesnake Master-Borer Moth, and several Candidate freshwater mussel species.
- The program will fund research and conservation activities within 11 western States to improve understanding of wildlife migration corridors and habitat conditions within corridors to benefit western species. Alone, and through financial assistance from the Service, a number of western State fish and wildlife agencies are making concerted efforts to collect adequate data and map migration corridors. For example, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is currently using STWG Program funds to support implementation of the *Oregon Connectivity Framework Mapping Project* which seeks to describe, understand, and enhance species connectivity to ensure the long-term viability of both game and non-game species throughout the State. In the rapidly developing western United States, these funds will facilitate understanding of where the most important corridors exist and provide for habitat conservation activities that support the full diversity of wildlife.

Table 1
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018
CFDA: 15.634

STATE	State Wildlife - 5620 (65/35 Match)
ALABAMA	$793,807
ALASKA	2,582,350
AMERICAN SAMOA	129,118
ARIZONA	1,300,078
ARKANSAS	599,338
CALIFORNIA	2,582,350
COLORADO	1,099,511
CONNECTICUT	516,470
DELAWARE	516,470
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	258,235
FLORIDA	2,354,617
GEORGIA	1,364,984
GUAM	129,118
HAWAII	516,470
IDAHO	614,578
ILLINOIS	1,692,522
INDIANA	896,275
IOWA	629,951
KANSAS	747,265
KENTUCKY	685,963
LOUISIANA	745,424
MAINE	516,470
MARYLAND	682,276
MASSACHUSETTS	754,719
MICHIGAN	1,385,042
MINNESOTA	1,024,540
MISSISSIPPI	575,737
MISSOURI	1,020,803
MONTANA	889,339
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	129,118
NEBRASKA	609,591
NEVADA	881,167

NEW HAMPSHIRE	516,470
NEW JERSEY	995,954
NEW MEXICO	870,134
NEW YORK	2,364,738
NORTH CAROLINA	1,315,186
NORTH DAKOTA	516,470
OHIO	1,472,114
OKLAHOMA	778,944
OREGON	931,973
PENNSYLVANIA	1,619,847
PUERTO RICO	258,235
RHODE ISLAND	516,470
SOUTH CAROLINA	667,570
SOUTH DAKOTA	516,470
TENNESSEE	913,027
TEXAS	2,582,350
UTAH	751,506
VERMONT	516,470
VIRGIN ISLANDS	129,118
VIRGINIA	1,084,457
WASHINGTON	1,092,107
WEST VIRGINIA	516,470
WISCONSIN	915,889
WYOMING	581,335
TOTAL	**$51,647,000**

Table 2
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019
CFDA: 15.634

STATE	State Wildlife - 5620 (65/35 Match)
ALABAMA	$480,861
ALASKA	1,564,300
AMERICAN SAMOA	78,215
ARIZONA	787,543
ARKANSAS	363,059
CALIFORNIA	1,564,300
COLORADO	666,046
CONNECTICUT	312,860
DELAWARE	312,860
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	156,430
FLORIDA	1,426,347
GEORGIA	826,861
GUAM	78,215
HAWAII	312,860
IDAHO	372,291
ILLINOIS	1,025,272
INDIANA	542,933
IOWA	381,603
KANSAS	452,668
KENTUCKY	415,533
LOUISIANA	451,553
MAINE	312,860
MARYLAND	413,300
MASSACHUSETTS	457,183
MICHIGAN	839,011
MINNESOTA	620,632
MISSISSIPPI	348,762
MISSOURI	618,368
MONTANA	538,732
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	78,215

NEBRASKA	369,270
NEVADA	533,781
NEW HAMPSHIRE	312,860
NEW JERSEY	603,315
NEW MEXICO	527,098
NEW YORK	1,432,478
NORTH CAROLINA	796,695
NORTH DAKOTA	312,860
OHIO	891,757
OKLAHOMA	471,858
OREGON	564,557
PENNSYLVANIA	981,249
PUERTO RICO	156,430
RHODE ISLAND	312,860
SOUTH CAROLINA	404,391
SOUTH DAKOTA	312,860
TENNESSEE	553,081
TEXAS	1,564,300
UTAH	455,237
VERMONT	312,860
VIRGIN ISLANDS	78,215
VIRGINIA	656,927
WASHINGTON	661,561
WEST VIRGINIA	312,860
WISCONSIN	554,815
WYOMING	352,153
TOTAL	**$31,286,000**

Table 3
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020
CFDA: 15.634

STATE	State Wildlife - 5620 (65/35 Match)
ALABAMA	$450,130
ALASKA	1,464,300
AMERICAN SAMOA	73,215
ARIZONA	737,196
ARKANSAS	339,850
CALIFORNIA	1,464,300
COLORADO	623,466
CONNECTICUT	292,860
DELAWARE	292,860
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	146,430
FLORIDA	1,334,189
GEORGIA	774,018
GUAM	73,215
HAWAII	292,860
IDAHO	348,492
ILLINOIS	959,685
INDIANA	508,235
IOWA	357,209
KANSAS	423,731
KENTUCKY	388,961
LOUISIANA	423,091
MAINE	292,860
MARYLAND	386,981
MASSACHUSETTS	428,026
MICHIGAN	784,917
MINNESOTA	580,960
MISSISSIPPI	326,470
MISSOURI	578,850
MONTANA	504,296
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	73,215

NEBRASKA	345,661
NEVADA	499,658
NEW HAMPSHIRE	292,860
NEW JERSEY	564,681
NEW MEXICO	493,403
NEW YORK	1,340,935
NORTH CAROLINA	745,786
NORTH DAKOTA	292,860
OHIO	834,780
OKLAHOMA	441,694
OREGON	528,492
PENNSYLVANIA	918,520
PUERTO RICO	146,430
RHODE ISLAND	292,860
SOUTH CAROLINA	378,570
SOUTH DAKOTA	292,860
TENNESSEE	517,722
TEXAS	1,464,300
UTAH	426,135
VERMONT	292,860
VIRGIN ISLANDS	73,215
VIRGINIA	615,454
WASHINGTON	619,496
WEST VIRGINIA	292,860
WISCONSIN	519,396
WYOMING	329,644
TOTAL	**$29,286,000**

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Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration

Appropriation Language

The Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration account does not require appropriations language because there is permanent authority, established August 31, 1951 (65 Stat. 262), to use the receipts deposited into the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund in the fiscal year following their collection.

Applicable Statutes

The Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950, now referred to as the *Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act* (16 U.S.C. 777 et seq.), as amended by the Deficit Reduction and Control Act of 1984 (P.L. 98-369), the *Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Act of 1987* (P.L. 100-17), the *Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1987* (P.L. 100-448), the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century* (P.L. 105-178), the *Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000* (P.L. 106-408), the *Surface Transportation Act of 2003* (P.L. 108-88), SAFETEA-LU, and the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94), which expires in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, authorizes assistance to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (States) to carry out projects to restore, enhance, and manage sport fishery resources. In addition to sport fishery projects, these acts allow for the development and maintenance of boating access facilities and aquatic education programs.

The Appropriations Act of August 31, 1951 (P.L. 82-136, 65 Stat. 262) authorizes receipts from excise taxes on fishing equipment to be deposited into the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, established as a permanent, indefinite appropriation. Receipts and interest distributed to the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund are available for use and distribution by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to States in the fiscal year following collection.

The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 3951 et. seq.) provides for three Federal grant programs for the acquisition, restoration, management, and enhancement of coastal wetlands in coastal States. A coastal State means a State of the United States, bordering on the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, or one or more of the Great Lakes, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the trust territories of the Pacific Islands. The Service administers two of the three grant programs that this Act provides funding for, including the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program and the North American Wetlands Conservation Grant Program. The latter program receives funds from other sources, as well as from the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Program. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers administers the third grant program that receives funding because of this Act. It also requires the Service to update and digitize wetlands maps in Texas and assess the status, condition, and trends of wetlands in Texas, and provides permanent authorization for coastal wetlands conservation grants and North American Wetlands Conservation projects. The *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94), authorizes funding for the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act through FY 2021.

The Clean Vessel Act of 1992 (16 U.S.C. 777c) Section 5604 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide grants to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands for the construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of sewage pumpout stations and dump stations,

as well as for educational programs designed to inform boaters about the importance of proper disposal of their onboard sewage. Section 5604 also amended the *Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act* to provide for the transfer of funds out of the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund for use by the Secretary of Homeland Security (U.S. Coast Guard) to fund State recreational boating safety programs. The *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94) authorizes funding for the Clean Vessel Act of 1992 and boating infrastructure improvement through Fiscal Year 2021.

The Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998 (16 U.S.C. 777c-777g) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to develop national outreach plans to promote safe fishing and boating, and to promote conservation of aquatic resources through grants and contracts with States and private entities. The Act contains provisions for transferring funds to the U.S. Coast Guard for State recreational boating safety programs. In addition, it authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide funds to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to construct, renovate, and maintain tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters in vessels 26 feet or more in length, and to produce and distribute information and educational materials under the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program. The *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94) authorizes funding for boating infrastructure improvement through FY 2021.

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-408) amends the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. It authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant Program for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects identified as priority projects by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. These high priority projects address problems affecting States on a regional or national basis. It also provides $200,000 each to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission; and $400,000 to the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council. The Act provides 12 allowable cost categories for administration of the Act.

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users of August 10, 2005 (P.L. 109-59) made several changes to the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. SAFETEA-LU changed the distribution of Sport Fish Restoration receipts from amounts primarily specified in law to a percentage-based distribution. The Act extends program authorizations for the Clean Vessel Act Program, the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program, and the National Outreach and Communications Program through FY 2009, and it extends the authority to use Sport Fish Restoration receipts for the U.S. Coast Guard's State Recreational Boating Safety Program through FY 2009. The Act authorizes the expenditure of remaining balances in the old Boat Safety Account through FY 2010, for Sport Fish Restoration and State recreational boating safety programs and redirected 4.8 cents per gallon of certain fuels from the general account of the Treasury to the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (P.L. 114-94, December 4, 2015) changes several sections of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. It amends Sections 3 and 4 of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777b and 16 U.S.C. 777c), changing the funding distribution percentages and extends funding authorizations for Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act, Boating Infrastructure Improvement (combining funding for the Clean Vessel Act of 1992 and the Boating Infrastructure Grant Programs), and the National Outreach and Communications program through FY 2021.

Appropriation: Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Payments to States	($000)	352,672	362,424	0	0	+19,994	382,418	+19,994
Administration	($000)	11,211	11,480	0	0	+945	12,425	+945
Boating Infrastructure Improvement	($000)	[24,525]	[25,198]	0	0	[+1,389]	[26,587]	[+1,389]
- Clean Vessel	($000)	12,263	12,599	0	0	+695	13,294	+695
- Boating Infrastructure Grant Program	($000)	12,262	12,599	0	0	+694	13,293	+694
National Outreach	($000)	12,263	12,599	0	0	+695	13,294	+695
Multistate Conservation Grant Program	($000)	3,009	3,012	0	0	+174	3,186	+174
Coastal Wetlands	($000)	17,173	17,644	0	0	+974	18,618	+974
Fishery Commissions	($000)	802	803	0	0	+47	850	+47
Sport Fishing & Boating Partnership Council	($000)	401	401	0	0	+24	425	+24
Subtotal	($000)	**422,056**	**433,561**	**0**	**0**	**+24,242**	**457,803**	**+24,242**
	FTE	***53***	***53***	***0***	***0***		***53***	
North American Wetlands	($000)	17,173	17,644	0	0	+974	18,618	+974
	FTE	*5*	*5*	*0*	*0*	0	*5*	*0*
TOTAL, Sport Fish	($000)	**439,229**	**451,205**	**0**	**0**	**+25,216**	**476,421**	**+25,216**
	FTE	***58***	***58***	***0***	***0***	**0**	***58***	***0***

The 2018 and 2019 amounts include sequestration in accordance with section 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C. 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

The Sport Fish Restoration Program provides Federal aid to State fish, wildlife, and boating agencies for the management and restoration of fish having material value in connection with sport or recreation. Since 1950, this stable source of funding has been critical to the recovery of many of the Nation's sport fish species, and has provided over $9 billion. The Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act programs have expanded over time through a series of Congressional actions and now encompass several grant programs that address increased conservation and recreation needs of States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and territorial governments. Partner agencies, within set program boundaries, determine the best use of these Federal funds to meet these needs. The various programs enhance the Nation's sport fish resources in both fresh and salt waters. They also provide funding for projects that improve and manage aquatic habitats, protect and conserve coastal wetlands, and provide important infrastructure for recreational boaters. Through administering these programs, the Service helps to create and maintain strong conservation stewardship by supporting local communities in sustainably utilizing natural resources.

Deyo Reservoir– a community driven project for anglers, boaters, and outdoor recreationists. Photo credit: Idaho Department of Fish and Game

The economic impacts of boating and sport fishing in the United States are considerable. According to the *2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation,* 35.8 million people participated in fishing and generated over $46.1 billion in retail sales. According to the American Sportfishing Association's 2018 report *Sportfishing in America: An Economic Force for Conservation*, anglers supported over 800,000 jobs in 2016.

The Sport Fish Restoration Program funds many important projects across the United States. For example, the program has improved fishing and boating access opportunities on Devo Reservoir in Idaho and provided more boat access and facilities for the Big Bend area on the Colorado River in Nevada, as well as provided enhanced sportfish opportunities (and the local economy) for Guadalupe Bass in The Hill Country, Texas. In addition, advances from program funding include development of a revolutionary new app that will allow recreational boaters to find operational pump out stations. Research activities include building knowledge about recreationally important coastal and estuarine fishes including snook, red drum, and red snapper in Florida as well as monitoring the health of Walleye populations to benefit anglers and local businesses in the Ceded Territory of Wisconsin. Outreach activities include support for aquatic education programs including ice fishing, fly tying, kayak fishing, fly-fishing, and basic fishing for kids and families in New Hampshire. The Sportfish program also supports raising and stocking approximately 3 million sport fish per year by supporting operations and maintenance at 11 fish hatcheries in West Virginia.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act programs is $476,421,000 and 58 FTE. The estimate is based on current law projections provided by the Department of the Treasury's Office of Tax Analysis.

Table 1

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF DINGELL-JOHNSON
SPORT FISH RESTORATION FUNDS

STATE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
ALABAMA	$6,146,495	$6,180,946	$6,684,091
ALASKA	$17,595,869	$17,694,493	$19,120,900
AMERICAN SAMOA	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
ARIZONA	$7,310,431	$7,351,405	$7,761,107
ARKANSAS	$5,332,944	$5,362,835	$5,813,375
CALIFORNIA	$16,687,017	$16,780,547	$17,929,359
COLORADO	$9,009,283	$9,059,780	$9,946,036
CONNECTICUT	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
DELAWARE	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
FLORIDA	$12,167,291	$12,235,487	$13,301,729
GEORGIA	$7,790,928	$7,834,595	$8,757,869
GUAM	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
HAWAII	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
IDAHO	$6,356,717	$6,392,346	$6,992,859
ILLINOIS	$6,678,118	$6,715,549	$7,157,062
INDIANA	$4,660,915	$4,687,039	$4,967,465
IOWA	$4,566,470	$4,592,064	$4,909,700
KANSAS	$5,021,082	$5,049,224	$5,409,923
KENTUCKY	$5,314,709	$5,344,498	$5,639,364
LOUISIANA	$6,820,988	$6,859,219	$7,529,977
MAINE	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
MARYLAND	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
MASSACHUSETTS	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
MICHIGAN	$10,694,454	$10,754,396	$11,618,003
MINNESOTA	$12,516,355	$12,586,508	$13,581,406
MISSISSIPPI	$3,996,986	$4,019,389	$4,357,237
MISSOURI	$7,885,443	$7,929,640	$8,325,869
MONTANA	$8,550,906	$8,598,833	$9,405,457
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
NEBRASKA	$4,448,888	$4,473,824	$4,874,104
NEVADA	$5,047,741	$5,076,033	$5,399,112
NEW HAMPSHIRE	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
NEW JERSEY	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
NEW MEXICO	$6,156,125	$6,190,630	$6,791,989
NEW YORK	$7,832,921	$7,876,824	$8,496,222
NORTH CAROLINA	$10,313,854	$10,371,663	$11,242,669

STATE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
NORTH DAKOTA	$4,138,620	$4,161,816	$4,487,444
OHIO	$7,076,842	$7,116,507	$7,481,968
OKLAHOMA	$7,179,528	$7,219,768	$8,403,233
OREGON	$7,913,820	$7,958,177	$8,489,601
PENNSYLVANIA	$8,523,176	$8,570,948	$9,317,674
PUERTO RICO	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
RHODE ISLAND	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
SOUTH CAROLINA	$5,020,641	$5,048,782	$5,313,517
SOUTH DAKOTA	$4,479,021	$4,504,125	$4,879,523
TENNESSEE	$7,560,698	$7,603,075	$8,094,605
TEXAS	$17,595,869	$17,694,493	$19,120,900
UTAH	$6,428,959	$6,464,993	$6,958,556
VERMONT	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
VIRGIN ISLANDS	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
VIRGINIA	$5,144,344	$5,173,178	$5,660,343
WASHINGTON	$7,159,364	$7,199,491	$7,724,469
WEST VIRGINIA	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
WISCONSIN	$11,430,383	$11,494,449	$12,413,227
WYOMING	$5,267,811	$5,297,337	$5,796,261
TOTAL	**$351,917,385**	**$353,889,852**	**$382,418,000**

Table 2

FY 2018 Clean Vessel Act Grant Program Awards

State	Coastal/Inland	Federal Share
Alabama	Coastal	$ 197,587.00
Alabama	Inland	$ 68,274.00
Arkansas	Inland	$ 867,454.00
California	Coastal	$ 851,213.00
California	Inland	$ 1,342,500.00
Connecticut	Coastal	$ 1,396,384.00
Connecticut	Inland	$ 52,196.00
Florida	Coastal	$ 1,314,655.00
Florida	Inland	$ 502,109.00
Georgia	Inland	$ 82,281.00
Idaho	Inland	$ 30,000.00
Maine	Coastal	$ 405,280.00
Massachusetts	Coastal	$ 788,903.00
Michigan	Coastal	$ 266,864.00
Michigan	Inland	$ 48,000.00
New Hampshire	Coastal	$ 110,403.00
New Hampshire	Inland	$ 51,718.00
North Carolina	Coastal	$ 115,641.00
North Carolina	Inland	$ 52,132.00
Ohio	Coastal	$ 383,631.00
Ohio	Inland	$ 9,601.00
Oregon	Coastal	$ 646,179.00
Oregon	Inland	$ 805,959.00
South Carolina	Coastal	$ 901,464.00
South Carolina	Inland	$ 484,931.00
Tennessee	Inland	$ 392,539.00
Vermont	Inland	$ 97,966.00
Virginia	Coastal	$ 322,190.00
Virginia	Inland	$ 93,907.00
Washington	Coastal	$ 1,458,446.00
Washington	Inland	$ 1,075,319.00
Wisconsin	Coastal	$ 175,841.00
Wisconsin	Inland	$ 50,000.00
	Total	**$ 15,441,567.00**

Table 3

FY 2018 Boating Infrastructure Grant Program – Tier 1 Awards

State/Territory	Federal Share
Alabama	$ 170,133
California	$ 197,000
Connecticut	$ 200,000
Georgia	$ 198,484
Idaho	$ 200,000
Kentucky	$ 135,000
Louisiana	$ 200,000
Maine	$ 36,992
Massachusetts	$ 195,668
Michigan	$ 200,000
Mississippi	$ 200,000
Missouri	$ 200,000
New Jersey	$ 200,000
New York	$ 191,490
Oregon	$ 100,000
Rhode Island	$ 199,913
South Carolina	$ 200,000
Tennessee	$ 200,000
Vermont	$ 173,000
Virginia	$ 151,454
Washington	$ 200,000
Wisconsin	$ 200,000
Wyoming	$ 200,000
Total	**$ 4,149,134**

Table 4

FY 2018 Boating Infrastructure Grant Program – Tier 2 Awards

State	Project Title	Federal Share
California	City of West Sacramento Raley's Dock	$ 1,500,000
Florida	City of Fernandina Beach	$ 1,500,000
Florida	Marco River	$ 591,648
Illinois	Navy Pier	$ 1,500,000
New Jersey	Kammerman's Marina	$ 1,025,976
Rhode Island	New England Boatworks	$ 933,117
South Carolina	Charleston City Marina	$ 444,800
South Carolina	Charleston Waterfront	$ 586,108
South Carolina	Skull Creek Marina	$ 1,283,749
Virginia	Rappahannock Yachts	$ 406,742
Total		**$ 9,772,141**

Table 5

FY 2018 National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program Awards

State	Project Name	Federal Share
NC	Hubbard-Pinkerton Wetland Protection	$ 1,000,000.00
OR	Columbia River Estuary - South Tongue Point	$ 1,000,000.00
NC	Waccamaw Campbell Acquisition	$ 1,000,000.00
CA	Elk River Estuary Restoration	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Leque Island Estuary Restoration Project	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Lower Dungeness Floodplain Restoration	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Guemes Island Coastal Protection	$ 1,000,000.00
NJ	Cohansey River and Bayshore Wetlands	$ 674,489.00
AK	Iliamna Islands Conservation Easements	$ 650,000.00
WA	Barnum Point Phase 2	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Big Beef Creek Estuary Acquisition	$ 1,000,000.00
GA	Little Cumberland Island Living Shoreline	$ 275,881.00
WA	Elwha River Delta Acquisition and Restoration	$ 1,000,000.00
CA	Bolinas Lagoon North End Restoration Phase 1	$ 814,590.00
OR	Winter Lake Restoration and Planting Project	$ 1,000,000.00
SC	Santee Coastal Preserve	$ 1,000,000.00
OH	Bay Point Preservation Project	$ 249,000.00
DE	Thousand Acre Marsh Wetland Protection - Selby Property	$ 900,000.00
HI	Alekoko Coastal Wetland Restoration	$ 999,731.00
TX	Follets Island Conservation Initiative-Pauls II Tract Phase	$ 735,500.00
HI	Kanaha Pond Sanctuary Restoration and Protection	$ 999,750.00
ME	Woodward Point Wetlands Conservation Project	$ 569,170.00
	Total	**$ 18,868,111.00**

Table 6

FY 2018 North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant Awards

Project Type	Number of Projects	NAWCA Grant	Matching Amount	Total Partner Amount	Total Acres
Canada Standard Grant	9	$18,723,302	$18,723,302	$18,723,302	29,083
Mexico Standard Grant	8	$2,280,779	$6,215,092	$6,215,092	24,581
U.S. Small Grant	38	$3,664,308	$10,967,071	$10,967,071	22,702
U.S. Standard Grant	39	$39,352,024	$91,584,623	$91,584,623	176,822
TOTAL	**94**	**$64,020,413**	**$127,490,088**	**$127,490,088**	**253,188**

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration

PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE RESTORATION

Appropriations Language

The Wildlife Restoration Account does not require appropriations language because there is permanent authority, established September 6, 1950 (64 Stat. 693), to use the receipts in the account in the fiscal year following their collection.

Authorizing Statutes

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, now referred to as *The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act,* as amended (16 U.S.C. 669-669k) provides Federal assistance to the 50 States, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (States) for projects to restore, enhance, and manage wildlife resources, and to conduct State hunter education programs. The Act authorizes the collection of receipts for permanent, indefinite appropriation to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for use in the fiscal year following collection. Funds not used by the States within two years revert to the Service for carrying out the provisions of the *Migratory Bird Conservation Act*. The *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act* also requires the Secretary of the Treasury to invest the portion of the fund not required for current year spending in interest-bearing obligations. The interest must be used for the *North American Wetlands Conservations Act*.

The Appropriations Act of August 31, 1951 (P.L. 82-136, 64 Stat. 693*)* authorizes receipts from excise taxes on selected hunting and sporting equipment to be deposited in the Wildlife Restoration Account as a permanent, indefinite appropriation. Receipts and interest distributed to the Wildlife Restoration Account are made available for use by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the fiscal year following collection.

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-408) amends the *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act* and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant Program for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects identified as priority projects by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. These high priority projects address problems affecting States on a regional or national basis. It also authorizes a Bow Hunter Education and Safety Program that provides grants to States.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 4407) amends the *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act* and requires the Secretary of the Treasury to invest the portion of the Wildlife Restoration Account not required for current year spending in interest-bearing obligations to be available for States to implement wetlands conservation projects.

Appropriation: Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Payments to States	($000)	789,035	663,371	0	0	+98,323	761,694	+98,323
Hunter Education & Safety Grants	($000)	8,024	8,032	0	0	+464	8,496	+464
Multistate Conservation Grants	($000)	3,009	3,012	0	0	+174	3,186	+174
Administration	($000)	11,211	11,480	0	0	+945	12,425	+945
Subtotal ($000)	($000)	**811,279**	**685,895**	**0**	**0**	**+99,906**	**785,801**	**+99,906**
	FTE	***50***	***50***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***50***	***0***
Interest – NAWCF	($000)	17,810	43,442	0	0	+4,348	47,790	+4,348
TOTAL, Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration	($000)	**829,089**	**729,337**	**0**	**0**	**+104,254**	**833,591**	**+104,254**
	FTE	***50***	***50***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***50***	***0***

The 2018 and 2019 amounts include sequestration in accordance with section 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C. 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

In 1937, Congress passed the *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act,* authorizing the appropriation of funds from an excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition to the Secretary of the Interior for apportionment to States on a formula basis. The accompanying Service-administered grant programs, including the Section 4(c) Hunter Education and Safety Program (Basic Hunter Education) and the Section 10 Enhanced Firearm and Bow Hunter Education and Safety Program (Enhanced Hunter Education), are key components of the Nation's cooperative conservation efforts for wildlife and their habitats. Through administering these programs, the Service helps to create and maintain strong conservation stewardship, supporting local communities in sustainably using their natural resources. Since 1937, the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Program has contributed $11.5 billion to restore, conserve, manage, and enhance wild bird and mammal populations, acquire and manage wildlife habitats, provide public uses that benefit from wildlife resources, educate hunters on conservation ethics and safety, and construct, operate, and manage recreational firearm shooting and archery ranges.

Black bears in North Carolina Credit:: LeAnne Bonner, USFWS

The economic impacts of hunting and recreational shooting in the United States are considerable. The Service's *2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation* estimates the total number of hunters in the United States to be 11.5 million, and total hunting expenditures to be $26.2 billion. An estimated 32 million people went target shooting with firearms annually, and 12.4 million engaged in archery activities. According to the 2018 National Shooting Sports Foundation's report, *Hunting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation*, hunter spending generates $185 million per day for the United States economy, and supports as many as 525,000 jobs. The 2018 National Shooting Sports Foundation's report, *Target Shooting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation,* reports that target shooters spent $16.9 billion in 2016 on equipment and travel, and supported 329,000 jobs.

The Wildlife Restoration Program funds many important projects across the United States. Important research funded includes black bear research in North Carolina; mountain lion population assessments and conservation in California; large-scale moose herd research in Colorado; comprehensive assessments of oil and gas development on mule deer populations in western North Dakota; the study of chronic wasting disease in deer populations in Wisconsin; and a wildlife health and genetics laboratory in Idaho. Funds were also provided for many other projects including a recreational shooting park in Florida and wildlife overpasses in Nevada to prevent accidents and protect human safety.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Program is $796,421,000 and 50 FTE. The estimate is based on current law projections provided by the Department of the Treasury's Office of Tax Analysis.

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ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF PITTMAN-ROBERTSON
WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

	WILDLIFE	HUNTER EDUCATION		
	FUNDS-5220	SEC 4(c) FUNDS-5210	ENHANCED FUNDS-5230	
STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
ALABAMA	$16,579,755	$3,608,384	$181,554	$20,369,693
ALASKA	$33,378,000	$1,590,000	$80,000	$35,048,000
AMERICAN SAMOA	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
ARIZONA	$18,517,400	$4,770,000	$240,000	$23,527,400
ARKANSAS	$12,484,365	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,154,365
CALIFORNIA	$22,352,951	$4,770,000	$240,000	$27,362,951
COLORADO	$16,781,231	$3,796,709	$191,029	$20,768,970
CONNECTICUT	$3,337,800	$2,698,206	$135,759	$6,171,765
DELAWARE	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	$0	$0	$0	$0
FLORIDA	$10,041,003	$4,770,000	$240,000	$15,051,003
GEORGIA	$18,798,703	$4,770,000	$240,000	$23,808,703
GUAM	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
HAWAII	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
IDAHO	$14,307,782	$1,590,000	$80,000	$15,977,782
ILLINOIS	$12,285,048	$4,770,000	$240,000	$17,295,048
INDIANA	$9,297,104	$4,770,000	$240,000	$14,307,104

STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
IOWA	$10,791,536	$1,590,000	$80,000	$12,461,536
KANSAS	$13,600,379	$1,590,000	$80,000	$15,270,379
KENTUCKY	$11,413,490	$3,275,934	$164,827	$14,854,251
LOUISIANA	$13,027,819	$3,422,395	$172,196	$16,622,410
MAINE	$6,842,123	$1,590,000	$80,000	$8,512,123
MARYLAND	$3,613,028	$4,358,649	$219,303	$8,190,980
MASSACHUSETTS	$3,337,800	$4,770,000	$240,000	$8,347,800
MICHIGAN	$20,793,652	$4,770,000	$240,000	$25,803,652
MINNESOTA	$20,317,160	$4,004,112	$201,465	$24,522,736
MISSISSIPPI	$11,064,616	$1,590,000	$80,000	$12,734,616
MISSOURI	$17,454,995	$4,521,243	$227,484	$22,203,722
MONTANA	$20,261,194	$1,590,000	$80,000	$21,931,194
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
NEBRASKA	$11,653,317	$1,590,000	$80,000	$13,323,317
NEVADA	$12,932,397	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,602,397
NEW HAMPSHIRE	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
NEW JERSEY	$3,337,800	$4,770,000	$240,000	$8,347,800
NEW MEXICO	$14,812,728	$1,590,000	$80,000	$16,482,728
NEW YORK	$16,800,805	$4,770,000	$240,000	$21,810,805
NORTH CAROLINA	$17,187,101	$4,770,000	$240,000	$22,197,101
NORTH DAKOTA	$10,241,093	$1,590,000	$80,000	$11,911,093
OHIO	$12,354,310	$4,770,000	$240,000	$17,364,310
OKLAHOMA	$16,081,917	$2,832,021	$142,492	$19,056,430
OREGON	$15,490,259	$2,892,207	$145,520	$18,527,986
PENNSYLVANIA	$24,789,198	$4,770,000	$240,000	$29,799,198
PUERTO RICO	$3,337,800	$265,000	$13,333	$3,616,133
RHODE ISLAND	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
SOUTH CAROLINA	$7,580,914	$3,491,843	$175,690	$11,248,448
SOUTH DAKOTA	$12,605,231	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,275,231
TENNESSEE	$19,012,492	$4,770,000	$240,000	$24,022,492
TEXAS	$33,378,000	$4,770,000	$240,000	$38,388,000
UTAH	$13,475,617	$1,590,000	$80,000	$15,145,617
VERMONT	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800

STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
VIRGIN ISLANDS	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
VIRGINIA	$9,888,737	$4,770,000	$240,000	$14,898,737
WASHINGTON	$10,822,836	$4,770,000	$240,000	$15,832,836
WEST VIRGINIA	$7,011,993	$1,590,000	$80,000	$8,681,993
WISCONSIN	$20,139,717	$4,293,297	$216,015	$24,649,029
WYOMING	$12,807,402	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,477,402
TOTAL	**$667,560,000**	**$159,000,000**	**$8,000,000**	**$834,560,000**

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	WILDLIFE	HUNTER EDUCATION		
	FUNDS-5220	SEC 4(c) FUNDS-5210	ENHANCED FUNDS-5230	
STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
ALABAMA	$15,093,684	$3,404,136	$192,810	$18,690,630
ALASKA	$30,584,700	$1,500,000	$84,960	$32,169,660
AMERICAN SAMOA	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
ARIZONA	$16,561,107	$4,500,000	$254,880	$21,315,987
ARKANSAS	$11,136,309	$1,500,000	$84,960	$12,721,269
CALIFORNIA	$20,382,867	$4,500,000	$254,880	$25,137,747
COLORADO	$15,412,255	$3,581,801	$202,873	$19,196,929
CONNECTICUT	$3,058,470	$2,545,478	$144,176	$5,748,124
DELAWARE	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	$0	$0	$0	$0
FLORIDA	$9,135,821	$4,500,000	$254,880	$13,890,701
GEORGIA	$17,710,682	$4,500,000	$254,880	$22,465,562
GUAM	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
HAWAII	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
IDAHO	$13,311,368	$1,500,000	$84,960	$14,896,328
ILLINOIS	$11,058,508	$4,500,000	$254,880	$15,813,388
INDIANA	$8,415,514	$4,500,000	$254,880	$13,170,394
IOWA	$9,519,177	$1,500,000	$84,960	$11,104,137
KANSAS	$12,529,421	$1,500,000	$84,960	$14,114,381
KENTUCKY	$10,392,668	$3,090,504	$175,046	$13,658,218

STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
LOUISIANA	$11,956,043	$3,228,675	$182,872	$15,367,590
MAINE	$6,194,975	$1,500,000	$84,960	$7,779,935
MARYLAND	$3,230,688	$4,111,933	$232,900	$7,575,521
MASSACHUSETTS	$3,058,470	$4,500,000	$254,880	$7,813,350
MICHIGAN	$18,677,164	$4,500,000	$254,880	$23,432,044
MINNESOTA	$18,595,102	$3,777,464	$213,956	$22,586,522
MISSISSIPPI	$10,122,186	$1,500,000	$84,960	$11,707,146
MISSOURI	$15,898,538	$4,265,323	$241,588	$20,405,449
MONTANA	$18,765,030	$1,500,000	$84,960	$20,349,990
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
NEBRASKA	$10,792,283	$1,500,000	$84,960	$12,377,243
NEVADA	$11,855,396	$1,500,000	$84,960	$13,440,356
NEW HAMPSHIRE	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
NEW JERSEY	$3,058,470	$4,500,000	$254,880	$7,813,350
NEW MEXICO	$13,624,389	$1,500,000	$84,960	$15,209,349
NEW YORK	$15,422,463	$4,500,000	$254,880	$20,177,343
NORTH CAROLINA	$15,887,188	$4,500,000	$254,880	$20,642,068
NORTH DAKOTA	$9,387,344	$1,500,000	$84,960	$10,972,304
OHIO	$11,182,420	$4,500,000	$254,880	$15,937,300
OKLAHOMA	$16,497,071	$2,671,718	$151,326	$19,320,115
OREGON	$14,189,935	$2,728,496	$154,542	$17,072,973
PENNSYLVANIA	$22,401,669	$4,500,000	$254,880	$27,156,549
PUERTO RICO	$3,058,470	$250,000	$14,160	$3,322,630
RHODE ISLAND	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
SOUTH CAROLINA	$6,874,068	$3,294,192	$186,583	$10,354,843
SOUTH DAKOTA	$11,698,845	$1,500,000	$84,960	$13,283,805
TENNESSEE	$17,006,095	$4,500,000	$254,880	$21,760,975
TEXAS	$30,584,700	$4,500,000	$254,880	$35,339,580
UTAH	$12,507,256	$1,500,000	$84,960	$14,092,216
VERMONT	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
VIRGIN ISLANDS	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
VIRGINIA	$9,013,053	$4,500,000	$254,880	$13,767,933
WASHINGTON	$9,914,015	$4,500,000	$254,880	$14,668,895
WEST VIRGINIA	$6,339,325	$1,500,000	$84,960	$7,924,285
WISCONSIN	$18,454,344	$4,050,280	$229,408	$22,734,032
WYOMING	$11,774,144	$1,500,000	$84,960	$13,359,104
TOTAL	**$611,694,000**	**$150,000,000**	**$8,496,000**	**$770,190,000**

Migratory Bird Conservation Account

Appropriations Language

This activity does not require appropriations language, except for advances, which are not requested, as there is permanent authority as provided in the 81st Congress, Second Session—Chapter 896, Interior Appropriations Act, 1951, September 6, 1951 (64 Stat. 697) to use the receipts.

Authorizing Statutes

The Migratory Bird Conservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 715-715d, 715e, 715f-715r), established the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) to approve migratory bird areas that the Secretary of the Interior recommends for acquisition. The Act also authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire MBCC-approved migratory bird areas.

The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 718a-718k), requires all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to possess a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, commonly known as a Duck Stamp, while waterfowl hunting. Funds from the sale of Duck Stamps are deposited in a special treasury account known as the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF) established by this Act. The Act also authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to use funds from the MBCF to acquire waterfowl production areas. The 2014 amendment to the Act (Pub. L. 113-264) increased the price of the Federal Duck Stamp from $15 to $25, with the $10 increase dedicated to the acquisition of conservation easements.

The Wetlands Loan Act, (16 U.S.C. 715k-3 - 715k-5), authorizes the appropriation of advances (not to exceed $200 million, available until expended) to accelerate acquisition of migratory waterfowl habitat, and requires the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Service Director, to obtain the approval of the State's Governor or the appropriate State agency to acquire land in the State with MBCF monies. To date, $197,439,000 has been appropriated under this authority. Funds appropriated under the Wetlands Loan Act are merged with receipts from sales of Duck Stamps and other sources and made available for acquisition of migratory bird habitat under provisions of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act, as amended, or the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, as amended.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), requires payment of fair market value for any right-of-way granted over, across, through, or under National Wildlife Refuge System lands. These payments are deposited into the MBCF.

The Emergency Wetlands Resources Act, as amended (P. L. 99-645; 100 Stat. 3582), provides for: (1) an amount equal to the amount of all import duties collected on arms and ammunition to be paid quarterly into the MBCF, and (2) removal of the repayment provision of the Wetlands Loan Act (P. L. 87-383).

Appropriation: Migratory Bird Conservation Account

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Land Acquisition: Fee, Easements, and Leases	($000)	80,812	75,091	0	0	+3,959	79,050	+3,959
U.S. Postal Service Duck Stamp Printing and Sales Costs	($000)	518	600	0	0	0	600	0
Total, Migratory Bird Conservation Account	**($000)**	**81,330**	**75,691**	**0**	**0**	**+3,959**	**79,650**	**+3,959**
	FTE	***67***	***67***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***67***	***0***

*The amounts presented in 2018 and 2019 include sequestration in accordance with section 251(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, 2 U.S.C. 901(a). In addition, the amounts in 2018 and 2019 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

The Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF) supports America's conservation legacy and its tradition of migratory bird hunting. The MBCF is a sportsmen and waterfowl enthusiast-funded account that provides the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with monies to acquire important waterfowl habitat for the National Wildlife Refuge System under the authority of the *Migratory Bird Conservation Act* and the *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act*.

The *Migratory Bird Conservation Act* established the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC), which oversees MBCF expenditures. The MBCC is chaired by the Secretary and includes four members of Congress. Over its 80-year history, the MBCC has approved acquisition of key wetland habitats to sustain migratory bird populations, while establishing or enhancing many of our Nation's most popular destinations for public waterfowl hunting and bird watching. Since 1935, the MBCC has approved proposals to establish or expand more than 240 national wildlife refuges using the MBCF. These national wildlife refuges now account for 75% of all public refuge visits for waterfowl and migratory bird hunting and 52% of all public refuge visits for fishing. By protecting more wetlands, these refuges also improve water quality and groundwater recharge, and moderate flooding events.

All proposed MBCF land acquisitions for national wildlife refuges must be approved by the MBCC, and the MBCC only considers such proposals in a State after:

- The State's legislature has consented by law to acquisition by the United States (16 U.S.C. 715f);
- The Secretary, acting through the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has consulted with the affected county or other unit of local government and with the State's Governor or the appropriate State agency, about the proposed land acquisition (16 U.S.C. 715c); and
- The State's Governor or his/her designee has approved the acquisition (16 U.S.C. 715k-5).

Additionally, the State official that administers the State's game laws, or his/her representative, serves as an ex officio member of the MBCC and considers and votes on all proposed acquisitions in their State.

There are two major sources of funds deposited into the MBCF account. The best-known source is the revenue received from the sale of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps, commonly known as Duck Stamps, as provided for under the *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act*. In accordance with the *Federal Duck Stamp Act of 2014*, all amounts in excess of $15 received from the sale of each Duck Stamp can be used only for conservation easement acquisition. The other major funding source is import duties collected on arms and ammunition, as provided for under the *Emergency Wetlands*

Resources Act. The MBCF is further supplemented by payments for rights-of-way granted across refuge lands, and any proceeds from refuge land disposals. State-reverted funds in the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration account are also used for MBCF purposes.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund is $79,650,000 and 67 FTE.

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Recreation Fee Program

Appropriations Language

The 2019 budget proposed to permanently reauthorize the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, which expires in September 2019. As a precaution, the budget also proposed appropriations language to provide a two-year extension of FLREA through September 2021.

Authorizing Statutes

Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6801-6814). The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) provides the authority to establish, modify, charge, and collect recreation fees at Federal recreation land and waters. The Act seeks to improve recreational facilities and visitor opportunities and services on Federal recreational lands by reinvesting receipts from fair and consistent recreational fees and pass sales. The 2019 budget proposed legislation to permanently authorize the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, which will expire on September 30, 2019. Permanent authorization of FLREA will further the Secretary's priority of generating additional revenues to support DOI and National interests by ensuring that recreation fees collected on national wildlife refuges are reasonable and targeted to achieve cost recovery.

These specified allowable purposes include terms that are broad and have commonly understood, or ordinary, meanings. They include:

- Repair: Which generally means to fix or mend a thing suffering from damage or a fault; make good by fixing or repairing it; put right;
- Maintenance: Which generally means the process of maintaining or preserving someone or something, or the state of being maintained; the process of keeping something in good condition;
- Facility Enhancement (related directly to visitor enjoyment): This is generally understood to be an intensification, increase, or further improvement of the quality or value of a facility;
- Visitor Access: Which generally means approaching or entering a place; the right or opportunity to use or benefit from something; the condition of being able to be reached or obtained;
- Health: Which generally means the state of being free from illness or injury;
- Safety: Which generally means the condition of being protected from or unlikely to cause danger, risk, or injury;
- Interpretation: Which is generally understood to be the action of explaining the meaning of something; an explanation or way of explaining;
- Visitor Information: Which is generally understood to be providing visitors with facts about something or someone related to the visit;
- Visitor Service: Which is generally understood to be the action of helping or doing work for someone; assistance or advice given to a visitor;
- Signs: Which is generally understood to mean a notice that is publicly displayed giving information or instructions in a written or symbolic form; and
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreation.

Appropriation: Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)*	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 Estimate (+/-)
Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program	($000)	7,505	5,104	0	+58	5,162	+58
	FTE	*30*	*30*	*0*	*0*	*30*	*0*

*The amount presented in 2018 and 2019 includes the sequestration in accordance with Sec. 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Mission

The intent of the Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program is to provide an additional revenue source for "repair, maintenance, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety; interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs; habitat restoration directly related to wildlife-dependent recreation that is limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography; law enforcement related to public use and recreation; direct operating or capital costs associated with the Recreation Fee Program; and a fee management agreement established under section 6(a) or a visitor reservation service." [From FLREA, 16 U.S.C. 6803(c)].

Program Overview

The Recreation Fee Program, authorized through September 30, 2019, allows the collection of entrance, expanded amenity, and special recreation permit fees on Federal lands and waters managed by the Department of the Interior, such as National Wildlife Refuges. The Service returns at least 80 percent of the collections to the specific refuge site of collection to offset program costs and enhance visitor facilities and programs. The Service has more than 166 approved Recreation Fee Program sites. An additional 28 National Fish Hatchery, Ecological Service offices, or other refuge sites also sell the National Parks & Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass to improve pass availability for the public in certain regions. The Service's Recreation Fee Program expects to collect approximately $5,100,000 in FY 2019 and $5,162,000 in FY 2020 under FLREA authority.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program is $5,162,000 and 30 FTE.

Contributed Funds

Appropriations Language

Activities funded from this account do not require appropriation language since there is permanent authority to use the receipts.

Authorizing Statutes

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-668). This Act authorized the Secretary of the Interior to accept donations of land and contributed funds in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 743b-7421). This Act authorizes loans for commercial fishing vessels; investigations of fish and wildlife resources; and cooperation with other agencies. The Service is also authorized to accept donations of real and personal property. P.L. 105-242 amended this act to authorize cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer outreach and education programs. Funds contributed by partners from sales and gifts must be deposited in a separate account in the Department of the Treasury.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (16 U.S.C. 4601-1h). This Act authorizes donations of fund, property, and personal services or facilities for the purposes of the Act.

National Wildlife Refuge System Volunteer and Community Partnership Act (16 U.S.C. 742). Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

National Fish Hatchery System Volunteer Act (120 STAT 2058-2061). Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to promote the stewardship of resources through biological monitoring or research; to construct, operate, maintain, or improve hatchery facilities, habitat and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

Appropriation: Contributed Funds

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Contributed Funds	($000)	3,966	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	0
	FTE	*18*	*18*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*18*	*0*

Program Overview

The Service accepts unsolicited contributions from other governments, private organizations, and individuals. Once collected, the funds are used to support a variety of fish and wildlife conservation projects that contribute to fulfillment of DOI goals and the Service's mission.

Contributions are difficult to accurately forecast due to external events. In recent years, annual contributions have ranged from approximately $3.7 million in FY 2014 to $5.0 million in FY 2017.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for Contributed Funds is $5,000,000 and 18 FTE.

Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations

Appropriations Language

Activities funded from these mandatory spending accounts do not require appropriation language since they were authorized in previous years.

Authorizing Statutes

Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, as amended, (P.L. 98-473, section 320; 98 Stat. 1874). Provides that all rents and charges collected for quarters of agencies funded by the Act shall be deposited and remain available until expended for the maintenance and operation of quarters of that agency.

Flood Control Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 460d). Provides that receipts collected from the sales of timber and crops produced on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land leased by another Federal agency for natural resources conservation may be used to cover expenses of producing these products and for managing the land for natural resource purposes.

Truckee-Carson Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act, (P.L. 101-618, section 206(f)), as amended by Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 1998, (P.L. 105-83). Authorizes certain revenues and donations from non-federal entities to be deposited into the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund to support restoration and enhancement of wetlands in the Lahontan Valley and to restore and protect the Pyramid Lake fishery, including the recovery of two endangered or threatened species of fish. Payments to the Bureau of Reclamation for storage in Northern Nevada's Washoe Project that exceed the operation and maintenance costs of Stampede Reservoir are deposited into the Fund and are available without further appropriation, starting in FY 1996. Beginning in FY 1998, P.L. 105-83 provides that receipts from the sales of certain lands by the Secretary of the Interior are to be deposited into the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund.

Commercial Filming Fee, (P.L. 113-287). This law authorizes a fee system for commercial filming activities on Federal land and to use the fees for expenditure by the Secretary, without further appropriation.

Community Partnership Enhancement Act of 1998, (16 U.S.C.742f). This act authorizes the cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer outreach and education programs.

Appropriation: Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Operations and Maintenance of Quarters	($000)	3,364	3,300	0	0	+50	3,350	0
	FTE	*3*	*3*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*3*	*0*
Proceeds from Sales	($000)	168	225	0	0	+25	250	0
	FTE	*1*	*1*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*1*	*0*
Lahontan Valley & Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund	($000)	176	425	0	0	0	425	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Film and Photography Fee Program	($000)	0	75	0	0	0	75	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Community Partnership Enhancement	($000)	154	100	0	0	0	100	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Total, Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations	**($000)**	**3,862**	**4,125**	**0**	**0**	**+75**	**4,200**	**0**
	FTE	***4***	***4***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***4***	***0***

Program Overview

Operations and Maintenance of Quarters

The Operations and Maintenance of Quarters (Quarters) Account uses receipts from the rental of Service quarters to pay for maintenance and operation of those quarters. Certain circumstances, including a lack of off-site residences and site isolation, require Service personnel to occupy government-owned quarters. Such work includes protecting fish hatchery stock (e.g. maintaining water flow to fish rearing ponds during freezing temperatures), monitoring water management facilities, ensuring the health and welfare of visitors, responding to fires and floods, and protecting government property.

Proceeds From Sales, Water Resources Development Projects

As described in 16 U.S.C. 460(d), receipts collected from the sale of timber and crops from Refuge System lands leased or licensed from the Department of the Army may be used to pay the costs of production of the timber and crops and for managing wildlife habitat. Twenty-three National Wildlife Refuges were established as overlay projects on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land, and they are administered in accordance with cooperative agreements. The agreements provide that timber and grain may be harvested and sold with the receipts returned for development, conservation, maintenance, and utilization of such lands. The Service has used these funds in the past for soil amendments; road construction and repairs; and ditch and fence construction and maintenance. These expenses cannot exceed the receipt amounts deposited as proceeds from sales.

Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund

Pursuant to the Truckee-Carson Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990, the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund receives revenues and donations from non-Federal parties to support the restoration and enhancement of wetlands in the Lahontan Valley and to restore and protect the Pyramid Lake fishery. Payments received from the Bureau of Reclamation's Washoe and Truckee Storage Projects in excess of operation and maintenance costs for Stampede Reservoir are available without further

appropriation. Donations made for express purposes and State cost-sharing funds are available without further appropriation. The Secretary is also authorized to deposit proceeds from the sale of certain lands, interests in lands, and water rights into the Fund.

Film and Photography Fee Program
Congress provided authority for the Service to require permits and establish reasonable fees for commercial filming activities and certain still photography activities under Service jurisdiction. It requires all four bureaus involved—the Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service—to develop and implement a consistent fee schedule. To date, the four bureaus have revised the draft fee schedule after a public comment period, and the final fee schedule has not yet been published. Once the Service is able to charge and collect these fees, all costs recovered under this Act shall be available for expenditures by the Secretary, without further appropriation, at the site where collected, and shall remain available until expended.

Community Partnership Enhancement
The Community Partnership fund was established to encourage volunteer programs, donations, and other contributions by persons or organizations for the benefit of a particular wildlife refuge or complex. The partnership between a refuge or complex and non-federal organizations may promote public awareness of the resources of the Refuge System and public participation in the conservation of resources. Partnerships may be in the form of a non-profit organization (as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code), academic institution, or State or local government agency to carry out projects or programs for a refuge or refuge complex.

Funds may be used to promote education and the conservation of fish, wildlife, plants, and cultural and historical resources on a refuge or refuge complex.

2020 Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations is $4,200,000 and 4 FTE.

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Administrative Provisions and Legislative Proposals

Legislative Proposals

Public Lands Infrastructure Fund

Interior manages an infrastructure asset portfolio with a replacement value exceeding $300 billion, ranging from elementary and secondary schools serving Indian children in the West, to highways and bridges serving the daily commuting needs of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Most well-known, are Interior's iconic and unique national treasures that have priceless historical significance. Many of these assets are deteriorating, with older assets becoming more expensive to repair and maintain in good condition.

Interior and Agriculture manage an infrastructure asset portfolio with over $18 billion in deferred maintenance, which includes structures, trails, roads, utility systems, and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools. To address these needs, the Budget includes $6.5 billion over 5 years for a Public Lands Infrastructure Fund. The Fund will support infrastructure improvements through an allocation of 70 percent for national parks, 10 percent for national forests, 10 percent for wildlife refuges, five percent for BIE schools, and five percent for lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The Fund will be supported by the deposit of 50 percent of all Federal energy development revenue that would otherwise be credited or deposited as miscellaneous receipts to the Treasury over the 2020–2024 period, subject to an annual limit of $1.3 billion. Interior and Agriculture would prioritize projects, monitor implementation, and measure results. This investment will significantly improve many of America's most visible, visited, and treasured places.

Expiring Authorization Citation

Bureau/Office Name	Fish and Wildlife Service
Program Name	Land Acquisition
Citation	16 USC 2801-2810; 94 Stat. 1198
Title of Legislation	Land and Water Conservation Fund
Last Year of Authorization	2018
Appropriation in Last Year of Authorization ($000)	$63,839,000
BY Budget Request ($000)	$9,864,000
Explanation of Authorization Requirement for BY	None
Program Description	Authorizes appropriations to the Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire land for National Wildlife Refuges as otherwise authorized by law.

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Section 403 Compliance

Purpose: To fulfill legislative requirements for disclosure of program assessments used to support Government-wide, departmental, or agency initiatives or general operations. H. R. 1625 / Public Law 115-141, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018:

> *SEC. 403. The amount and basis of estimated overhead charges, deductions, reserves or holdbacks, including working capital fund and cost pool charges, from programs, projects, activities and subactivities to support government-wide, departmental, agency, or bureau administrative functions or headquarters, regional, or central operations shall be presented in annual budget justifications and subject to approval by the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Changes to such estimates shall be presented to the Committees on Appropriations for approval.*

Pursuant to the *Section 403* directive, the Service fully discloses its administrative costs as follows:

REGIONAL COMMON PROGRAM SERVICES: Each region has reported on common program services (shared costs) and direct charges. A few examples of these services include facilities management, safety initiatives, and circumstances where programs pay for specific administrative services. As we transition to joint administrative operations under a Headquarters Assistant Director, these charges will become national charges.

NON-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT USER-PAY COST SHARE: Non-Resource Management Programs continue to pay annually for the administrative services they consume. The funding received from Non-Resource Management Programs supplements central, regional and Servicewide support operations. Specifically, the Non-Resource Management Programs pay for their actual use of communication services and Workers' Compensation. Other costs, such as Washington and Regional office administration and Service-wide costs, such as Unemployment Compensation are measured through FTE usage.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION: The Service has historically paid workers' compensation costs centrally through the Servicewide bill paying account. As a result, programs were not aware of the costs that result from employee injuries. Since FY 2015, workers' compensation costs have been charged to the applicable programs. The Service made this change to address an audit finding and provide incentive for programs to participate in the Department's Return to Work initiative.

ENTERPRISE-WIDE SERVICES: In order to provide the necessary level of funding for Enterprise-wide and Working Capital Fund Direct Bill services, the Service assesses its resource management programs for costs that can be directly tracked back to users. This includes software licenses, cell phone costs, personnel system costs, employee badges and the like.

RESERVES: The Service Director manages a deferred allocation fund of up to one-half of one percent of the current year Resource Management appropriation for each subactivity in excess of three million dollars. These management reserve funds are used for unanticipated requirements and are applied consistently with the original appropriation.

The Service strictly adheres to the policy that Congressional priorities must be funded in their entirety and are not subject to the deferred allocation or user-pay cost share.

Below shows administrative cost estimates for FYs 2019 and 2020:

	Fiscal Year 2019
External Administrative Costs	
WCF Centralized Billings	$23,253,700
WCF Direct Billings/Fee for Service	$17,086,100
Program Assessments	
Holdbacks, Reserves, and Deductions	$6,395,010
Bureau Administrative Costs/Central and Regional Operations	
Regional Common Program Services	$26,000,000
Non-Resource Management User-Pay Cost Share	$9,157,807
Workers' Compensation	$832,000
Enterprise-Wide Services	$23,000,000
One-Time Security and IT Investments	$2,856,700

	Fiscal Year 2020
External Administrative Costs	
WCF Centralized Billings	$24,960,600
WCF Direct Billings/Fee for Service	$17,135,100
Program Assessments	
Holdbacks, Reserves, and Deductions	$6,285,805
Bureau Administrative Costs/Central and Regional Operations	
Regional Common Program Services	$27,000,000
Non-Resource Management User-Pay Cost Share	$9,249,385
Workers' Compensation	$627,000
Enterprise-Wide Services	$23,000,000

Employee Count by Grade			
(Total Employment)			
	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Estimate	FY 2020 Estimate
Executive Level V ……	0	0	1
SES ……..……...	18	18	21
Subtotal ……..……	**18**	**18**	**22**
SL - 00 ……..……..	1	1	1
ST - 00 ……..……..	0	0	0
Subtotal ……..……	**1**	**1**	**1**
GS/GM -15 ……..……..	130	125	113
GS/GM -14 ……..…….	545	540	530
GS/GM -13 ……..…….	1,399	1,390	1,370
GS -12 ……..……...	1,697	1,690	1,675
GS -11 ……..……...	1,544	1,544	1,535
GS -10 ……..……...	8	8	8
GS - 9 ……..……	923	930	940
GS - 8 ……..……	113	113	105
GS - 7 ……..……	558	567	565
GS - 6 ……..……	193	190	190
GS - 5 ……..……	446	450	451
GS - 4 ……..……	163	165	165
GS - 3 ……..……	74	75	75
GS - 2 ……..……	10	10	15
GS - 1 ……..……	0	1	2
Subtotal ……..……	**7,803**	**7,798**	**7,739**
Other Pay Schedule Systems ……..……	685	648	644
**Total employment (actuals & estimates) ……..…….. **	**8,507**	**8,465**	**8,406**

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Allocations Received from Other Accounts

Department / Program	FY 2018 Actual		FY 2019 Estimate		FY 2020 Estimate	
	Budget Authority	Outlays	Budget Authority	Outlays	Budget Authority	Outlays
Department of Agriculture:						
Forest Pest Management 8550	0	77,134	0	27,770	0	0
Forest Pest Management 8874	157,000	15,000	200,000	187,100	200,000	200,000
Department of the Interior:						
Office of Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration						
Damage Assessment 8300	1,554,627	2,256,719	2,000,000	1,866,388	2,000,000	2,000,000
Restoration 9800	22,774,328	17,098,701	14,000,000	16,632,298	14,000,000	14,000,000
Office of Wildland Fire Coordination						
Wildland Fire Management	84,128,208	81,369,174	64,000,000	70,038,462	64,000,000	64,000,000
Disaster Relief - Hurricane Sandy	868,685	7,170,481	0	4,500,000	0	1,900,000
Bureau of Land Management						
Central Hazardous Materials Fund	3,007,653	4,148,159	4,000,000	3,702,296	4,000,000	4,000,000
So. Nevada Public Lands Management	1,341,000	824,324	1,000,000	1,102,300	1,000,000	1,000,000
Energy Act - Permit Improvement	1,201,000	1,387,077	1,201,000	1,201,000	1,201,000	1,201,000
Department of Transportation:						
Federal Highway Administration-Discretionary 0500	4,424,394	1,237,502	2,000,000	2,727,318	2,000,000	2,000,000
Federal Highway Administra ion- Mandatory 8083	9,514,274	10,310,397	8,000,000	8,454,282	8,000,000	8,000,000
TOTAL	128,971,169	125,894,668	96,401,000	110,439,215	96,401,000	98,301,000

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Executive Summary

Conserving the Nature of America
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is the oldest Federal conservation agency, tracing its lineage back to 1871, and the only agency in the Federal government whose primary responsibility is management of fish and wildlife for the American public. The Service helps ensure a healthy environment for people by providing opportunities for Americans to enjoy the outdoors and our shared natural heritage.

The first predecessor of the Service was the U.S. Fish Commission, which was established on February 9, 1871 under the Department of Commerce, and renamed the Bureau of Fisheries on July 1, 1903. The second predecessor bureau was the Office of Economic Ornithology and Mammalogy established in 1885 under the Department of Agriculture. In 1896, it was renamed the Division of Biological Survey and in 1905 renamed again the Bureau of Biological Survey. The Biological Survey was responsible for the protection of all non-fish species in the U.S. In 1900, the Biological Survey pioneered the Federal role in wildlife law enforcement with the passage of the *Lacey Act*. In 1903, as a result of an executive order by President Theodore Roosevelt, the Biological Survey began to administer the Pelican Island Bird Reservation, the first unit of what has become the modern National Wildlife Refuge System.

Kids ice fishing day at Genoa National Fish Hatchery. Credit: USFWS

In 1939 the Bureau of Biological Survey and the Bureau of Fisheries were merged and transferred to the Department of the Interior. One year later, the merged Bureau officially became the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Although at least three departments governed the bureau and many name changes occurred, the Service's mission has remained remarkably consistent for the last 148 years. The Service mission is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. A wide range of Federal laws and executive orders provide the Service with principal trust responsibility to protect and conserve migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, certain marine mammals, and inter-jurisdictional fisheries. This mission clearly contemplates fostering access to wildlife refuges in order to educate and inspire the public.

The Service believes connecting Americans directly with the Nation's wildlife heritage is a priority. To accomplish this goal, the Service will continue to make the wildlife refuges more welcoming to new and diverse audiences, and offer new hunting and fishing programs which serve the dual purpose of conservation and recreation.

The 2016 *National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation*, indicated that 101.6 million Americans, 38 percent of the U.S. population 16 years old and older, enjoyed some form of fishing, hunting, or wildlife-associated recreation. The report also noted that outdoor recreation is a huge contributor to our Nation's economy, spurring annual expenditures estimated at $156.3 billion. This

spending creates thousands of jobs, supports countless local communities and their economies, and provides vital funding for conservation.

The Service's National Wildlife Refuge System plays an essential role in providing outdoor recreation opportunities to the American public and the associated economic benefits to local communities. In FY 2018, over 55 million visitors to National Wildlife Refuges hunted, fished, observed or photographed wildlife, or participated in environmental education or interpretation on a refuge. The most popular visitor activities were use of our trails, wildlife auto routes, and wildlife observation programs. These activities help National Wildlife Refuges serve as an economic engine for local communities, helping to annually support 37,000 jobs and $2.4 billion in visitor expenditures according to the Service's latest *Banking on Nature* report, published in 2013.

American sportsmen and sportswomen are the backbone of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation that is admired around the globe. The 2020 budget sustains this commitment and also emphasizes the recovery of species, land health, and leveraged conservation partnerships. The budget invests in expanding access for sportsmen and sportswomen, supports the Administration's initiative to better protect habitat and research migration corridors for iconic North American big game species, and maintains support for important coastal and wetland restoration programs like the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Waterfowl hunting provides one important example of a traditional outdoor way of life. The Service provides opportunities for waterfowl hunting experiences across the Nation, and it ensures that this form of recreation can be practiced for years to come through sustainable harvests. Of the 567 wildlife refuges and 38 Wetland Conservation Districts, 377 are open to some type of hunting, and 312 are open to fishing. Over 2.4 million hunters and over 7.3 million recreational anglers visited these refuges last year.

A birding tour participant focuses in on a perched tree swallow. Credit: Larry Dean/USFWS

Of all the wildlife in the United States, birds attract the biggest following. According to the *2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation*, there were 45 million birdwatchers 16 years of age and older in the United States. Wildlife refuges provide wonderful places to observe birds, especially during major bird festivals that coincide with spring or fall migrations.

The Service is also responsible for implementing some of our Nation's most important and foundational environmental laws, such as the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA), *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* (MBTA), *Marine Mammal Protection Act, Lacey Act*, and international agreements such as the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species* (CITES).

While the Service holds the responsibility for conserving trust resources across broad landscapes, its work is impossible without vital partnerships with States, Tribes, and others to conserve natural resources. One area of particular focus for the Service is its partnerships with landowners. The Service invests in keeping landowners on their land, and preserving working landscapes for the benefit of plants, wildlife, and agriculture, ranching, timber and other traditional land uses. In many cases, species will greatly benefit from appropriately managed private lands. The Service has several tools to help private landowners be good

stewards of their lands, and has worked with landowners across the west to preserve open spaces. We have provided funding for habitat restoration and species recovery projects, such as the Malpai Borderlands project in Arizona and New Mexico to encourage ranching and other traditional land uses that will sustain the nature of the west for future generations. The group's efforts on behalf of the jaguar, the leopard frog, the long-nosed bat, and the ridge-nosed rattlesnake, among others, have resulted in a more secure future for those species as well as for the landowners whose livelihoods help maintain habitats.

The Service's Organization

The Service has headquarters in Washington, D.C. and Falls Church, Virginia, with regional offices located across the country and over 700 field stations. These stations include 567 units of the NWRS; seven National Monuments; 80 Ecological Services Field Stations; 70 National Fish Hatcheries; one historical National Fish Hatchery (D.C. Booth in South Dakota); eight Fish Health Centers; seven Fish Technology Centers; 51 Fisheries Offices; and waterfowl production areas in 209 counties managed within 38 Wetland Management Districts and 50 Coordination Areas. The Service works with diverse partners to accomplish its conservation mission, including other Federal agencies, State and local governments, Tribes, international organizations, and private organizations and individuals.

The Director reports to the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and has direct line authority over headquarters and the Regional Directors. Headquarter-based Assistant Directors provide policy, program management, and administrative support to the Director. The Regional Directors guide policy and program implementation, supervising the field structures, and coordinating activities with partners.

In 2019, the Service consolidated administrative functions into a single organization. The new Joint Administrative Operations (JAO), led by the Assistant Director for Management and Administration, fulfills the Service's needs for administrative support, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, and general services, at a reduced cost to the American taxpayer. In 2020, the Service proposes to restructure subactivities within General Operations to align with the JAO and deliver shared services to regional and field station managers.

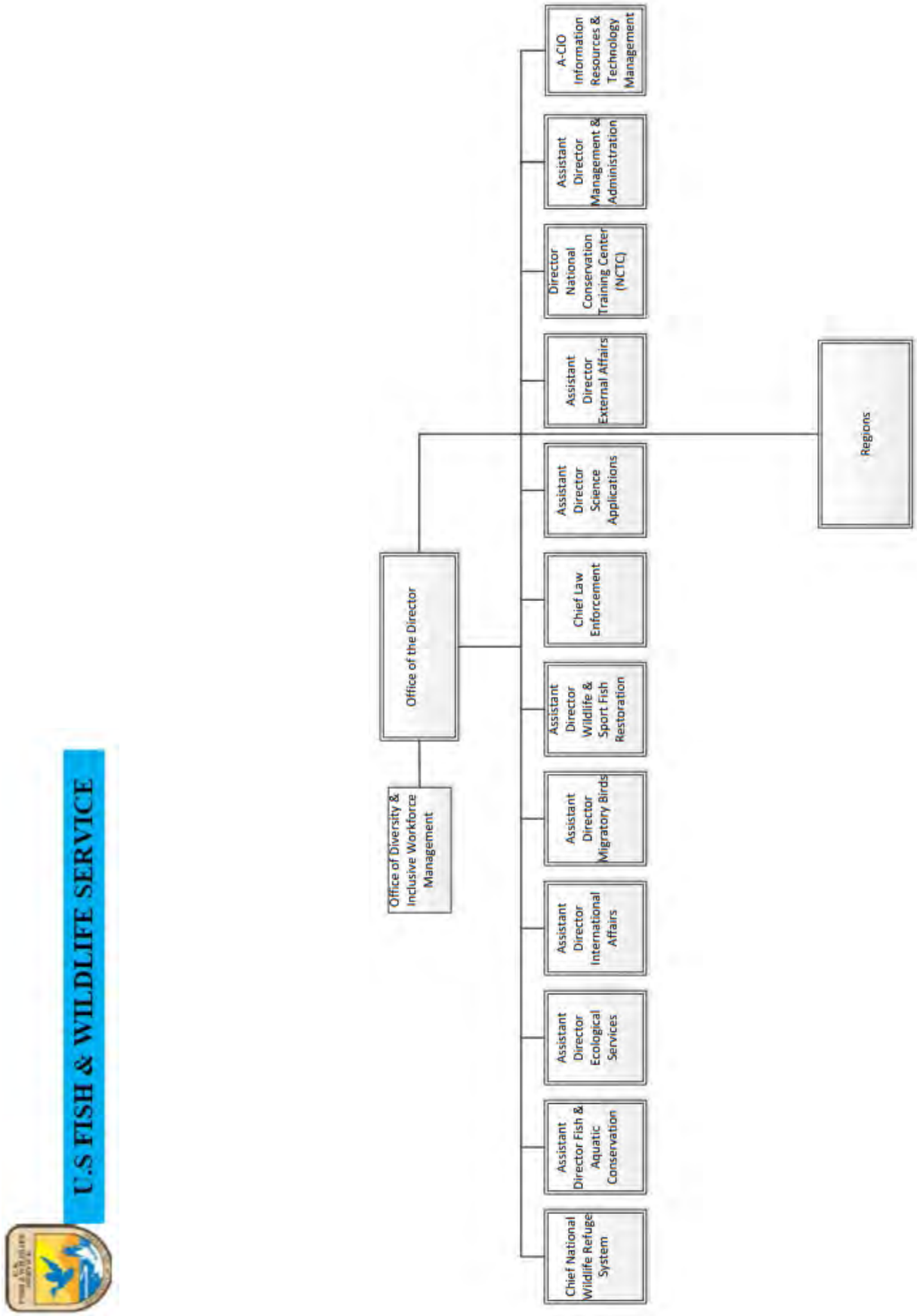
Over many decades, the Department of the Interior experienced new bureaus becoming established on an ad hoc basis with their own unique regional organizations. This ultimately resulted in a complicated series of 49 regional boundaries among 8 bureaus. This complexity led to the situation where bureau regional leadership was often focused on different geographic areas, did not have adequate and shared understanding of the needs and perspectives of regional stakeholders, and opportunities to share administrative capacity across bureaus were difficult to recognize and implement. Further, members of the public were often frustrated by problems in inter-bureau decision making where uncoordinated timelines and processes could lead to unnecessarily long delays in reaching a decision. The Department's reorganization is focused on making improvements across each of these areas.

The 2020 budget request for the Service includes $5.7 million to support the reorganization of the Department of the Interior. After working closely with stakeholders across the country on options to consolidate Interior's 49 different regions into common regions, on August 22, 2018, the Department announced the designation of Interior's 12 new unified regions. As a result of Tribal consultation, BIA, BIE, and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians will not realign their regional field structures.

Establishing unified regions across bureaus is the cornerstone of the reforms designed to improve Interior's service delivery to the public. Within each unified region, bureaus will focus work on the same resources and constituents and improve coordination across the Department. For the public, fewer regions make it easier to do business with Interior, particularly when the public interacts with several bureaus or jurisdictions.

As part of the reorganization reforms, Interior will relocate some bureau headquarters functions out West where the preponderance of Interior's assets and acres are located. The Service is currently assessing what headquarters functions could be delivered more effectively out West and identifying staff and functions to

be moved. Interior will leverage the unified regional structure to improve and streamline business operations using shared services and best practices across the Department, focusing primarily on human resources, information technology, and acquisition services. Work is underway in 2019 to plan implementation, conduct analysis, and identify areas for collaboration within the new regions.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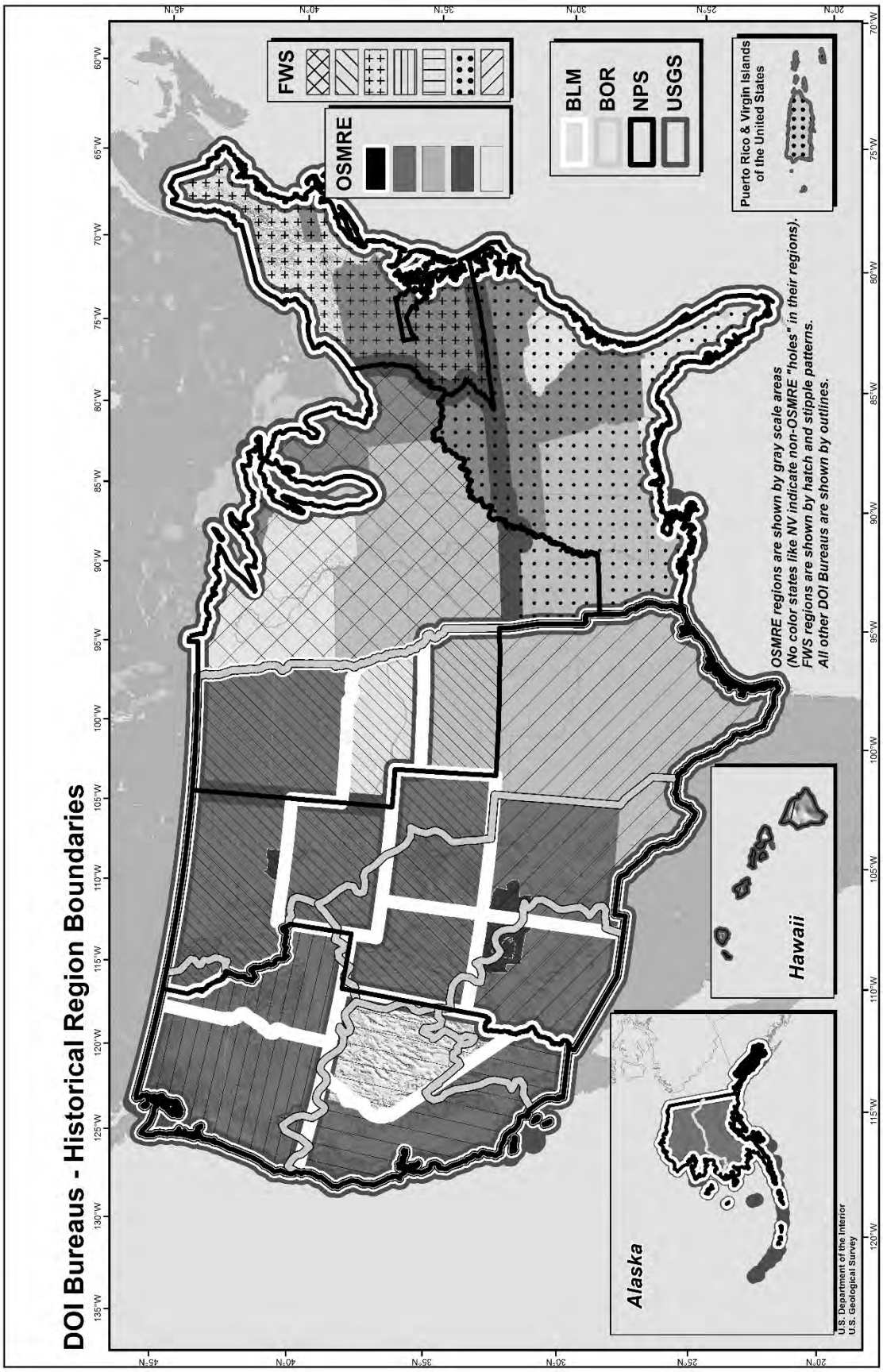
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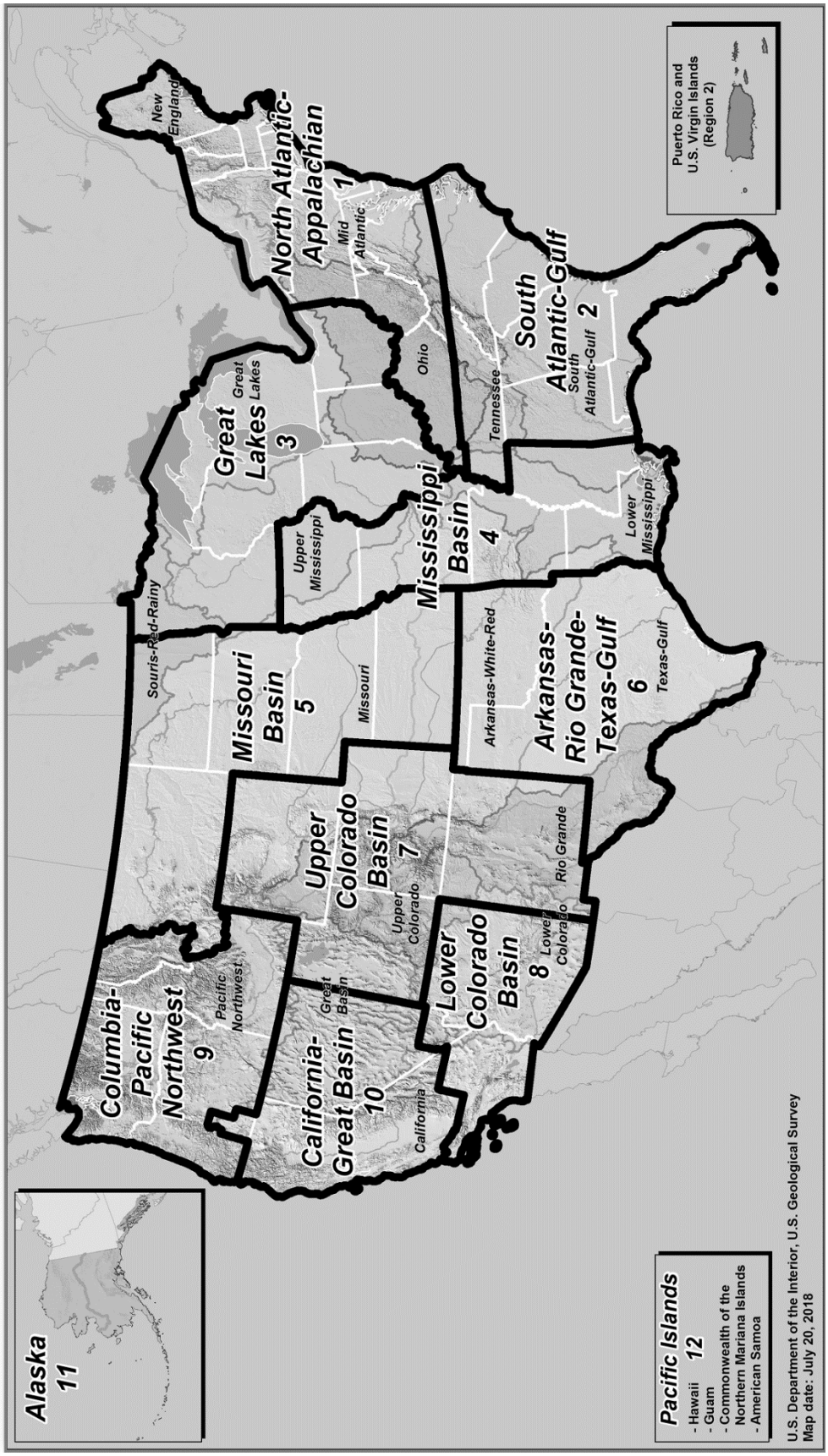

Overview of FY 2020 Budget Request

Budget Authority	*FY 2018 Actual*	2019 Annualized CR	2020 Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Discretionary Current Authority	1,594,646	1,594,646	1,363,904	-230,742
Cancellation of Balances[1]			-36,332	-36,332
Sub-total: Discretionary	1,594,646	1,594,646	1,327,572	-267,074
Supplemental Appropriation - Construction	210,629			+0
TOTAL: Discretionnary	1,805,275	1,594,646	1,327,572	-267,074
Mandatory	1,460,587	1,363,537	1,484,770	*+121,233*
Total $$$	**3,265,862**	**2,958,183**	**2,812,342**	**-145,841**
Discretionary	*6,682*	*6,682*	*6,618*	*-64*
Mandatory	*238*	*238*	*238*	*+0*
Transfers/Alloc.	*1,509*	*1,509*	*1,514*	*+5*
TOTAL FTEs	***8,429***	***8,429***	***8,370***	***-59***

[1] -$31.008 million CESCF and -$5.324 million Land Acquisition

Overview

The 2020 President's Budget request for the Service totals $2.8 billion, including current appropriations of $1.3 billion. The Budget also includes $1.5 billion available under permanent appropriations, most of which will be provided directly to States for fish and wildlife restoration and conservation. The Service estimates staffing will equal 8,370 full time equivalents (FTE) in 2020.

The Service's priorities reflect those of the Acting Secretary of the Interior, and provide the foundation for the Service's budget request.

1. Create a conservation stewardship legacy by expanding access to DOI lands for hunting and fishing;
2. Sustainably develop our energy & natural resources;
3. Restore trust & be a good neighbor;
4. Ensure Tribal sovereignty means something;
5. Increase revenues to support DOI and national interests;
6. Protect our people and the border;
7. Strike a regulatory balance;
8. Modernize our infrastructure; and
9. Reorganize DOI for the next 100 years.

Create a Conservation Stewardship Legacy

The Service's National Wildlife Refuge System embodies the Department's commitment to conserving our lands and waters and our Nation's commitment to conserving fish and wildlife for all Americans and future generations. With 567 refuges in all U.S. States and Territories, the Refuge System provides lands and waters for thousands of species of wildlife and plants, sanctuary for hundreds of threatened and endangered species, and secure spawning areas for economically and recreationally important native fish. Refuges are home to over 700 migratory bird species, 220 mammal species, 250 reptile and amphibian species, and more than 1,000 fish species, and offers protection to over 380 threatened or endangered plants or animals.

Another program that supports this Department goal is the Ecological Services Recovery Program, which strives to recover endangered and threatened species. The Service plays a vital role in guiding the recovery planning process, and in facilitating, supporting, and monitoring the implementation of recovery actions by the Service and others. The Service focuses on the Endangered Species Act (ESA) mandates that are inherently Federal, including development of recovery plans. Recovery plans are developed collaboratively with interested partners. Recovery plans may address multiple species and identify specific recovery tasks, establish downlisting and delisting criteria, and provide timetables and cost estimates. The Service works with other DOI bureaus, Federal agencies, States and other stakeholders to ensure all recovery plans have objective and measurable recovery criteria and address 5-year status review recommendations on the national workplan over the next three years. With proposed 2020 Recovery funding, the Service anticipates proposing or finalizing 36 delisting or downlisting rules.

Reducing the Regulatory Burden

The Service delivers conservation for imperiled species through its administration of the ESA, which provides a suite of voluntary tools for private landowners to undertake conservation practices for the benefit of species. The Service is committed to strengthening delivery of conservation under the ESA by making it easier to work with the agency on proactive conservation efforts for at-risk and threatened and endangered species.

The Service is committed to providing timely review and recommendations to facilitate decisions on proposed infrastructure, energy, and other development projects that contribute to job creation and economic growth, while ensuring that impacts to fish, wildlife, and their habitats are avoided, minimized or otherwise appropriately mitigated. The Service administers a variety of environmental review processes under various authorities. To ensure that the agency's regulations and policies are clear, effective, and do not pose unnecessary regulatory burden upon the public, the Service is reviewing current ESA regulations.

Expanding Outdoor Recreation and Access

There are 567 refuges and 38 wetland management districts in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Of these, 377 are open to hunting and 312 are open to fishing. The 2020 budget request prioritizes activities that support conservation stewardship in alignment with Secretarial Order 3347, *Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation*, that calls for improving game and habitat management and increasing outdoor recreation opportunities, particularly for hunters, anglers, and other sportsmen and women. Such activities include opening acres of wildlife refuges to hunting and fishing opportunities while aligning regulations with the States to better increase access and strike a regulatory balance.

The Service will work with States, sportsmen and sportswomen partners, and industry to enhance access to hunting, fishing and recreation opportunities; reduce unnecessary regulatory barriers to access; reevaluate habitat management strategies to support healthy game populations; increase access on Service owned lands; ramp up programs that contribute to recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters and anglers and engage new audiences.

Protecting Our People and the Border

Border security is critically important to the national security of the U.S. As managers of Federal properties along the U.S.-Mexico border, the Service coordinates closely with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on border security issues to assure their access and to address resource protection challenges related to border impacts. The Service also works with CBP on infrastructure projects in an effort to minimize impacts to fish and wildlife while meeting their national security mission. The Service will continue these efforts and respond to the Administration's policy and program milestones on the border.

Funding for Refuge Law Enforcement supports safe and secure refuges where more than 55 million people per year enjoy wildlife-dependent recreation. Refuge System officers will help ensure the safety and security of the visiting public, Service employees, government property, and wildlife and their habitats. This funding will enable Refuge Law Enforcement and the Service's Emergency Management personnel to receive the necessary training, equipment, and supplies to ensure safe public access to refuges along our borders for hunting, fishing, wildlife photography and observation, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation.

In addition, our International Wildlife Trade program protects our borders from invasive species and illegal trade of domestic and foreign wildlife and plants. With funding provided in this budget, the Service will modernize its permitting system, including moving toward fully electronic application submission and permit processing. We will also work with our State wildlife agency partners to ensure that trade in commercially valuable native species is legal and sustainable, such as by implementing recommendations of State and Tribal working groups regarding American ginseng management and trade.

Ensure Tribal sovereignty means something

While State fish and wildlife agencies are critically important partners in implementing the North American Model, arguably the strongest model of conservation in the world, the Department of the Interior has an equally important responsibility to follow through on its commitments to sovereign Indian Nations and territories. In addition to its consultation responsibilities, the Service works with Tribes on a variety of conservation efforts, from black-footed ferret recovery to fisheries management. The Service is committed to enhancing its relationships with Tribal partners and will take a series of actions to enhance government-to-government relationships with Tribes on conservation issues.

Department Wide Reorganization Plan

A priority of the Administration is to optimize operations of the Federal government through meaningful reorganization and increased administrative efficiency. This includes aligning our own transformation with larger efforts in the Department and government-wide. To build resilience and flexibility in our organization, the Service is working to transform its organization with the goal of streamlining operations with a focus on field operations and support. In 2019-2020 the Service will consolidate all administrative functions under a single Assistant Director for Management and Administration.

Modernizing Our Infrastructure

Interior and Agriculture manage an infrastructure asset portfolio with over $18 billion in deferred maintenance, which includes structures, trails, roads, utility systems, and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools. To address these needs, the budget includes $6.5 billion over 5 years for a Public Lands Infrastructure Fund. The Fund will support infrastructure improvements through an allocation of 70 percent for national parks, 10 percent for national forests, 10 percent for wildlife refuges, five percent for BIE schools, and five percent for lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The Fund will be supported by the deposit of 50 percent of all federal energy development revenue that would otherwise be credited or deposited as miscellaneous receipts to the Treasury over the 2020–2024 period, subject to an annual limit of $1.3 billion. Interior and Agriculture would prioritize projects, monitor implementation, and

measure results. This investment will significantly improve many of America's most visible, visited, and treasured places.

The facilities that the Service maintains for the public, from wildlife refuges to fish hatcheries, are suffering from a massive backlog of deferred maintenance totaling $1.3 billion. The maintenance backlog includes $280 million for roads, bridges and trails; $311 million for water management and habitat structures; nearly $355 million in hatcheries, boat docks, fishing piers, recreational sites and other public use infrastructure; and nearly $355 million for visitor centers, offices, housing and historic structures. As crown jewels of our public lands, the Service will continue to focus appropriations on the infrastructure and public works of these important places to ensure the public has welcoming, safe, and reliable wildlife dependent recreational access on their public lands.

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Government Reform

President Trump signed an Executive Order to modernize and reform the executive branch and Interior is leading the way, developing and executing a program that will streamline processes and better serve the American people. The absolute first step in building a better and more efficient executive branch though is fostering a culture of ethics and respect amongst colleagues.

Interior has launched several top management objectives to better achieve Departmental goals and lead the agency moving forward. From day one of this Administration, Interior's leadership has made the work environment a priority. There is zero tolerance for any type of workplace harassment at Interior. The Department is instilling a culture change through clear management accountability, swift personnel actions, reporting procedures for harassment conduct, improved training, and substantive action plans.

In the area of anti-harassment efforts, each bureau and office has made significant headway in putting a diverse set of measures in place to prevent and address unacceptable conduct. Interior has also launched an internal Workplace Culture Transformation Advisory Council to include leadership from across the Department to keep a focus on Interior's commitment to the workplace environment. The Council will look at common issues raised in the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey, ways to improve employee engagement, and building career paths which cross bureau silos; all with the goal to transform Interior's workplace culture for our employees, so they can realize their individual potential and be their most productive selves for the American people.

Another management priority is creating a strong ethical culture to ensure Interior employees honor the public's trust to manage taxpayer funds responsibly and avoid conflicts of interest. The expectations for appropriate employee conduct have been made clear. The Department has set goals and expectations for qualified ethics officials within Interior sufficient to ensure our operations are conducted ethically and ensure all employees have access to prompt, accurate ethics advice.

Summary of Request

Ecological Services – The budget includes $240.0 million to conserve, protect, and enhance listed and at-risk fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats. The budget proposes $107.5 million to support environmental reviews, consultation services, and permitting that enables economic development and the creation of American jobs. The budget prioritizes funding to promote the recovery of listed species and toward completing recovery actions and five-year species status reviews as required by the ESA. The budget proposes $11.1 million for the Listing activity to focus available resources on the recovery of listed species.

Habitat Conservation – The request for Habitat Conservation includes $54.4 million for the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. The Coastal Program request is $13.4 million.

National Wildlife Refuge System – Funding for the operation and maintenance of the National Wildlife Refuge System is requested at $509.5 million. The request ensures access to high-quality opportunities for all Americans to enjoy wildlife-dependent recreation, including wildlife photography, hunting, and fishing and maintain habitat and facilities across the refuge system.

The request for the refuge system includes $239.4 million for wildlife and habitat management. The request includes an additional $5 million for invasive species early detection and rapid response on refuges and in coordination with partners. Invasive species are one of the most serious threats to native wildlife, fish, and plants in the Refuge System, and these threats are expected to grow. In fact, invasive species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity and Federally-listed threatened and endangered species, with habitat loss the first. Invasive species negatively affect native species through habitat modification, disruption of vital ecosystem functions, competition, predation, herbivory, transmission of pathogens, and by hybridizing with natives. Invasive species also impose a significant economic burden, damage infrastructure, and exacerbate wildfire.

The budget request includes $80.9 million for Visitor Services. The Refuge System offers a variety of wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities and continues welcoming more visitors each year. The priority for wildlife refuges in FY 2020 is increasing opportunities and access for hunters and anglers. With more than 100 wildlife refuges within 25 miles of most major cities, wildlife refuges offer excellent opportunities for more Americans to enjoy all kinds of wildlife-dependent recreation. The budget continues support for hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching that benefit local communities. The budget also contains an additional $1 million to support the urban refuges program, which reaches out to urban residents to encourage interest in wildlife-dependent recreation and conservation.

The request includes $146.0 million for refuge facility and equipment maintenance. The budget prioritizes maintenance of Service-owned facilities and infrastructure such as water control structures and maintenance of administrative facilities. Addressing health and human safety deficiencies at existing facilities is the highest priority for maintenance funding.

Migratory Bird Management – To support cooperation with States on migratory bird management, the budget includes $49.5 million for migratory bird management. In 2016, the most recent year in which the Service conducted the *National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation*, 2.4 million migratory bird hunters generated $2.3 billion in economic activity, much of it in rural America supporting jobs in the travel, hospitality, and outdoor recreation industries. The 2020 budget request includes $7.3 million for monitoring of waterfowl populations, which provides critical data for developing annual migratory bird hunting frameworks that States rely on to establish hunting seasons and maintain this economic activity.

Law Enforcement – The budget provides $77.2 million for the law enforcement program to investigate wildlife crimes and enforce wildlife laws. The Service continues to cooperate with the State Department, other Federal agencies, and foreign governments to disrupt transportation routes connected to the illegal wildlife trafficking supply chain. The Service will continue to cooperate with other nations to combat wildlife trafficking to halt the destruction of some of the world's most iconic species, such as elephants and rhinos, by stopping illicit trade; ensuring sustainable legal trade; reducing demand for illegal products; and providing technical assistance and grants to other nations to develop local enforcement capabilities.

International Affairs – The budget includes a total of $16.6 million for the Service's international program. The Service provides technical and financial assistance to partners to support innovative projects that address wildlife poaching and trafficking by strengthening enforcement, reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife, and expanding international cooperation and commitment to mitigate this threat.

Fish and Aquatic Conservation – The budget includes a total of $155.6 million for Fish and Aquatic Conservation. The request includes $56.4 million for operation of the National Fish Hatchery System. The Service will address top priorities such as recovery of federally-listed threatened or endangered species, restoration of imperiled species, and fulfillment of Tribal partnerships and trust responsibilities. The Service will cooperate with Federal agency partners to mitigate impacts of Federal water projects via reimbursable service agreements. Mitigation hatcheries provide sportfish that increase opportunities for recreational fishing and contribute to local economies. The budget includes $25.8 million for maintenance of infrastructure including pumps and raceways at fish hatcheries.

The budget proposes $73.4 million for Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation, including $7.8 million for combating Asian carp and $14.0 million for fish passage improvements, including dam and culvert removal or replacement to open streams and rivers to native fish restoration. The budget maintains funding for management of subsistence fishing in Alaska and fishery monitoring, management, and restoration nationwide.

General Operations – The Service's General Operations budget totals $140.9 million. The Service is in its second year of consolidating administrative services, and changes are proposed to the funding structure to provide the new Management and Administration program a defined funding source. The request includes $7.0 million for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to support conservation projects, and $21.4 million for the operation and maintenance of the National Conservation Training Center.

Construction – The Service requests $15.7 million for construction in FY 2020.

Land Acquisition – The Service's request for the Land Acquisition account is $9.9 million. The FY2020 Budget focuses available funds on the protection and management of existing lands and assets. Acquiring new lands is a lower priority than funding ongoing operations and maintenance.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants (NAWCA) – The Service is requesting $40.0 million for NAWCA grants, which provide funding for land acquisition by non-Federal partners for wetlands conservation.

Multinational Species Conservation Fund – The 2020 request for this international species grant account is $6 million.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund – The Service proposes $3.9 million for these North American bird conservation grants.

State Wildlife Grants – The request for this program is $31.3 million. These grants are provided to States for wildlife conservation.

The full report on the Service's contributions to Departmental performance goals will be published as part of the Annual Performance Plan and Report. It will be available in March, 2019 as a companion report to this document. The report provides the a trend of accomplishments for the last five years, includes targets for the next two years and the associated current year funding and supporting strategic actions.

Agency Priority Goals

Ensure Clear, Quantitative Criteria for Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Plans Agency Priority Goal

Bureau Contribution

The ESA requires that the Service develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of endangered and threatened species found in the U.S., which incorporate objective, and measureable criteria for recovering listed species. Good, defensible criteria for recovering species is critical to inform priorities, engage partners in conservation activities and direct resources towards the most immediate needs.

Implementation Strategy

Recovery plans provide the Service, partners, stakeholders, and the public a road map and goals for achieving recovery of listed species. Clear criteria for delisting a species directs resources to activities and actions that will most benefit the listed species. This measure will report on the number of recovery plans that provide quantitative criteria for delisting a species under the ESA.

The data source for this measure is the Service's Threatened and Endangered Species System database (contained within the Service's Environmental Conservation Online System, ECOS). The database includes information on all listed species, including their recovery plans, and when the species final recovery plan was completed. Determining whether the criteria used in the plan is quantitative will be determined through a review of each plan and tracked in a separate file.

Performance Metrics

For published recovery plans, Ecological Services is the lead component within Service for reviewing these plans to confirm that each plan provides quantitative criteria. For recovery plans under development or not yet initiated, the Service will require quantitative criteria be developed as part of the drafting and finalizing of the recovery plan.

Strategic Objective Performance Summary

The Service contributes to meeting the Department's performance goals in three of the Department's six mission areas, as discussed below.

Departmental Mission Area: Conserving Our Land and Water

Bureau Contribution

The Service met or exceeded two of the four FY 2018 targets set for the Strategy: Provide stewardship of land, surface water, streams and shorelines performance metrics, contributing to the Department meeting its metrics for FY 2018 in this strategic objective.

The Service met or exceeded five of the seven FY 2018 targets set for the Strategy: Provide stewardship of wildlife, bird, fish, and plant species performance metrics, contributing to the Department's meeting or exceeding its metrics for FY 2018.

Funding in FY 2020 enables the Service to support the National Wildlife Refuge System, which administers a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the U.S. for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans. Wildlife refuges are home to more than 700 species of birds, 220 species of mammals, 250 reptile and amphibian species, and more than 1,000 species of fish. Wildlife refuges manage a full range of habitat types – wetlands; prairies; coastal and marine areas; temperate, tundra and boreal forests. Managing these habitats requires controlling or eradicating invasive species, using fire in a prescribed manner, assuring adequate water resources, and assessing external threats like development or contamination. The Service uses prescribed fire to reduce dangerously overgrown vegetation-known as hazardous fuels- to keep habitat in good condition. In FY 2018, the Refuge System conducted prescribed burns across more than 325,000 acres. These actions help reduce the risk of devastating wildfires that can threaten people, fish, wildlife and plants.

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program has grown into a large and diversified habitat restoration program assisting thousands of private landowners across the Nation and the Coastal Program provides incentives for voluntary protection of threatened, endangered and other species on private and public lands alike. The *North American Wetlands Conservation Act* provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico for the benefit of wetlands-associated migratory birds and other wildlife. The FY 2020 request will maintain the Service's support for work with partners on private, State, and other Federal lands to conserve and restore habitat for fish and wildlife and plant species.

As the principal Federal partner responsible for administering the ESA, the Service takes the lead in recovering and conserving our Nation's imperiled species by fostering partnerships, employing scientific excellence, and developing a workforce of conservation leaders. The FY 2020 request will provide funding for the Service to work in partnership with others, on two major goals, 1) conserve candidate species and species-at-risk so that listing under the ESA is not necessary; and 2) protect endangered and threatened

species, and pursue their recovery. These goals are achieved through the following activities: candidate conservation; consultations; grants; habitat conservation plans; international activities; listing and critical habitat; recovery; and working with Tribes.

The Service Fisheries Program works at the intersection of fisheries science and management, developing and using the latest techniques to conserve America's fisheries. Fisheries science is an integrative approach to understanding the biology, ecology, and economics of a fishery with the goal of sustainable management. The Service analyzes and approves new drugs and chemicals for aquatic species; monitors population levels and responses to environmental changes; maps habitat usage; identifies pathogens and diseases; breeds and grows fish; and evaluates population structure using genetics. The Service applies scientific data to focus conservation activities on high-priority species and habitats to protect and maintain stable populations and healthy habitats, and restore degraded habitats and depleted populations.

Funding in FY 2020 will allow the Service to maintain efforts to oversee its legal mandate and trust responsibility to maintain healthy migratory bird populations for the benefit of the American public. More than 25 laws, treaties, and conventions authorize the Service to conserve more than 1,000 species of migratory birds and their habitats. Primary among these mandates is the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918, which establishes Federal responsibility for protecting and managing migratory birds. It also implements four international treaties affecting migratory birds common to the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Japan and the former Soviet Union. Management activities include establishing hunting seasons, bag limits, and other regulations and issuing permits to possess or use migratory birds. Other important laws that directly and significantly impact program activities include the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, which promote habitat and bird conservation across North America and throughout the western hemisphere.

Implementation Strategy

The Service will continue its efforts improve land and water health and sustaining fish, wildlife and plant species in FY 2020. The response by species to changes in habitat (or other stressors on their health and sustainability) can take years before it can be measured and therefore, measures related to overall status of species tend to move slowly across the years. Also, especially on projects conducted with partners on private lands, results can vary widely from year to year based on the makeup of projects and the partnerships in effect in that time span. The Annual Performance and Plan and Report (APP&R) contains details on some of the variability of specific measures.)

More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics

The Service contributes to four DOI Strategic Plan measures in the Strategy: Provide stewardship of land, surface water, streams and shorelines; and seven DOI Strategic Plan measures in the Strategy: Provide stewardship of wildlife, bird, fish, and plant species.

The related performance measures (including data) are included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Departmental Mission Area: Expanding Outdoor Recreation and Access

Bureau Contribution

The Service met or exceeded both FY 2018 targets set for the Strategy: Promote hunting, fishing and other recreation on DOI lands and waters.

In response to Secretarial Orders (S.O.) 3347 and 3356, the Chief of the Refuge System has led an effort to assess the Service's hunting and sport fishing regulatory alignment to State regulations, and support Regional Directors' in identifying opportunities to increase access for hunters and anglers. A web-based tool called the Service's Hunt/Fish Opportunity Tool (SHOT) was developed, and a team of Regional Chiefs of Hunting and Fishing are assessing all Service lands and waters for regulatory alignment to State hunting and fishing regulations. As part of the 2018-2019 station-specific final rule, which published in the Code of Federal Regulations on September 10, 2018, 30 refuges opened or expanded opportunities for hunters and anglers on 251,000 acres of the Refuge System. As assessments are completed in 2019, this data will support further proposals to increase access for hunters and anglers for the 2019-2020 station-specific rule.

Implementation Strategy

The Service will continue its efforts in promoting hunting, fishing and other recreation on Service lands and waters in FY 2020. More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics

The Service contributes to two DOI Strategic Plan measure in this strategic objective. The related performance measures (including data) are included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Bureau Contribution

The Service met its FY 2018 target for the Strategy: Enhance the enjoyment and appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage by creating opportunities for play, enlightenment, and inspiration. A visitor survey, conducted at selected, representative Refuge System locations showed increased visitor satisfaction over previous years in all facets of their experience. This updated result helped the Department also meet its overall goal for visitor satisfaction.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 provides direction to the Refuge System to provide "…compatible wildlife-dependent recreational uses involving hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education and interpretation as priority public uses of the Refuge System." In addition, many of the Service's fish hatcheries also provide opportunities for the public to visit and learn more about aquatic wildlife, fish, and fish hatcheries, as well as take advantage of recreational activities on hatchery grounds. The FY 2020 request will enable the Service to maintain opportunities for outdoor recreation at National Wildlife Refuges and National Fish Hatcheries at levels similar to FY 2018.

Implementation Strategy
The Service will continue its visitor service programs at similar levels in FY 2020, compared to FY 2018, and expects to maintain its current high level of visitor satisfaction (90%). More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics
The Service contributes to one DOI Strategic Plan measure in this strategic objective. The related performance measure (including data) is included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and is not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Departmental Mission Area: Modernizing Our Organization and Infrastructure for the Next 100 Years

The Service met or exceeded one of the three FY 2018 targets for the Strategy: Maintain critical DOI infrastructure and facilities to ensure effective operations and service delivery, contributing to the Department meeting its metrics for FY 2018 in this strategic objective.

Bureau Contribution
The Refuge System is the Service's primary organization responsible for identifying, protecting, and sharing historic structures and historic resources. The three primary goals are to (1) evaluate, through a systematic, open-minded study by archeologists, historians, and other specialists to locate resources and to discover or substantiate their significance; (2) provide considerable thought to the problem of simultaneously protecting resources and making them available to the public; and (3) implement essential and appropriate treatment programs and protective measures. The FY 2020 request will maintain efforts to protect these resources at levels similar to FY 2018.

Established in 1896, D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archives, formerly Spearfish National Fish Hatchery, is one of the oldest operating hatcheries in the country. Still rearing trout for the Black Hills through a cooperative effort with the State, the hatchery is also a museum and archive that serves to protect and preserve our Nation's fishery records and artifacts for educational, research, and historic purposes. With over 155,000 visitors and 14,000 volunteer hours annually, the facility also strives to provide interpretive and educational programs for the public.

The National Conservation Training Center Museum and Archives houses films, photos, and documents chronicling the rich heritage of wildlife conservation. A museum and state-of-the-art research archive help the public, researchers and professional conservationists better understand the rich history of American wildlife conservation.

Implementation Strategy

The Service will continue its historic and heritage resource efforts at similar levels in FY 2020, compared to FY 2018. More details on specific actions are included in other parts of this budget request and in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

Performance Metrics

Service contributes to three DOI Strategic Plan measures in this strategic objective. The related performance measures (including data) are included in the APP&R that accompanies the FY 2020 Budget request and are not repeated here in an effort to reduce redundancy.

For more information about DOI performance measures, the full performance plan can be found at:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/fy2018-2022-strategic-plan.pdf

U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
MAJOR ACCOUNT SUMMARY OF FISCAL YEAR 2020

Account		2018 Actual	2019 Annualized CR	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	2020 Change from 2019 (+/-)
Current Appropriations								
Resource Management	$000	1,279,002	1,279,002	+7,455	0	-29,296	1,257,161	-21,841
	FTE	6,522	6,522			-8	6,514	-8
Construction	$000	66,540	66,540	+23	0	-50,870	15,693	-50,847
	FTE	41	41		0	+0	41	+0
Land Acquisition	$000	63,839	63,839	+39		-54,014	9,864	-53,975
	FTE	79	79		0	-35	44	-35
National Wildlife Refuge Fund	$000	13,228	13,228	0	0	-13,228	0	-13,228
	FTE	0	0		0		0	+0
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund	$000	53,495	53,495	0	0	-53,495	0	-53,495
	FTE	13	13		0	-13	0	-13
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	$000	40,000	40,000	0	0	+0	40,000	+0
	FTE	6	6		0	+0	6	+0
Multinational Species Conservation Fund	$000	11,061	11,061	0	0	-5,061	6,000	-5,061
	FTE	3	3		0	+0	3	+0
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation	$000	3,910	3,910	0	0	-10	3,900	-10
	FTE	1	1		0	+0	1	+0
State and Tribal Wildlife Grants	$000	63,571	63,571	0	0	-32,285	31,286	-32,285
	FTE	17	17		0	-8	9	-8
TOTAL, Current Appropriations	**$000**	**1,594,646**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-238,259**	**1,363,904**	**-230,742**
	FTE	**6,682**	**6,682**		**+0**	**-64**	**6,618**	**-64**
CESCF -$31.008M and Land Acquisition -$5.324M cancellation of balances		0	0	0	0	-36,332	-36,332	-36,332
TOTAL, Current Appropriations w/ Cancellation of CESCF/ Land Acquisition balances. $000		**1,594,646**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-274,591**	**1,327,572**	**-267,074**
	FTE	**6,682**	**6,682**		**+0**	**-64**	**6,618**	**-64**
Supplemental Appropriation - Construction		**210,629**	**0**	**+0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**+0**
TOTAL, Current Appropriations w/ Cancellation and Supplemental. $000		**1,805,275**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-274,591**	**1,327,572**	**-267,074**

Budget at a Glance

2020 Budget At A Glance

(Dollars in Thousands)

	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers	Program Changes	2020 Request
Appropriation: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT						
ECOLOGICAL SERVICES						
LISTING	**18,818**	**18,818**	**+124**	**0**	**-7,877**	**11,065**
PLANNING AND CONSULTATION	**105,579**	**105,579**	**+1,338**	**0**	**+599**	**107,516**
Gulf Coast Restoration					-3,002	
NEPA Streamlining					-2,500	
General Program Activities					+6,101	
CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION	**32,396**	**32,396**	**+254**	**0**	**-6,209**	**26,441**
Environmental Contaminants					-1,785	
Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem					-1,506	
Candidate Conservation					-2,918	
RECOVERY	**91,032**	**91,032**	**+841**	**0**	**+3,127**	**95,000**
De-listing and Down Listing					-1,393	
Recovery Challenge					-5,000	
State of the Birds Activities					-3,000	
White Nose Syndrome					-2,000	
Wolf Livestock Loss Demonstration Program					-1,000	
General Program Activities					+15,520	
ECOLOGICAL SERVICES TOTAL	**247,825**	**247,825**	**+2,557**	**0**	**-10,360**	**240,022**
HABITAT CONSERVATION						
PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE	**51,633**	**51,633**	**+321**	**0**	**+2,463**	**54,417**
Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication					-688	
Environmental Data Quality/Access (WA Salmon Recovery)					-643	
WA Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups					-1,285	
General Program Activities					+5,079	
COASTAL PROGRAM	**13,375**	**13,375**	**+185**	**0**	**-185**	**13,375**
Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group					-184	
Long Live the Kings					-184	
General Program Activities					+183	
HABITAT CONSERVATION TOTAL	**65,008**	**65,008**	**+506**	**0**	**+2,278**	**67,792**
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM						
WILDLIFE AND HABITAT MANAGEMENT						
Refuge Wildlife & Habitat Management	**233,141**	**233,141**	**+1,365**	**0**	**+4,931**	**239,437**
Invasive Species					+5,000	
Inventory and Monitoring					-1,044	
General Program Activities					+975	
Refuge Visitor Services	**73,319**	**73,319**	**+430**	**0**	**+7,106**	**80,855**
Urban Wildlife Conservation Program					+1,000	
Youth and Careers in Nature					-2,000	
General Program Activities					+8,106	
Refuge Law Enforcement	**38,054**	**38,054**	**+212**	**0**	**+4,929**	**43,195**
General Program Activities					+4,929	
Refuge Conservation Planning	**2,523**	**2,523**	**0**	**0**	**-2,523**	**0**
Refuge Planning					-2,523	
Refuge Maintenance	**139,469**	**139,469**	**+555**	**0**	**+6,018**	**146,042**
Annual Maintenance					+950	
Equipment and Vehicle Management				-4,000		
Deferred Maintenance					+3,090	
Youth Conservation Corps					-649	
Maintenance Support				+4,000	+2,627	
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM TOTAL	**486,506**	**486,506**	**+2,562**	**0**	**+20,461**	**509,529**

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers	Program Changes	2020 Request
CONSERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT						
MIGRATORY BIRD MANAGEMENT						
Conservation and Monitoring	**31,126**	**31,126**	**+258**		**+698**	**32,082**
Monitoring					+988	
Aviation Management					+1,237	
Bird-Livestock Conflicts						
Energy						
Urban Bird Treaties						
General Program Activities					-1,527	
Permits	**3,424**	**3,424**	**+21**	**0**	**+254**	**3,699**
Duck Stamp Office	**556**	**556**	**+8**	**0**	**0**	**564**
North American Waterfowl Management Plan	**13,140**	**13,140**	**+62**	**0**	**-62**	**13,140**
General Program Activities					-62	
Migratory Bird Management Total	**48,246**	**48,246**	**+349**	**0**	**+890**	**49,485**
LAW ENFORCEMENT						
Law Enforcement Operations	**75,980**	**75,980**	**+256**	**0**	**+71**	**76,307**
Wildlife Trafficking					+986	
General Program Activities					-915	
Equipment Replacement	**910**	**910**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**910**
Law Enforcement Total	**76,890**	**76,890**	**+256**	**0**	**+71**	**77,217**
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS						
International Conservation	**8,290**	**8,290**	**+50**	**0**	**+381**	**8,721**
Wildlife Trafficking					+1,084	
Arctic Council Support					-550	
General Program Activities					-153	
International Wildlife Trade	**7,526**	**7,526**	**+86**	**0**	**+290**	**7,902**
General Program Activities					+290	
International Affairs Total	**15,816**	**15,816**	**+136**	**0**	**+671**	**16,623**
CONSERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT TOTAL	**140,952**	**140,952**	**+741**	**0**	**+1,632**	**143,325**
FISH AND AQUATIC CONSERVATION						
National Fish Hatchery Operations	**55,822**	**55,822**	**+376**	**0**	**+192**	**56,390**
Washington State Mass Marking					-1,475	
Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Program					-400	
General Program Activities					+2,067	
Maintenance and Equipment	**22,920**	**22,920**	**+38**	**0**	**+2,888**	**25,846**
Annual Maintenance					+2,888	
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation						
Habitat Assessment and Restoration	**33,987**	**33,987**	**+85**	**0**	**-6,569**	**27,503**
Chehalis Fisheries Restoration					-268	
Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement					-1,390	
Deleware River Basin					-5,000	
General Program Activities					+89	
Population Assessment and Cooperative Mgmt.	**30,150**	**30,150**	**+597**	**0**	**-1,006**	**29,741**
Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey					-489	
General Program Activities					-517	

2020 Budget At A Glance
(Dollars in Thousands)

	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers	Program Changes	2020 Request
Aquatic Invasive Species	**21,748**	**21,748**	**+53**	**0**	**-5,654**	**16,147**
Asian Carp					-566	
Contract Fishing (Asian Carp)					-2,000	
Lake Tahoe Water Craft Inspections					-3,088	
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation Subtotal	**85,885**	**85,885**	**+735**	**0**	**-13,229**	**73,391**
FISH AND AQUATIC CONSERVATION TOTAL	**164,627**	**164,627**	**+1,149**	**0**	**-10,149**	**155,627**
COOPERATIVE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION	**12,988**	**12,988**	**0**	**0**	**-12,988**	**0**
SCIENCE SUPPORT						
Adaptive Science	**10,517**	**10,517**	**0**	**0**	**-10,517**	**0**
Service Science	**6,750**	**6,750**	**0**	**0**	**-6,750**	**0**
SCIENCE SUPPORT TOTAL	**17,267**	**17,267**	**0**	**0**	**-17,267**	**0**
GENERAL OPERATIONS						
Central Office Operations	**31,257**	**31,257**	**0**	**-9,613**	**+160**	**21,804**
Management and Administration	**40,866**	**40,866**	**0**	**+9,613**	**+4,387**	**54,866**
Servicewide Bill Paying	**35,781**	**35,781**	**-174**	**0**	**+163**	**35,770**
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation	**7,022**	**7,022**	**0**	**0**	**-22**	**7,000**
National Conservation Training Center	**28,903**	**28,903**	**+114**	**0**	**-7,591**	**21,426**
General Program Activities					+2,226	
Yough and Careers in Nature					-3,913	
Annual Maintenance					-5,904	
GENERAL OPERATIONS TOTAL	**143,829**	**143,829**	**-60**	**0**	**-2,903**	**140,866**
TOTAL - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	**1,279,002**	**1,279,002**	**+7,455**	**0**	**-29,296**	**1,257,161**
Appropriation CONSTRUCTION						
Nationwide Engineering Services	5,475	5,475	+23	0	-130	5,368
Dam, Bridge and Seismic Safety	1,972	1,972	0	0	-740	1,232
Line Item Construction	59,093	59,093	0	0	-50,000	9,093
TOTAL - CONSTRUCTION	**66,540**	**66,540**	**+23**	**0**	**-50,870**	**15,693**
Appropriation LAND ACQUISITION						
Land Acquisition Management	12,773	12,773	+39	0	-3,286	9,526
Land Protection Planning	465	465	0	0	-465	0
Exchanges	1,500	1,500	0	0	-1,500	0
Inholdings, Emergencies and Hardships	5,351	5,351	0	0	-5,013	338
Sportsmen and Recreational Access	2,500	2,500	0	0	-2,500	0
Highlands Conservation Act	10,000	10,000	0	0	-10,000	0
Land Acquisition	31,250	31,250	0	0	-31,250	0
TOTAL - LAND ACQUISITION	**63,839**	**63,839**	**+39**	**0**	**-54,014**	**9,864**
Appropriation NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE FUND	**13,228**	**13,228**	**0**	**0**	**-13,228**	**0**
Appropriation COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND	**53,495**	**53,495**	**0**	**0**	**-53,495**	**0**

2020 Budget At A Glance *(Dollars in Thousands)*						
	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers	Program Changes	2020 Request
Appropriation NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION FUND	40,000	40,000	0	0	0	40,000
Appropriation MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND	11,061	11,061	0	0	-5,061	6,000
Appropriation NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION FUND	3,910	3,910	0	0	-10	3,900
Appropriation STATE & TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANTS	63,571	63,571	0	0	-32,285	31,286
TOTAL, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (Current Disc.)	**1,594,646**	**1,594,646**	**+7,517**	**0**	**-238,259**	**1,363,904**
CANCELLATION OF PRIOR YEAR BALANCES						
Appropriation LAND ACQUISITION					-5,324	-5,324
Appropriation CESCF					-31,008	-31,008
TOTAL, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (Discretionary)					**-274,591**	**1,327,572**

FY 2020 Summary of Fixed Cost Changes by Appropriation

(Dollars in Thousands)

Fixed Cost Component	Resource Management	Construction	Land Acq.	TOTAL
Change in Pay Days	2,766	15	25	**2,806**
Pay Raise	0	0	0	**0**
FERS Employer Contribution Increase	1,705	8	14	**1,727**
Departmental Working Capital Fund	453	0	0	**453**
Workers' Compensation Payments	-627	0	0	**-627**
Unemployment Compensation Payments	0	0	0	**0**
GSA and non-GSA Space Rental Payments	3,158	0	0	**3,158**
TOTAL, Fixed Costs	**7,455**	**23**	**39**	**7,517**

Resource Management

Resource Management

Appropriations Language

For necessary expenses of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, as authorized by law, and for scientific and economic studies, general administration, and for the performance of other authorized functions related to such resources, $1,257,161,000 to remain available until September 30, 2021: Provided, That not to exceed $11,065,000 shall be used for implementing subsections (a), (b), (c), and (e) of section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533) (except for processing petitions, developing and issuing proposed and final regulations, and taking any other steps to implement actions described in subsection (c)(2)(A), (c)(2)(B)(i), or (c)(2)(B)(ii)).

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the Continuing Resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

African Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4201-4245, 1538). Authorizes funding for approved projects for research, conservation, management or protection of African elephants. Authorizes prohibitions against the sale, importation, and exportation of ivory derived from African elephants.

Agricultural Credit Act, (P. L. 100-233). Section 616 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer lands, interest therein, to Federal or State agencies for conservation purposes. The Fish and Wildlife Service assesses inventory lands to determine when such lands would be of benefit to the National Wildlife Refuge System and makes transfer recommendations.

Airborne Hunting Act, (16 U.S.C. 742 j-1). Section 13 of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 prohibits taking or harassing wildlife from aircraft, except when protecting wildlife, livestock, and human health or safety as authorized by a Federal or State issued license or permit.

Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 410hh-3233, 43 U.S.C 1602-1784). Provides for the designation and conservation of certain public lands in Alaska, including units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for the continuing subsistence needs of the Alaska Natives. Sec. 42(g) of this Act makes use of such Native lands subject to refuge regulations.

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, (43 U.S.C. 1601-1624). Provides various measures for settling the claims of Alaska Native peoples to land in Alaska, including authorization of selection and ownership of land within National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska by Native Corporations.

Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, (P. L. 89-304). Authorizes the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce to enter into cooperative agreements with the States and other non-Federal interests for the conservation, development, and enhancement of anadromous fish, including those in the Great Lakes, and to contribute up to 50 percent of the costs of carrying out such agreements.

Antarctic Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 2401). Provides for the conservation and protection of the fauna and flora of Antarctica, and their ecosystems.

Archaeological Resources Protection Act, (16 U.S.C. 470aa-47011)**.** Provides for protection of archaeological resources and sites on public and Tribal lands and for increased cooperation between

government authorities, the professional archaeological community, and private collectors with collections obtained before October 31, 1979.

Arctic Tundra Habitat Emergency Conservation Act, (P.L.106-108). Requires the Secretary of the Interior to prepare, and as appropriate implement, a comprehensive, long-term plan for the management of mid-continent light geese and conservation of their habitat.

Asian Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4261-4266, 1538). Provides for cooperative projects for the conservation and protection of Asian elephants.

Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, (16 U. S.C. 5151-5158). The purpose of this Act is to support and encourage development, implementation, and enforcement of effective interstate action regarding the conservation and management of Atlantic striped bass. The Act recognizes the commercial and recreational importance of Atlantic striped bass and establishes a consistent management scheme for its conservation. The three partners which share management responsibility for Atlantic striped bass are the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Every two years, the Services are required to produce an Atlantic Striped Bass Biennial Report to Congress on the status and health of Atlantic Coast Striped Bass Stocks.

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Ac*t*, **(**16 U.S.C. 668-668d). This Act provides for the protection of Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles by prohibiting take, possession, sale, purchase, transport, export or import of such eagles or their parts or nests. Take, possession, and transport are permitted for certain authorized purposes.

Brown Tree Snake Eradication and Control Act, (P.L. 108-384). Through this Act, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture support a multi-agency and partner effort to eradicate brown tree snakes in Guam and to prevent introduction or establishment of this invasive species on other Pacific islands or the U.S. mainland.

Billy Frank Jr. Tell Your Story Act, (P.L. 114-101). Establishes the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial within the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. The Department of the Interior must: (1) establish the boundaries of the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial and to provide for its administration and interpretation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and (2) coordinate with representatives of the Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Puyallup, and Squaxin Island Indian Tribes in providing for that interpretation.

Chehalis River Basin Fishery Resources Study and Restoration Act, (P. L. 101-452). Authorizes a joint Federal, State, and tribal study for the restoration of the fishery resources of the Chehalis River Basin, Washington.

Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990, (16 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) Requires the Secretary (delegated to the Service) to maintain the maps of the Coastal Barrier Resources System, to review the system at least every five years for changes which have occurred as a result of natural forces, and to make minor and technical changes to the maps of the System reflecting those natural changes. It also requires the Secretary to submit a study to Congress on the need to include the west coast in the system, and to lead an interagency task force to provide recommendations to Congress for legislative action and Federal policies on developed and undeveloped coastal barriers.

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act, (16 U.S.C. 3951-3156). Provides a Federal grant program for the acquisition, restoration, management, and enhancement of coastal wetlands of States

adjacent to the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, and the Pacific, including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Pacific U.S. insular areas. Provides that the Service update and digitize wetlands maps in Texas and conduct an assessment of the status, condition, and trends of wetlands in that State. Provides permanent authorization to appropriate receipts, coastal wetlands conservation grants and North American Wetlands Conservation projects.

Coastal Zone Management Act, (16 U.S.C. 1451-1464). Establishes a voluntary national program within the Department of Commerce to encourage coastal States to develop and implement coastal zone management plans. Activities that affect coastal zones must be consistent with approved State programs. The Act also establishes a National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS).

Colorado River Floodway Protection Act, (43 U.S.C 1600; 42 U.S.C. 4029). Establishes a Task Force to advise the Secretary of the Interior on the specific boundaries for and management for the area.

Colorado River Storage Project Act, (43 U.S.C. 620). Provides that facilities will be built and operated to mitigate losses of, and improve conditions for, fish and wildlife in connection with the Colorado River Storage.

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, (42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq.). Provides that responsible parties, including Federal landowners, investigate and clean up releases of hazardous substances. Trustees for natural resources, which includes the Secretary of the Interior, may assess and recover damages for injury to natural resources from releases of hazardous substances and use the damages for restoration, replacement or acquisition of equivalent natural resources. Provides permanent authorization to appropriate receipts from responsible parties.

Coral Reef Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.). Promotes wise management and sustainable use of coral reef ecosystems and develop sound scientific information on the condition of coral reef ecosystems and threats to them. Provides financial resources to local communities and nongovernmental organizations to assist in the preservation of coral reefs. It establishes a formal mechanism for collecting and allocating monetary donations from the private sector to be used for coral reef conservation projects.

Delaware River Basin Restoration Act, (P.L. 114-322). Establishes a Delaware River Basin restoration program and directs the Secretary to produce a basin-wide strategy that draws on existing conservation efforts, involves partners, and provides for the implementation of a shared set of science-based restoration and protection activities, including cost-effective projects with measurable results that maximize conservation outcomes with no net gain of Federal employees. Establishes a voluntary grant and technical assistance program. Sunsets on September 30, 2023. Enacted as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016.

Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2016, (P.L. 114-231). Sets forth a national policy on wildlife trafficking and several directions for the U.S. Secretary of State. Creates a Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, the co-chairs of which include the Secretary of the Interior. Authorizes anti-poaching and anti-trafficking programs. Amends the Pelly Amendment to the Fisherman's Protection Act to require that Pelly certifications made to the President by the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior be reported to Congress.

Emergency Wetlands Resources Act, (16 U.S.C. 3901). Provides for the collection of entrance fees, thirty percent of which may be used for refuge operations and maintenance, and for the Secretary of the Interior to establish and periodically review a national wetlands priority conservation plan for Federal and State wetlands acquisition, complete National Wetlands Inventory maps for the contiguous United States by

September 30, l998, to update the report on wetlands status and trends by September 30, 1990, and at 10-year intervals thereafter.

Endangered Species Act, (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544). Prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to and removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery; provides for interagency cooperation to avoid take of listed species and for issuing permits for otherwise prohibited activities; provides for cooperation with States, including authorization of financial assistance; and implements the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Indian Water Settlement Act, (P.L. 101-618). Establishes the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund. Funds are administered by the Service for use in restoring Lahontan Valley wetlands and recovering the endangered and threatened fish of Pyramid Lake. Section 206(a) authorizes the acquisition of water rights for restoring wetlands in Lahontan Valley. The Act stipulates that sufficient water rights be acquired to restore and sustain, on a long term average, approximately 25,000 acres of primary wetland habitat within Nevada's Lahontan Valley.

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Control Act, (7 U.S.C. 136-136y). Provides for the registration of pesticides to avoid unreasonable adverse effects to humans or the environment. Such registrations are considered Federal actions and are subject to consultations with the Service under the Endangered Species Act.

Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), **(**16 U.S.C. 6801-6814). Through this Act, Congress authorized Federal collection of fees for recreational use of public lands managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service.

Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA), (43 U.S.C. 2301-2306). Allows the sale of BLM lands identified for disposal, with sales proceeds used for land acquisition by the various land management agencies, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Federal Power Act, (161 S.C. 791a et seq.). Provides that each license for hydropower projects issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission includes fish ways prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior or Commerce, and that conditions for the protection, mitigation and enhancement of fish and wildlife based on recommendations of the Service and other agencies.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act), (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387)**.** Section 404 (m) authorizes the Service to comment on permit applications submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the discharge of dredged or fill material into navigable waters of the United States. Section 208(i) authorizes the Service to provide technical assistance to States in developing management practices as part of its water pollution control programs and to continue with the National Wetlands Inventory. Section 320 authorizes the establishment of a State/Federal cooperative program to nominate estuaries of national significance and to develop and implement management plans to restore and maintain the biological and chemical integrity of estuarine waters.

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, (16 U.S.C. 742(a)-754). Establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 2901-2911). Directs the Secretary of the Interior to undertake research and conservation activities, in coordination with other Federal, State, international and private organizations, to fulfill responsibilities to conserve migratory nongame birds under existing authorities. The Secretary is required, for all species, subspecies, and migratory nongame birds, to monitor and assess population trends and status; to identify environmental change and human activities; and to identify species in need of additional conservation and identify conservation actions to ensure perpetuation of these species.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, (16 U.S.C. 661-666(e)). Directs the Service to investigate and report on proposed Federal actions that affect any stream or other body of water and to provide recommendations to minimize impacts on fish and wildlife resources.

Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act, (16 U.S.C. 777 note; P.L. 106-502)**.** Congress reauthorized the Fisheries and Irrigation Mitigation Act (FRIMA) as part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, P.L. 111-11. FRIMA was established in 2000 and has been an important tool for addressing fish screening and fish passage needs in the Pacific Northwest States.

Fishery Conservation and Management Act, (Magnuson-Stevens Act), (16 U.S.C. 1801-1882, 90 Stat. 331). Authorizes the conservation and management of the fishery resources found within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States, including anadromous species, through eight Regional Fishery Management Councils. Establishes the Service as a nonvoting member of the Councils.

Food Security Act, (16 U.S.C. 801-3945). Provides that the Secretary of Agriculture consult with the Secretary of the Interior on the identification of wetlands, determinations of exemptions, and issuance of regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act. Requires the Service to concur in wetland mitigation plans in association with minimal effect exemptions and to concur in conservation plans for lands proposed for inclusion in the Wetlands Reserve program. Establishes a program to protect and restore wetlands on Farmers Home Administration inventory property and provides for the Service to identify such wetlands.

Great Ape Conservation Act*,* (16 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.). Authorizes grants to foreign governments, the CITES secretariat, and non-governmental organizations for the conservation of great apes. The funds are to be a sub-account of the Multinational Species Conservation Fund.

Great Lakes Critical Programs Act, (P.L. 101-596). Authorization for Service activities is contained in title III, the "Lake Champlain Special Designation Act of 1990".

Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act, (P.L. 109-326). The 2006 reauthorization places new emphasis on terrestrial wildlife projects, whereas the previous Acts were primarily devoted to fisheries. The bill also reauthorizes the existing State and Tribal grant program and provides new authority for the Service to undertake regional restoration projects. In addition, it directs the Service to create and maintain a website to document actions taken as a result of the Act. Under authority of the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 2006, the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act Grant Program provides Federal grants on a competitive basis to States, Tribes and other interested entities to encourage cooperative conservation, restoration and management of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat in Great Lakes basin..

Great Lakes Fishery Act, (16 U.S.C. 931-939). Implements the Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between the United States and Canada, and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior and the Service to undertake lamprey control and other measures related to the Convention.

Highlands Conservation Act, (P.L. 108-421). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania (Highland States) to preserve and protect high priority conservation land in the Highlands region, an area depicted on a National Forest Service map entitled "The Highlands Region" dated June 2004.

Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act, (16 U.S.C. 719 et seq.). Authorizes an annual Junior Duck Stamp competition and environmental education program for school children; provides for the licensing and marketing of winning designs, with proceeds used for awards and scholarships to participants. Public Law 109-166 reauthorizes the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act, (16 U.S.C.460ss et seq.). Requires the Secretary to develop and implement a restoration plan for the Klamath River Basin.

Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, (18 U.S.C. 42; 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378). Provides that the Secretary of the Interior designate injurious wildlife and ensure the humane treatment of wildlife shipped to the United States. Prohibits importation, exportation, transportation, sale, or purchase of fish and wildlife taken or possessed in violation of State, Federal, Indian Tribal, and foreign laws. Provides for enforcement of Federal wildlife laws, and Federal assistance to the States and foreign governments in the enforcement of non-Federal wildlife laws.

Marine Mammal Protection Act, (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407). Establishes a moratorium on taking and importing marine mammals, including parts and products. Defines the Federal responsibility for conservation of marine mammals, with management authority vested in the Department for the sea otter, walrus, polar bear, dugong, and manatee.

Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grants, (16 U.S.C. 1421f; 114 Stat. 2765. Title II of P.L. 106-555). Amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act to authorize grants to non-governmental organizations which participate in the rescue and rehabilitation of stranded marine mammals.

Marine Turtle Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6601-6607). Establishes a Marine Turtle Conservation Fund in the Multinational Species Conservation Fund. The fund is a separate account to assist in the conservation of marine turtles, and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries.

Migratory Bird Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 715-715d). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct investigations and publish documents related to North American birds, and establishes a Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) to approve areas recommended by the Secretary for acquisition. The MBCC also approves wetlands conservation projects recommended by the North American Wetlands Conservation Council under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, (16 U.S.C. 718). This Act, commonly referred to as the Duck Stamp Act, requires waterfowl hunters, 16 years of age or older, to purchase and possess a valid Federal waterfowl hunting stamp prior to taking migratory waterfowl. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to use $1 million from sales of migratory bird hunting and conservation stamps to promote additional sales of stamps.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, (16 U.S.C. 703-712). Implements four international treaties that affect migratory birds common to the United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan, and the former Soviet Union. Establishes Federal responsibility for protection and management of migratory and non-game birds, including the establishment of season length, bag limits, and other hunting regulations, and the issuance of permits to band, possess or otherwise make use of migratory birds.

National Aquaculture Development Act, (16 U.S.C. 2801-2810). Establishes a coordinating group, the Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture (JSA). The JSA has been responsible for developing the National Aquaculture Development Pan. The plan establishes a strategy for the development of an aquaculture industry in the United States.

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969**,** (NEPA), (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)**.** Provides that the Service examine the environmental impacts, incorporate environmental information, and use public participation in the planning and implementation of all actions; integrate NEPA with other planning requirements; prepare NEPA documents to facilitate better environmental decision making; and review Federal agency environmental plans and documents when the Service has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impacts involved.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, (16 U.S.C. 3701-3709)**.** Establishes a federally-chartered, nonprofit corporation to encourage and administer donations to benefit Service programs and other activities to conserve fish, wildlife, and plant resources.

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, (16 U.S.C. 470-470b, 470c-470n)**.** Directs Federal agencies to preserve, restore, and maintain historic cultural environments.

National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.)**.** Provides authority, guidelines and directives for the Service to improve the National Wildlife Refuge System; administers a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and restoration of fish, wildlife and plant resources and habitat; ensures the biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health of refuges is maintained; define compatible wildlife-dependent recreation as appropriate general public use of refuges; establishes hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education as priority uses; establish a formal process for determining compatible uses of refuges; and provide for public involvement in developing comprehensive conservation plans for refuges.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act*,* (P.L. 105-57)**.** Spells out wildlife conservation as the fundamental mission of the refuge system; requires comprehensive conservation planning to guide management of the refuge system; directs the involvement of private citizens in land management decisions; and provides that compatible wildlife-dependent recreation is a legitimate and appropriate use that should receive priority in refuge planning and management.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act, (P.L. 106-408)**.** Reinforces *National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act* provisions to raise public understanding and appreciation for the refuge system; calls on the Secretary of the Interior to establish a Centennial Commission to oversee special public outreach activities leading up to and during the Centennial year, leverage resources with public and private partners for outreach efforts, and plan and host a major conference in 2003; calls on the Service to develop a long-term plan to address the highest priority operations, maintenance, and construction needs of the National Wildlife Refuge System; and requires an annual report assessing the operations and maintenance backlogs and transition costs associated with newly acquired refuges lands.

National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act, (P.L. 111-357)**.** Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6101 et. seq.). Authorizes grants for the conservation of neotropical migratory birds in the United States and Latin America and the Caribbean, with 75 percent of the amounts made available to be expended on projects outside the United States. The funds

are to be a sub-account of the Multinational Species Conservation Fund. Title III of P.L. 109-363, reauthorized appropriations for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

New England Fishery Resources Restoration Act, (P.L. 101-593). Authorizes the Service to formulate, establish, and implement cooperative programs to restore and maintain nationally significant interjurisdictional fishery resources in New England river systems.

Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species Prevention and Control Act, as amended by the National Invasive species Act, (NISA, 16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.). Authorizes the Service to develop and implement a program to prevent and control infestations of zebra mussels and other nonindigenous aquatic invasive species in waters of the United States.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4401). Authorizes grants to public-private partnerships in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. to protect, enhance, restore, and manage waterfowl, other migratory birds and other fish and wildlife, and the wetland ecosystems and other habitats upon which they depend, consistent with the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. There is a Standard and a Small Grants Program. Both are competitive grants programs which require that grant requests be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 1-to-1 ratio. Funds from U.S. Federal sources may contribute towards a project, but are not eligible as match. Public Law 109-322 reauthorized the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Nutria Eradication and Control Act, (P.L. 108-16). Provides for the States of Maryland and Louisiana to implement nutria eradication or control measures and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

Oil Pollution Act, (P.L. 101-380)**.** Provides that the Service consult with others on the development of a fish and wildlife response plan for the protection, rescue, and rehabilitation of, and the minimization of risk of damage to fish and wildlife resources and their habitat harmed or jeopardized by an oil discharge.

Partnerships for Wildlife Act, (16 U.S.C. 3741-3744). This Act establishes a Wildlife Conservation and Appreciation Fund to receive appropriated funds and donations from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other private sources to assist the State fish and game agencies in carrying out their responsibilities for conservation of nongame species and authorizes grants to the States for programs and projects to conserve nongame species.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act, (16 U.S.C. 3771-3774). Provides for the restoration, enhancement, and management of fish and wildlife habitats on private land through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, a program that works with private landowners to conduct cost-effective habitat projects for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources in the United States.

Pelly Amendment to the Fishermen's Protective Act, (22 U.S.C. 1978). Authorizes the President to embargo wildlife products, including fish, and limit other imports from nations whose nationals are determined by the Secretary of the Interior or Commerce to be engaging in trade or take that undermines the effectiveness of any international treaty or convention for the protection of endangered or threatened species to which the United States is a party.

Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act, (P.L. 113-239). Authorizes the Service to permanently allow any State to provide hunting and conservation stamps for migratory birds (referred to as Federal Duck Stamps) electronically. The electronic stamps would remain valid for 45 days to allow for the physical stamps to arrive in the mail.

Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act*,* (16 U.S.C. 2602-2645) and ***Energy Security Act of 1980****, (16* U.S.C. 792-828(c)). Authorizes the Service to investigate and report on effects of hydropower development on fish and wildlife during the licensing process of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Recreational Use of Fish and Wildlife Areas, (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4). Commonly known as the Refuge Recreation Act of 1962, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to administer refuges, hatcheries, and other conservation areas for recreational use when such use does not interfere with the primary purpose for which these areas were established**.**

Refuge Recreation Act, (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4). Public Law 87-714, approved September 28, 1962 (76 Stat.653) as amended by Public Law 89-669, approved October 14, 1966, (80 Stat.930) and P.L. 92-534, approved October 23, 1972, (86 Stat. 1063). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to administer refuges, hatcheries and other conservation areas for recreational use, when such uses do not interfere with the areas primary purposes.

Resource Conservation Recovery Act, (42 U.S.C. 6901). Establishes standards for Federal agencies on the treatment, transportation, storage, and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes on Federal lands and facilities.

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act*,* (16. U.S.C. 5306(a), 1538). Authorizes grants to other nations and to the CITES Secretariat for programs directly or indirectly assisting in the conservation of rhinoceros and tigers. Prohibits the sale, importation, and exportation of products derived from any species of rhinoceros and tiger.

Salmon and Steelhead and Conservation and Enhancement Act of 1980, (16 U.S.C. 3301, 11-15, 21-25, 31-36, 41-45). Provides for management and enhancement planning to help prevent a further decline of salmon and steelhead stocks, and to assist in increasing the supply of these stocks within the Columbia River conservation area and the Washington conservation area.

Sikes Act, (16 U.S.C. 670a-670o). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Bureau of Land Management, and State agencies in planning, developing, maintaining and rehabilitating Federal lands for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat.

Strategic Response to Asian Carp Invasion Act, (P.L. 113-121). Requires the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey, to lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian Carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries by providing high-level technical assistance, coordination, best practices, and support to state and local government strategies, to slow, and eventually eliminate, the threat posed by such carp. Enacted in the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.

Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, (30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to regulate surface mining and reclamation at existing and future mining areas. The Service provides technical assistance for fish and wildlife aspects of the Department of the Interior's programs on active and abandoned mine lands.

Water Resources Development Act*,* (90 Stat. 2921). Authorizes the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan to mitigate fish and wildlife losses caused by power generation at four Corps of Engineers dams on the Lower Snake River in Washington.

Wild Bird Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916). Requires that all trade in wild birds involving the United States is biologically sustainable and to the benefit of the species, and by limiting or prohibiting imports of exotic birds when not beneficial to the species.

Youth Conservation Corps Act, (16 USC 1701-1706) as amended by P.L. 93-408, September 3, 1974. Expands and makes permanent the Youth Conservation Corps, and for other purposes. The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program, started in 1971, is a summer employment program for young men and women (ages 15–18) from all segments of society who work, learn, and earn together by doing projects for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wildlife Refuge System lands and National Fish Hatcheries. The objectives of this program (as reflected in Public Law 93-408) authorize the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service to operate the YCC Program.

Executive Orders

The Executive Orders listed are not an exhaustive list and are those most frequently referenced and used by the Service.

Floodplain Management, (Executive Order 11988)**.** Requires that federally-owned floodplains be protected through restricting future activities that would harm the floodplain resource or withhold such properties from lease or disposal to non-Federal public or private partners.

Migratory Birds, (Executive Order 13186). Directs Federal agencies taking actions that may have measurable negative impacts on migratory bird populations to enter into memoranda of understanding (MOU) with the Service to promote conservation of migratory bird populations and directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish a multi-agency Council for the Conservation of Migratory Birds.

Protection of Wetlands, (Executive Order 11990). Requires that federally-owned wetlands proposed for lease or conveyance to non-Federal public or private parties be protected through restricting any future uses that would degrade or harm the wetland resource in the conveyance or withhold such properties from lease or disposal.

Recreational Fisheries, (Executive Order 12962). Directs Federal agencies to improve the quantity, function, and sustainable productivity, and distribution of U.S. aquatic resources for increased resources for recreational fishing opportunities. The Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service are ordered to promote compatibility and to reduce conflicts between the administration of the *Endangered Species Act* and recreational fisheries. The Secretary of the Interior is directed to expand the role of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership council to monitor specific Federal activities affecting aquatic systems and the recreational fisheries they support.

Combating Wildlife Trafficking, (Executive Order 13648). Directs agencies to combat the illegal poaching and wildlife trade of protected species, both domestically and internationally. Wildlife trafficking not only endangers the survival of wildlife species, but also contributes to global instability and undermines security. The Secretary of the Interior will co-chair a Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking with the Secretary of State and Attorney General, or their designees.

Improving Performance of Federal Permitting and Review of Infrastructure Projects, (Executive Order 13604). Directs agencies to make the Federal permitting and review process of infrastructure projects efficient and effective to support economic growth while ensuring the health, safety, and security of the environment and communities. Agencies are to provide transparency, consistency, and predictability in the process for both project sponsors and affected communities.

Major Treaties and Conventions

The Service is party to numerous International Treaties and Conventions, all of which cannot be listed here due to space constraints. However, those listed below are more pertinent to the daily activities of Service programs.

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Flora and Fauna, (TIAS 8249). Parties who signed the Convention in March of 1973 agreed to restrict international trade in all species threatened with extinction (Appendix I species), all species which may be threatened with extinction unless trade is halted or restricted (Appendix II species), and all species which the parties identify as being subject to regulation for the purpose of preventing or restricting exploitation (Appendix III species). Many species listed under CITES are also listed under the *Endangered Species Act*. The Service is responsible for issuing all CITES permits in the United States.

Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere, (56 Stat. 1354). Signed in October of 1940, this Convention authorizes the contracting parties to establish national parks, national reserves, nature monuments, and strict wilderness reserves for the preservation of flora and fauna, especially migratory birds.

Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar), (TIAS 11084). The Ramsar Convention, ratified by over 90 nations, promotes the sustainable management of important wetlands around the world, especially as habitat for waterfowl. The Service's objective with this initiative is to strengthen worldwide collaboration regarding conservation and management of wetlands habitats which sustain resources stared by or of importance to all countries of the globe.

Summary of Requirements
Appropriation: Resource Management
(Dollars in Thousands)

	2018 Actual		2019 Annualized CR		Fixed Costs	Internal Transfers		Program Changes (+/-)		2020 Request		Change from 2019 (+/-)	
	FTE	Amount	*FTE*	Amount	(+/-)	*FTE*	Amount	*FTE*	Amount	*FTE*	Amount	*FTE*	Amount
Ecological Services													
Listing	*119*	18,818	*119*	18,818	+124	*0*	0	*-51*	-7,877	*68*	11,065	*-51*	-7,753
Planning and Consultation	*647*	105,579	*647*	105,579	+1,338	*0*	0	*+24*	+599	*671*	107,516	*+24*	+1,937
Conservation and Restoration	*200*	32,396	*200*	32,396	+254			*-10*	-6,209	*160*	26,441	*-40*	-5,955
Recovery	*469*	91,032	*469*	91,032	+841	*0*	0	*+22*	+3,127	*491*	95,000	*+22*	+3,968
Subtotal, Ecological Services	*1,435*	**247,825**	*1,435*	**247,825**	**+2,557**	***0***	**0**	***-15***	**-10,360**	***1,390***	**240,022**	***-45***	**-7,803**
Habitat Conservation													
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	*233*	51,633	*233*	51,633	+321	*0*	0	*+5*	+2,463	*238*	54,417	*+5*	+2,784
Coastal Program	*49*	13,375	*49*	13,375	+185	*0*	0	*0*	-185	*49*	13,375	*0*	0
Subtotal, Habitat Conservation	*282*	**65,008**	*282*	**65,008**	**+506**	***0***	**0**	*+5*	**+2,278**	***287***	**67,792**	***+5***	**+2,784**
National Wildlife Refuge System													
Wildlife and Habitat Management	*1,303*	233,141	*1,303*	233,141	+1,365	*0*	0	*+62*	+4,931	*1,365*	239,437	*+62*	+6,296
Visitor Services	*508*	73,319	*508*	73,319	+430	*0*	0	*+38*	+7,106	*546*	80,855	*+38*	+7,536
Refuge Law Enforcement	*229*	38,054	*229*	38,054	+212	*0*	0	*+28*	+4,929	*257*	43,195	*+28*	+5,141
Conservation Planning	*16*	2,523	*16*	2,523	0	*0*	0	*-16*	-2,523	*0*	0	*-16*	-2,523
Refuge Maintenance	*543*	139,469	*543*	139,469	+555	*0*	0	*+12*	+6,018	*555*	146,042	*+12*	+6,573
Subtotal, National Wildlife Refuge System	***2,599***	**486,506**	***2,599***	**486,506**	**+2,562**	***0***	***0***	***+124***	**+20,461**	***2,723***	**509,529**	***+124***	**+23,023**
Conservation and Enforcement													
Migratory Bird Management	*215*	48,246	*215*	48,246	+349	*0*	0	*0*	+890	*215*	49,485	*0*	+1,239
Law Enforcement	*341*	76,890	*341*	76,890	+256	*0*	0	*0*	+71	*341*	77,217	*0*	+327
International Affairs	*82*	15,816	*82*	15,816	+136	*0*	0	*+1*	+671	*83*	16,623	*+1*	+807
Subtotal, Conservation and Enforcement	***638***	**140,952**	***638***	**140,952**	**+741**	***0***	**0**	*+1*	**+1,632**	***639***	**143,325**	***+1***	**+2,373**
Fish and Aquatic Conservation													
National Fish Hatchery System Operations	*323*	55,822	*323*	55,822	+376	*0*	0	*0*	+192	*323*	56,390	*0*	+568
Maintenance and Equipment	*67*	22,920	*67*	22,920	+38	*0*	0	*+8*	+2,888	*75*	25,846	*+8*	+2,926
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation	*297*	85,885	*297*	85,885	+735	*0*	0	*-7*	-13,229	*290*	73,391	*-7*	-12,494
Subtotal, Fish and Aquatic Conservation	***687***	**164,627**	***687***	**164,627**	**+1,149**	**0**	**0**	***+1***	**-10,149**	***688***	**155,627**	***+1***	**-9,000**
Cooperative Landscape Conservation	***50***	**12,988**	***50***	**12,988**	**0**	***0***	**0**	*-50*	**-12,988**	***0***	**0**	*-50*	**-12,988**
Science Support													
Adaptive Science	*19*	10,517	*19*	10,517	0	*0*	0	*-19*	-10,517	*0*	0	*-19*	-10,517
Service Science	*14*	6,750	*14*	6,750	0	*0*	0	*-14*	-6,750	*0*	0	*-14*	-6,750
Subtotal, Science Support	***33***	**17,267**	***33***	***17,267***	**0**	***0***	**0**	***-33***	**-17,267**	***0***	**0**	***-33***	**-17,267**
General Operations													
Central Office Operations	*262*	31,257	*262*	31,257	0	*-42*	-9,613	*0*	+160	*220*	21,804	*-42*	-9,453
Management and Administration	*403*	40,866	*403*	40,866	0	*+42*	9,613	*0*	+4,387	*445*	54,866	*+42*	+14,000
Servicewide Bill Paying	*23*	35,781	*23*	35,781	-174	*0*	0	*0*	+163	*23*	35,770	*0*	-11
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	*0*	7,022	*0*	7,022	0	*0*	0	*0*	-22	*0*	7,000	*0*	-22
National Conservation Training Center	*110*	28,903	*110*	28,903	+114	*0*	0	*-11*	-7,591	*99*	21,426	*-11*	-7,477
Subtotal, General Operations	***798***	**143,829**	***798***	**143,829**	**-60**	***0***	0	***-11***	**-2,903**	***787***	**140,866**	***-11***	**-2,963**
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Total, Resource Management	***6,522***	**1,279,002**	***6,522***	**1,279,002**	**+7,455**	*0*	0	**+22**	**-29,296**	***6,514***	**1,257,161**	***-8***	**-21,841**

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Resource Management

Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days This row reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.	+2,772	+2,766
Pay Raise The 2020 request reflects a pay freeze for civilian employees.	+3,654	+0
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.	+0	+1,705
Departmental Working Capital Fund The change reflects expected changes in the charges for centrally billed Department services and other services through the Working Capital Fund. These charges are detailed in the Budget Justification for Departmental Management.	+995	+453
Worker's Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of compensating injured employees who suffer accidental deaths while on duty. Costs will reimburse the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Fund, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8147(b) as amended by Public Law 94-273.	-832	-627
Unemployment Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of unemployment compensation claims to be paid to the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Account, in the Unemployment Trust Fund, pursuant to Public Law 96-499.	+0	+0
Rental Payments The amounts reflect changes in the costs payable to the General Services Administration (GSA) and others for office and non-office space as estimated by GSA, as well as the rental costs of other currently occupied space. These costs include building security; in the case of GSA space, these are paid to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Costs of mandatory office relocations, i.e. relocations in cases where due to external events there is no alternative but to vacate the currently occupied space, are also included.	-407	+3,158
Baseline Adjustments for O&M Increases In accordance with space maximization efforts across the Federal Government, this adjustment captures the associated increase to baseline operations and maintenance (O&M) requirements resulting from movement out of GSA or direct-leased (commercial) space and into Bureau-owned space. While the GSA portion of fixed costs will go down as a result of these moves, Bureaus often encounter an increase to baseline O&M costs not otherwise captured in fixed costs. This category of funding properly adjusts the baseline fixed cost amount to maintain steady-state funding for these requirements.	+50	+0

Internal Realignments and Non-Policy/Program Changes (Net-Zero)	BY (+/-)
National Wildlife Refuge System/Equiptment and Vehicle Management This internal transfer is proposed to properly align funds with management of facilities and equipment.	-4,000
National Wildlife Refuge System/Maintenance Support This internal transfer is proposed to properly align funds with management of facilities and equipment.	+4,000
General Operations/Centeral Office Operations The internal transfer is proposed to reorganize administrative functions, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, budget and performance, and risk management.	-9,613
General Operations/Management and Administration The internal transfer is proposed to reorganize administrative functions, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, budget and performance, and risk management.	+9,613

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Ecological Services

Activity: Ecological Services

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Listing	($000)	18,818	18,818	+124	0	-7,877	11,065	-7,753
	FTE	*119*	*119*	*0*	*0*	*-21*	*68*	*-21*
Planning and Consultation	($000)	105,579	105,579	+1,338	0	+599	107,516	1,937
	FTE	*647*	*647*	*0*	*0*	*+24*	*671*	*+24*
Conservation and Restoration	($000)	32,396	32,396	+254	0	-6,209	26,441	-5,955
	FTE	200	200	0	0	*-40*	*160*	*-40*
Recovery	($000)	91,032	91,032	+841	0	+3,127	95,000	+3,968
	FTE	*469*	*469*	*0*	*0*	*+22*	*491*	*+22*
Total, Ecological Services	**($000)**	**247,825**	**247,825**	**2,557**	**0**	**-10,360**	**240,022**	**-7,803**
	FTE	***1,435***	***1,435***	***0***	***0***	***-45***	***1,390***	***-45***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Ecological Services

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Recovery Activities	+15,520	+103
• Planning and Consultation Activities	+6,101	+45
• Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Program	-1,000	-6
• De-listing and Down Listing	-1,393	-9
• Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem	-1,506	-10
• Environmental Response and Restoration	-1,785	-11
• White Nose Syndrome	-2,000	-13
• NEPA Streamlining	-2,500	-1
• Candidate Conservation	-2,918	-19
• State of the Birds	-3,000	-20
• Gulf Coast Restoration	-3,002	-20
• Recovery Challenge	-5,000	-33
• Listing	-7,877	-51
Program Changes	**-10,360**	**-45**

Program Mission

The Ecological Services (ES) Program contributes to the Acting Secretary's priority of creating a conservation stewardship legacy, sustainably developing our energy and natural resources, restoring trust with our neighbors and communities, supporting Tribal sovereignty, protecting our southern border, striking a regulatory balance between sustainable economic development and providing for conservation into the future.

ES Field Offices provide leadership in environmental response and restoration and assist communities in balancing economic growth and conservation through their work to conduct timely environmental reviews

of Federal permits and projects, conserve and recover species listed under the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA), and permit take of listed species.

Program Elements

The Ecological Services program is comprised of the following program elements:

- **Listing** – Uses the best scientific and commercial information available to identify foreign and domestic plant and animal species that are in danger of extinction or likely to become in danger of extinction within the foreseeable future and thus need protection under the ESA.
- **Planning and Consultation** – Provides integrated advanced project planning, environmental review, and permitting assistance to proactively address environmental concerns in support of economic growth, demand for new infrastructure, and community development.
- **Conservation and Restoration** – Delivers proactive species conservation efforts in partnership with States, Tribes, local governments, and landowners to prevent the need to list a species when possible; protects and restores habitat important to Federal trust species; and provides databases and mapping products that are essential tools for conservation and restoration of species and habitats by landowners, other Federal and State agencies, and the public.
- **Recovery** – Works with communities and stakeholders to recover endangered and threatened species, with the goal to minimize or reduce threats to a listed species and improve their status so the species can be secured and removed from Federal protection.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

Under various statutes and authorities, the Ecological Services Program is charged with providing technical solutions and compliance with a variety of conservation laws, most specifically the *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act* (FWCA); ESA; *Marine Mammal Protection Act* (MMPA); *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA); *Emergency Wetlands Resources Act*; *Clean Water Act*; *Coastal Barrier Resources Act* (CBRA); *Oil Pollution Act* (OPA); *Federal Power Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act* (CERCLA); and multiple Executive Orders. Through these operating authorities, the Service identifies potential impacts and provides solutions that prevent species and their habitats from becoming more imperiled and support the Secretary's priority of Conserving Our Land and Water.

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Listing

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Listing	($000)	18,818	18,818	+124	0	-7,877	11,065	-7,753
	FTE	*119*	*119*	*0*	*0*	*-51*	*68*	*-51*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Restoration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Listing	-7,877	-51
Program Changes	**-7,877**	**-51**

Program Overview

The purpose of the ESA is to conserve endangered and threatened species and the ecosystems on which they depend. Before a plant or animal species can receive the protection provided by the ESA, it must first be added to the Federal lists of threatened and endangered wildlife and plants. Placing a species on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife (50 CFR 17.11) or the List of Endangered and Threatened Plants (50 CFR 17.12), and designating critical habitat as required under the ESA, focuses resources and efforts by the Service and its partners on recovering the species. Through the Listing subactivity, the Service uses the best scientific and commercial information available to identify species that are in danger of extinction or likely to become so within the foreseeable future and thus need protection under the ESA.

The Service works closely with States and Tribes during the listing process, which often includes the development of a species status assessment (SSA) that reflects the best available scientific and commercial information regarding life history, biology, and the factors affecting the viability of a species. The Service maintains a national listing workplan to encourage States, Tribes and the public to undertake conservation activities now for species on the workplan so that the species does not need the protection of the ESA.[1]

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Listing is $11,065,000 and 68 FTE.

Listing (-$7,877,000/-51 FTE)

The request will be used by the Service to implement the approved National Listing workplan. This plan funds 90-day and 12-month petition findings, and listing, 4(d), and critical habitat rules that are required by law. The funds will support staff working on findings and rules, public hearings, printing, and economic analyses associated with critical habitat designations.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Support implementation of the approved National Listing Workplan. This plan identifies and prioritizes 90-day and 12-month findings, listing rules, and critical habitat rules that are required by law. Listing determinations will be based on Species Status Assessments.
- Support staff work on rules, public hearings, printing, and economic analyses for critical habitat.
- The Service has developed performance metrics to track and hold itself accountable for providing States the opportunity to provide their valuable scientific input in the SSA development process.

[1] https://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/listing-workplan html

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Planning and Consultation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Planning and Consultation	($000)	105,579	105,579	+1,338	0	+599	107,516	1,937
	FTE	*647*	*647*	*0*	*0*	*+24*	*671*	*+24*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Restoration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Planning and Consultation Activities	+6,101	+45
• NEPA Streamlining	-2,500	-1
• Gulf Coast Restoration	-3,002	-20
Program Changes	**+599**	**+24**

Program Overview

A pronghorn seen in the Pinedale Anticline natural gas field in Wyoming. Credit: Theo Stein/USFWS

Planning and Consultation is the primary customer service component of the Ecological Services program. Service staff advance the Secretary's priorities of sustainably developing our Nation's energy and natural resources, coordinating with Tribes, protecting our people and our border, striking a regulatory balance, and modernizing our Nation's infrastructure. With this funding, the Service works collaboratively with industry, agencies, Tribes, and other stakeholders to balance conservation and development needs. Service biologists work with stakeholders at the planning stages of Federally-authorized, licensed, or funded projects—from highway expansions to energy development—to ensure that development has minimal impact on wildlife and habitats. By engaging in project development and planning processes early, the Service can save taxpayers and developers money by minimizing environmental impacts of development projects, reducing threats to species in a way that helps prevent the need to list them as endangered or threatened in the future, streamlining the permitting process so that benefits are realized sooner, and reducing paperwork.

Early coordination and involvement in the project siting and design process can minimize the impacts of a project on wildlife. Engaging through the NEPA process, Ecological Services works closely with the lead Federal agency to streamline the review process for their Federal infrastructure projects. Through authority for interagency consultation under Section 7 of the ESA, the Service collaborates with its partners to identify opportunities to reduce adverse impacts of development activities with a Federal nexus. If an agency action is likely to adversely affect a listed species or critical habitat, the Federal agency must initiate consultations with the Service. This requirement may affect private individuals when their action involves Federal authorization—including permits— or funding. Service biologists provide technical assistance that identifies and explains ways to modify or reduce adverse effects of proposed projects on listed species and issue incidental take authorization for listed species so that projects can proceed on schedule and in compliance with the ESA.

Environmental review functions constitute a significant workload for the Service, and we are continuously looking for ways to improve the efficiency, consistency, transparency, and effectiveness of environmental reviews for infrastructure and other development projects. The Service is enhancing our Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) decision support system for streamlining the environmental review process. This allows for rapid identification of potential projects that will not affect listed species and expedites completion of requirements involving ESA section 7 consultations, section 10 HCPs, and other environmental review processes. In addition, the Service is undertaking a process to update species range maps in a way that is transparent and repeatable. Through improved range maps for listed species, the Service will be able to focus environmental reviews to areas where the species is most likely to occur.

Using the Habitat Conservation Planning authority under Section 10 of the ESA, the Service provides technical assistance to non-Federal entities in the development of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) and issues incidental take permits. The Service's incidental take permit program is a flexible process for addressing situations in which a property owner's otherwise lawful activities might result in incidental take of a listed species. Through HCPs, the Service facilitates private and other non-Federal land development with proactive species and conservation planning that strike a regulatory balance for development while addressing threats to species and fulfilling species recovery needs. The HCP program encourages applicants to explore different methods to achieve compliance with the ESA and choose an approach that best suits their needs.

The Service is implementing ways to streamline its review process in coordination with other Federal agencies and provide programmatic consultations where appropriate. The Service will continue to work closely with other Federal agencies in FY 2020 to advance infrastructure projects expeditiously while minimizing adverse impacts to fish, wildlife, and plants.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Planning and Consultation is $107,516,000 and 671 FTE.

Planning and Consultation Activities (+$6,101,000/+45 FTE)
The request enables the Service to build field capacity for technical assistance to Federal agencies and project proponents and continue to streamline the consultation and project review process through the development of web-based tools, reducing the regulatory burden and time commitments on project proponents, industries and other Federal agencies. Funding will support new web-based applications through IPaC as well as maintain and increase the scope and capability of existing applications to meet increased demand. In addition, the Service will invest in refined range maps for listed species to reduce the areas of consideration for consultation to those areas where development activities are most likely to affect a listed species.

NEPA Streamlining (-$2,500,000/ -1 FTE)
In FY 2018, Congress provided $2,500,000 to streamline the permitting process and achieve compliance with permitting and other statues. This work will continue to be funded under general Planning and Consultation Activities, as it continues to be a priority for the Service.

Gulf Coast Restoration (-$3,002,000/-20 FTE)
Through this funding, the Service works closely with the States and local communities in the Gulf Coast to provide timely environmental reviews of projects funded as part of the restoration from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Within the requested funding the Service will provide technical assistance to those activities that are critically important to the health and vitality of our Nation's natural and economic resources.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide integrated advanced project planning, environmental review, and permitting assistance to address environmental concerns in support of energy production, infrastructure, and other development activities.
- Support development and population of data in our web-based application, Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC), to help streamline the ESA consultation process, provide clarity and transparency, and increase predictability for Federal agencies and applicants.
- Collaborate with many internal and external partners by providing technical assistance in evaluating the impacts of proposed Federal activities on fish, wildlife, and plants.
- Focus our consultation and permitting efforts on Administration and Departmental priorities, particularly priority infrastructure and energy projects.

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Conservation and Restoration

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation and Restoration	($000)	32,396	32,396	+254	0	-6,209	26,441	-5,955
	FTE	200	200	0	0	-40	160	-40

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Restoration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem	-1,506	-10
• Environmental Response and Restoration	-1,785	-11
• Candidate Conservation	-2,918	-19
Program Changes	**-6,209**	**-40**

Program Overview

The Service supports collaborative species conservation efforts, works to protect and restore habitats that are important to Federal trust species, and provides mapping products and databases that are essential tools for conservation and restoration of species and habitats by other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public.

Candidate Conservation

Identification of candidate species can assist environmental planning efforts by providing advance notice of potential listings, and by allowing landowners and resource managers to alleviate threats and thereby possibly remove the need to list species as endangered or threatened. Funding through this subactivity focuses on conducting species assessments and facilitating voluntary conservation efforts. The Service routinely publishes a Candidate Notice of Review (CNOR) which is an updated list of plant and animal species native to the United States regarded as candidates for or have been proposed for listing under the ESA. By reducing threats to species and their habitats before they become critically imperiled, future conservation efforts are likely to be less costly, more flexible, and more likely to result in successful conservation over time. Even if we subsequently list a candidate species, the early notice provided can result in more options for species management and recovery by prompting earlier candidate conservation measures to alleviate threats to the species.

Marine Mammals

Also funded under this subactivity is the Service's work to conserve marine mammals. While NOAA is responsible for porpoises, dolphins and whales under the MMPA, the Service oversees protections for walruses, manatees, otters, and polar bears. Marine mammals are a resource of great cultural, aesthetic, economic, and recreational significance. The MMPA provides protection by prohibiting (with certain exceptions): (1) "take" of marine mammals in U.S. waters and by U.S. citizens on the high seas and (2) the import, export, and sale of marine mammals and marine mammal parts, and products in the U.S. Under the MMPA, marine mammal populations, and the health and stability of marine ecosystems upon which they depend, are required to be maintained at, or returned to, healthy levels.

Sea Otters are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Photo Credit: Randall Davis

Meeting the Service's mandate for the conservation of marine mammal species requires communication and cooperation with other Federal agencies, State governments, Alaska Native Organizations, scientists from numerous institutions and organizations, industry groups, and nongovernmental organizations.

National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)
The Service is the principal Federal agency tasked with providing information to the public on the distribution as well as the status and trends of our Nation's wetlands. The National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) provides a publicly available online mapping resource that gives detailed information on the abundance, characteristic, and distribution of America's wetlands. The wetland data layer underlying the mapper provides the best available data to the Nation. The Service works extensively with other Federal and State partners to continually update the data. These maps expedite conservation and business decisions on, for instance, siting of development projects near a wetland. In FY 2020, the Service will be completing the collection of data for the sixth decadal report to Congress on the status and trends of the Nation's wetlands. As required by law, the next report will provide an assessment of the health, quality, and quantity of America's wetlands that informs policy and management decisions across the Federal Government.

Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA)
In the early 1980s, Congress recognized that certain Federal actions and programs have historically subsidized and encouraged development on coastal barriers, resulting in the loss of natural resources; threats to human life, health, and property; and the expenditure of millions of tax dollars each year. To remove the Federal incentive to develop these areas, CBRA designated relatively undeveloped coastal barriers along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts as part of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS), and made these areas ineligible for most new Federal expenditures and financial assistance. CBRA does not prohibit or restrict development conducted with non-Federal funds.

CBRA is a map-based law, and the Service continues to take significant steps to improve efficiencies and effectiveness of CBRA administration including: (1) the release of an online CBRS Mapper that makes CBRS boundary data more accessible to property owners, project proponents, and other stakeholders who need to know whether properties or project sites may be affected by the CBRA; (2) the release of an online validation tool for the public and other Federal agencies to make a self-determination as to whether individual properties are located "in" or "out" of the CBRS which is important for the issuance of flood insurance policies, real estate transactions and federal expenditures within the CBRS; (3) finish remapping 44 percent of the total units representing 16 percent of the total acreage between Virginia and New Hampshire; and (4) resolving property determinations requested by Congress and/or property owners that require extensive land research and imagery analysis.

Environmental Response and Restoration
Our coasts, rivers, estuaries, wetlands and other natural places are home to spectacular native wildlife and provide Americans with unrivaled places to fish, hunt, and get outdoors. They also play a critical role in our economy, generating revenues from tourism and recreational activities, while providing us with clean water and performing countless other important ecological functions. The Service's Environmental Response and Restoration Program protects and restores fish and wildlife, as well as habitats that have been injured by oil discharges, and the release of hazardous substances or emerging contaminants of concern. In order to be effective in responding to emergency spills, the Service must maintain a cadre of trained responders. Funding in this subactivity is critical to maintain the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's required training certificates or medical monitoring, to supply responders and Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) practitioners with the equipment and supplies to prevent exposure to spilled oil or environmental contaminants, and to conduct associated pre-assessment investigations. Trained responders will increase the Service's capacity to provide technical support and expertise to the U.S. Coast Guard and Environmental Protection Agency during spill events.

The Environmental Response and Restoration program within Ecological Services oversees the NRDAR activities nationwide. In order to achieve restoration, the Service must provide technical expertise to convert damage assessment awards to on-the-ground restoration. The Service uses this funding to provide support to ongoing cases and conduct early investigations that could potentially lead to restoration projects worth millions of dollars. For example, through ongoing cases in FY 2018, the Service, in coordination with co-trustees, put more than $120 million on the ground to restore fish and wildlife for the American people: enhancing or restoring nearly 2,000 acres, managing more than 40,000 acres, and protecting more than 7,000 acres. As a result, nearly 6,000 acres were made available for recreational use through the use of NRDAR funds. In FY 2017, the NRDAR program managed more than $13.5 million in funds recovered from responsible parties to implement restoration projects for the benefit of the American people. Based upon a recent report, the Service estimated that FY 2017 projects generated approximately $46 million for the economy and 480 year-long jobs.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Conservation and Restoration is $26,441,000 and 160 FTE.

Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystem (-$1,506,000/-10 FTE)
With the requested funding, the Service will continue to work with Federal and State partners to implement important on the-ground conservation efforts for species within the sagebrush ecosystem.

Environmental Response and Restoration: (-$1,785,000/-11 FTE)
The Service will prioritize work in spill response and engagement with NRDAR trustees.

Candidate Conservation (-$2,918,000/-19 FTE)
Priority will be given to administering the Candidate Notice of Review (CNOR). The Service will rely on the States to assume the role in providing technical assistance for all CCAAs and CCAs. Guided by the national listing workplan, the States can leverage their expertise and relationships to provide landowners with technical assistance to achieve specific conservation goals for candidate and petitioned species and thus potentially eliminate the need to list a species.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Deliver proactive species conservation efforts in partnership with other Federal agencies, States, Tribes, local governments, and landowners to prevent the need to list a species when possible; protect and restore habitat important to Federal trust species; and provide databases and mapping products that are essential tools for conservation and restoration of species and habitats by landowners, other Federal and State agencies, and the public.

Subactivity: Ecological Services
Program Element: Recovery

		2018 Actual	2019 Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Recovery	($000)	91,032	91,032	+841		+3,127	95,000	+3,968
	FTE	469	469			+22	491	+22

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Recovery

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Recovery Activities	+15,520	+103
• Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Program	-1,000	-6
• De-listing and Down Listing	-1,393	-9
• White Nose Syndrome	-2,000	-13
• State of the Birds	-3,000	-20
• Recovery Challenge	-5,000	-33
Program Changes	**+3,127**	**+22**

Program Overview

Preventing extinction and achieving recovery of listed species has always been, and will continue to be, one of the Service's highest priorities. It serves the Acting Secretary's objective of conserving our land and water by managing its fish and wildlife. The goal of Recovery is to minimize or remove the threats that led to the species' listing and to work toward reclassifying the species from endangered to threatened, and toward delisting the species altogether. This process requires technical leadership, monitoring, planning, and management together with close coordination with Service partners. The Service plays a vital role in guiding the recovery planning process, and in facilitating, supporting, and monitoring the implementation of recovery actions by the Service and others.

Recovery plans, non-regulatory blueprints for the work that needs to be done to achieve downlisting or delisting a species under the ESA, are required under the ESA. Recovery plans are developed collaboratively with interested partners. Recovery plans may address multiple species, identify specific recovery tasks, establish downlisting and delisting criteria, and provide timetables and cost estimates. There is a public review process for each draft recovery plan. The Service advances the Secretary's priorities of creating a conservation stewardship legacy and striking a regulatory balance by enhancing and increasing partnerships with agencies and organizations to implement highest priority recovery actions identified in recovery plans for endangered and threatened species under the trusteeship of the Service in the United States and its Territories, such that known threats to the species may be reduced or eliminated.

The ESA requires the Service to review the status of listed species once every five years to determine whether the current listing status, as endangered or threatened, is still appropriate. This assessment includes a notice to the public requesting information on the species under review. These documents are important tools to gather new information, assess threats to the species, and validate whether protection under the ESA is still necessary.

Service biologists support the implementation of the ESA via collaborative conservation actions that are advantageous, feasible, and practicable for all parties. Staff provides technical assistance to our partners to champion recovery projects on the ground. Recovery projects can range from habitat restoration to captive rearing and reintroduction to landowner agreements that will provide Safe Harbors to one or more listed

species for a set period of time. Safe Harbor Agreements provide assurances that non-Federal conservation actions (e.g., habitat restoration, reintroduction), will not result in additional regulation on the landowner.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Recovery of Listed Species is $95,000,000 and 491 FTE.

Recovery Activities (+$15,520,000/+103 FTE)
The Service is focused on the ESA mandates that are inherently Federal, including development of recovery plans, five-year status reviews, and has prioritized rulemakings to downlist or delist species whose status has improved. In FY 2018, the Service developed a national workplan for downlisting and delisting rulemakings and submitted a total of 26 proposed or final rules to reclassify a species, exceeding the target of eight rules. In FY 2019, the Service anticipates proposing or finalizing 36 delisting and downlisting actions. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Service expects to propose or finalize 36 delisting or downlisting rules. The request will support the Service's capacity to work with other DOI bureaus, Federal agencies, States, and other stakeholders, to ensure recovery plans have objective and measurable recovery criteria and address five-year status review recommendations on the national workplan. The Service has established a process to revise recovery plans to ensure that each plan has quantitative criteria for what constitutes a recovered species, and is implementing a streamlined approach to recovery planning to facilitate timely development of plans for all newly listed species.

Wolf-Livestock Demonstration Program (-$1,000,000/-6 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

Delisting and Downlisting (-$1,393,000/-9 FTE)
The Service remains committed to prioritizing delisting and downlisting rulemakings through species recovery activities. The request will support implementation of the Service National Delisting and Downlisting Workplan in addressing five-year status review recommendations and substantive petitions to downlist and delist species over the next three years (FY 20-22).

White Nose Syndrome (-$2,000,000/-13 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

State of the Birds (-$3,000,000/-20 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

Recovery Challenge (-$5,000,000/-33 FTE)
The request does not continue this dedicated funding and focuses resources on recovery activities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Support our work to complete the recovery responsibilities required of the Service by statute - preparing recovery plans for newly listed species within two and a half years of the final listing, working through recovery plan backlog, completing five-year reviews for approximately 20% of the species annually, acting on the recommendations to reclassify or delist species, and encourage collaborative partnerships with others for recovery implementation. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Service expects to finalize 36 delisting or downlisting rules.
- Ensure that all final recovery plans have quantitative criteria for what constitutes a recovered species and are completed in a timely manner.

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Habitat Conservation

HABITAT CONSERVATION

Activity: Habitat Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	($000)	51,633	51,633	+321	0	+2,463	54,417	+2,784
	FTE	*233*	*233*	*0*	*0*	*+5*	*238*	*+5*
Coastal Program	($000)	13,375	13,375	+185	0	-185	13,375	0
	FTE	*49*	*49*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*49*	*0*
Total, Habitat Conservation	**($000)**	**65,008**	**65,008**	**+506**	**0**	**+2,278**	**67,792**	**+2,784**
	FTE	***282***	***282***	***0***	***0***	***+5***	***287***	***+5***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Habitat Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Partners for Fish and Wildlife Activities	+5,079	+5
• Washington Salmon Recovery/Environmental Data Quality and Access	-643	0
• Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication	-688	0
• WA Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group	-1,285	0
• Coastal Program Activities	+183	0
• Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	-184	0
• Long Live the Kings	-184	0
Program Changes	**+2,278**	**+5**

Program Mission

Habitat Conservation, which includes the Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program and the Coastal Program, provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and other conservation partners to voluntarily protect, conserve, and restore their lands. By working together, the Service helps landowners keep their working lands in traditional uses and implement habitat improvement and conservation projects.

Program Elements

The PFW and Coastal Programs take a cooperative approach to deliver on-the-ground conservation in targeted geographic areas. Locally-based field biologists have an intimate knowledge of the natural resource concerns and conservation challenges in their communities. Field staff work with local communities, private landowners, and other stakeholders to leverage partners' resources and Federal dollars to support conservation strategies on public and private lands. These efforts help conserve America's traditional land uses for future generations, support robust fish and wildlife populations for recreational use by the American public, address conservation challenges such as invasive species and habitat fragmentation, and buffer important infrastructure from storm damages.

A large part of PFW work includes coordinating with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide technical assistance in the development, implementation, and evaluation of Farm Bill conservation

programs and initiatives to meet shared conservation goals. This work includes delivery of fish and wildlife technical assistance associated with implementation of any new programs, rules, or policies resulting from the passage of the Farm Bill in FY 2019, as well as the continuation of effective partnerships with USDA that help sustain wildlife populations and agricultural production.

Activity: Habitat Conservation
Subactivity: Partners for Fish and Wildlife

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	($000)	51,633	51,633	+321	0	+2,463	54,417	+2,784
	FTE	*233*	*233*	*0*	*0*	*+5*	*238*	*+5*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Partners for Fish and Wildlife Activities	+5,079	+5
• Washington Salmon Recovery/Environmental Data Quality and Access	-643	0
• Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication	-688	0
• WA Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group	-1,285	0
Program Changes	**+2,463**	**+5**

Program Overview

The PFW Program is a voluntary, citizen, and community-based stewardship program for fish and wildlife conservation on private land. Through the PFW Program, the Service and private landowners work collaboratively to implement local conservation strategies. In turn, these restored areas provide valuable benefits to the surrounding communities by supporting tourism and recreation, protecting infrastructure from flood damage, and supporting America's agricultural production by conserving soil, controlling pests, and benefitting pollinators. Funds spent in support of restoration projects create jobs, generate tax revenues, and economic activity as wages and purchases flow through the economy. A Service report found that for every $1 the program contributed to a project, $15.70 was generated in economic returns.[1]

To promote pollinator habitat, the Service teamed up with Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever to promote shooting sports and plant seed at the same time through this innovative Pollinating Pigeon. When used for target shooting, native grass and flower seeds are delivered across fields, providing habitat and vegetation for wildlife such as monarchs, deer, and quail. Credit: USFWS

In FY 2018, the PFW Program worked with private landowners and partners to complete 2,439 project accomplishments across the Nation. In total, the PFW Program has restored approximately 6.4 million acres of habitat while leveraging program dollars at a ratio of 4:1 or greater. These acres, coupled with over 13,500 miles of enhanced stream habitat, provide valuable habitat for Federal trust species while allowing enjoyment by the American people and their families, for generations to come.

[1] https://www.fws.gov/home/pdfs/restoration-returns.pdf p. 7

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Partners for Fish and Wildlife is $54,417,000 and 238 FTE.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Activities (+5,079,000/+5 FTE)
At the requested funding level, the Service will restore and enhance an estimated 34,497 wetland acres, 211,073 upland acres, 620 riparian miles, and 115 fish passage structures.

Washington Salmon Recovery/ Environmental Data Quality and Access (-$643,000/+0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication (-$688,000/+0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, this program will control bio-monitoring and ensure eradication efforts have been successful.

Washington Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group (-$1,285,000/+0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

In FY 2020, the PFW Program will focus on implementing DOI priorities, including restoring trust and being a good neighbor by delivering voluntary restoration and enhancement projects. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, PFW will restore and enhance approximately 34,497 wetland acres, 211,073 upland acres, 620 riparian miles, and 115 fish passage structures. The PFW program will continue to pursue solutions for public access on private lands to enhance recreational opportunities and support Secretarial Order 3362, *Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors* along with Secretarial Order 3356, *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation.*

In support of SO 3362, PFW is delivering habitat to support big-game migration corridors across the West to benefit species such as this pronghorn. Credit: USFWS

Activity: Habitat Conservation
Subactivity: Coastal Program

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Coastal Program	($000)	13,375	13,375	+185	0	-185	13,375	0
	FTE	*49*	*49*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*49*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Habitat Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Coastal Program Activities	+183	0
• Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group	-184	0
• Long Live the Kings	-184	0
Program Changes	**-185**	**0**

Program Overview

The Coastal Program is a voluntary, partnership-based program that delivers technical and financial assistance for habitat conservation in coastal watersheds. Locally-based field staff work with diverse partners, including private landowners, to improve and protect habitat on both public and private lands.

Coastal habitats are highly dynamic and diverse regions of great complexity and significance. Coastal areas are home to 40 percent of the U.S. population, and coastal tourism and recreation contribute approximately $116 billion to the U.S. GDP annually.

The Coastal Program provides value to the public by leveraging partners' resources at a ratio of 8:1, effectively maximizing the Service's impact. This investment stimulates local economies by supporting jobs necessary to deliver habitat conservation, including environmental consultants, engineers, construction workers, surveyors, assessors, and nursery and landscape workers. These jobs also generate indirect economic activities that benefit local hotels, restaurants, stores, and gas stations. The Service estimates that the average Coastal Program project directly supports 12 jobs and eight businesses.

Partnerships in Action: habitat conservation along the coast can benefit wildlife, local communities, and peoples' livelihoods. Organizations, industry, and State and Federal agencies have partnered in the Chesapeake Bay to restore oyster reefs that improve water quality, provide fish and wildlife habitat, and support the local seafood industry. An oyster can filter as much as 50 gallons of water per day, and healthy oyster populations lead to greater oyster harvests. Credits: Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center and Harris Seafood Company

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Coastal Program is $13,375,000 and 49 FTE.

Coastal Program Activities (+$183,000/0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, the Service will restore or protect an estimated 16 miles of stream/shoreline, 9,358 wetland acres, 7,625 upland acres, and improve 23 barriers to fish passage.

Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (-$184,000/0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

Long Live the Kings (-$184,000/0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for this activity in order to address other priorities.

2020 Program Performance

In FY 2020 the Coastal Program will focus on priority geographic areas, delivering on-the-ground conservation in coordination with local communities to support resilient habitats for the benefit of wildlife and people. The program's strategic landscape design, capacity building, and other technical assistance will continue to support Departmental priorities, Service programs, Federal and State agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and coastal communities. Important on-the-ground projects will be delivered in priority areas such as the Gulf of Mexico, Florida Everglades, Great Lakes, and Chesapeake Bay. The Coastal Program typically achieves a ratio of at least 8:1 partner dollars for every Coastal Program dollar invested in a coastal enhancement project. At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Coastal Program would be able to restore or protect about 16 miles of stream/shoreline, 9,358 wetland acres, 7,625 upland acres, and improve 23 fish passage barriers.

National Wildlife Refuge System

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Wildlife and Habitat Management	($000)	233,141	233,141	+1,365	0	+4,931	239,437	+6,296
	FTE	*1,303*	*1,303*	*0*	*0*	*+62*	*1,365*	*+62*
Refuge Visitor Services	($000)	73,319	73,319	+430	0	+7,106	80,855	+7,536
	FTE	*508*	*508*	*0*	*0*	*+38*	*546*	*+38*
Refuge Law Enforcement	($000)	38,054	38,054	+212	0	+4,929	43,195	+5,141
	FTE	*229*	*229*	*0*	*0*	*+28*	*257*	*+28*
Conservation Planning	($000)	2,523	2,523	0	0	-2,523	0	-2,523
	FTE	*16*	*16*	*0*	*0*	*-16*	*0*	*-16*
Refuge Operations	**($000)**	**347,037**	**347,037**	**+2,007**	**0**	**+14,443**	**363,487**	**+16,450**
	FTE	***2,056***	***2,056***	***0***	***0***	***+112***	***2,168***	***+112***
Refuge Maintenance	($000)	139,469	139,469	+555	0	+6,018	146,042	+6,573
	FTE	*543*	*543*	*0*	*0*	*+12*	*555*	*+12*
Total, National Wildlife Refuge System	**($000)**	**486,506**	**486,506**	**+2,562**	**0**	**+20,461**	**509,529**	**+23,023**
	FTE	***2,599***	***2,599***	***0***	***0***	***+124***	***2,723***	***+124***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for the National Wildlife Refuge System

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Invasive Species	+5,000	+56
• Wildlife and Habitat Management Activities	+975	+6
• Inventory and Monitoring	-1,044	0
• Refuge Visitor Services	+8,106	+35
• Urban Wildlife Conservation Program	+1,000	+3
• Youth and Careers in Nature	-2,000	0
• Refuge Law Enforcement	+4,929	+28
• Refuge Planning	-2,523	-16
• Deferred Maintenance	+3,090	0
• Maintenance Support	+2,627	+12
• Annual Maintenance	+950	0
• Youth Conservation Corps	-649	0
Program Changes	**+20,461**	**+124**

Program Mission

The National Wildlife Refuge System's mission is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and restoration of fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

Program Elements

With wildlife refuges in every State and many territories, the Refuge System is the front door of the Service. Refuges are accessible to nearly all Americans, from rural communities and suburbs to urban centers, and from the mainland to far away Pacific and Arctic islands. Over 55 million visitors are welcomed each year and provided opportunities for hunting, fishing, environmental education and interpretation, photography, wildlife viewing, and other recreational activities. Refuges are the world's most extensive network of public lands and waters and are dedicated to maintaining our Nation's legacy of stewardship and conservation of fish, wildlife, and plants.

The Refuge System manages 855.6 million acres of lands and waters and includes 567 National Wildlife Refuges, 38 wetland management districts, 50 coordination areas, seven National Monuments, and 19.1 million acres in Marine National Monuments under other authorities.

The 567 National Wildlife Refuges include all of the Refuge System lands, waters, and interests administered by the Service as wildlife refuges, wildlife ranges, wildlife management areas, game preserves, and conservation areas.

The Service's 38 wetland management districts administer 4.0 million acres of waterfowl production areas (WPAs). WPAs are small natural wetlands and associated grasslands located primarily in the upper Midwest, which the Service acquires under the authority of the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act.

The Refuge System's 50 coordination areas are Federal lands that States manage as wildlife habitat under cooperative agreements with the Service, furthering the Secretary's priority of restoring trust with local communities and building relationships with neighbors bordering our lands.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The National Wildlife Refuge System is implemented under the following authorities:

- The *Fish and Wildlife Act* (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j) establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means;

- The *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act* (16 U.S.C. 661-666e) directs the Service to investigate and report on proposed Federal actions that affect any stream or other body of water, and to provide recommendations to minimize impacts on fish and wildlife resources;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act* (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) provides authority, guidelines, and directives for the Service in administering the lands and waters of the National Wildlife Refuge System, including establishing six wildlife-dependent recreation activities as priority uses;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act* (P.L. 105-57) spells out wildlife conservation as the fundamental mission of the Refuge System, requires comprehensive conservation planning to guide management of the Refuge System, directs involvement of private citizens in land management decisions, and provides that compatible wildlife-dependent recreation is a legitimate and appropriate use that should receive priority in refuge planning and management;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act* (P.L. 111-357) authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and promotes volunteer, outreach, and education programs;

- The *Refuge Recreation Act* (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to administer refuges, hatcheries, and other conservation areas for recreational use, when such uses do not interfere with the area's primary purposes;

- The *National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act* (P.L. 106-408) reinforces National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act provisions to raise public understanding and appreciation for the Refuge System;

- The *Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act* (16 U.S.C. 410hh-3233, 43 U.S.C. 1602-1784) provides for the designation and conservation of certain public lands in Alaska, including units of the Refuge System, and for the continuing subsistence needs of Alaska Natives;

- The *Migratory Bird Conservation Act* (16 U.S.C. 715-715d. 715e, 715f-715r) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct investigations and publish documents related to North American birds, and establishes a Migratory Bird Conservation Commission to approve areas recommended by the Secretary for acquisition;

- The *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act* (16 U.S.C. 718a-718k) requires waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to possess a valid Federal Duck Stamp;

- The *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* (16 U.S.C. 703-712) establishes Federal responsibility for protecting and managing migratory birds; and

- The *Wilderness Act* (16 U.S.C. 1131-1136) establishes a National Wilderness Preservation System for the permanent good of the whole people.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Wildlife and Habitat Management

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Wildlife and Habitat Management	($000)	233,141	233,141	+1,365	0	+4,931	239,437	+6,296
	FTE	*1,303*	*1,303*	*0*	*0*	*+62*	*1,365*	*+62*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Wildlife and Habitat Management

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Invasive Species	+5,000	+56
• Wildlife and Habitat Management Activities	+975	+6
• Inventory and Monitoring	-1,044	0
Program Changes	**+4,931**	**+62**

Program Overview

This subactivity provides the basic operating funding for the National Wildlife Refuge System, which works collaboratively to leverage resources to provide public access and achieve effective conservation. Improving dialogue and relationships with stakeholders and entities bordering our lands fosters partnerships for balanced stewardship and allows individual refuges to respond more effectively to resource challenges and opportunities to provide for increased public use of refuge lands. These partnerships help restore trust in Federal management of resources through consulting with our neighbors and recognizing their concerns.

Active management of land and water resources supports conservation and wildlife dependent recreation. At Rice Lake NWR (MN), installation of a beaver deterrent helps maintain appropriate water levels and prevents flooding. Credit: USFWS

Wildlife and Habitat Management funds vital refuge operations that identify best practices to manage land and water resources. This helps the Refuge System achieve its dual mission of conservation and wildlife-dependent recreation, which contributes to the Departmental priority of creating a conservation stewardship legacy.

These activities include:

- Monitoring plant and animal populations;
- Restoring wetland, forest, grassland, and marine habitats;
- Managing habitats through manipulation of water levels, prescribed burning, haying, grazing, timber harvest, and planting vegetation;
- Controlling the spread of invasive species;
- Assessing water quality and quantity;
- Monitoring air quality;
- Preventing and controlling wildlife disease outbreaks;
- Investigating and cleaning contaminants;
- Ensuring the exercise of oil and gas rights on wildlife refuges occurs efficiently, consistently, and without undue burden on operators or the public;

- Inventory and monitoring (I&M) of the biological resources, ecological processes, physical environment, and human interactions to provide the information necessary to implement the Service's adaptive management framework; and
- Managing five Marine National Monuments, which support healthy fisheries and can act as sources for fish and wildlife populations outside of the monuments, including commercially fished populations.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Wildlife and Habitat Management is $239,437,000 and 1,365 FTE.

Invasive Species (+$5,000,000/+ 56 FTE)

Invasive species are one of the most serious threats to native wildlife, fish, and plants in the Refuge System and across the country, and these threats are expected to grow due to increasing international trade. Invasive species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity and Federally-listed threatened and endangered species, second only to habitat loss[1]. Invasive species negatively affect native species through habitat modification, disruption of vital ecosystem functions, competition, predation, herbivory, transmission of pathogens, and by hybridizing with natives. Invasive species can also significantly affect infrastructure such as transportation and power generation systems, dams, levees, and structures. Because invasive species ignore human jurisdictional boundaries, a multi-stakeholder approach is optimal in dealing with them.

The most cost-effective strategies to manage invasive species are prevention, early detection and rapid response (EDRR), and complete eradications of small, incipient populations. EDRR aims to limit the establishment or range expansion of invasive species and prevent the need for the more costly ongoing treatments often required once they are established (e.g., Asian Carp). In the Refuge System, prevention and EDRR activities are delivered through five Invasive Species Strike Teams.

The FY 2020 request builds on the success of the existing Strike Teams in combatting invasive species by establishing 11 new Strike Teams to apply proven early EDRR techniques. The request will support a new Strike Team in Alaska, which is on the early end of the invasion curve that will work with the State government to establish a framework for cooperative and multi-jurisdictional application of EDRR techniques. This State-Federal cooperation on EDRR may become a model for other parts of the country.

Wildlife & Habitat Management Activities (+$975,000/+6 FTE)

The Service requests funding to hire six biologists to support Secretarial Orders (S.O.) 3347, *Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation*; 3356, *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories*; 3366, *Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters*; and 3349, *American Energy Independence,* which will expand increased hunting, fishing, and other recreational opportunities; improve public access by facilitating management of big game, migratory waterfowl, and other species enjoyed by the visiting public; and streamline regulatory processes related to oil and gas exploration. These biologists will have the natural resources expertise necessary to manage wildlife and their habitats to provide robust fish and wildlife populations for premium hunting, fishing, and recreational experiences in the greatest number of areas possible. These biologist will also be critical links in the streamlining of regulatory efforts as they relate to energy independence, while ensuring sound science is used in the decision making process.

[1] Introduced Species: The Threat to Biodiversity & What Can Be Done. Dr. Daniel Simberloff; http://www.actionbioscience.org/biodiversity/simberloff.html#primer

Inventory and Monitoring (-$1,044,000/+0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, priority species and habitats will continued to be monitored in support of our adaptive management framework and S.O. 3362. The Service will complete I&M surveys in the field that are a critical first step to more effectively manage habitats for wildlife and plant species

2020 Program Activities and Performance

The 2020 budget request will enable the Service to focus on wildlife and habitat management activities in support of Secretarial priorities, including conservation stewardship, utilizing natural resources, expanding access for outdoor recreation, and using science to identify best practices to manage land and water resources. This includes using traditional approaches, such as water level manipulation, prescriptive grazing, and selective timber harvesting, to achieve desired habitat conditions for fish and wildlife. Healthy habitats are vital to ensure sustainable wildlife populations, whether they are imperiled or game species. In 2020, the Service expects to actively manage more than 3 million acres of habitat. Invasive species management includes Invasive Species Strike Teams with a focus on EDRR to recently established infestations that will control both the number of acres with invasive plants and animal populations on refuges at relatively current levels, and promote interagency and intergovernmental cooperation on EDRR in Alaska.

The budget level requested will support the refuge Inventory & Monitoring program. At the requested funding level, the Service will complete I&M surveys in the field that are a critical first step for the Service to more effectively manage habitats for wildlife and plant species, albeit at a reduced amount. In 2020, the Refuge System plans to implement approximately 2,000 threatened and endangered species recovery actions, 1,100 population management actions, and six refuge contaminant cleanup actions. These actions contribute to the Department's focus on recovery and delisting of threatened and endangered species, which reduces regulatory burdens of the Endangered Species Act on communities and industries, as well as helps sustain robust populations of game fish and wildlife species in support of S.O.s 3356 *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories* and 3366 *Increasing Recreational Opportunities on Lands and Waters Managed by Department of the Interior.*

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Refuge Visitor Services

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Refuge Visitor Services	($000)	73,319	73,319	+430	0	+7,106	80,855	+7,536
	FTE	*508*	*508*	*0*	*0*	*+38*	*546*	*+38*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Refuge Visitor Services

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Refuge Visitor Services	+8,106	+35
• Urban Wildlife Conservation Program	+1,000	+3
• Youth and Careers in Nature	-2,000	0
Program Changes	**+7,106**	**+38**

Program Overview

Refuge Visitor Services provides essential public access and high-quality outdoor recreational opportunities on National Wildlife Refuges to over 55 million visitors each year. This program is on the front line of implementing a number of Secretarial priorities including ensuring a thriving wildlife conservation legacy by working with partners to foster outdoor skills and recreation for future generations. Refuges are places where wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities are a priority, such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation; along with biking, photography, boating, environmental education, and interpretative programs. With units and staff across the country from rural communities to large cities, Visitor Services are central to advancing the Secretarial priority to restore trust and engage with local communities. Through a community-centered approach, Visitor Services professionals work closely with neighboring communities to develop partnerships, build a volunteer cadre, and inspire the next generation of hunters, anglers, and wildlife enthusiasts in communities across the nation.

A Federal Wildlife Officer and a Maine Game Warden provided helping hands to this very happy veteran during the annual Veteran's Fishing Day event at Moosehorn NWR. Credit: Keith Ramos/USFWS

Economic Benefits to Local Communities

Opportunities for outdoor recreation draw millions of people each year to wildlife refuges, boosting local economies. Many visitors take part in heritage sports of long standing such as hunting and fishing. Others enjoy hiking, paddling, and wildlife viewing or nature photography. The public services delivered by the Visitor Services program strategically advance the Secretarial priority to generate economic benefits to local communities. Of the Refuge System's $453 million spending in FY 2013, final demand—the economic impact on local communities from recreation visits—totaled

$2.4 billion of spending in regional economies, according to the *Banking on Nature 2013* report,[2] which looked at 21 national wildlife refuges across the country. This final demand generated $792.7 million in job income and over 35,000 jobs nationally.

The Refuge System provides an additional benefit to landowners and residents in nearby communities because of the positive financial impact that its open-space amenities has on property values. Property values surrounding refuges are higher than equivalent properties elsewhere.[3] The study found that homes within 0.5 miles of a refuge and within eight miles of an urban center were valued at three to nine percent higher than other homes, depending on the region of the country.

Urban Wildlife Conservation Program

The Urban Wildlife Conservation Program delivers an innovative model for increasing awareness and outdoor engagement with the 80% of Americans that live in or near cities. S.O. 3370, *Improving Conservation Stewardship of and Increasing Public Access to Urban National Wildlife Refuges,* directs the FWS to encourage and assist Americans, particularly those who live in urban areas, to experience the outdoors within their local communities.

With 101 refuges within 25 miles of a population center of 250,000 or more people, these refuges provide strategic opportunities to promote wildlife conservation and enjoyment of hunting, fishing and other recreational activities in the heart of where people live. Additionally, several Service programs, especially Migratory Birds, Fish and Aquatic Conservation, and Ecological Services, have joined efforts with the Refuge System to improve access to new audiences through 29 partnerships in local communities around the country. In 2018, the Service formed two new partnerships in Kansas City, MO and Lowell, MA.

A Refuge employee and volunteer instruct youth on how to hit a bullseye at a free pop-up archery range on Cecil Street in Philadelphia. Credit: USFWS

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Refuge Visitor Services is $80,855,000 and 546 FTE.

Refuge Visitor Services (+$8,106,000/+35 FTE)

The Visitor Services program welcomes and orients the public to national wildlife refuges and delivers positive outdoor experiences through quality programming and well-maintained facilities. This funding will support Departmental priorities, specifically S.O. 3366, by adding new programs and additional visitor services staff at field stations to expand public access, increase hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and other recreational opportunities; improve infrastructure; and adopt new technologies.

[2] https://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/Banking-on-Nature-Report.pdf

[3] *Amenity Values of Proximity to National Wildlife Refuges* prepared by the Center for Environmental and Resource Economic Policy at North Carolina State University in April 2012

Urban Wildlife Conservation Program (+$1,000,000/+3 FTE)
This funding will be used to support Departmental priorities, specifically S.O. 3370, to increase access and provide safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for outdoor recreational opportunities on national wildlife refuges in urban areas. Additional staff and new programs will focus on cultivating new partnerships in urban communities, addressing barriers to public access and working with States to introduce new and non-traditional audiences to hunting, fishing and other recreational activities.

Youth and Careers in Nature (-$2,000,000/+0 FTE)
No funding is requested for this program.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

In the FY 2020 budget, the Visitor Services program will direct funds to implement Secretarial priorities by: increasing access to FWS managed lands and waters; introducing new users to hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation; improving our digital infrastructure and offering new technologies; and aligning our regulations and efforts with the States. he requested funds will allow the Service to improve visitor satisfaction and continue quality public services that foster a conservation legacy in nearby communities. The Service will continue to strategically balance the expected increases in public demand for services while sustaining high rates of visitor satisfaction (90 percent) and ensuring the continued conservation of plants, animals, and habitat.

Where possible, employees will maintain and improve visitor facilities; expand interpretive and educational programs; construct and maintain trails and boardwalks; improve hunting, angling, and other outdoor access; and design outreach materials to better inform and educate the public about recreational opportunities on national wildlife refuges. In FY 2020, we expect to host over 2,500 special events with nearly one million participants. We also expect to host about 2.4 million hunting visits and 7.3 million fishing visits.

In FY 2020, the Visitor Services Program will also direct efforts to the Secretarial priority to restore trust with local communities through community-centered conservation efforts. Service staff will train and supervise approximately 40,000 volunteers, who contribute over 1.3 million hours annually, to deliver programs for the public. The Service will continue support for refuges working with Friends organizations. In addition, continued engagement with local communities and industry partners by developing private/public partnerships will increase opportunities for outdoor recreation awareness and skill building activities for youth and their families.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Refuge Law Enforcement

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Refuge Law Enforcement	($000)	38,054	38,054	+212	0	+4,929	43,195	+5,141
	FTE	*229*	*229*	*0*	*0*	*+28*	*257*	*+28*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Refuge Law Enforcement

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Refuge Law Enforcement	+4,929	+28
Program Changes	**+4,929**	**+28**

Program Overview

The Refuge Law Enforcement program supports the Department of the Interior priority of protecting our people and the border by funding salaries, training, equipment, supplies, management of the Refuge System's Federal Wildlife Officers, and Regional and Headquarters management support staff.

A Federal Wildlife Officer celebrating a youth angler catch a fish THIS BIG in Florida. Credit: USFWS

Refuge Law Enforcement

Federal Wildlife Officers are often the first and most recognizable employees that the public sees. They serve as ambassadors for the Refuge System and the Service by providing important public services above and beyond law enforcement, such as information and guidance to visitors on fishing, hunting, hiking, and wildlife viewing opportunities.

Federal Wildlife Officers provide safety and security for the visiting public and Service staff; protect fish, wildlife, cultural, and archaeological resources on refuges; educate the public about the Service's mission; contribute to environmental education and outreach; assist local communities with law enforcement and disaster recovery; and help protect subsistence rights.

In 2018, Federal Wildlife Officers provided protection services for more than 55 million visitors and participated in over 7,500 education encounters, such as school programs, scout programs, game warden camps, and community organizations, or otherwise educating visitors about hunting, trapping, rules, and regulations. They serve the public as hunter safety instructors, coordinate with veterans and disabled sportsman's groups to create hunting opportunities, and lead youth shooting, hunting and fishing events on refuges. They are routinely involved with local and other Federal law enforcement agencies in cooperative efforts to combat the Nation's drug problems, address border security issues, and aid in other security challenges.

A Federal Wildlife Officer patrolling the Southwest Border. Credit: USFWS

Since May 2018, the Service has deployed over 100 Federal Wildlife Officers to supplement staffing levels at South Texas National Wildlife Refuge Complex (TX) and Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge (AZ) in support of the Department of the Interior Priority #6 "Protecting our people and the border." As of December 2018, nearly 75% of Federal Wildlife Officers have deployed in support of the surge mission to assist Customs and Border Protection.

Emergency Management and Physical Security
The Service's Emergency Management and Physical Security program (EMPS) supports the Secretary's priority of protecting our people by providing expertise and leadership for the Service's emergency management and physical security responsibilities nationwide. We participate in activities described in Homeland Security's National Response Framework, the guide to how the Nation responds to all types of disasters and emergencies. Through this effort, the Service supports activities to prevent, protect against, prepare for, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from all hazards that may affect any part of the Service and the people and communities we serve.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Refuge Law Enforcement is $43,195,000 and 257 FTE.

Refuge Law Enforcement (+$4,929,000/+28 FTE)
The request will fund Federal wildlife officer positions. These officers will increase capacity for the Service to provide safe and secure refuges where more than 55 million visitors per year enjoy wildlife-dependent recreation. These officers will also help ensure the safety and security of the visiting public, Service employees, government property, and wildlife habitats. This funding would enable officers to receive the necessary training, equipment, and supplies to ensure safe public access to refuges for hunting, fishing, wildlife photography and observation, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

In FY 2020, the Division of Refuge Law Enforcement will continue to ensure the safety and security of the visiting public, Service employees, government property, and wildlife habitats. New Refuge Law

Enforcement personnel will receive the necessary training, equipment, and supplies to ensure safe public access to refuges for hunting, fishing, wildlife photography and observation, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation. The annual national hires will help support the continued expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities.

The Refuge Law Enforcement Program continues to support the Administration's priority of securing the southern border by building partnerships with Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, including the Customs and Border Protection, and State agencies. Rotational deployments of officers to Service lands in Texas and Arizona will continue. The program will also work to provide career development for new and existing employees. Providing career ladder opportunities for lower and mid-grade positions will increase retention within the division and limit instabilities to both the field and the Refuge System's mission.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Conservation Planning

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation Planning	($000)	2,523	2,523	0	0	-2,523	0	-2,523
	FTE	*16*	*16*	*0*	*0*	*-16*	*0*	*-16*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation Planning

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Refuge Planning	-2,523	-16
Program Changes	**-2,523**	**-16**

Justification of 2019 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Conservation Planning is $0 and 0 FTE..

Refuge Planning (-$2,523,000/-16 FTE)

No funding is requested for this program. Individual refuges will fund completion of Comprehensive Conservation Plans (required by the Refuge Improvement Act) from base funds.

Program Overview

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act requires the Service to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for every unit of the Refuge System and revise each CCP every 15 years, as may be necessary. The Refuge Planning subactivity funds development of CCPs and associated step-down plans, such as Habitat Management Plans and Visitor Services Plans, which "step down" the CCP and guide the management of a specific refuge to inform local conservation action. Refuge System planning processes are administered to include public input, engage stakeholders and local communities, and with aim to enhance public access while reducing potential regulatory burdens on the public.

Activity: National Wildlife Refuge System
Subactivity: Refuge Maintenance

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Maintenance Support	($000)	55,230	55,230	+555	+4,000	+1,978	61,763	+6,533
Annual Maintenance	($000)	26,350	26,350	0	0	+950	27,300	+950
Deferred Maintenance	($000)	42,901	42,901	0	0	+3,090	45,991	+3,090
Equipment and Vehicle Management	($000)	14,988	14,988	0	-4,000	0	10,988	-4,000
Refuge Maintenance	**($000)**	**139,469**	**139,469**	**+555**	**0**	**+6,018**	**146,042**	**+6,573**
	FTE	***543***	***543***	***0***	***0***	***+12***	***555***	***+12***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Refuge Maintenance

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Deferred Maintenance	+3,090	0
• Maintenance Support	+2,627	+12
• Annual Maintenance	+950	0
• Youth Conservation Corps	-649	0
Program Changes	**+6,018**	**+12**

Program Overview

The Refuge Maintenance subactivity underpins every management activity that occurs in the Refuge System, including wildlife and habitat management, fire management, law enforcement, and public access and outdoor recreation.

Nationwide Portfolio of Refuge System Constructed Facility Assets
As of September 30, 2018

Asset Grouping	Asset Count		Replacement Value		Deferred Maintenance	
	Quantity	% of Total	$ (Millions)	% of Total	$ (Millions)	% of Total
Buildings	5,255	14.69%	$6,121	14.41%	$285	26.41%
Water Management Structures	8,595	24.02%	$17,158	40.40%	$303	28.08%
Roads, Bridges, and Trails	13,846	38.69%	$14.404	33.91%	$252	23.35%
Other Structures	8,088	22.60%	$4,790	11.28%	$239	22.15%
Total	**35,784**	**100%**	**$42,474**	**100%**	**$1,079**	**100%**

At a Glance: Maintenance of Facilities, Fleet, and Equipment

The Refuge System maintenance program optimizes the alignment between infrastructure investments and mission delivery. Enabling activities include repairing and replacing:

- Roads, trails, and visitor facilities that allow over 55 million people to enjoy refuge lands and wildlife, and allow access for management purposes including fire prevention, law enforcement, and fish and wildlife management;
- On- and off-road vehicles needed to carry out everyday field activities of approximately 2,700 FTE and 40,000 volunteers;
- An extensive fleet of agricultural and construction equipment needed to actively manage habitat and to maintain constructed real property assets; and
- A portfolio of constructed assets valued at $42.4 billion that provides the base of operations for all refuge programs and enables all fish and wildlife management on Refuge System lands and waters that occur throughout the U.S. and its various island territories.

The Refuge Maintenance budget consists of four program elements:

Refuge Maintenance Support

Refuge Maintenance Support includes supplies, materials and salaries for maintenance and facilities management. Maintenance employees are critical in properly maintaining facility and equipment assets, which enable the Service to accomplish habitat management and refuge operations goals and provide the public safe and reliable recreational and educational opportunities. Maintenance employees spend about half their time maintaining infrastructure and equipment and the other half maintaining habitat and supporting public recreational activities.

Annual Maintenance

Annual Maintenance encompasses all non-staff expenditures for preventative maintenance needed to keep the Service's infrastructure and mobile equipment fleet functioning for its intended purpose. It is required to achieve the expected life of infrastructure and equipment. Annual maintenance includes: utilities, custodial care, and snow removal for offices, administrative, and public buildings; repair of system failures before they are deferred; and preventive maintenance—including scheduled servicing, repairs, and parts replacement—required to achieve the expected life of facilities and equipment.

Proactively maintaining facilities through Maintenance Support and Annual Maintenance is 30 to 40 percent more cost effective on average than waiting until maintenance is deferred. These funds are critical in providing the American taxpayers the maximum return on investment.

Deferred Maintenance

Deferred Maintenance projects repair, rehabilitate, dispose of, or replace constructed real property assets. Available funds are directed to the highest priority mission critical projects based upon facilities condition, asset priority, consequences of failure to act, and return on investment (in reducing Deferred Maintenance, operations costs and obtaining outside funding) in accordance with Departmental guidance. Prioritization of projects is completed by utilizing the DOI priority scoring and by the front line field, operations, and facilities managers that know firsthand the field based mission impacts, return on investment, and outside funding opportunities available and are reported to DOI and OMB in the five-year deferred maintenance plans annually.

6-Year History of Deferred Maintenance Backlog by Four Major Categories of Assets

Category	Refuge System Deferred Maintenance (beginning of FY) ($ millions)					
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Buildings	315	316	302	306	292	285
Water Management	343	299	286	286	335	303
Roads/Bridges/Trails	849	383	296	305	255	252
Other	240	286	281	279	276	239
Total	**1,747**	**1,284**	**1,165**	**1,176**	**1,158**	**1,079**

The Service uses a strategic, portfolio-based approach to manage assets in a manner that informs decision-making and maximizes efficient and effective mission delivery with an emphasis on mission-critical assets and the protection of investments through long-term life cycle management.

Modernizing Infrastructure by Reducing the Deferred Maintenance Backlog

The Refuge System has worked to reduce the deferred maintenance backlog through the use of Maintenance Action Teams, proactive investments, improved policies, improved data quality and increased focus on preventative and routine maintenance investments. This improved focus and investment of resources in areas with the largest return has resulted in reducing the Refuge System's deferred maintenance backlog by about 50 percent. From FY 2019 through FY 2023, 60 percent of Refuge System Deferred Maintenance funding will be dedicated to retaining, restoring and enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities and the supporting habitats.

Equipment and Vehicle Management

The Refuge System requires an extensive fleet of vehicles and equipment to successfully carry out the conservation mission and provide safe and reliable public recreation and education opportunities. The Refuge System employs rental and leasing options to provide a cost-effective, efficient program. Equipment and Vehicle Management funds optimize the management of fleets to meet mission needs and serve as an example for the efficient use of public assets. The Refuge System is actively focusing on modernizing our equipment and vehicle fleet, implementing utilization and age standards, and investing in a smaller, more agile, and modernized fleet.

Heavy Equipment Safety Training at Balcones Canyonlands NWR (TX). The Refuge System uses heavy equipment to maintain roads and trails, and to create and maintain healthy wildlife habitats. Credit: USFWS

Fleet Management

The majority of the 3,600 vehicles used on refuges are four wheel-drive trucks and utility vehicles for transporting personnel, equipment, materials, and tools to remote sites for firefighting, wildlife and habitat management, and law enforcement. The vehicles must be capable of operation under on-road and off-road conditions, which limits the ability to utilize two-wheel drive vehicles, vans, or sedans and limits the

applicability of recommended annual vehicle mileage use typical of non-natural resource agencies.

Small Equipment
Specialized equipment such as all-terrain vehicles, small aircraft, boats, small tractors, snowmobiles, trailers, agricultural implements, and similar equipment is needed to access, maintain, and restore habitats in remote or rugged areas. In total, the Refuge System's small equipment fleet consists of about 5,000 assets.

Heavy Equipment
Heavy equipment management includes acquisition, rental, and repair of heavy equipment. Agricultural, earthmoving, and construction equipment are used to maintain wetland impoundments and roads; construct and maintain wildlife habitat; control invasive plants; and maintain and construct visitor facilities such as boardwalks, observation platforms, fishing piers, hunt blinds, tour routes, and trails. The Service owns nearly 4,000 heavy equipment assets with a combined replacement value of about $423 million.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Refuge Maintenance is $146,042,000 and 555 FTE.

Deferred Maintenance (+$3,090,000/+0 FTE)
This request will allow the Service to complete about 135 of the highest priority deferred maintenance projects, which will generate an estimated $143 million and 841 jobs in local and State economies and provide opportunities for public-private partnerships. This funding will also allow the Service to invest in infrastructure projects to reduce deferred maintenance backlog and operational costs, ultimately saving taxpayer dollars. Improved infrastructure provides safe and reliable outdoor recreational access for the American public.

Maintenance Support (+$2,627,000/+12 FTE)
This funding will be invested in maintenance staffing at priority refuges. Maintenance staff provide critical preventative maintenance expertise that ultimately reduces deferred maintenance and saves taxpayer dollars.

Annual Maintenance (+$950,000/+0 FTE)
This funding will allow the Service to invest in proactive preventative maintenance and repairs. Combined with the investment in maintenance support, these funds will contribute to the prevention and elimination of $5 million in deferred maintenance which will save the American tax payers 40% over investing in deferred maintenance alone.

Youth Conservation Corps (-$649,000/-0 FTE)
This funding is not requested so the Service can address other priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

At the requested FY 2020 funding level, the Service will support maintenance staffing for field stations to carry out a wide variety of activities that provide safe and reliable outdoor access and habitat management. The request supports the replacement of mobile equipment and fleet assets, further implementing an initiative to improve management and modernize the vehicle and equipment fleet. In total, this funding level will allow the Service to continue supporting refuge programs and prioritize projects that maintain wildlife habitats that expand and improve safe and reliable outdoor recreation for the American public.

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Migratory Bird Management

Activity: Conservation and Enforcement
Program Element: Migratory Bird Management

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation and Monitoring	($000)	31,126	30,126	+258	0	+698	32,082	+956
	FTE	*137*	*137*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*137*	*0*
Permits	($000)	3,424	3,424	+21	0	+254	3,699	+275
	FTE	*30*	*30*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*30*	*0*
Federal Duck Stamp	($000)	556	556	+8	0	0	564	+8
	FTE	*2*	*2*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*2*	*0*
North American Waterfowl Management/ Joint Ventures	($000)	13,140	13,140	+62	0	-62	13,140	0
	FTE	*46*	*46*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*46*	*0*
Total, Migratory Bird Management	**($000)**	**48,246**	**48,246**	**+349**	**0**	**+890**	**49,485**	**+1,239**
	FTE	***215***	***215***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***215***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Migratory Bird Management

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Aviation Management	+1,237	+1
• Monitoring	+988	+6
• Permits	+254	0
• North American Waterfowl Management Plan/Joint Venture Activities	-62	0
• Conservation and Monitoring Activities	-1,527	-7
Program Changes	**+890**	**0**

Program Mission

The Service has the legal mandate and trust responsibility to ensure the continued existence of healthy migratory bird populations for the benefit of the American public. Migratory birds are central to several traditional recreational pastimes, including hunting and birdwatching. Migratory birds provide various ecosystem services to people as well, including insect and rodent control, plant pollination, and seed dispersal.

Waterfowl banding crew removing ducks from traps in southern Alberta, August 2018. Photo Credit Sarah Yates, USFWS

The Migratory Bird Program works to conserve birds and to preserve traditional outdoor recreational pursuits involving birds. The Program works with partners such as national sportsmen's groups, conservation organizations, Tribes, State wildlife agencies, and others to conserve habitats needed to support these populations for future generations of Americans to enjoy.

Program Elements

Four elements comprise the Migratory Bird Management program:

- Conservation and Monitoring – Conducts surveys and other monitoring activities to determine the status and health of migratory birds, using the results to develop bird harvest and other regulations that secure healthy wild bird populations. These actions provide recreational opportunities for sportsmen and other users while promoting bird conservation and sustainable use.
- Permits – Provides a means to balance hunting harvest and other take of protected migratory bird species with their conservation, enabling the public to engage in legitimate take-related activities through a permit or other authorization. The permit program assists biologists to track the impact of these activities, and permits ensure that such activities are carried out in a manner that safeguards migratory bird populations and promotes conservation efforts.
- Federal Duck Stamp Program – Produces the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp), which is required for anyone 16 years of age and older to hunt waterfowl. Proceeds from the sale of the stamp are deposited into the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund, and expended to protect wetland habitats within the National Wildlife Refuge System.
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan and Migratory Bird Joint Venture Partnerships – Employs a tripartite agreement among North American nations as a basis for supporting and promoting collaborative, voluntary partnerships that restore or protect waterfowl habitat and identify, develop, and apply regionally prioritized science needed for migratory bird conservation through the Migratory Bird Joint Venture Partnerships.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

More than 25 laws, treaties, and conventions mandate that the Service sustain over 1,000 species of migratory birds and their habitats. Primary among these is the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* (MBTA) (16 U.S.C. 703-712), which establishes Federal responsibility for protecting and managing migratory birds. Other important laws that directly and significantly impact program activities include the *Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act* (16 U.S.C. 668-668d), the *North American Wetlands Conservation* (16 U.S.C. 4401-4412) and the *Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation* (16 U.S.C. 6101-6109) *Acts*, which promote habitat and bird conservation across North America and throughout the western hemisphere through competitive grants. Additionally, the *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act* (U.S.C. 718-718j) requires waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to possess a valid Federal Duck Stamp.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: Conservation and Monitoring

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation and Monitoring	($000)	31,126	31,126	+258	0	+698	32,082	+956
	FTE	*137*	*137*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*137*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Conservation and Monitoring

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Aviation Management	+1,237	+1
• Monitoring	+988	+6
• Conservation and Monitoring Activities	-1,527	-7
Program Changes	**+698**	**0**

Program Overview

The Migratory Bird Program works with partners to conserve and monitor birds to ensure that they can continue to be enjoyed by hunters, bird watchers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. Our success in working with others to conserve birds across the country provides a model for wildlife conservation that others in the world can follow.

Conservation

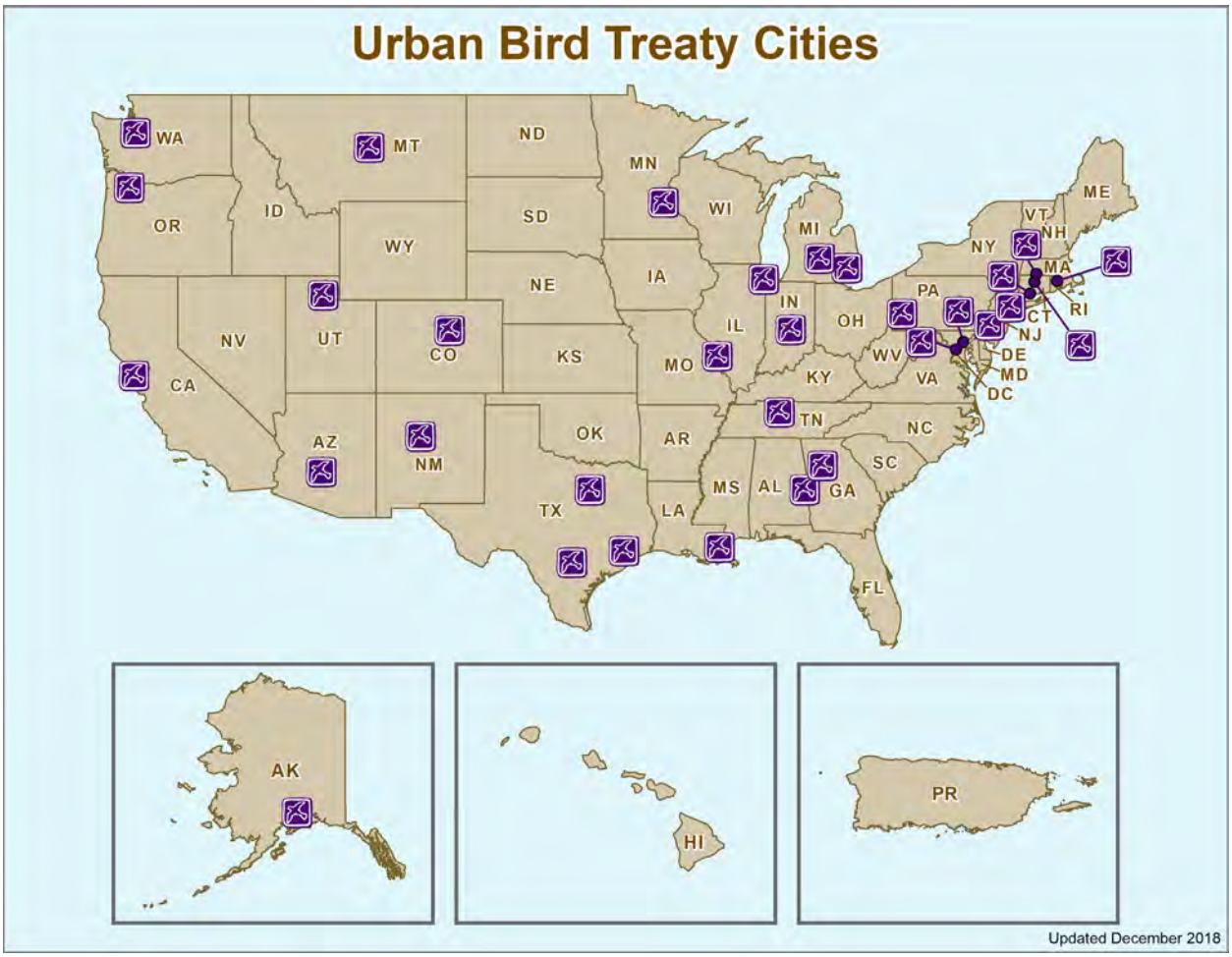
The Service's Migratory Bird Program coordinates and supports a number of multi-partner conservation efforts, including the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, the Migratory Bird Joint Ventures, Partners in Flight, the U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan, and Waterbird Conservation for the Americas. The Migratory Bird program serves as a hub for many conservation partners and is uniquely positioned to help share information, identify complementary activities, eliminate duplicative efforts, and provide technical assistance across this diverse network of partnerships. These multi-stakeholder efforts contribute significantly to the identification of bird species that need increased attention across jurisdictional boundaries. The Service works with individuals committed to the conservation of birds throughout their range to provide access for hunting and birding, and protect the habitats that make these activities possible.

Cinnamon teal (front) and blue-winged teal (rear) captured during The Service, with the support of organizations waterfowl banding operations in southern Alberta, August 2018. Photo Credit Sarah Yates, USFWS

The Urban Bird Treaty Program

In our urban and suburban landscapes, birds are often the most colorful and observable wildlife, and are many residents' principal connection to nature. Through the Urban Bird Treaty Program, the Service works with participating U.S. cities to create bird-friendly environments and help citizens learn about birds and their habitats. The Urban Bird Treaty Program emphasizes habitat conservation through invasive species control and native plant restoration; hazard reductions through bird-safe building programs; citizen science activities involving bird and habitat monitoring; and recreation and outreach programs. These programs provide people with improved access to urban green space, opportunities to learn about and appreciate birds and their habitats, and ways to participate in bird conservation. Participating cities get the distinction of becoming Urban Bird

Treaty cities and receive small grants that promote bird conservation. There are currently 31 Urban Bird Treaty cities[1].



Promoting Migratory Bird Conservation

The Service continues to work with partners by providing technical assistance and developing guidance and recommendations to empower the public, Federal and State agencies, and industries to seek voluntary, non-regulatory solutions to address both direct and indirect impacts to migratory birds. Recent guidance includes recommendations for reducing bird collisions with building glass and developing a national list of suggested conservation measures. These resources are available from the Migratory Bird program's webpage[2] to anyone seeking to reduce impacts to migratory birds.

The Service is committed to working with our stakeholders to address bird/human activity conflicts while ensuring the continued conservation of migratory bird species. The Migratory Bird Program will continue to collect information to identify management alternatives to resolve conflicts, including identifying if lethal take is appropriate, at what amount, and what are the cumulative impacts.

[1] https:// www. fws.gov/ birds/grants/urban-bird-treaty.php

[2] https://www.fws.gov/birds/index.php

Monitoring

Monitoring is essential to the science-based conservation approach used by the Service to ensure the sustainability of migratory bird populations and, where necessary, to take actions to address declines that may lead to their listing under the Endangered Species Act. For example, each year, the Service conducts extensive migratory game bird population, habitat, and harvest surveys across North America, and then produces reports that assess the status of these species. These reports include the most current data on breeding populations, production, and harvest information available for waterfowl, sandhill cranes, woodcock, dove, rail and other migratory game birds in North America. These reports are necessary for developing annual hunting seasons and bag limits that can maximize hunter satisfaction while ensuring bird conservation. These surveys and the migratory bird hunting regulatory frameworks are the result of cooperative efforts with the States, the Canadian Wildlife Service and provincial agencies, Tribes, and private conservation partners. Monitoring bird populations also allows the Service to determine the need for species management, to identify conservation actions that will be effective, and to evaluate the success of actions taken to conserve species.

Aviation

The safety and training oversight of the Fish and Wildlife Service's fleet of planes and pilots is the responsibility of the National Aviation Management Branch, presently nested within the Migratory Bird program. The Assistant Director of the Migratory Bird Program serves as the agency's Aviation Executive overseeing this Branch and representing the Service as a voting member of the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Executive Aviation Committee, which is responsible for promulgating all DOI Aviation policy. The National Aviation Management Branch is in charge of Service-wide aviation policy development and ensures compliance by the Service's nearly 60 pilots—many of whom are also biologists—who fly primarily wildlife monitoring or support missions for the Service. Additionally the National Aviation Management Branch is responsible for the Service's Aviation Fire program, Unmanned Aircraft System program development within DOI, and Service Emergency Management related to aviation. The National Aviation Management Branch administers all Service aircraft acquisitions and vendor contracts. The Service currently operates and maintains 59 percent of the DOI fleet aircraft (53 airplanes and 1 helicopter) and accounts for 25 percent of all DOI flight hours. The Service has identified and is implementing six priorities that will immediately improve the Service's Aviation Enterprise: Automated Flight Following, Crew Resource Management, Improved Pilot Training program, Standardized Risk Assessment Processes, Aviation Management Communications, and a Kodiak Aircraft Training Plan.

View from the cockpit of Quest Kodiak on a waterfowl survey in central Newfoundland, May 2018. Photo Credit Mark Koneff, USFWS

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Conservation and Monitoring is $32,082,000 and 137 FTE.

Aviation Management (+$1,237,000/ +1 FTE) – The 2020 request for the Service-wide Aviation Management Program supports the Service's continued efforts to improve aviation safety, training for pilots and aerial observers, and provide critical oversight of aviation operations at the national level. This funding will enable Service Fleet Pilots to transport staff and materials to remote sites in the National Wildlife Refuge System, conduct biological monitoring and surveys critical to informing conservation efforts, and participate in prescribed fires that help prevent or mitigate wildland fires on Federal land. The Aviation Management Program is the Service's lead on developing policy and procedures on the use of Unmanned Aviation Systems (UAS), also known as drones. This work is expanding as the availability and practicality of using UAS increases within the Service. Additionally, the funding will assist the Aviation Management Program to improve safety and training through the implementation of automated flight following, crew resource management, pilot/instructor pilot training program, standardized risk assessment processes, aviation management communications, centralized dispatching of all Service flights, and the development of a Kodiak aircraft training plan that covers the entire Department of the Interior.

Monitoring (+$988,000/ +6 FTE) – The 2020 request for the Monitoring Program allows for continued investments in the Service's modernization efforts of our monitoring programs that support migratory bird hunting. This includes investing in new technologies and internet-based approaches, which ultimately will reduce costs while improving data acquisition, management, and sharing procedures for information collected from our monitoring programs. These investments support our ability to collect, analyze, and disseminate the population and harvest data needed to ensure that annual migratory bird hunting regulations are based on sound science.

Conservation and Monitoring Activities (-$1,527,000/ -7 FTE) – At the requested 2020 level, the Service proposes to shift funding from general conservation activities to monitoring activities that support the establishment of annual migratory bird hunting seasons that, in turn, provide hunting opportunities and preserve the Nation's hunting heritage. Improved monitoring, closer collaboration with States, and the incorporation of hunter survey information will enable the Service to respond better to changing hunter expectations and measures of satisfaction.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Monitor migratory game bird species and establish annual hunting seasons.
- Begin implementing national comprehensive cormorant management strategy, as informed by activities conducted in FY 2019 (e.g., State workshops and NEPA analysis).
- Support efficient permitting of infrastructure and energy projects for the take of Bald and Golden Eagles.
- Continue work to enhance the safety of the Service's pilots through investments in aircraft enhancements and improved pilot training.
- Continue work to improve the Service's National Aviation program, including investigating new technologies and better management of the Service's air fleet.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: Permits

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Permits	($000)	3,424	3,424	+21	0	+254	3,699	+275
	FTE	*30*	*30*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*30*	*+0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Permits

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Permits	+254	0
Program Changes	**+254**	**0**

Program Overview

The mission of the Migratory Bird Permits program is to promote long-term sustainability of migratory bird populations, while providing opportunities for the public to study, use, and enjoy migratory birds consistent with the provisions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA).

Permits authorizing take and possession of migratory birds are issued for scientific study, depredation control, falconry, raptor propagation, rehabilitation of injured birds, educational use, taxidermy, waterfowl sale, and Native American religious use. The Service processes more than 11,000 such permit applications annually.

The Service continues to focus on streamlining permitting procedures and requirements to improve the permit applicant's experience while ensuring that the Service delivers on its trust responsibilities related to migratory birds. In 2020, the Service will complete the modernization of the Service's Permits Issuance and Tracking System (SPITS), which will reduce the processing time for permits, provide a more user-friendly interface for the public, and provide electronic payment methods for permittees.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Permits Program is $3,699,000 and 30 FTE.

Permits (+254,000/0 FTE) – The 2020 request enhances the Service's ability to receive, process, and respond to permit applications, which will provide a better and more efficient process for our customers.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Continue to issue permits efficiently for the use of birds protected under the MBTA and BGEPA.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: Federal Duck Stamp Program

		2018Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Federal Duck Stamp	($000)	556	556	+8	0	0	564	+8
	FTE	*2*	*2*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*2*	*0*

Program Overview

2018-2019 Federal Duck Stamp with art by Robert Hautman, of Minnesota

2018-2019 Junior Duck Stamp with art by Georgia student Rayen Kang

The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (commonly known as the Duck Stamp) is required for waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older. The Federal Duck Stamp program supports conservation of important migratory bird habitat through the purchase of wetland and associated upland habitats within the National Wildlife Refuge System. Many non-hunters also buy Federal Duck Stamps to support habitat conservation in the Refuge system. In 2016, the most recent year with complete information, Duck Stamp sales totaled more than $40 million. Since 1934, the stamps have raised over $1 billion for the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF). These monies, along with other contributions to the MBCF, have enabled the protection of 14 million acres of prime waterfowl habitat within the National Wildlife Refuge System. In addition to places for waterfowl to breed, stopover on migration, and overwinter, these lands also provide Americans with opportunities to enjoy the outdoors by engaging in activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, photography, and wildlife viewing. Increasing the amount of wildlife habitat held in trust for Americans provides compatible public use of natural resources, increases opportunities for and access to outdoor recreation, and provides private landowners and local communities with economic and environmental benefits.

The Service also attracts youth to the outdoors through the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program (Junior Duck Stamp Program) and its associated art contest. The Junior Duck Stamp Program employs a science-based curriculum with an art focus to teach students about wildlife conservation, waterfowl, and the importance of wetlands. Students in the program are encouraged to submit artwork for their State's Junior Duck Stamp art competition. Each year the individual State winners compete in the national contest for the honor of having their artwork featured on that year's Junior Duck Stamp. Annually, over 30,000 students participate in these competitions and share their knowledge and experience with their communities. This engagement with the natural world will help create future conservation stewards that value that protection of our natural resources for future generations.

Electronic Duck Stamp Program

The issuance of the 2018-2019 Federal Duck Stamp marked the 11th year of the Electronic Duck Stamp (E-Stamp) program. The E-Stamp program provides a valuable customer service, making Duck Stamps available quickly and conveniently from anywhere in the U.S. This popular program enables someone to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp through a participating State's website at any time, and receive an

immediate certification of purchase that is valid for waterfowl hunting anywhere in the United States. Interest in this program remains high, with 24 States now providing E-Stamp certification. Sales of E-Stamps have continued to grow with each successive year—from over 58,000 in 2008, to more than 823,000 in 2016-2017. In just the first four months of availability of the 2018-2019 Duck Stamp, from July through October 2018, E-Stamp sales reached 475,000. The Service plans to add up to 10 additional States over the next two years, expanding access to the stamp and associated outdoor recreation opportunities. The growth of the E-Stamp program has allowed the Service to modernize stamp dispersal through partnerships with States and to deploy technology appropriately to attract new and retain existing hunters.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Federal Duck Stamp Program is $564,000 and 2 FTE.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Manage the production and sale of the Federal Duck Stamp.
- Investigate new and emerging methods to promote the Duck Stamp.
- Expand the Electronic Stamp program.

Subactivity: Migratory Bird Management
Program Element: North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP)/Joint Ventures

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
North American Waterfowl Management/ Joint Ventures	($000)	13,140	13,140	+62	0	-62	13,140	0
	FTE	*46*	*46*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*46*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for North American Waterfowl Management / Joint Ventures

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• North American Waterfowl Management Plan/Joint Venture Activities	-62	0
Program Changes	**-62**	**0**

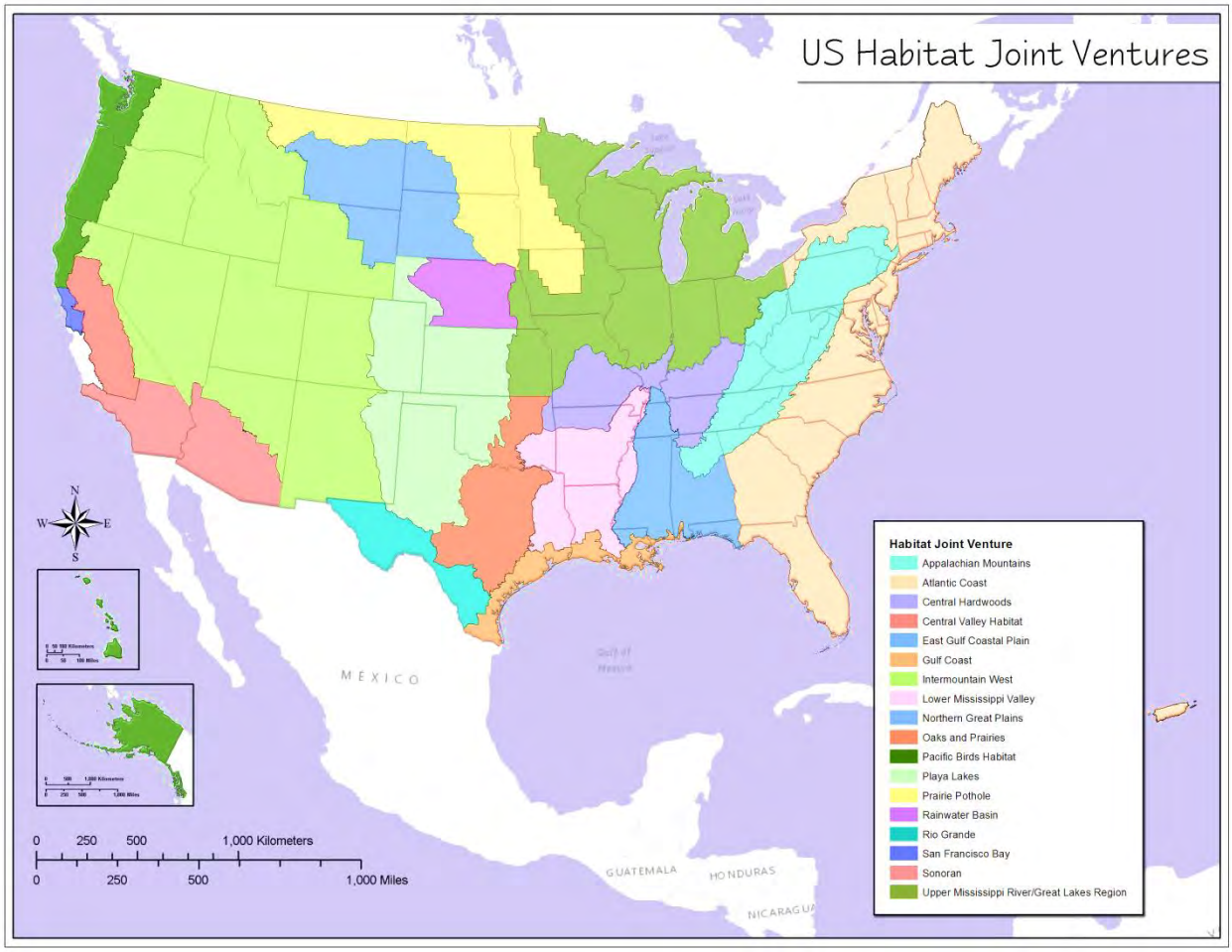
Program Overview

The North American Waterfowl Management Plan (Plan) is an international accord signed by the U.S. and Canada in 1986 and, in 1994, by Mexico. It is the foundational bird conservation partnership upon which many others have been modeled. For the past three decades, the Plan has guided efforts to sustain abundant waterfowl and other wetland dependent bird populations across North America through voluntary partnerships driven by sound science. The Plan is updated regularly - most recently in 2018 -adapting strategies and objectives to lessons learned through science, population management, and habitat conservation.

The habitat goals outlined in the Plan, as well as the conservation and management priorities of national and international shorebird, waterbird, and landbird partnership initiatives, are primarily implemented by Migratory Bird Joint Ventures (JVs). These regional, self-directed partnerships include Federal, State, and local governments; corporations; individuals; and non-government conservation groups. Together, they form a network for habitat conservation that benefits waterfowl, other wildlife, and people.

The JVs leverage Federal contributions with non-Federal funds and in-kind contributions, and foster collaboration from local to international scales, thereby improving the effectiveness of conservation.

One of the most significant responsibilities of the JVs is the development of landscape-level bird conservation plans. The JVs utilize science to support the decisions and activities that implement the habitat conservation priorities identified in these plans. These landscape-level plans along with the targeted habitat projects that come from them bring a broad population-based perspective to local conservation delivery. The JVs work closely with their stakeholders/partners in a collaborative manner, incorporating their input to develop and implement these landscape management plans.



Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the North American Waterfowl Management Plan is $13,140,000 and 46 FTE.

North American Waterfowl Management Plan/Joint Ventures (-$62,000/0 FTE) – At the requested 2020 level, the NAWMP/JV program will ensure that all 21 Migratory Bird Joint Ventures receive funding to step-down large landscape-scale plan priorities into effective, locally delivered conservation activities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Continue to implement the 2018 Plan update via partners and the JVs to achieve NAWMP waterfowl population, habitat, and human dimension objectives.
- Design and develop habitat strategies that work with landowners and other partners to conserve migratory bird resources across the landscape; and collect and analyze data on Black Duck, Arctic Geese, and Sea Duck species to inform harvest strategies that lead to hunter opportunities.

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Law Enforcement

Activity: Conservation and Enforcement
Subactivity: Law Enforcement

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Operations	($000)	75,980	75,980	+256	0	+71	76,307	+327
Equipment Replacement	($000)	910	910	0	0	0	910	0
Total, Law Enforcement	**($000)**	**76,890**	**76,890**	**+256**	**0**	**+71**	**77,217**	**+327**
	FTE	***341***	***341***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***341***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Law Enforcement

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Law Enforcement Operations (Wildlife Trafficking)	+71	0
Program Changes	**+71**	**0**

Program Mission

The mission of the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) is to protect wildlife and plant resources through the effective enforcement of Federal laws. By working with Federal, State, Tribal, and foreign enforcement agencies, and other conservation partners, we help recover endangered species, conserve migratory birds, preserve wildlife habitat, safeguard fisheries, combat invasive species, and promote international wildlife conservation.

Program Overview

OLE fulfills its mission by facilitating a multi-billion dollar legal wildlife trade, while simultaneously interdicting illegal wildlife and wildlife products and investigating wildlife trafficking crimes. Service special agents, wildlife inspectors, intelligence analysts, forensic scientists, and support staff provide critical work in the fight against wildlife trafficking and the successful prosecution of criminals who break Federal and international wildlife laws.

A defendant was sentenced to prison for illegally trafficking parts from endangered tigers and African lions. Credit: USFWS

Transnational criminal organizations are largely responsible for the growing illegal wildlife trade. Addressing the involvement of transnational criminal organizations requires strong and effective law enforcement, both in the U.S. and abroad. OLE works with INTERPOL, the State Department and other agencies to reduce criminal activity involving wildlife worldwide.

The U.S. remains one of the world's largest markets for legal and illegal wildlife and wildlife products. The Service upholds the Nation's responsibility to facilitate the legal wildlife trade, stop the illegal activity in protected species, provide assistance to improve wildlife enforcement in other countries, detect and deter the illegal import and export of wildlife, and protect our Nation's borders by preventing invasive species and potential diseases from entering the U.S.

Through law enforcement efforts, the Service disrupts criminal networks, apprehends violators, refers wildlife trafficking cases for prosecution, seizes and forfeits property of the crimes, and applies penalties to deter and prevent others from committing such wildlife crimes. Effective enforcement is critical to the Service's conservation mission.

Law Enforcement Investigations

The Service's investigation of wildlife trafficking disrupts and dismantles highly organized transnational smuggling networks engaged in the illegal wildlife trade around the world. OLE special agents are plainclothes criminal investigators who enforce Federal wildlife laws. Agents investigate crimes by collecting evidence, interviewing witnesses and subjects, conducting surveillance, executing Federal search warrants, making arrests, preparing cases for Federal court, and assisting local, Tribal, State, Federal, and international counterparts with wildlife crime investigations. Agents often work undercover to infiltrate wildlife trafficking syndicates, and other criminal groups, to document violations from the "inside." Covert and complex investigations often are multi-year operations. To provide additional operational and investigative field support, the Service hires and trains new agents.

Inspection and Facilitation of Wildlife Trade

The Service's trade monitoring activities at U.S. ports provide a front-line defense against massive, global wildlife trafficking, as well as facilitating robust legal wildlife trade. The work of Service wildlife inspectors significantly impacts our Nation's public health, safety, economy, and natural resources. Service wildlife inspectors process declared shipments, intercept wildlife contraband, conduct proactive enforcement operations to interdict smuggled wildlife and wildlife products, ensure the humane transport of live wildlife, and work with special agents to investigate businesses and individuals engaged in wildlife trafficking. Their work also prevents the introduction of invasive species, which if established, would contribute to an estimated $120 billion in annual economic damage to the U.S. and ecological impacts caused by these damaging species.

A wildlife inspector canine team inspects cargo for illegal wildlife and wildlife products. Credit: USFWS

The Service has strategically placed wildlife inspector canine teams at seven critical ports of entry. Since the program began in 2013, trained canines and wildlife inspectors have enhanced the interdiction of smuggled plants, wildlife, and wildlife parts and products by being able to examine a greater volume of international cargo and mail. Wildlife inspector canine teams have alerted to and intercepted many illegally transported items. As a result of their work, domestic and international investigations were initiated that led to the arrest and successful criminal prosecutions of wildlife traffickers. In addition, potential diseases and invasive species were prevented from being introduced and spread to the U.S. population, native wildlife, and wildlife habitats, which could have negatively affected U.S. domestic agriculture industries such as fruits, vegetables, wine, poultry, cattle, and swine.

To increase customer service while protecting our Nation's borders from the illegal wildlife trade, the Service will station 11 wildlife inspectors at nine currently unstaffed ports and create four additional wildlife inspector canine teams. The canine teams will be strategically placed to enhance U.S. port coverage.

International Collaboration and Capacity Building through the International Operations Unit and the Branch of Training and Inspections

In support of the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act and President Trump's Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking, the International Operations Unit has stationed Service special agent attachés throughout the world in areas that are considered high-risk for wildlife crimes. At present, one attaché is posted at each of the following seven U.S. embassies: Botswana (Gaborone), China (Beijing), Gabon (Libreville), Mexico (Mexico City), Lima (Peru), Tanzania (Dar es Salaam), and Thailand (Bangkok). Service attachés are vital members of "country teams" and participate with partners in broader enforcement working groups. They function on a regional basis to create, maintain, and use government-to-government relationships to combat wildlife crime; and build wildlife crime enforcement capacity. Through the program, the Service is positioned to assist in investigations, as well as provide technical assistance and training to international counterparts. Attachés are the main conduit between our foreign partners and the advanced technical assistance the Service provides. They also coordinate U.S. and other government agencies, and provide support to wildlife enforcement networks throughout their areas of responsibility. To further boost the program's effectiveness and enhance the ability to fight global wildlife trafficking, the Service will increase the number of locations where attachés are stationed to 12 in 2019.

To further build international capacity, OLE's Branch of Training and Inspections (BTI) partnered with the National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs and created the International Conservation Chiefs Academy (ICCA). The first cohort of U.S. State conservation law enforcement officers and African officials trained together in 2016. Since then, the ICCA has grown from one cohort per year to two and has expanded the geographic range of attendees to include Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. This in-person training is critical to form global alliances, create collaborative law enforcement initiatives, open the flow of communication, and strengthen law enforcement at a local, State, Federal, and international level.

OLE is also building international capacity through expanding its training programs. For the first time, BTI conducted an Executive Symposium on Wildlife Trafficking at the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA). This symposium brought together executive level agency delegates from Africa and Southeast Asia, which developed model law and policy that was taken back in their respective countries for action. Newly created training programs include the Attaché Training Program, the Service's International Affairs Program, additional training programs at ILEAs, and the ICCA will conduct its first alumni event bringing together sub-Saharan Africa attendees from the first cohort to discuss ways to further collaborate and continue the fight against wildlife trafficking on a global scale. These new training missions will focus on wildlife crime scene investigation, crime scene management, seizures, cybercrime, and inspection.

Wildlife Intelligence Unit

The Service's Wildlife Intelligence Unit is responsible for the collection and analysis of information on all aspects of wildlife trafficking to support Service investigations, inspections, and smuggling interdiction efforts. Through this unit, Service investigators have access to a multitude of law enforcement tools and resources, which assist them to identify and disrupt wildlife trafficking networks. The unit also coordinates information sharing with other law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and other countries. In addition, it has

established and maintains a broad network of domestic and international contacts with conservation groups, trade associations, and other entities involved in, or concerned with, wildlife trade.

Digital Evidence Recovery and Technical Support Unit

The Digital Evidence Recovery and Technical Support Unit (DERTSU) is based in Jacksonville, Florida and supports the OLE globally by providing digital evidence seizure and analysis as well as technical surveillance equipment and support. The DERTSU is staffed with experienced senior special agents and digital evidence specialists. The DERTSU's expertise in analyzing seized digital evidence from computers, smart phones, GPS units, and many other types of devices is an important asset for the field agent in furthering their investigative and prosecutorial efforts to combat wildlife trafficking. Digital evidence services include on-scene search warrant operations, lab based data extraction, and detailed investigative analysis. Additionally, the DERTSU equips and trains field agents with the latest technical surveillance technology, to include audio and video surveillance platforms, GPS based trackers, and custom-built solutions to the unique situations faced by our field agents.

A senior special agent conducts a digital evidence analysis in support of a wildlife trafficking investigation. Credit: USFWS

National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory

The National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory (NFWFL) in Ashland, Oregon is vital to Service's efforts to fight wildlife trafficking. It is the world's only full-service, highly accredited, crime laboratory devoted exclusively to supporting wildlife law enforcement investigations.

NFWFL forensic scientists provide the physical evidence analysis, and supporting expert witness testimony, for officials to successfully investigate and prosecute serious violations of wildlife law. These scientists identify the source species of mammal, bird, reptile, fish, plant, and wood parts and products, which is a function needed by Service special agents, wildlife inspectors, and Department of Justice prosecutors. Conclusive evidence of criminal activity in wildlife investigations often hinges on the investigators' and prosecutors' ability to establish flora and fauna parts to the species level, making the NFWFL's capabilities integral to Service enforcement efforts.

Laboratory scientists conduct research to develop new analytical techniques needed in wildlife forensics and build databases to help spot trafficking trends of protected species. To support successful law enforcement operations and criminal prosecutions, they continuously evolve their research and analytical methods to ensure accuracy, and maintain efficiency, throughout the necessary scientific identification process. Identification of evidence items is done by comparing it against known reference specimens. To continue advancing the role as a world leader in wildlife forensic science, the NFWFL is building a center to store, curate, and maintain the collection of reference specimens. Many of the specimens are one-of-a kind, and this modern day "Noah's Ark" of dead wildlife specimens needs vigilant protection so they endure for the benefit of the American people.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service has the statutory mandate and trust responsibility to fulfill its mission derived from the Nation's wildlife and plant protection laws. Brief descriptions of these various laws follow:

- The Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42; 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378) prohibits the importation, exportation, transportation, sale, or purchase of fish, wildlife, or plants taken or possessed in violation of Federal, State, Tribal, or foreign laws.
- The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712) makes it unlawful to pursue, hunt, kill, capture, possess, buy, sell, purchase, or barter any migratory bird including their parts and products.
- The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668C) prohibits import, export, or take of bald or golden eagles including their parts and products without permits, and prohibits the sale, purchase, or barter of their parts or products.
- The Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) prohibits the importation, exportation, taking, and interstate or foreign commerce of fish, wildlife, and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species.
    - The Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) is an international treaty to which 183 countries are parties, including the United States. CITES is implemented in the United States under the ESA and provides a set of universal protections and controls involving the international movement of plant and animal species engaged in significant global trade.
- The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718) requires waterfowl hunters to purchase and possess a valid federal waterfowl hunting stamp before take of migratory waterfowl.
- The Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407) establishes a moratorium on the take and importation of marine mammals, including parts and products.
- The Airborne Hunting Act (16 U.S.C. 742j-l) prohibits taking or harassing wildlife from aircraft.
- The National Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) provides guidelines for administration and management of all areas in the refuge system.
- The African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4201-4245) places a moratorium on the importation of raw or worked ivory from African elephant-producing countries that do not meet certain criteria.
- The Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901) limits or prohibits the importation of exotic bird species as necessary to ensure that their populations are not harmed by international trade.
- The Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 5301-5306) prohibits the import, export, or sale of any product, item, or substance containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, any substance derived from tiger or rhinoceros.
- The Antarctic Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 2401) makes unlawful for any citizen to take, possess, or sell any native bird or mammal from Antarctica.
- The Archeological Resources Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 470aa) prohibits excavation, removal, damage, or alteration to any archaeological resource located on public or Indian lands without a permit.
- The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-644) is a truth-in-advertising law that prohibits misrepresentation in marketing of Indian arts and crafts products within the United States.
- In conducting investigations of wildlife crimes, the OLE frequently encounters and investigates violations of other Federal laws to include conspiracy, smuggling, money laundering, narcotics, cybercrimes, unlawful possession and trafficking of firearms, mail fraud, tax evasion, wire fraud, corruption, and bribery.
- The Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act (P.L. 114-231) authorizes support for law enforcement training, investigative capacity building, range state conservation programs, and other important tools to protect and sustain wild populations of imperiled species in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and other critical locations.
- The Presidential Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking (issued February 9, 2017) strengthens enforcement of federal law in order to thwart transnational criminal organizations and

subsidiary organizations, including criminal gangs, cartels, racketeering organizations, and other groups engaged in illicit activities. This Executive Order specifically lists wildlife trafficking as a targeted transnational crime that presents a threat to public safety and national security.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Office of Law Enforcement is $77,217,000 and 341 FTE.

Law Enforcement Operations (Wildlife Trafficking) (+$71,000/ +0 FTE)
Wildlife Trafficking is a major concern of the Service, the Department, and the Administration. With wildlife poaching reaching unprecedented levels worldwide, the request will further support the President's Executive Order on combating wildlife trafficking, and continue implementing the Administration's inter-agency National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking. Wildlife trafficking has been identified as a threat not only to conservation of species, but to global prosperity and peace. The unprecedented levels of trade in illegal fish, wildlife, and plant products are often intertwined with other major types of criminal activity. Governmental and private sector entities, both inside and outside of the United States, have turned to the Office of Law Enforcement for leadership role in the coordination, guidance and implementation of a workable strategy in combatting this illegal activity.

This request will bolster efforts to establish a permanent commitment to combat and pursue traffickers of natural resources on the internet and high-speed transport. The OLE will continue to build its Intelligence Program capabilities and forge permanent liaisons with the .S. intelligence community along with other federal law enforcement agencies.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will continue to fully utilize its network of special agent/international attaches and build on past successes in combating global wildlife trafficking. Investigations will continue to prioritize crimes that jeopardize wild populations of protected species nationally and around the world that are being devastated by poaching, black market trafficking, and transnational profiteering.
- The Service will hire 24 new agents in 2020 to continue efforts to address staffing shortfalls due to attrition and mandatory retirements that affect the program's ability to perform its ongoing enforcement work. Federal law enforcement officers and firefighters are subject to mandatory retirement at age 57 if they have 20 years of service.
- The program will continue to strengthen forensic capabilities to address wildlife trafficking and expand the capacity of the Special Investigations Unit so that it can maximize the scope and effectiveness of Service efforts to respond to poaching crisis and shutdown trafficking of elephant ivory. This funding, in concert with implementation of the agent/attaché program, will increase Service investigations involving species that are subject to illegal trade.

International Affairs

Activity: Conservation and Enforcement
Subactivity: International Affairs

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
International Conservation	($000)	8,290	8,290	+50	0	+381	8,721	+431
International Wildlife Trade	($000)	7,526	7,526	+86	0	+290	7,902	+807
Total, International Affairs	**($000)**	**15,816**	**15,816**	**+136**	**0**	**+671**	**16,623**	**+807**
	FTE	***82***	***82***	***0***	***0***	**+1**	**83**	**+1**

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for International Affairs

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Combating Wildlife Trafficking	+1,084	+1
• International Affairs Activities	+137	0
• Arctic Council Support	-550	0
Program Changes	**+671**	**+1**

Program Mission

The International Affairs Program leads domestic and international efforts to protect, restore, and enhance the world's diverse wildlife and their habitats with a focus on species of concern to the American people. The Service works to ensure that wildlife trade is both legal and sustainable to benefit the survival of species and domestic economies through the implementation of the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora* (CITES) and domestic wildlife laws.

Program Elements

The International Affairs program is comprised of the following program elements:

- **International Conservation** – Species and regional programs provide technical and financial assistance to partners around the globe to conserve high-priority species and habitats.
- **International Wildlife Trade** – This program is responsible for implementing CITES and stricter domestic laws of the United States to ensure international wildlife trade does not threaten the survival of listed animals and plants in the wild.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service has the legal mandate and responsibility to engage in the conservation of wildlife species both within and beyond our borders in the context of several long-standing commitments. These obligations are contained in domestic laws, international treaties, and other multilateral agreements, such as CITES, the *Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt* (END*) Wildlife Trafficking Act*, the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee, the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA), the *Lacey Act*, the *Wild Bird Conservation Act*, the *Marine Mammal Protection Act*, the *Western Hemisphere Convention*, the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act*, the

Cartagena Convention and the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife, and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention).

Program Overview

The International Affairs Program leads domestic and international efforts to protect, restore, and enhance the world's diverse wildlife and their habitats with a focus on species of international concern. The Service works to ensure wildlife trade results in sustained plant and animal populations and supports livelihoods of people who depend on international trade in wildlife through implementation of CITES and domestic conservation laws. The Service plays a leadership role in the implementation of the National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking, addressing urgent conservation and global security threats posed by poaching and illegal trade in wildlife. Through technical and financial assistance, the Service works with partners to strengthen enforcement, reduce demand for illegally-traded wildlife, and expand international cooperation and commitment to address the growing threat.

Pangolins are the most trafficked animals in the world
Credit: Maria Diekmann

Elephants, rhinos, tigers, marine turtles, and apes are just a few of the species of foreign origin that captivate the hearts and minds of the American public. Of U.S. citizens traveling abroad in 2017, 32 percent visited a national park or monument, 8 percent camped or hiked, 8 percent went on an environmental or eco-excursion, and 3 percent fished or hunted while in other countries. These visitors choose to spend their free time with wildlife, sharing these experiences with family and friends, and educating their children about conservation. In addition, Americans have purchased more than 41 million Save Vanishing Species stamps to support the international conservation efforts of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds.

The Service works closely with State agencies and Tribes to ensure legal and sustainable wildlife trade. The Service provides technical and financial assistance to strengthen capacity within other countries to address conservation of species that are important to the U.S. economy and have intrinsic value to the American people. The Service works with partners to find innovative solutions to combat the most urgent threats to species survival. This work addresses transnational wildlife trafficking, wildlife disease, habitat loss, illegal and unsustainable trade, and inadequate law enforcement. Through these efforts, the Service's work supports sustainable use and conservation of plants and animals, from helping to establish protected areas and supporting boots on the ground enforcement to leading high-level international trade negotiations.

The Service funds, facilitates, and supports vital efforts to conserve wildlife and high value landscapes that provide economic, geopolitical, and other benefits to the American people. Since 1989, the Service has provided more than 4,200 grants for international conservation totaling nearly $283 million. The Service has worked with more than 700 partners in developing countries who have contributed almost $436 million in additional, non-Federal matching support for grant projects, more than doubling the impact of our funding. In 2017 alone, the Service awarded 289 grants, totaling more than $36 million and matched by nearly $45 million in non-Federal support.

Sustainable Use of Wildlife

The United States is one of the world's largest importers and exporters of wildlife and wildlife products, and plays a significant role in the global legal wildlife trade, currently valued in billions of dollars annually. To facilitate legal and sustainable trade and ensure international trade does not threaten the survival of animals and plants in the wild, the Service is responsible for implementation of CITES in the U.S. Each Party to the agreement designates Management and Scientific Authorities to issue permits, make legal and scientific findings, and monitor trade. For the U.S., these authorities reside in the Service's International Affairs Program.

Paddlefish is the most common species harvested for caviar in the U.S. Credit: Ryan Hagerty/USFWS

Through implementation of CITES, the Service facilitates more than $675 million in trade per year. In addition, the Service compiles and maintains trade records for U.S. imports and exports. In conjunction with reports from other CITES Parties, the Service uses this data to monitor trade levels, determine trends over time, and help ensure that plant and animal trade is sustainable. The Service works with importers and exporters of wildlife products to ensure compliance with the law and to facilitate and streamline the permitting process. The Service aims to strike a regulatory balance that minimizes the burden on the public and U.S. companies, while also conserving wildlife for generations to come.

Native Species Support Local Economies

The international trade in CITES-listed native species such as bobcats and alligators and plants such as cacti and American ginseng, provides livelihoods for rural communities in the U.S. As an example of the value of this trade, from 2013 to 2015 the declared values of U.S. exports of skins from American alligators, bobcats, and river otters totaled more than $390 million. The Service works to restore trust and be a good neighbor by working directly and closely with State agencies to implement CITES for species of economic importance. Examples of this collaboration include assessing the status of native species impacted by trade, seeking input on CITES permit findings, facilitating participation on U.S. delegations to CITES meetings, and coordinating CITES export programs. Through the CITES Coordination Committee, the Service also works closely with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) to facilitate communication between State wildlife agencies and the Service's CITES Authorities.

American alligator credit: Sue Slick/Creative Commons

The recovery of the American alligator, together with the transformation of U.S. industry practices, is a success story that illustrates how conservation and sustainable use can go hand-in-hand. Once hunted to near extinction, the American alligator made a full recovery due to collaboration between the Federal government, State wildlife agencies, and the leather industry. Today, the management program for

American alligators includes a sustainable harvest, supporting industry while also conserving the species. This is a model of collaboration and cooperation that the Service aims to replicate with other native species.

Creating a Responsive and Efficient Permitting Process

In 2018, the Service received applications from over 5,000 applicants and issued over 40,000 permits to authorize a wide variety of wildlife trade activities. The Service uses the best available biological information to make findings on whether the import or export of CITES-listed species may be detrimental to their survival, or whether the trade will enhance the survival and not jeopardize the continued existence of species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Decisions on whether to issue permits frequently must be made in close consultation with foreign CITES authorities, state wildlife agencies, other Federal agencies, the CITES Secretariat, other relevant experts, and applicants.

2017 marked the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act. Credit: Ganesh Raghunathan

The Service recently increased the number of people dedicated to permit application review and processing to help ensure a responsive and efficient system for the American public and businesses. The Service has also been working to increase the use of electronic applications to facilitate more efficient transfer of data between applicants and the Service. We are developing an electronic permitting system, which requires updating our existing permitting database, the Service-wide Permit Issuance and Tracking System (SPITS). The new e-permitting system, once fully implemented, will further streamline the permitting process by better integrating data submitted electronically into the permit database. It will also allow for the development of "expert" systems that will automate portions of the application review, permit issuance, and reporting.

Conserving Priority Species

Multinational Species Conservation Fund Species

The Service has developed a large international network of key projects and trusted implementing partners as a result of its nearly 30-year Congressional mandate to conserve elephants, great apes, rhinos, tigers, and marine turtles; iconic species that a majority of the American public wants to see roam the Earth for hundreds of years to come. Service staff have decades of expertise on wildlife management in the U.S. and in developing countries and are the ideal partners to assist staff in national parks and protected areas overseas in their efforts to conserve species loved by the American people.

Species Threatened by Wildlife Trafficking

Conserving species impacted by wildlife trafficking is vitally important to wildlife, as well as people. Wildlife trafficking is a serious transnational crime that involves the unlawful harvest of and trade in live animals and plants or parts and products derived from them, and threatens conservation, security, economic prosperity, and the rule of law. Organized crime syndicates are well structured, often violent, and capable of moving large volumes of poached wildlife and wildlife products. Combating this illicit trade takes a significant human toll and it is estimated that worldwide, a ranger is killed in the line of duty every three days. The illegal trade is a multi-billion-dollar business that depletes natural resource assets and revenues by driving numerous species of economic value to the brink of extinction. The cross-border smuggling of live wildlife leaves countries at risk to the spread of wildlife-borne diseases and the introduction of invasive species, which, once established, cause $120 billion in economic impacts annually in the U.S alone. Invasive species also are at least partially responsible for more than 40 percent of all listings under the ESA. The Service provides technical and financial assistance to counter wildlife trafficking worldwide through several programs. Through CITES, the Service advances global policy that supports legal and sustainable trade and combats illegal trade. Financial and technical assistance from Service programs provide resources for on the ground conservation actions for species targeted by the illegal trade and for building capacity of other countries to combat wildlife trafficking.

Rampant poaching has driven ploughshare tortoises to the brink of extinction. Credit: Peter Paul van Diik

In FY 2016, the Service launched the Combating Wildlife Trafficking (CWT) grants program to support innovative projects that aim to halt wildlife poaching and trafficking. Through the grants program, the Service is focusing its efforts on species threatened by illegal trade that have not typically received international attention or significant resources. The Service provides an opportunity to develop projects and cutting-edge technologies, which benefit many species at once. For example, a project based on the island of Sumatra to strengthen law enforcement is intended to conserve Sumatran tigers, the helmeted hornbill, and Malay pangolin, since the same poaching syndicates and "kingpins" are believed to be closely linked with the illegal trade in each of these species. Asiatic black bears, pangolins, sturgeon, saiga antelope, snow leopards, ploughshare tortoises, African grey parrots, flying foxes, and precious timber species such as ebony and rosewood are among the many and varied species that have benefited from the support of the CWT program.

Wildlife Trafficking: Global Solutions for a Global Problem

The Service works in a collaborative, whole-of-government approach to combat wildlife trafficking, as outlined in the National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking and codified by the Eliminate Neutralize and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act and the Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking (signed February 2017). To address the serious and urgent threats posed by illegal trade in wildlife, the Strategy outlines three key priorities: strengthening enforcement; reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife; and expanding international cooperation and commitment to combat illegal trade. The Service coordinates and implements the U.S. Government and non-Federal partner efforts to address this growing threat to imperiled species and U.S. economic and security interests.

The Service is investing to strengthen the implementation of CITES, which provides the global framework for legal and sustainable trade, to enhance enforcement of wildlife laws and regulations and to combat wildlife trafficking. Implementation of CITES is complex and highly technical. It requires dedicated and knowledgeable staff to guide political governments to engage in the global dialog and make wise decisions about international trade in wildlife resources. In 2018, the Service supported the completion of coursework of up-and-coming professionals of foreign CITES Authorities in the prestigious Master's Degree Program on the Management and Conservation of Species in Trade: the International Framework (CITES Master's Course) at the Universidad Internacional de Andalucia, in Spain. By supporting self-sufficiency of other Governments to implement CITES, we are not only contributing to wildlife conservation and thwarting illegal wildlife trade, we are also working to level the playing field for U.S. business trading in wildlife by ensuring requirements are being applied comparably among CITES Parties.

Capture for the pet trade is the most significant threat to wild African grey parrots. Credit: Paul Balfe / Creative Commons license

Species of Economic Importance

In the U.S., wildlife trafficking undercuts legal trade and reduces populations of in-demand domestic species that are of significant economic value, threatening livelihoods for American communities. The Service's coordination of American ginseng conservation exemplifies how the Service works with States and Tribes to ensure sustainable use of America's natural resources. In 2017, the harvest of wild American ginseng roots exceeded 41,000 dried pounds, with most of this ginseng exported to Asia. Harvesters ('diggers'), the first tier in the economic chain for the sale and export of American ginseng, received $400 to $500 a pound for dried wild American ginseng roots. Conservative estimates have placed the wholesale value of wild American ginseng roots at roughly $26.9 million per year. The Service is working with the State and Tribal ginseng program officials in four American ginseng Working Groups (enforcement, biology, regulatory, and outreach) to address issues and challenges associated with a legal and sustainable trade in American ginseng. Each Working Group has identified needed steps to improve the sustainability of wild ginseng. In 2019-2020, in coordination with the States and Tribes, the Service will work to support and implement measures that these Working Groups recommended

Partnerships to Advance Shared Conservation Goals

Working with others towards shared conservation goals is a theme that runs throughout the Service's international work. Whether it's assisting the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to develop a paddlefish sport fishing program that supports conservation; coordinating with Canada and Mexico to manage shared wildlife species; engaging with zoo staff to strategize how captive rhinos and outreach programs in America can contribute to the survival of wild rhinos; or working with JetBlue Airlines to preserve the beauty of the Caribbean, the Service's partnerships increase the impact and reach of our work and establish the Service as a trusted and respected partner in wildlife conservation around the globe.

Nesting leatherback sea turtle in Pongara National Park along Gabon's Atlantic Coast. Credit: Tatiana Hendrix / USFWS.

A Strategic, Results-Based Vision for Central Africa

The Service benefits from nearly three decades of experience working in Central Africa with foreign governments, multi-donor agencies, other U.S. government agencies, NGOs, and civil society. Building on this experience, the Service has established a strategic, results-based vision for wildlife conservation in Central Africa. This vision emphasizes direct action in the field and strengthening individual and institutional capacity, including improved law enforcement. The Service's expertise is critical in the face of the urgent conservation needs of the region. As an example of these pressures, the region has experienced a loss of an estimated two-thirds of its forest elephants due to poaching for ivory and bushmeat.

In partnership with Gabon's National Parks Agency (ANPN), the Service is safeguarding forest elephants, great apes, and other species by protecting the resilience of tropical forests and biodiversity and conserving ecologically important marine ecosystems. In 2017, the Government of Gabon expanded its Marine Protected Area (MPA) network by adding nine new marine parks and 11 new aquatic reserves, making it the largest MPA network in Africa. This would not have been achieved without the Service's support to ANPN's marine initiative *Gabon Bleu*. This support led to an unprecedented transformation of marine management in Gabon, with a focus on reviving fisheries productivity while conserving biodiversity. In working towards an expanded MPA network as part of *Gabon Bleu*, ANPN, in collaboration with the Gabonese Navy and Gabon's national fisheries agency, succeeded in bringing together diverse stakeholders ranging from coastal communities to companies involved in offshore oil production. Controlling large-scale illegal fishing, mainly by foreign trawlers, is a shared interest between conservationists and energy producers. Working together through *Gabon Bleu*, these stakeholders were able to meet biodiversity goals and enable the safe and responsible development of Gabon's energy resources, which exports a majority of its oil output to the U.S.

Conserving the Western Hemisphere's High-biodiversity Value Landscapes

Populations of guanacos, the wild relative of the domesticated llama, have declined in a similar fashion to the bison of the American West. Credit: Richard Ruggiero / USFWS.

A stable and secure Western Hemisphere is critical to the safety and economy of the American people. To that aim, the Service provides technical and financial support for conservation efforts in Central and South America that help to support American business and recreation in the region and strengthen rule of law. This work helps to protect shared species that provide important economic benefits for the American people, such as migratory bats that contribute an estimated $3.7 billion to U.S. agriculture in pest control. Specifically, the Service is supporting projects to conserve five distinct Central American landscapes with high biodiversity value, while promoting regional integration for conservation. In South America, the Service is working with the Government of Peru and other key partners to curb illegal wildlife trade in the Tropical Andes region. For example, this past year the Service provided integral support in the adoption of Peru's first National Wildlife Strategy and will aim to expand this effort to other countries in the region. Working with partners such as the Wildlife Conservation Society and the Governments of Argentina and Chile, the Service is conserving Patagonia's priority landscapes and unique species. Through the "Trilateral Committee," the Service collaborates with the wildlife agencies of Mexico and Canada to implement a joint regional agenda including topics such as monarch butterfly conservation; wildlife law enforcement; CITES implementation; and conservation of shared ecosystems, species of conservation concern, and migratory birds.

Conserving Latin America and the Caribbean

A stable and secure Latin America/Caribbean Region is critical to the safety and economy of the American people. In Latin America, the Service supports efforts to reduce threats to key wildlife populations from wildlife trafficking, unsustainable resource use, and human-wildlife conflict.

The Service provides technical and financial support to reduce removal of wildlife and plants (including timber) from natural ecosystems for illegal and/or unsustainable consumption, commercial sale, or trade. The objectives are:

- Combat poaching, illegal resource extraction, and habitat degradation in high value conservation areas;
- Increase local and national political will and capacity to improve compliance with wildlife and protected area laws;
- Raise public awareness to change behaviors to combat wildlife trafficking and associated illegal wildlife pet trade; and
- Reduce the availability of and markets for wild animals and plants (including timber) illegally and/or unsustainably harvested.

These objectives are achieved by:

- Supporting implementation of wildlife law compliance and enforcement in the region;
- Strengthening the capacity of Latin America governments to address the wildlife crime chain at any critical stage of enforcement in range, transit and consumer countries;

- Assisting indigenous people and rural communities affected by illegal clearing of wildlife habitat, poaching and/or wildlife trafficking activities by strengthening their capacity to monitor and control illegal activities within community managed lands;
- Working with local communities to promote rural stability and greater security for people and wildlife in order to prevent wildlife poaching and trafficking;
- Supporting public outreach campaigns to influence behavior change in recognition of wildlife poaching and trafficking and its negative impacts.

In the Caribbean, in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development, the Service supports three key objectives:

1. Conservation of endangered coastal and marine species and their habitats;
2. Combating illegal trade of wildlife in the Caribbean; and
3. Managing coastal and marine protected areas through institutional capacity building and local community engagement.

The Service works with counterparts in Russia to conserve walruses. Credit: Joel Garlich Miller/USFWS

Decades of Dialogue with China and Russia

The U.S. has shared conservation interests with countries across Europe and Asia, and the Service has been a conduit for conservation information exchange. The U.S. shares populations of wildlife species that migrate between the U.S. and northeast Asia. The Service partners with those countries to share information and improve wildlife management. For example, the Service maintains a decades-long dialogue with wildlife managers in Russia to ensure that populations of polar bears, walrus, and migratory birds will be maintained for future generations. In China, the Service encourages improved capacity to manage wetlands and natural areas that provide habitat to rare species of concern to the American people.

Good for Wildlife, Good for Business

To engage a broader public, beyond the traditional conservation community, the Service is spearheading private-public partnerships that significantly increase the reach of our messages. Consumers, particularly international travelers, can unknowingly fuel the illegal wildlife trade by purchasing souvenirs or trinkets that are illegal to bring into the U.S. In 2017, JetBlue aired a short in-flight video, produced in partnership with the Service, to inform their customers about responsible travel and shopping practices that help to protect the beauty and wildlife of the Caribbean. JetBlue and the Service furthered this partnership in 2018 through a campaign to educate travelers to the Dominican Republic about illegal wildlife products that they may encounter during their trip. In January 2017, the Service, in coordination with the U.S. Wildlife Trafficking Alliance and its members, released a digital toolkit that provides travel and tourism industry

The Caribbean "Be Informed. Buy Informed." Traveler's Guide uses photos of confiscated wildlife items, like the sea turtle items pictured here, to educate travelers about items to avoid purchasing. Credit: Sarah Metzer/USFWS

leaders with resources they can use to engage travelers in the fight to stop wildlife trafficking. The toolkit was distributed to members of the Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA), American Society for Travel Agents (ASTA), and Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), which together serve more than 25 million travelers annually.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for International Affairs is $16,623,000 and 83 FTE.

Combating Wildlife Trafficking (+$1,084,000 / +1 FTE)
The recent escalation in poaching of protected species and the corresponding illegal trade poses an urgent threat to conservation and global security. Wildlife trafficking is a multibillion-dollar illegal trade fueled by demand and enabled by corruption, limited legal authorities, insufficient law enforcement capabilities, and weak institutions. Wildlife trafficking generates billions of dollars in illicit revenues each year, contributing to the illegal economy, fueling global instability, and undermining regional security.

The Service provides technical and financial assistance to partners to support innovative projects that address wildlife poaching and trafficking by strengthening enforcement, reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife, and expanding international cooperation and commitment to mitigate this threat. The Service will utilize this funding to support approximately 18 additional projects, a significant investment to protect imperiled species threatened by illicit trade.

International Affairs Activities (+$137,000 / 0 FTE)
In contrast to wildlife trafficking, the legal, sustainable trade of wildlife and wildlife products supports local communities, provides important sources of revenue to U.S. businesses, and incentivizes conservation of commercially valuable species and the habitats on which they depend. The International Affairs program oversees the Service's international wildlife trade permitting responsibilities and implements the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and other Federal wildlife laws that ensure that wildlife trade is legal and sustainable. This request will support efforts to modernize its permitting system, including moving toward fully electronic application submission and permit processing. We will also work with our State wildlife agency partners to ensure that trade in commercially valuable native species is legal and sustainable, such as by implementing recommendations of State/tribal working groups regarding American ginseng management and trade.

Arctic Council Support (-$550,000 /0 FTE)
Funding is not requested or needed to support the U.S. chairmanship of the Arctic Council, which has ended.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Work with partners around the world to improve the conservation of species of international concern and their habitats through technical and financial assistance programs.
- Expand efforts to combat wildlife trafficking through technical and financial assistance programs that strengthen enforcement, reduce demand for illegally traded wildlife, and expand international cooperation and commitment.
- Support the Service's work to implement CITES and other U.S. wildlife laws in the U.S. and to ensure international wildlife trade does not threaten the survival of animals and plants in the wild. Specifically this subactivity supports:
    - Processing of CITES import and export permits and the permit requirements of other laws, including the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Wild Bird Conservation Act, Lacey Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

- Combating wildlife trafficking through improved CITES implementation, technical and financial assistance and policy implementation.
- Representing the United States' interests at high-level international wildlife trade negotiations at CITES Meetings of the Conference of Parties and Animal, Plant, and Standing Committees.

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Fish and Aquatic Conservation

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change From 2019 (+/-)
National Fish Hatchery Operations	($000)	55,822	55,822	+376	0	+192	56,390	+568
	FTE	*323*	*323*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*323*	*0*
Maintenance and Equipment	($000)	22,920	22,920	+38	0	+2,888	25,846	+2,926
	FTE	*67*	*67*	*0*	*0*	*+8*	*75*	*+8*
Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation	($000)	85,885	85,885	+735	0	-13,229	73,391	-12,494
	FTE	*297*	*297*	*0*	*0*	*-7*	*290*	*-7*
Total, Fish and Aquatic Conservation	($000)	**164,627**	**164,627**	**+1,149**	**0**	**-10,149**	**155,627**	**-9,000**
	FTE	***687***	***687***	***0***	***0***	***+1***	***688***	***+1***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Fish and Aquatic Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Annual Maintenance	+2,888	+8
• Hatchery System Operations	+2,067	+8
• Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities	+89	0
• Chehalis Fisheries Restoration	-268	0
• Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership	-400	0
• Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey	-489	0
• Population Assessment and Cooperative Management Activities	-517	-3
• Asian Carp	-2,566	-2
• Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement	-1,390	-2
• Washington State Mass Marking	-1,475	-8
• Lake Tahoe Restoration Act	-3,088	0
• Delaware River Basin Conservation Act	-5,000	0
Program Changes	**-10,149**	**+1**

Program Mission

The Fish and Aquatic Conservation program works with partners and the public to manage fish and other aquatic resources for the continuing benefit of the American people. For over 145 years, the Service has fostered outdoor recreational opportunities and provided economic and ecological benefits through the conservation of aquatic species and habitats. Since its inception as the United States Commission on Fish and Fisheries in 1871, the Service's Fisheries Program has worked collaboratively with Native American Tribes, States, landowners, partners and stakeholders to achieve the goals of healthy, self-sustaining populations of fish and other aquatic species, and the conservation or restoration of their habitats.

Program Elements

The Fish and Aquatic Conservation program comprises the following program elements:

- National Fish Hatchery System – propagates healthy, genetically diverse aquatic species to help support wild populations and fulfill Tribal obligations while ensuring access to angling opportunities.
- Maintenance and Equipment – maintains property and equipment, including the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of constructed assets, for 86 National Fish Hatchery System facilities and a National network of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices (Fisheries Offices). The Service's ability to accomplish its mission and ensure safety of employees and visitors is dependent upon the condition of key assets associated with water delivery, aquatic species propagation, and effluent management.
- Population Assessment and Cooperative Management – Fish & Wildlife Conservation Offices (Fisheries Offices) are the boots on-the-ground fish conservation arm of the Service, where field staff work in close cooperation with Tribal, State, and Federal partners to analyze the status and trends of our Nation's aquatic resources and proactively manage these complex systems. Due to restructuring of individual facilities, the Service currently maintains a national network of 51 Fisheries Offices.
- Habitat Assessment and Restoration – coordinated through a nationwide network of Fisheries Offices—works to improve riparian and water habitats for aquatic species, utilizing programs such as the National Fish Passage Program and the National Fish Habitat Partnership.
- Aquatic Invasive Species - prevents the introduction and reduces the spread of invasive species, which is a primary threat to the Nation's natural resources and economy. This is accomplished through leadership of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, injurious wildlife listings, risk assessments, and voluntary efforts with industry, States, Tribes, and other stakeholders to educate and engage the public.

Economic Benefits

The economic value of fisheries conservation is substantial and well documented. The Service's 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation[1] reported that 35.8 million Americans went fishing that year. They took 383 million fishing trips, spent a total of 459 million days fishing, and expended $46.1 billion for the fishing trips and to purchase equipment and other supplies. Fishing and other aquatic-based recreational opportunities are also multi-cultural, multi-generational experiences that bring substantial economic returns to local communities, increase jobs, and lead to improved quality of life for the American people.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service's Fish and Aquatic Conservation program is authorized by a wide range of statutes, treaties, compacts, court orders, mitigation agreements, and cooperative agreements.

- ***The Fish and Wildlife Act*** (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j)—establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.
- ***The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act*** (16 U.S.C. 661-666(e))—directs the Service to investigate and report on proposed Federal actions that affect any stream or other body of water and to provide recommendations to minimize impacts on fish and wildlife resources.
- ***The Endangered Species Act*** (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544)—prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to and removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery.

[1] https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/nationalsurvey/national_survey.htm

- ***The Mitchell Act*** (16 U.S.C. 755-757)—authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to carry on activities for conservation of fishery resources in the Columbia River Basin.
- ***The Colorado River Storage Project Act*** (43 U.S.C. 620)—provides that facilities will be built and operated to mitigate losses of, and improve conditions for, fish and wildlife in connection with the Colorado River Storage Project.
- ***The Sikes Act*** (16 U.S.C. 670a-670o)—authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Bureau of Land Management, and State agencies in planning, developing, maintaining and rehabilitating Federal lands for the benefit of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat.
- ***The Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species Prevention and Control Act***, as amended by the *National Invasive Species Act*, (NISA, 16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.)—authorizes the Service to develop and implement a program to prevent and control infestations of zebra mussels and other nonindigenous aquatic invasive species in waters of the United States.
- ***The Lacey Act Amendment***, (18 U.S.C. 42; 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378)—provides that the Secretary designate injurious wildlife and ensure the humane treatment of wildlife shipped to the United States.

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation
Subactivity: National Fish Hatchery System Operations

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change From 2019 (+/-)
National Fish Hatchery Operations	($000)	55,822	55,822	+376	0	+192	56,390	+568
	FTE	*323*	*323*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*323*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Fish Hatchery System Operations

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Hatchery System Operations Activities	+2,067	+8
• Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership	-400	0
• Washington State Mass Marking	-1,475	-8
Program Changes	**+192**	**+0**

Program Overview

The National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS) consists of 70 National Fish Hatcheries, one historic National Fish Hatchery, eight Fish Health Centers, seven Fish Technology Centers, and the Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership Program. The NFHS operates facilities across the Country under the authority of numerous treaties and consent decrees, statutes, and recovery and restoration plans.

Hatcheries propagate fish to bolster or re-establish self-sustaining populations in the wild, to fulfill Tribal responsibilities, and to mitigate impacts to fish populations associated with Federal water projects. In 2018, 65 fish species and 30 other aquatic species (amphibians, mollusks, plants, and reptiles) were propagated and distributed from Service hatcheries. These facilities also provided refugia for 31 listed species facing catastrophic events such as wildfires, droughts, or floods. Hatcheries implemented 423 recovery actions in approved Recovery Plans and Biological Opinions, benefitting 72 federally-listed species. In addition, to help preclude further ESA listings, NFHS facilities implemented over 1,541 tasks, benefitting at least 66 non-listed species, in Fisheries Management Plans and other agreements.

Fish Technology Centers

Fish Technology Centers (FTCs) provide the scientific foundation for recovery and restoration programs and enable fisheries professionals to more effectively carry out their work. The seven FTCs conduct practical research in animal culture biology, genetics, ecological physiology, nutrition, biometrics and modeling, and cryopreservation for application in aquatic resource management. The knowledge gained through FTC studies informs conservation and benefits the aquaculture industry and other fish propagation efforts. Service FTCs have published over 1,000 papers in peer-reviewed journals over the last 30 years, including 42 papers in 2018. These publications cover a broad range of topics, which have an impact well beyond the Service.

Fish Health Centers

Aquatic animal health biologists operating at eight Fish Health Centers (FHCs) detect, monitor, and mitigate disease-causing pathogens that threaten aquatic species. Their findings inform decisions that improve the health of captive fishes at both Federal and partner hatcheries and of fish populations in the wild. Fish health professionals also investigate emerging health issues, such as invasive species that can be vectors for disease, to help prevent the introduction or spread of dangerous aquatic pathogens.

Aquatic Animal Health
The Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership (AADAP) program works with other Federal agencies, along with State and industry partners, to obtain U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of safe and effective new drugs needed for aquaculture and fisheries management. In addition to Federal appropriations, the program receives financial support generated by the National Investigational New Animal Drug (INAD) Program. The INAD Program provides fishery managers and aquaculture facilities across the country with legal access to experimental fish medications for which AADAP is pursuing FDA approval. In addition to Service programs, over 200 non-Service facilities in 45 States receive direct benefits through participation in this unique program.

Mitigation
The Service conducts mitigation programs under the broad authorities of the *Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956*, the *Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act*, as well as authorities for specific Federal water development projects. The Service supplies fish for Federal agencies to mitigate the impacts of Federal water development projects on fisheries that are important for recreation and for Tribal sustenance. These propagation programs are funded by the water development agencies and conducted at Service hatcheries. Mitigation propagation programs are operated on a user-pay basis and are dependent on outside funding to fully reimburse the Service for its costs. The National Fish Hatchery System conducts mitigation fish production for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tennessee Valley Authority, Bureau of Reclamation, National Marine Fisheries Service and the Bonneville Power Administration.

Recreation and Education
The NFHS also provides opportunities for the public to visit and learn more about fish propagation and conservation as well as to take advantage of recreational activities on hatchery grounds. The Service's work to propagate and conserve fish and their habitats contributes annually to the enjoyment of tens of millions of recreational anglers.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for National Fish Hatcheries Operations is $56,390,000 and 323 FTE.

Hatchery Operations Activities (+$2,067,000/+8 FTE)

Hatchery Operations activities support a network of highly skilled biologists in our National Fish Hatchery System that work with States, Tribes, industry, non-government organizations, and private citizens to enhance recreational fishing opportunities, fulfill our Tribal trust responsibilities, and conserve and restore aquatic species. This request will focus on propagating fish and other aquatic species to sustain wild populations, carry out Tribal obligations, and increase fishing opportunities. In addition, these funds will allow the Service to significantly expand public angling, outreach, and education activities throughout the NFHS.

Animal Drug Approval Partnership (-$400,000/ +0 FTE)

At the requested level the Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership will continue to work with other Federal agencies, along with State and industry partners, to obtain U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of safe and effective new drugs needed for aquaculture and fisheries management.

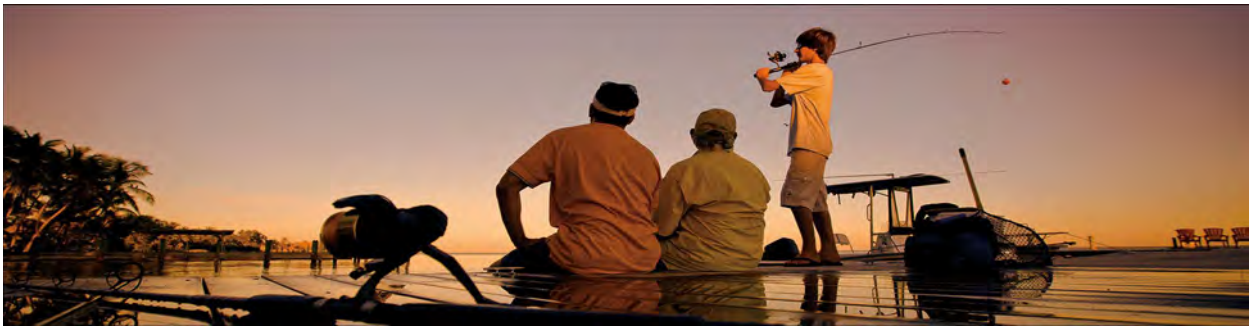
Washington State Mass Marking (-$1,475,000/ -8 FTE)

No funding is requested for this program in order to support higher priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will support work to propagate healthy, genetically diverse aquatic species to help sustain wild populations and fulfill Tribal obligations while ensuring continued access to quality angling opportunities.

- The program will continue to implement Secretarial Order 3347 - *Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation* and Secretarial Order 3356 - *Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories* by providing more educational opportunities, expanding annual events, and recruiting more anglers.



Let's Go Fishing and Catch the Fun!

The Service is working in partnership with State fish and wildlife agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders to bring the fun of fishing to anglers of all ages. In 2018, nearly 1.3 million people, individually and through over 1,000 fishing and educational events, visited National Fish Hatcheries and other Service FAC facilities to fish, picnic, or learn about the Nation's fisheries resources. To increase fishing opportunities on all public lands, the Service has joined the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) in placing a "widget" on RBFF and Service websites that connects web-page visitors to fishing license and boating registration outlets in all 50 States. To continue to implement Secretarial Orders 3347 (Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation) and 3356 (Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories) the Service's goal for FY 2019 is to help more and more people to go fishing and "Catch the Fun!" This initiative will include new, improved fishing opportunities on Service-managed waters that are supported by outreach and educational tools to help beginners and experienced anglers. To find out more, visit: **https://www.fws.gov/fisheries/fishing.html**

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation
Subactivity: Maintenance and Equipment

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change From 2019 (+/-)
National Fish Hatchery Maintenance and Equipment	($000)	22,402	22,402	+38	0	+2,888	25,328	+2,926
	FTE	*67*	*67*	*0*	*0*	*+8*	*75*	*+8*
FWCO Maintenance and Equipment	($000)	518	518	0	0	0	518	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Total, Maintenance and Equipment	**($000)**	**22,920**	**22,920**	**+38**	**0**	**+2,888**	**25,846**	**+2,926**
	FTE	***67***	***67***	***0***	***0***	***+8***	***75***	***+8***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Maintenance and Equipment

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Annual Maintenance	+2,888	+8
Program Changes	**+2,888**	**+8**

Program Overview

Hatcheries produce fish and other aquatic species to meet management needs and provide public access to hatchery facilities for recreation and education. Properly functioning infrastructure is essential to fish production and to the safety of Service employees and visitors. Hatcheries employ tanks, ponds, and raceways for propagation and boats and trucks for transport. The propagation process requires a consistent, well oxygenated water supply that is heated or cooled to the correct temperature. Hatchery assets, such as water wells, pumps, pipelines, and heating/cooling equipment must be well-maintained to prevent mortality and meet production goals. Similarly, public access areas must be maintained to provide safe recreational use. A proactive asset management system helps to ensure safe, efficient, and successful hatchery operations.

National Fish Hatchery System Maintenance and Equipment

Maintenance and equipment funding provides maintenance and upkeep for the NFHS and enables the program to carry out the mission of the Service and ensure the safety of employees and visitors. The Service's ability to accomplish its mission is largely determined by the condition of key assets associated with water delivery, aquatic species culture, and effluent management. Although the reliability of these assets is especially important with respect to threatened and endangered species, three-fourths of the NFHS' $2.8 billion of real property assets are mission-critical water management assets.

In alignment with the Acting Secretary's initiative to modernize our infrastructure, the Service has developed asset performance measures and a strategy to ensure effective operations and service delivery. The Department measures real property asset conditions using a Facility Condition Index (FCI), a ratio of repair cost to replacement cost. A rigorous condition assessment process ensures that repair needs are determined objectively and associated costs are appropriately estimated, using industry standards. The Service's Asset Management Plan and Regional Asset Business Plans are used to manage assets, address repair needs, and dispose of assets that are low in priority or excess to the Government's needs.

Annual maintenance funds ensure timely upkeep of NFHS real property and equipment. These funds are used for salaries of our maintenance staff, to purchase maintenance-related supplies, and to replace small equipment costing less than $5,000. Deferred maintenance funds are directed at the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of constructed assets within the NFHS. The Service has identified $194 million in current deferred maintenance needs for the NFHS. The NFHS equipment funds pay for maintenance, repair, and replacement of equipment. Fisheries Office maintenance and equipment funds are used to purchase and maintain over $34 million in assets such as boats, vehicles, and specialized fisheries equipment.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Maintenance and Equipment is $25,846,000 and 75 FTE.

Annual Maintenance (+$2,888,000/ +8 FTE)

This request will ensure the health and safety of employees and visitors while allowing the Service to maintain complex water system capabilities for production of fish. These funds will enable the Service to significantly improve the condition of critical NFHS assets nationwide that now comprise over $194 million in backlog for deferred maintenance needs.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will support maintenance of property and equipment, including the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of constructed assets, for 86 NFHS facilities and 51 Fisheries Offices. The Service's ability to accomplish its mission and ensure safety of employees and visitors is dependent upon the condition of key assets associated with water delivery, aquatic species culture, and effluent management.

Service Asset & Maintenance Management System

Under the auspices of the *Occupational Safety and Health Act* and DOI standards, the Service developed an Asset Management Plan that guides management of the NFHS's $2.8 billion in essential real and personal property inventories, including systematic and objective tracking, evaluation, reporting of asset condition, and prioritization of asset management. Using the Service Asset Maintenance Management System (SAMMS), an integrated web-based information system, the Service standardizes asset management, corroborates deferred maintenance needs with objective condition assessment data, identifies short- and long-term maintenance needs, and analyzes annual operating and maintenance expenditures.

Activity: Fish and Aquatic Conservation
Subactivity: Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020				Change From 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Habitat Assessment and Restoration	($000)	33,987	33,987	+85	0	-6,569	27,503	-6,484
	FTE	*95*	*95*	*0*	*0*	*-2*	*93*	*-2*
Population Assessment and Cooperative Management	($000)	30,150	30,150	+597	0	-1,006	29,741	-409
	FTE	*137*	*137*	*0*	*0*	*-3*	*134*	*-3*
Aquatic Invasive Species	($000)	21,748	21,748	+53	0	-5,654	16,147	-5,601
	FTE	*65*	*65*	*0*	*0*	*-2*	*63*	*-2*
Total, Aquatic Habitat & Species Conservation	**($000)**	**85,885**	**85,885**	**+735**	**0**	**-13,229**	**73,391**	**-12,494**
	FTE	***297***	***297***	***0***	***0***	***-7***	***290***	***-7***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities	+89	0
• Chehalis Fisheries Restoration	-268	0
• Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey	-489	0
• Population Assessment and Cooperative Management Activities	-517	-3
• Asian Carp	-566	-2
• Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement	-1,390	-2
• Asian Carp Contract Fishing	-2,000	0
• Lake Tahoe Restoration	-3,088	0
• Delaware River Basin Conservation	-5,000	0
Program Changes	**-13,229**	**-7**

Program Overview

The Fisheries Offices are strategically located across the Nation and play an important role in implementing the Service's fisheries and aquatic resource programs. These field offices work with a broad range of partners and utilize non-regulatory conservation tools to protect, enhance, and restore aquatic resources. Fisheries Offices are under increasing demands for their services, because they provide important technical and biological information to partners on the condition of the habitat and populations of fish and other species. This information is used to inform decisions under the ESA and for determining frameworks for management of recreational fisheries. It also informs resource management decisions that lead to on-the-ground conservation actions conducted by Fisheries Offices in collaboration with private landowners, non-profit organizations and local, State, and Federal agencies. Additionally, Fisheries Office staff work closely with Tribal nations to fulfill trust responsibilities associated with fisheries and aquatic resources. The work of Fisheries Offices is essential to the understanding and collaborative management of anadromous and other migratory and inter-jurisdictional species, such as Pacific salmon, Striped bass, Lake trout, and American shad.

Habitat Assessment and Restoration Program Overview
This program funds habitat restoration for aquatic organisms through initiatives such as the National Fish Habitat Action Plan (Action Plan) and the National Fish Passage Program. Utilizing its National network of Fisheries Offices, the Service organizes projects with partners, provides technical expertise, enlists voluntary efforts of landowners and local communities, and delivers cost-shared resources to complete habitat conservation projects. This work improves environmental conditions and restores ecological connectivity to strengthen the resiliency of our Nation's aquatic resources.

The Action Plan is supported by 20 Fish Habitat Partnerships (Partnerships) that are geographically located across the Nation. These Partnerships marshal funds, knowledge, and other resources for conservation projects that enlist landowners, fishing clubs, school groups, and businesses to restore stream banks, plant vegetation, renovate oyster reefs, and otherwise improve fish habitat. In addition to restoring aquatic connectivity by removing or bypassing barriers that prevent fish from accessing vital habitat, the National Fish Passage Program's infrastructure investments help protect local communities from flooding.

Population Assessment and Cooperative Management Program Overview
Fishery Offices focus on management, restoration, inventory and monitoring to maintain self-sustaining, healthy, and diverse populations of fish and other aquatic species. The Service's Fisheries Offices evaluate the causes of species decline, determine the limiting factors for aquatic populations, and implement actions to restore those populations across habitat types and jurisdictional boundaries.

The Service works with partners to develop and implement resource management plans for Federal trust species on Federal, State, and local lands and waters. Service biologists collect and evaluate population data and develop models to estimate population trends and inform management actions such as harvest limits. Restoration activities on large, connected natural areas and the monitoring and assessment of the Service's propagation programs provide an important component in developing and maintaining self-sustaining aquatic populations.

As part of the Service's trust responsibilities, Fisheries Offices work with tribal resource agencies to manage fish and wildlife on 56 million acres of Tribal trust lands and 44 million acres of Alaska Native lands. The Service also works closely with the Department of Defense and the military services, stewards of millions of acres of land, to protect and enhance natural areas on military installations.

Aquatic Invasive Species Overview
The negative impacts of invasive species are second only to habitat destruction among causal factors in the decline of fish, wildlife, and habitat in the United States. Nearly half of the imperiled species in the United States are threatened by invasive species.[2] Species such as Asian carp, quagga mussel, giant salvinia, lionfish, and brown tree snake cause tens of billions of dollars of economic and ecological impacts each year in diminished fish and wildlife resources, recreational opportunities, agricultural productivity, personal property values, human health and safety, and public utility capacity.

The Service works to prevent or reduce the introduction and spread of invasive species through its leadership of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (ANS Task Force). The ANS Task Force, which the Service co-chairs with NOAA, provides a national forum for collaborative discussion and decision making. The Service supports the funding and implementation of 44 State/Interstate Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plans that address State and Tribal priorities through cost-sharing and technical assistance. Relying on these funds, State aquatic invasive species programs coordinate with their partners to prevent the introduction and spread of unwanted organisms and have planned, directed, and

[2] Wilcove, D.W., Rothstein, D., Bubow, J.,Phillips, A., Losos, E., 1998. Quantifying threats to imperiled species in the United States. Bioscience 48(8): 607-615.

accomplished significant regional and landscape-level invasive species prevention and management resource outcomes. The ANS Task Force has also approved nine national species control and management plans.

Quagga and zebra mussels cause an estimated $500 million annually in economic burden to utilities and industry in the Great Lakes. Should invasive mussels become established in the Columbia River Basin, they will have a similar impact on consumer electric rates and irrigated agriculture. The Aquatic Invasive Species program continues to target quagga and zebra mussels and Asian carp as high-priority species, leveraging prevention, containment, and outreach resources among partners. The spread of Asian carp toward the Great Lakes is one of the most acute threats facing this key natural resource and its $7 billion sport and recreational fishery. The Service plays a key role in coordinating across Federal, State, and local agencies to control the spread of these species.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Aquatic Habitat and Species Conservation is $73,391,000 and 290 FTE.

Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities (+$89,000/ +0 FTE)
Habitat Assessment and Restoration Activities provides the operational support for the Habitat Assessment and Restoration program, providing funding for our national network of Fisheries Offices that deliver on-the-ground fish and aquatic species conservation. These funds will allow the Service to continue a broad range of habitat assessment and restoration initiatives, such as fish population surveys and stream restoration, for which costs have increased.

Chehalis Fisheries Restoration (-$268,000/ +0 FTE)
The budget does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

Lake Champlain Sea Lamprey (-$489,000/ +0 FTE)
The Service does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

Population and Assessment and Cooperative Management Activities (-$517,000/ -3 FTE)
Funding at the requested level will provide for field staff, who work in close cooperation with Tribal, State, and Federal partners, to analyze the status and trends of aquatic resources and manage these complex systems.

Asian Carp (-$2,566,000/ -2 FTE)
Funding at the requested level will be used to continue the implementation of the *Management and Control Plan for Bighead, Black, Grass, and Silver Carps in the United States* and the associated collaborative multi-State Asian Carp Control Strategy Frameworks. The Service, along with our State and Federal partners, have been working to detect and track the leading edges of the Asian carp invasion in the Illinois, Ohio, and Upper Mississippi Rivers, and to develop and implement technologies to deter upstream movement and control populations. No funding is requested for contract fishing in order to support other priorities.

Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (-$1,390,000/ -2 FTE)
Funding at the requested level will allow staff to continue to support habitat work for salmon, steelhead and other native fish in the Klamath Basin.

Lake Tahoe Restoration (-3,088,000/ +0 FTE)
The budget does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

Delaware River Conservation (-$5,000,000/ +0 FTE)
The budget does not request funding in order to address other priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

The program will:

- Utilize partnership programs such as the National Fish Passage Program and the National Fish Habitat Partnership to implement numerous local fish habitat restoration projects to improve riparian and aquatic habitats.
- Work with partners to inventory, monitor, manage and restore fish and other aquatic species to maintain self-sustaining, healthy and diverse populations.
- Work to prevent the introduction and reduce the spread of invasive species; a primary threat to the Nation's natural resources, infrastructure, and economy. The program continues to target quagga and zebra mussels and Asian carp as high-priority species, leveraging containment, prevention, and outreach resources among partners.

Cooperative Landscape Conservation

Activity: Cooperative Landscape Conservation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Cooperative Landscape Conservation	($000)	12,988	12,988	0	0	-12,988	0	-12,988
	FTE	*50*	*50*	*0*	*0*	*-50*	*0*	*-50*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Cooperative Landscape Conservation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
Landscape Conservation Cooperatives	-12,988	-50
Program Changes	**-12,988**	**-50**

Program Mission

The Cooperative Landscape Conservation program works with States to deliver conservation on a landscape scale and build collaborative approaches to conservation through coalitions with States and other partners.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

- ***Fish and Wildlife Act***, (16 U.S.C 742(a)-754)—establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (-$12,988,000/-50 FTE)

The budget does not request funding for the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives program. Service programs will continue to coordinate with State resource management agencies and other partners.

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Science Support

Activity: Science Support

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Adaptive Science	($000)	10,517	10,517	0	0	-10,517	0	-10,517
	FTE	*9*	*9*	*0*	*0*	*-19*	*0*	*-19*
Service Science	($000)	6,750	6,750	0	0	-6,750	0	-6,750
	FTE	*17*	*17*	*0*	*0*	*-14*	*0*	*-14*
Total, Science Support	**($000)**	**-17,267**	**-17,267**	**0**	**0**	**-17,267**	**0**	**-17,267**
	FTE	***33***	***33***	***0***	***0***	***-33***	***0***	***-33***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Science Support

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Adaptive Science	-10,517	-19
• Service Science Activities	-6,750	-14
Program Changes	**-17,627**	**-33**

Program Mission

The Service is committed to science. All Service programs have a part to play in improving the use of science in conservation and management, including the generation, sharing, and application of scientific processes and products. The Service's operational programs including Ecological Services, Refuges, Fisheries, and Migratory Birds devote considerable resources to the practical application of science every day. These programs also leverage resources with other entities on shared science partnership priorities. Nationally, regionally, and locally, Science Support staff work directly with Service biologists, project leaders, and others to form strategic and issue-oriented networks to answer management-oriented questions.

The Service's goal for its science activities is to strengthen the agency's tradition of scientific excellence in the conservation of fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitat. This is accomplished by:

- Sustaining its capacities to acquire, apply, and communicate scientific information;
- Promoting scientific integrity and active involvement of the Service and its employees in the larger scientific community; and
- Encouraging strengthened partnerships between the Service and other scientific organizations, while working with Cooperative Research Units whenever possible.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

- ***Fish and Wildlife Act***, (16 U.S.C 742(a)-754)—Establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary to take steps required for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife

resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Adaptive Science (-$10,517,000/-19 FTE)
The budget does not request funding for this activity. Future science needs will be addressed by each Service program.

Service Science (-$6,750,000/-14 FTE)
Future science needs will be addressed by each Service program. The budget does not request funding for this activity.

General Operations

Activity: General Operations

Proposed Structure

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Central Office Operations	($000)	31,257	31,257	0	-9,613	+160	21,804	-9,453
	FTE	*262*	*262*	*0*	*-42*	*0*	*220*	*-42*
Management and Administration	($000)	40,866	40,866	0	+9,613	+4,387	54,866	+14,000
	FTE	*403*	*403*	*0*	*42*	*0*	*445*	*42*
Servicewide Bill Paying	($000)	35,781	35,781	-174	0	+163	35,770	-11
	FTE	*23*	*23*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*23*	*0*
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	($000)	7,022	7,022	0	0	-22	7,000	-22
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
National Conservation Training Center	($000)	28,903	28,903	114	0	-7,591	21,426	-7,477
	FTE	*110*	*110*	*0*	*0*	*-11*	*99*	*-11*
Total, General Operations	**($000)**	**143,829**	**143,829**	**-60**	**0**	**-2,903**	**140,866**	**-2,963**
	FTE	***798***	***798***	***0***	***0***	***-11***	***787***	***-11***

Old Structure

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Central Office Operations	($000)	37,965	37,965	0	0	+5,261	43,226	+5,261
	FTE	*262*	*262*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*262*	*0*
Regional Office Operations	($000)	33,574	33,574	0	0	-714	32,860	-714
	FTE	*403*	*403*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*403*	*0*
Servicewide Bill Paying	($000)	36,365	36,365	-174	0	+163	36,354	-11
	FTE	*23*	*23*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*23*	*0*
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	($000)	7,022	7,022	0	0	-22	7,000	-22
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
National Conservation Training Center	($000)	28,903	28,903	+114	0	-7,591	21,426	-7,477
	FTE	*110*	*110*	*0*	*0*	*-11*	*99*	*-11*
Total, General Operations	**($000)**	**143,829**	**143,829**	**-60**	**0**	**-2,903**	**140,866**	**-2,963**
	FTE	***798***	***798***	***0***	***0***	***-11***	***787***	***-11***

Program Mission

The General Operations Program provides the management and support that allows the Service's programmatic activities and organizations to accomplish their goals and mission. Primarily, it provides headquarters, regions, and field offices with the resources (e.g., people, funding, facilities, access to data, etc.) they need to carry out the work of the Service to benefit the American people. General Operations also ensures that the Service is in compliance with legal, regulatory, and Departmental policies for all administrative areas and functions.

To further the reorganization approved by Congress in FY 2019, the Service is proposing to realign funding within the General Operations Activity to reflect the changes in its organizational structure. The reorganization will enable the Service to maximize available resources for mission delivery.

Program Elements

Five subactivities comprise the General Operations Program:

- Central Office Operations – Headquarters offices provide the Service with the leadership, strategic direction, and necessary resources to accomplish mission priorities and goals. These functions include: policy provision from Administration-appointed officials; implementation of equal employment opportunity and diversity programs; coordination of Service contact with Native American Tribes; and communications and outreach.
- Management and Administration – Renamed to align with the new organizational structure, Management and Administration funds human resources, contracting, safety, budget and finance, and information technology services to the regions and Headquarters offices. Service support functions are consolidated under this subactivity in FY 2020 instead of being split between Central Office Operations and Regional Office Operations. This corresponds to with the new organizational structure, whereby all administrative functions are now centrally managed. The subactivity previously called Regional Office Operations is renamed Management and Administration and contains funding for the new joint regional/Headquarters administrative organization and the Associate Chief Information Officer (ACIO) organization. The Assistant Director for Management and Administration encompasses Budget and Performance, Human Resources, Business Management Operation. The ACIO supervises Information Resources and Technology Management.
- Servicewide Bill Paying – This subactivity provides a means to centrally budget and pay for nationwide operational support and infrastructure costs that the Service incurs in the course of accomplishing its mission. A non-exhaustive list of expenses paid from this subactivity include Information Technology (IT) and communication needs, payments to the DOI Working Capital Fund (WCF), mail delivery and distribution, and some printing.
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) – NFWF runs a competitive challenge grant program with a statutory non-Federal matching requirement of 1:1 for all awards of federally appropriated funds. However, in recent years the non-Federal match has been closer to 3:1, greatly multiplying the impact of the Service's funding for on-the-ground conservation projects.
- National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) – Opened in 1997 and located on 533 acres along the Potomac River in Shepherdstown, WV, NCTC is the Service's primary training facility. In addition to training Service employees, NCTC provides training on a reimbursable basis to conservation professionals from DOI, other Federal, State and local governments, not-for-profit conservation organizations, private landowners and the business community. In this way, NCTC programs expand their reach and impact and help Service professionals build collaborative partnerships for conservation.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: Central Office Operations

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Central Office Operations	($000)	31,257	31,257	0	-9,613	+160	21,804	-9,453
	FTE	*262*	*262*	*0*	*-42*	*0*	*220*	*-42*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Central Office Operations

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Central Office Operations	+160	0
• **Program Changes**	**+160**	**0**

Program Overview

The Service's Central Office Operations provide leadership, strategic direction, and organizational management required to accomplish mission priorities and goals. These functions include: policy provision from Administration-appointed officials; implementation of equal employment opportunity; coordination of Service contact with Native American Tribes; and communications and outreach.

Headquarters and Regional Management, which includes the Office of the Director and the offices of the Regional Directors. This funds key Service leadership positions and their immediate staff.

Diversity and Inclusive Workforce Management supports the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program for the Service. The ODIWM provides direction, policy formulation, and oversight of the Service's Diversity and Inclusion Implementation Plan with regard to applicable civil rights laws and directives.

Native American Programs Coordination serves as a key point of contact for Native American Tribes, and works to expand the Service's capacity to work cooperatively with Tribes to further the Service's conservation mission.

External Affairs (EA) oversees and coordinates the communications activities of the Service, including internal communications, public affairs, media services, congressional and legislative affairs, partnerships, webpage development, policy and compliance, printing and publishing, and other multimedia communications.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Central Office Operations is $21,804,000 and 220 FTE.

Central Office Operations (+160,000/0 FTE)

The budget will allow the Service to provide leadership, strategic direction, and necessary resources to support the mission, and will continue to focus on consolidating administrative functions, eliminating duplication, and implementing process efficiencies across the organization.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide the Service with the leadership, strategic direction, and necessary resources to accomplish mission priorities and goals. Specifically, this subactivity:
    - Provides policy direction and implementation at Headquarters and regional levels.
    - Supports implementation of equal employment opportunity.
    - Coordinates Service consultation with Native American Tribes.
    - Provides communications and outreach Servicewide.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: Management and Administration

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Management and Administration	($000)	40,866	40,866	0	+9,613	+4,387	54,866	+14,000
	FTE	*403*	*403*	*0*	*+42*	*0*	*445*	*+42*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Management & Administration

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• DOI Reorganization Implementation	+5,700	0
• Information Resources and Technology Management	+851	0
• Management and Administration	-2,164	0
Program Changes	**+4,387**	**0**

Program Overview

Management and Administration is responsible for most administrative functions including human resources, budget and performance, finance, contracting, and other functions. In FY 2018, the Service initiated a plan to consolidate some Central Office Operations to more efficiently provide needed administrative support to Service programs. In 2019, the Service consolidated administrative functions into one organization. The new organization, under the Assistant Director for Management and Administration, fulfills the Service's needs for administrative services, including human resources, contracting, finance, safety, and general services, at a reduced cost to the American taxpayer. In 2019, the Service continues to implement enterprise shared services and consolidate resources into the Joint Administrative Operations (JAO) to deliver shared services to regional and field station managers. The new organization is expected to be fully functional by June 2019.

This organization also works with Service programs and the Directorate to formulate budget proposals and conduct workforce and succession planning to support its mission and goals. This function provides essential oversight to ensure the agency is following appropriations law and the guidance of our Appropriations Committees, as well as managing Federal Register notices, and directives management. Staff also coordinate programmatic Internal Controls under OMB Circular A-123, and serve as the liaison with the Government Accountability Office and the Office of the Inspector General. Management and Administration staff also provide direction, policy formulation, oversight and management in the areas of finance, contracting, asset management, safety, economic analyses, and other support functions.

Information Resources and Technology Management: The Service's Associate Chief Information Officer (ACIO) provides secure, efficient and effective management of information resources and technology that allows the Service to accomplish its mission. This office provides reliable mission essential connectivity for email, internet, network applications, records and the Freedom of Information Act across the Service. The Service's cyber security program maintains and monitors network security subsystems to ensure a stable and dependable environment for the network and its users. The ACIO also plays a pivotal role ensuring that the Service is in compliance with all Federal IT laws, regulations, and requirements.

DOI Reorganization Implementation: The 2020 request continues support for the reorganization of the Department of the Interior with funding to stand up the unified regions, relocate certain headquarters staff and functions as appropriate, and improve operations through the use of technology, shared services, and consistent practices. The Service will utilize funding to:

- Support and participate in standing up the unified regions, including collaboration across bureaus.
- Transition internal business operations to the new regional structure.
- Relocate selected functions closer to Interior's assets, customers, and mission areas out West to provide more responsive service.
- Implement shared service solutions to improve delivery of one or more of human resources, information technology, and acquisition services.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Management and Administration is $54,866,000 and 445 FTE.

DOI Reorganization Implementation (+$5,700,000/0 FTE)
At the 2020 request level of $5.7 million, the Service will support implementation of the 12 unified regions, relocation of certain headquarters staff and functions West, and modernization of Interior's administrative services. The request will support:

- Implementation of Unified Regions. Funds will support bureau planning and implementation needed to transition to the new regions and implement shared service solutions.
- Relocation and Regional Stand Up. This request helps relocate some staff closer to assets and customers.
- Modernizing Interior's Business. Deployment of common shared service solutions to improve delivery of human resources, information technology, and acquisition services.

Starting in FY 2018, the Service began implementing shared services for all administrative functions and generated over $8 million in savings. In FY 2019, the Service will continue on this path, ensuring that we are providing exceptional service and building capacity to service our mission. The Service's Joint Administrative Operations organization is a model for the Department on providing efficient and effective shared services.

Information Resources and Technology Management (+$851,000/0 FTE)
The requested funding will be used for rising costs of software licenses and core infrastructure operational and maintenance requirements.

Management and Administration (-$2,164,000/0 FTE)
The requested funding will provide daily support to the headquarters and over 700 geographically diverse field offices, including human resource, budget, finance, and contracting.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide human resources support for Headquarters and the regions.
- Coordinate budget formulation, presentation, and execution.
- Provide finance, acquisition, and contracting management.
- Provide management of IT throughout the Service.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: Servicewide Bill Paying

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Servicewide Bill Paying	($000)	35,781	35,781	-174	0	+163	35,770	-11
	FTE	*23*	*23*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*23*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Servicewide Bill Paying

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Servicewide Bill Paying	+163	0
Program Changes	**+163**	**0**

Program Overview

The Servicewide Bill Paying subactivity covers bills received by the Service for charges by the Department or other outside entities. These are fixed costs that the Service must cover.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Servicewide Bill Paying is $35,770,000 and 23 FTE.

Servicewide Bill Paying (+163,000/0 FTE)
Funding will be used to address Working Capital Fund Centralized Bills to reduce the amount assessed from programs.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Funding to centrally budget and pay for nationwide operational support and infrastructure costs that the Service incurs in the course of accomplishing its mission. Specifically, this subactivity:
  - Pays expenses for Information Technology and communication needs.
  - Supports worker's compensation and unemployment compensation payments.
  - Manages payments for DOI Working Capital Fund and other DOI bills.
  - Manages payments for mail delivery and distribution and printing.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	($000)	7,022	7,022	0	0	-22	7,000	-22
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	-22	0
Program Changes	**-22**	**0**

Program Overview

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) runs a competitive challenge grant program with a statutory non-Federal matching requirement of 1:1 for all federally-appropriated dollars that NFWF awards. In recent years NFWF has averaged a 3:1 match. All grantee matching funds are non-Federal funds provided in cash or as in-kind services. One hundred percent of the congressionally appropriated funds provided to NFWF by the Service is directed to on-the-ground projects and is not used to support NFWF's administrative expenses. NFWF uses the funding to leverage additional commitments of resources from corporations, foundations, and conservation partners. The funds are invested through outcome-focused grant programs guided by conservation business plans developed in partnership with the Service. Individual projects are reviewed by diverse outside reviewers (e.g., Federal, State, non-profit, educational and private sector), NFWF, and the Service.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is $7,000,000 and 0 FTE.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (-$22,000/0 FTE)

The requested funding will provide competitive grants to State, local, non-profit, and private organizations to leverage additional resources for natural resource conservation.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provide funding to State, local, non-profit, and private organizations for conservation and management of fish, wildlife, and plant resources through the grant process.

Activity: General Operations
Subactivity: National Conservation Training Center

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
National Conservation Training Center	($000)	28,903	28,903	114	0	-7,591	21,426	-7,477
	FTE	*110*	*110*	*0*		*-11*	*99*	*-11*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Conservation Training Center

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Operations	-1,687	-11
• Annual Maintenance	-5,904	0
Program Changes	**-7,591**	**-11**

Program Overview

Opened in 1997 and located on 533 acres along the Potomac River in Shepherdstown, WV, the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) is the Service's primary training facility. In addition to training Service employees, NCTC provides training on a reimbursable basis to conservation professionals from DOI, other Federal, State, and local governments, not-for-profit conservation organizations, private landowners and the business community. In this way, NCTC programs expand their reach and impact to help Service professionals build collaborative partnerships for conservation.

NCTC will deliver approximately 200 annual onsite training sessions and provide over 1,500 on-line courses and training modules to employees. NCTC supports the FWS with approximately 1,500 inter-library loan requests and over 400,000 scientific journal searches. NCTC also preserves the heritage of the Service by collecting, interpreting, and disseminating the history of the Service and American conservation. The NCTC Museum and Archives helps the public, researchers, and professional conservationists to better understand the rich history of American wildlife conservation by managing over 500,000 objects. NCTC serves as a place where the Service and our partners come together to help solve the urgent conservation challenges facing our nation.

The Service is currently working with State, Federal, and NGO partners under Secretarial Order 3356 to recruit, retain and reactivate sportsmen through the R3 initiative, which seeks to create new participants or increase participation rates of current or lapsed outdoor recreationists. The Service is using the NCTC facility and staff to grow and support the Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation (R3) designed to restore American's connection with the outdoors through collaborative workshops, symposia, and training. The Service, working closely with the Association of State Fish and Wildlife Agencies, States, and other partners serves as the basis for the nationwide expansion of the R3 effort.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the National Conservation Training Center is $21,426,000 and 99 FTE.

Operations – General Program Activities (-$1,687,000/-11 FTE)
This funding will allow the Service to continue to provide training opportunities to internal as well as external partner audiences.

Maintenance (-$5,904,000/0 FTE)
The requested funding will allow the Service to maintain day-to-day operational maintenance.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Provides training opportunities for the Service, DOI and other Federal and non-Federal partners in conservation, applied landscape, leadership and communication.
- Provides collections management and stewardship to care for and preserve artifacts, films, photographs, and documents.

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Appropriations Language

For construction, improvement, acquisition, or removal of buildings and other facilities required in the conservation, management, investigation, protection, and utilization of fish and wildlife resources, and the acquisition of lands and interests therein; $15,693,000, to remain available until expended.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Applicable Laws, Acts, and Orders

The Service has the legal mandate and responsibility to ensure its inventory of assets, facilities, and infrastructure is safe and adequate to accomplish its conservation mission and that operations are conducted in compliance with applicable regulations. More than 19 laws, statutes, and executive orders govern what the Construction program must do with the funding it receives from Congress. Governing authorities are discussed below.

Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4). Authorizes development of fish and wildlife areas for recreational use, including land acquisition and facilities construction and management.

National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to award contracts for the provision of public accommodations of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715-715d, 715e, 715f-715r). Provides for land acquisition, construction, maintenance, development, and administration for migratory bird reservations.

Fish and Wildlife Act (16 U.S.C. 742a-742f). Authorizes the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources, including the acquisition and development of existing facilities.

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 9601-9675). Authorizes Federal agencies to conduct cleanup and/or recover costs associated with hazardous materials removal, remediation, cleanup, or containment activities from responsible parties.

Federal Facilities Compliance Act (42 U.S.C. 6961). Requires Federal agencies to comply with Federal, State, and local solid and hazardous waste laws in the same manner as any private party.

Pollution Prevention Act, (42 U.S.C. 13101, 13101 note, 13102-13109), as amended by P.L. 101-508. Requires pollution that cannot be prevented at the source to be recycled in an environmentally sound manner and disposal as a last resort.

Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act (42 U.S.C. 7701 -7706). Establishes an earthquake hazards reduction program.

National Dam Safety Program Act (33 U.S.C. 467). Provides for Federal agencies to implement the Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety, which established management practices for dam safety at all Federal agencies.

National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8152-8259). Establishes an energy management program in the Federal government and directs Federal agencies to perform energy surveys and implement energy conservation opportunities to reduce consumption of nonrenewable energy resources in buildings, vehicles, equipment, and general operations.

Energy Policy Act (EPAct) (P.L. 109-58). Extends previous Congressional direction to Federal facility managers with even greater goals of energy efficiency improvements in existing and new facilities, mandates increased use of renewable energy sources, sustainable building design and construction, metering of all Federal buildings, and procurement of Energy Star equipment. This legislation contains energy efficiency tax credits and new ways to retain energy savings.

Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) (P.L. 110-140). Intends to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security; increase production of clean renewable fuels; protect consumers; increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles; promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options; and improve the energy performance of the Federal Government.

(16 U.S.C. 695k-695r). Provides for limitations on reduction of areas by diking or other construction in California and Oregon in the case of migratory waterfowl and other refuges, as well as other construction provisions.

(16 U.S.C. 760-760-12). Provides for the construction, equipping, maintenance, and operation of several named fish hatcheries.

(23 U.S.C. 144 and 151). Requires bridges on public highways and roads to be inspected.

Executive Orders

Presidential Memorandum of October 4, 1979. Directs all Federal agencies to adopt and implement the Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety as prepared by the Federal Coordinating Council for Science, Engineering, and Technology. (Secretary of the Interior Order No. 3048, implements and assigns responsibility for a Department-wide dam safety program in accordance with the President's memorandum.)

Executive Order 12088, Federal Compliance with Pollution Control Standards (October 13, 1978). Requires agencies to ensure that facilities comply with applicable pollution control standards; ensure that sufficient funds for environmental compliance are requested in their budgets; and include pollution control projects in an annual pollution abatement budget plan.

Executive Order 13717, Establishing a Federal Earthquake Risk Management Standard (February 2016). Updates performance goals to strengthen the security and resilience of the Nation against earthquakes, to promote public safety, economic strength, and national security. New Implementation Guidelines (January 2017) provide Federal agencies with clarifying guidance for implementing Executive Order 13717.

Executive Order 13834, Efficient Federal Operations (May 17, 2018). Directs Federal agencies to manage their buildings, vehicles, and overall operations to meet statutory requirements related to energy and environmental performance. Agencies shall meet such statutory requirements in a manner that increases efficiency, optimizes performance, eliminates unnecessary use of resources, and protects the environment. In implementing this policy, each agency shall prioritize actions that reduce waste, cut costs, enhance the resilience of Federal infrastructure and operations, and enable more effective accomplishment of its mission.

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Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days This column reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.	+14	+15
Pay Raise The 2020 request reflects a pay freeze for civilian employees.	+19	+0
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.	+0	+8

Appropriation: Construction

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Nationwide Engineering Services	($000)	5,475	5,475	+23	0	-130	5,368	-107
	FTE	*41*	*41*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*41*	*0*
Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	($000)	1,972	1,972	0	0	-740	1,232	-740
Line-Item Construction Projects	($000)	59,093	59,093	0	0	-50,000	9,093	-50,000
Total, Construction	**($000)**	**66,540**	**66,540**	**+23**	**0**	**-50,870**	**15,693**	**-50,847**
	FTE	***41***	***41***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***41***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Engineering Services	-130	0
• Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	-740	0
• Line-Item Construction Projects	-50,000	0
Program Changes	**-50,870**	**0**

Mission

The Service's infrastructure projects help millions of visitors experience our national treasures, provide water to the West, and support American jobs. The Construction program delivers exceptional engineering design and construction, facility maintenance, and regulatory compliance to provide these benefits and deliver the Service mission to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The program performs this wide range of functions for the Service's entire inventory of assets, including 567 National Wildlife Refuges, 70 National Fish Hatcheries and one historic fish hatchery, and 51 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices. The program accomplishes its mission in accordance with more than 19 applicable laws, statutes, and executive orders, in addition to Departmental and Service priorities.

Activities

Three activities comprise the Construction appropriation:

- Nationwide Engineering Services (NES) – This activity manages the numerous construction and maintenance projects undertaken each year; protects employees, visitors, and volunteers by ensuring operations comply with safety and environmental laws and regulations; supports access to Service lands; guides energy conservation; and maintains Service facilities that are structurally and environmentally safe, require minimal resources to operate, and maximize resources efficiency.
- Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety – This activity supports the safety and security of the Service's dams, bridges, and buildings. This primarily is accomplished for the most critical structures through inspections, assessments, and monitoring. Many of the functions carried out in this activity are prescribed by law. Rehabilitation, repair, and mitigation to help assure public safety, contribute to recreational and other public access, are accomplished through Line-Item construction.
- Line-Item Construction – This activity contains the specific construction projects requesting funding in a given year. These projects reconstruct, repair, rehabilitate, and replace existing buildings or other structures/facilities, including dams and bridges. New buildings and structures/facilities also may be included. Funding may be used for project-specific planning, design, and construction management; construction, demolition, site work, and land acquisition; and the purchase of associated furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Completed individual projects from Line-Item Construction with authority remaining may transfer unspent balances of less than $1,000,000 for unforeseen reconstruction,

replacement, or repair of facilities or equipment damaged or destroyed by storms, floods, fires, and similar unanticipated events.

Appropriation: Construction
Activity: Nationwide Engineering Services

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Engineering Services	($000)	5,475	5,475	+23	0	-130	5,368	-107
	FTE	*41*	*41*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*41*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Engineering Services	-130	0
Program Changes	**-130**	**0**

Program Overview

The Nationwide Engineering Services activity supports implementation of safe construction and maintenance projects, regardless of funding source, and provides guidance to comply with environmental and energy laws. The three program elements that comprise this activity are discussed below.

Core Engineering Services – Funding in this program element provides technical oversight for construction and maintenance projects throughout the Service, regardless of funding source. Engineers provide technical expertise and assistance to the field for the entire construction life cycle for Line-Item projects, Deferred Maintenance, and Federal Highways projects. Accomplishing these varied projects requires Headquarters policy development, budget formulation and execution, coordination for efficiency, and national technical consistency, as well as day-to-day supervision and technical guidance from regional managers.

Environmental Compliance – This program supports resource stewardship and protects the health and safety of employees, visitors, and volunteers. On-site environmental compliance audits help ensure safe drinking water, acceptable wastewater discharge to rivers and streams and proper management of hazardous waste and hazardous materials. The program provides oversight, technical assistance, and training for more than 700 field stations to help field staff comply with complex environmental laws and regulations at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal levels. The program also provides project oversight and technical assistance for the clean-up of large-scale environmental contamination of air, water and soil pollution that may adversely affect human health and the environment. Recently completed clean-ups demonstrate the positive impact on wildlife and benefit to the local community associated with beneficial reuse of formerly contaminated areas. For example, at a refuge in Illinois, hundreds of acres of land contaminated by previous industrial use have been cleaned up, with the restored land supporting an active agricultural program that includes haying, row crop production, and cattle grazing. These historical agricultural lands are still farmed through cooperative agreements with the Refuge.

Waste Prevention, Recycling and Environmental Management Systems –This program element supports implementation of Service-wide sustainable practices to help facilities minimize energy and water use, improve efficiencies in program areas such as fleet management and pollution prevention, and adopt work practices that advance sustainable acquisition of goods and services.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Engineering Services activity is $5,368,000 and 41 FTE.

Engineering Services (-$130,000/+0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, engineers will provide technical expertise and assistance for construction and maintenance projects throughout the Service, regardless of funding source for Line-Item projects, Deferred Maintenance, and Federal Highways projects.

Appropriation: Construction
Activity: Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Dam Safety and Security	($000)	1,113	1,113	0	0	-418	695	-418
Bridge Safety	($000)	739	739	0	0	-277	462	-277
Seismic Safety	($000)	120	120	0	0	-45	75	-45
Total, Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	**($000)**	**1,972**	**1,972**	**0**	**0**	**-740**	**1,232**	**-740**
	FTE	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety	-740	0
Program Changes	**-740**	**0**

Program Overview

The Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety activity provides the information needed for engineers to assess the safety and security of the Service's dams, bridges, and buildings. The three program elements that comprise this activity are discussed below.

Dam Safety and Security – This program element supports the safety and security of 18 high hazard dams of the Service's 300 inventory dams. Located on refuges and hatcheries for the purpose of resource or facility management, these dams provide vital benefits such as recreation, habitat, flood risk reduction, irrigation, wetland creation, water supply for hatcheries, nesting habitat for waterfowl, and fishing. Funding supports the most critical activities to ensure existing dams are maintained, identified for rehabilitation, and properly operated to protect human life, property, and the valuable natural resources on Service lands.

The Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) provide site-specific guidance for on-site detection and mitigation of conditions that may cause dam failures; communication protocols for notifying and evacuating downstream populations also are provided in the EAPs. Periodic Safety Evaluation of Existing Dams (SEED) inspections identify dam deficiencies at the earliest stages and, when addressed, may stave off more serious repairs, consequences, or interventions, and avoid increasing the maintenance backlog.

SEED inspections include performing and reassessing hazard classifications— which are based upon estimates of loss of life and property damage should a dam fail. This program element also funds engineering analyses of the response and safety impacts of a dam as a result of increased magnitude of flood and earthquake predictions. The Service uses the hazard classification, a risk assessment, and the overall condition of the dam to identify and prioritize dam repair and rehabilitation projects.

The Service requests funding to complete needed dam safety repair projects separately in its Line-Item Construction activity. Management of major rehabilitation or construction work is accomplished under the supervision of the Service's Dam Safety Officer. Consistent with practice from past years, unobligated funds from dam safety projects may be used to address ongoing Dam Safety and Security needs (e.g., additional SEED inspections, minor dam safety repairs, low hazard dam inspections) or used for emergency construction projects. The inspection of low hazard dams are the lowest priority, tthough conducting these inspections would help ensure compliance with State dam safety programs.

Bridge Safety – This funding supports work towards the safety and integrity of the Service's approximately 700 bridges through the application of technically current design guidelines and a comprehensive inspection, appraisal, and inventory program. Bridge inspections are conducted at time intervals required by statute. During bridge inspections, Service staff determine and verify safe load-carrying capacity; identify and recommend mitigation of unsafe conditions; and identify maintenance, rehabilitation, or reconstruction needs. Similar to dam safety projects, funding for bridge safety projects is requested as part of the Line-Item Construction activity.

During FY 2020, the Bridge Safety Program will pursue completion of bridge inspections required by law. The inspections will prioritize in the following order: public use bridges in less than satisfactory condition; non-public use bridges in less than satisfactory condition; public use bridges in satisfactory condition or better; and non-public use bridges in satisfactory condition or better. Consideration also will be given, on a case-by-case basis, to approximately 30 bridges recommended for scour inspection, as a result of a 2015 Program Review recommendation.

By prioritizing inspections as described, the Service will maximize staff and public safety and access. Safety remains the top priority for the Service; if safe conditions cannot be verified, the Service will remove a bridge from service to preserve safety.

Seismic Safety – This program element funds planning and analysis of the seismic safety of the Service's approximately 6,500 buildings. The work fulfills the requirements of Executive Order 13717 (Establishing a Federal Earthquake Risk Management Standard, February 2016) and allows the Service to identify buildings that present a substantial risk to the safety of Service personnel, volunteers, and visitors in the event of a significant earthquake. Program staff screens Service-owned buildings to identify those that are *exceptionally high risk* (EHR). Any building found to meet EHR criteria undergoes a rigorous engineering analysis, which includes development of a cost estimate to mitigate seismic deficiencies. Engineering analysis has identified 73 seismically deficient Service-owned buildings that would sustain life-threatening damage in a seismic event. Preliminary screening has identified an additional 125 EHR buildings that pose a similar life-safety risk. Engineering analysis and mitigation projects are funded via the Line-Item Construction activity.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety activity is $1,232,000 and 0 FTE.

Dam, Bridge, and Seismic Safety (-$740,000/ 0 FTE)
At the requested funding level, the Dam Safety and Security Program will prioritize the inspection of high hazard dams according to risk-based criteria and develop Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) for dams that threaten downstream populations. The Bridge Safety Program will pursue completion of bridge inspections required by law. Seismic Safety staff screen Service-owned buildings to identify risk level and recommend exceptionally high risk buildings for engineering analysis, which includes development of a cost estimate to mitigate seismic deficiencies.

Appropriation: Construction
Activity: Line-Item Construction

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Line-Item Construction	($000)	59,093	59,093	0	0	-50,000	9,093	-50,000
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Construction

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Line-Item Construction Projects	-50,000	0
Program Changes	**-50,000**	**0**

Program Overview

A list of the proposed Line-Item projects for FY 2020 is provided below. A Project Data Sheet (PDS) for each project is provided that includes key information about the purpose, justification, cost, and schedule. Additionally, after the individual PDSs, a Summary PDS for FYs 2020-2024 presents the Service's five-year construction plan and reflects funding directed to the most critical needs (i.e., health, safety, natural resources, and access). The Service selects and ranks projects in accordance with Department of Interior and Service guidance and priorities.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Line-Item Construction activity is $9,093,000 and 0 FTE.

Line-Item Construction (-$50,000,000/0 FTE)

At the requested funding level, the Service will fund the eight projects shown in the project list below.

2020 Construction Project Listing by Program					
DOI Rank Score	Unified Region	Station	State	Project Title/Description	Request ($000)
National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS)					
90	Lower Colorado	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge	CA	Flood Protection Levee Rehabilitation Phase II	5,875
Subtotal, NWRS					**5,875**
National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS)					
70	Great Lakes	Jordan River National Fish Hatchery	MI	Rehabilitate Raceways 57-58	500
70	Appalachia	Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery	VA	Construct Mussel Rearing Building	558
60	South Atlantic - Gulf	Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery	GA	Repair Main Water Supply Line for Raceways	816
55	Upper Colorado	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery [ic]	WY	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities	644
Subtotal, NFHS					**2,518**
Other					
70	Headquarters	Branch of Dam Safety	N/A	Dam Safety – Evaluation of Newly Acquired Dams Phase IV of V	250
70	Headquarters	Branch of Dam Safety	N/A	Nationwide Seismic Investigations and Mitigations Phase I of V	200
70	Headquarters	Information Resources & Technology Management	N/A	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase II of V	250
Subtotal, Other					**700**
TOTAL, CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS					**9,093**

Notes: p = planning, d = design, ic = initiate construction, cc = complete construction

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	90
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Flood Protection Levee Rehabilitation Phase II				
Project Number	2017291191	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge		
Unified Region:	Lower Colorado	**Congressional District:**	15	**State:**	CA

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40162300	10068160	100	0.07	0.00

Project Description (PD):
Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge serves one of the largest urban communities in the United States and offers year round fishing and hunting for Canada geese. The Refuge welcomes more than 750,000 people each year and offers a range of wildlife recreation that serves families with young children as well as first-time recreationists, veterans, people with disabilities, and the full array of citizens in this bustling community. Equally important, the Refuge's Mountain View and Aviso Ponds provide critical flood protection for Silicon Valley businesses and the 4.6 million people across the South Bay who call this community home. These funds will be leveraged by partnering with the other Federal agencies, local communities, businesses, and non-profit organizations to address the full $55,000,000 in Deferred Maintenance needed for levees and water control structures across the Refuge. Phase III will address interior restoration, at $7,125,000.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project supports the South San Francisco Bay Ecosystem and Tidal Marsh Ecosystem Recovery Plan and will help ensure the safety of the local communities, as well as supporting the success of the local businesses, industries and economy.

Investment Strategy (IS):
The project has $2 million in non-Federal matching funds and is expected to enable our partners to continue to expand these public-private partnerships.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
Failure to act would result in further deterioration of the levee system, which could lead to levee breaches and flooding of adjacent infrastructure and communities. The levees provide a level of flood protection for vulnerable communities including many tech industry businesses adjacent to the Refuge. Failure of the levee system would also reduce or close waterfowl hunting and other recreational opportunities currently offered due to unsafe conditions.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.07	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning		Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	Y	**Total Project Score**	90
VE Study:	D	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)		

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 5,875,000	100	Appropriated to Date	$ 6,400,000
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 5,875,000
Total:	$ 5,875,000	100	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ 7,125,000
			Total:	$ 19,400,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	B	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet** (mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update 08/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22		

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	418	Projected	0	Net Change	-418

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Rehabilitate Raceways 57-58				
Project Number	2017284631	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Jordan River National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	Great Lakes	**Congressional District:**	01	**State:**	MI

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40500400	10050268	100	0.80	0.00

Project Description (PD):
Jordan River National Fish Hatchery produces native lake trout for the Great Lakes. Production Raceways 57-58 consist of eight reinforced concrete raceways inside a building. Constructed in 1963, the raceways are beginning to show their age as documented in the Comprehensive Condition Assessment from 2016. Cracks and joints are beginning to open up causing water loss, and the once smooth surface is rough which negatively impacts fish health and ability to effectively clean. This project will clean and seal all cracks and joints, then apply a polymer treatment to the entire surface to prolong the raceway life by 20-30 years.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project supports the Fish and Wildlife Service meeting the obligations in the multi-jurisdictional fishery management plans and the "United States vs. Michigan 2000 Consent Decree."

Investment Strategy (IS):
By completing this project, annual operating costs will be reduced by an estimated 30%. Less time will be required for staff to clean the tanks as a result of the smoother surface. Fish health will improve since the culture tanks will be cleaner and smoother.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
These tanks are a critical part of the early rearing phase of the native species reared at the facility. Without the tanks, the early rearing phase of the fish reared at the facility will be compromised.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.80	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 500,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 500,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ -
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 500,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ -
Total:		$ 500,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22

Project Data Sheet	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Prepared/Last Update	07/18	Yes

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	1522	Projected	1100	Net Change	-422

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Construct Mussel Rearing Building				
Project Number	2017291779	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	Appalachia	**Congressional District:**	03	**State:**	VA

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	51210	100	0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
Construction of a 1,500 square foot, pre-engineered mussel rearing building with trench drains, including connection to existing water delivery, drains, and electrical, is required to meet the mission of the Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery. The station's cooperative, interagency freshwater mussel program is of regional importance in addressing culture needs for imperiled mussels endemic to Atlantic Slope rivers, including Federally threatened endangered species. The station will receive long-term funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (2017-2020) and Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (2018-2028) to continue technology development work for large-scale production and release of tagged sub-adult mussels for recovery and restoration actions. Without the construction of the requested culture building, the station lacks the space, specialized propagation infrastructure, and the rearing systems needed to achieve the stocking targets for upcoming interagency conservation actions.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
Completion of the project allows for stocking a wide array of imperiled mussels endemic to Atlantic Slope rivers, including Federally endangered species (James spiny mussel, dwarf wedge mussel), those expected to be Federally-listed soon (Atlantic pigtoe, green floater, brook floater, yellow lance), and others that are declining and of concern to State partners (notched rainbow, triangle floater, creeper, yellow lampmussel, alewife floater, northern lance, eastern elliptio). This stocking is vital to ongoing restoration and recovery efforts.

Investment Strategy (IS):
The project will not increase the annual operations and maintenance costs as those costs are being covered by matching partner funding averaging $260,000 per annum under the long-term cooperative agreement. Service dollars are not used for Operations and Maintenance.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
Failure to complete the project will result in insufficient climate-controlled rearing space, and the agency's failure to complete the large-scale production and release of tagged sub-adult mussels for recovery and restoration.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ -	0%	Appropriated to Date	$ -
Capital Improvement Work:	$ 558,000	100%	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 558,000
Total:	$ 558,000	100%	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ -
			Total:	$ 558,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	07/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Dam Safety Program - Evaluations of Newly Acquired Dams - Phase IV of V				
Project Number	2017293676	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Branch of Dam Safety		
Unified Region:	*	**Congressional District:**	*	**State:**	*

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	98510	100	0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
The Service Dam Inventory is growing as more dams are identified through field investigations at Service facilities and cross checks with the real property inventory. Many of these dams have not been evaluated for hazard classification potential, dam failure consequences, or compliance with Service dam safety standards.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project provides required evaluations and risk analyses of dams added to the inventory to identify any unsafe structures and to assess the hazard classification potential, structural deficiencies, and response to potential dam failure modes. This information will be used to categorize the new dam, prioritize remedial actions, prepare emergency action plans and standard operating procedures, and estimate future needs for operation and maintenance and inspections.

Investment Strategy (IS):
This project is a necessary investment that provides net savings when including the potential loss of valuable resources, costs of dam failures, and more expensive repairs if work is delayed.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
People in local communities are at risk when dams deteriorate and need repair. Significant benefits including habitat, recreation, fishing and downstream flood reduction may be impacted.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 250,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 250,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ 750,000
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 250,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ 250,000
Total:		$ 1,250,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	08/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase I of V				
Project Number	2017297501	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Branch of Dam Safety		
Unified Region:	*	**Congressional District:**	*	**State:**	*

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	98510	100	0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
This project supports ongoing efforts to analyze Service buildings at risk of collapse due to an earthquake, by providing retrofit options and preliminary cost estimates to mitigate identified seismic deficiencies, and beginning to retrofit seismically deficient buildings. Previous preliminary screening level assessments have identified more than 100 Service buildings that have a significant risk of collapse in the event of an earthquake. More detailed engineering analysis of these buildings is required to identify retrofit options, develop preliminary cost estimates and subsequently implement economically feasible mitigation strategies to reduce the risk of bodily harm in the event of an earthquake.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
The project supports Department Mission Area #6 – Modernizing Our Organization and Infrastructure for the Next 100 Years; Goal #3 – Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs and reduce deferred maintenance backlog; Strategy #1 –Maintain critical DOI infrastructure and facilities to ensure effective operations and service delivery.

Investment Strategy (IS):
This project will evaluate risk from earthquakes and implement retrofit strategies that will result in earthquake-resistant buildings.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
This project will help to ensure maximum safety of visitors and employees in the event of seismic activity, by evaluating risk and recommending mitigation strategies.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 70
VE Study: N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)	

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 200,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 200,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ -
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 200,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ 800,000
Total:		$ 1,000,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	YY

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet** (mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update 06/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22		

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	70
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase III of V				
Project Number	2016278916	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Information Resources and Technology Management		
Unified Region:	*	**Congressional District:**	*	**State:**	*

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
	90200		0.00	0.00

Project Description (PD):
These funds will be used to perform required radio tower evaluations of Service buildings per DOI policy. Preliminary screening has identified more than 150 Service-owned and leased radio systems lacking sufficient initial safety and structural inspection. Detailed investigations are necessary, and engineering evaluations are the next required analysis to confirm the systems are safe for operational use, develop a comprehensive maintenance and repair plan, and expand options for shared use of Service, other Federal agency, or bureau tower sites. The engineering evaluations will provide technical evidence to determine risk, determine where mitigation efforts are required and provide locations where towers should be removed from operations and demolished. The project supports Department Mission Area #6 – Modernizing Our Organization and Infrastructure for the Next 100 Years; Goal #3 – Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs and reduce deferred maintenance backlog; Strategy #1 –Maintain critical DOI infrastructure and facilities to ensure effective operations and service delivery

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project supports necessary efforts to identify radio facilities conditions and risks, identify mitigation options, and develop preliminary cost estimates to reduce the risk or remove the systems from operations.

Investment Strategy (IS):
The project will evaluate risk and identify retrofit strategies that will result in expanded opportunities to share radio related facilities. It will not change annual operations and maintenance costs or leverage non-DOI resources.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
The Service has not yet evaluated radio facilities as required by DOI policy, leaving unknown levels of risk associated with current operations. Failure to fulfill these responsibilities could endanger the life and health of USFWS employees and visitors.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	FCI	0.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)		Actual FCI	0.00	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)				Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)				Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning		Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score**	70
VE Study:	N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)		

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 250,000	100%	Appropriated to Date	$ 500,000
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 250,000
Total:	$ 250,000	100%	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ 500,000
			Total:	$ 1,250,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	07/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	60
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Repair Main Water Supply Line for Raceways				
Project Number	2017297511	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	South Atlantic-Gulf	**Congressional District:**	09	**State:**	GA

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40710400	10014111	100	0.65	0.00

Project Description (PD):
The current main water distribution line constructed in 1965 is exhibiting signs of deterioration and substantial water escapement. The 800-foot long asbestos concrete and steel pipe provides nearly all the rearing water to the raceways. In 2017, efforts were initiated to pinpoint the leak through video examination and determine the extent of any voids that may have been developing. Multiple cracks were observed but excavation is needed to determine severity. The current pipeline will be repaired or replaced as needed, any voids or sinkholes will be repaired, and pavement and landscape returned to current condition. The asbestos concrete pipe will be demolished and handled according to applicable code and disposed of responsibly. The repaired water line will ensure adequate water is delivered to raceways that support Federal water development mitigation activities in the Southeast.

Scope of Benefits (SB):
This project ensures an adequate water supply to rearing units used in mitigating reimbursed Federal water development projects by repairing the only incoming water line.

Investment Strategy (IS):
There are no matching contributions for this project. Operating costs are not expected to change with project.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):
Failure to address this project could lead to sudden failure and catastrophic loss of fish produced to mitigate Federal water development projects having a negative effect on the production of recreational fish in the Southeast.

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	75	)=	30
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.65	Score = (.20 x	100	)=	20
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	0	)=	0
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 60
VE Study: N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)	

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 816,000	100%
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0%
Total:	$ 816,000	100%

Project Funding History (entire project):		$s
Appropriated to Date		$ -
Requested in FY: 2020	Budget	$ 816,000
Future Funding to Complete Project:		$ -
Total:		$ 816,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	20

Planning and Design Funds:	$s
Planning Funds Received in	$ -
Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet** (mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update 07/18	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/22		

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	Projected	Net Change

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Total Project Score/Ranking:	55
Planned Funding FY:	2020
Funding Source:	Construction

Project Identification

Project Title:	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities [ic]				
Project Number	2011182226	**Unit/FacilityName:**	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery		
Unified Region:	Upper Colorado	**Congressional District:**	AL	**State:**	WY

Project Justification

DOI Asset Code	FRPP Unique Id #	API	Actual FCI	FCI-Projected
40710300	10024803	100	0.32	0.00

Project Description (PD):

Rehabilitate the water treatment system that was constructed in 1995, by replacing old drum filters, ultra violet system, water pumps, piping, packed columns, and associated items. Most of the equipment was manufactured in another country and replacement parts are expensive and difficult to obtain. The UV system is worn out and routinely needs new parts. The hatchery is in the process of filing water rights on a new spring. The added water from this spring cannot be used because the current drum filter and UV system is undersized for this additional water. The water treatment system is needed to provide water free of disease to the trout being reared at the hatchery. The hatchery supplies 2 million lake trout eggs for restoration in the Great Lakes region and 2-3 million brown trout eggs to Federally mandated waters for mitigation. This project supports fish restoration goals.

Scope of Benefits (SB):

Maintenance of a lake trout broodstock meets the strategic goals of the Service for restoration of imperiled species.

Investment Strategy (IS):

Fully utilizing new water rights for the production of fish and utilizing up to date water reuse equipment should reduce maintenance costs but will increase operations costs for utilities.

Consequences of Failure to Act (CFA):

Protection and utilization of water rights is essential for current lake trout egg production and any other aquatic species production in the future. Without

Ranking Categories: Scores should be equal to the scores on the Project Scoring Sheet (Exhibit 1A)

FCI/API	(40%)	API	100	FCI	1.00	Score = (.40 x	100	)=	40
SB	(20%)			Actual FCI	0.21	Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10
IS	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	-25	)=	-5
CFA	(20%)					Score = (.20 x	50	)=	10

Combined ranking factors = (.40 x API/FCI score) + (.20 x SB score) + (.20 x IS score) + (.20 x CFA score)

Capital Asset Panning	Exhibit 300 Analysis Required:	N	**Total Project Score** 55
VE Study: N	Scheduled (YY)	Completed (YY)	

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate (this PDS):	$s	%	**Project Funding History (entire project):**	$s
Deferred Maintenance Work:	$ 644,000	100	Appropriated to Date	$ -
Capital Improvement Work:	$ -	0	Requested in FY: 2020 Budget	$ 644,000
Total:	$ 644,000	100	Future Funding to Complete Project:	$ 458,000
			Total:	$1,102,000

Class of Estimate: A,B,C	C	**Planning and Design Funds:**	$s
Estimate Escalated to FY: (yy):	19	Planning Funds Received in	$ -
		Design Funds Received in	$ -

Dates:	Scheduled	**Project Data Sheet**	(mm/yy)	**DOI Approved**
Construction Start/Award (QTR/YY)	01/20	Prepared/Last Update	02/19	Yes
Project Complete: (QTR/YY)	04/21			

Annual Operation & Maintenance Costs ($s)

Current	301	Projected	10,000	Net Change	9,699

*This project was updated from the project description included in the Department of the Interior Budget in Brief, Fiscal Year 2020.
The revised estimate now includes $458,000 proposed as a separate phase of the project in 2021 of the FWS five-year construction plan.

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Plan Fund FY	Priority	Facility or Unit Name	Project Title	State	Cong. District	DOI Score	Project Cost Information ($000)					Remaining to be Funded ($000)	Future Years of Funding for Other Phases
							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2020	1	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Flood Protection Levee Rehabilitation Phase II	CA	15	90	**$19,400**	$6,400	$5,875	$0	**$5,875**	$7,125	outside scope of plan
2020	2	Jordan River National Fish Hatchery	Rehabilitate Raceways 57-58	MI	01	70	**$500**	$0	$500	$0	**$500**	$0	
2020	3	Harrison Lake National Fish Hatchery	Construct Mussel Rearing Building	VA	03	70	**$558**	$0	$0	$558	**$558**	$0	
2020	4	Branch of Dam Safety	Dam Safety Program - Evaluations of Newly Acquired Dams Phase IV of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$750	$250	$0	**$250**	$250	2021
2020	5	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase I of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$0	$200	$0	**$200**	$800	2021-2024
2020	6	Information Resources & Technology Management	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase III of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$500	$250	$0	**$250**	$500	2021-2022
2020	7	Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery	Replace Main Drain Line for Raceways	GA	09	60	**$816**	$0	$816	$0	**$816**	$0	
2020	8	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities [ic]	WY	AL	55	**$1,102**	$0	$644	$0	**$644**	$458	2021
			Total for Fiscal Year 2020								**$9,093**		

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d = Design
ic = Initiate construction
cc = Complete construction
* = Located in multiple Congressional Districts that are to be determined

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Plan Fund FY	Priority	Facility or Unit Name	Project Title	State	Cong. District	DOI Score	Project Cost Information ($000)					Remaining to be Funded ($000)	Future Years of Funding for Other Phases
							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2021	9	Bears Bluff National Fish Hatchery	Replace and Relocate Laboratory [p/d/ic]	SC	06	90	**$1,464**	$0	$800	$200	**$1,000**	$464	2023
2021	10	Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Repair Umbarger Dam	TX	19	90	**$2,100**	$300	$1,800	$0	**$1,800**	$0	
2021	11	Makah NFH	Replace Diversion Dam and Fish Barrier Phase II of IV	WA	06	80	**$5,208**	$1,687	$1,000	$0	**$1,000**	$2,521	2022, outside scope of plan
2021	12	Branch of Dam Safety	Dam Safety Program - Evaluations of Newly Acquired Dams Phase V of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$1,000	$250	$0	**$250**	$0	
2021	13	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase II of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$200	$200	$0	**$200**	$600	2022-2024
2021	14	Information Resources & Technology Management	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase IV of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$750	$250	$0	**$250**	$250	2022
2021	15	Saratoga National Fish Hatchery	Rehabilitate Water Treatment Facilities [cc]	WY	AL	55	**$1,102**	$644	$458	$0	**$458**	$0	
2021	16	Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge	Construct Multi-purpose Building and Public Recreational Facilities [p/d]	WA	03	50	**$6,625**	$0	$0	$400	**$400**	$6,225	2024
2021	17	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	Remediate and Demolish Bureau of Indian Affairs Infrastructure	AK	AL	40	**$13,925**	$1,200	$3,675	$0	**$3,675**	$9,050	2022-2023
2021	18	Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery	Demolish Residence 6	AZ	01	36	**$60**	$0	$60	$0	**$60**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2021								**$9,093**		

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Plan Fund FY	Priority	Facility or Unit Name	Project Title	State	Cong. District	DOI Score	Project Cost Information ($000)					Remaining to be Funded ($000)	Future Years of Funding for Other Phases
							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2022	19	Neosho National Fish Hatchery	Replace Feed Storage and Vehicle Storage Building	MO	07	90	**$500**	$0	$500	$0	**$500**	$0	
2022	20	Makah National Fish Hatchery	Replace Diversion Dam and Fish Barrier Phase III of IV	WA	06	80	**$5,208**	$2,687	$2,063	$0	**$2,063**	$458	outside scope of plan
2022	21	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase III of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$400	$200	$0	**$200**	$400	2023-2024
2022	22	Information Resources & Technology Management	Nationwide Radio Site Safety Investigations Phase V of V	*	*	70	**$1,250**	$1,000	$250	$0	**$250**	$0	
2022	23	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	Remediate and Demolish Bureau of Indian Affairs Infrastructure	AK	AL	40	**$13,925**	$4,875	$6,050	$0	**$6,050**	$3,000	2023
2022	24	Iron River National Fish Hatchery	Demolish Dilapidated Milking Barn	WI	07	40	**$30**	$0	$30	$0	**$30**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2022								**$9,093**		

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LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION FIVE YEAR PLAN -- FY 2020-2024

Plan Fund FY	Priority	Facility or Unit Name	Project Title	State	Cong. District	DOI Score	Project Cost Information ($000)					Remaining to be Funded ($000)	Future Years of Funding for Other Phases
							Total Project	Funded to Date	Budget Year Funding				
									DM	CI	Total		
2023	25	Bears Bluff National Fish Hatchery	Replace and Relocate Laboratory [cc]	SC	06	90	**$1,464**	$1,000	$464	$0	**$464**	$0	
2023	26	Genoa National Fish Hatchery	Construct Aeration Tower and Head Box	WI	03	80	**$1,000**	$0	$0	$1,000	**$1,000**	$0	
2023	27	Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery	Update Waste Water Treatment Plant For NPDES Compliance	ME	02	80	**$442**	$0	$442	$0	**$442**	$0	
2023	28	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase IV of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$600	$200	$0	**$200**	$200	2024
2023	29	Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge	Remove Debris and Hazardous Waste	MQ	*	70	**$8,019**	$0	$3,225	$0	**$3,225**	$4,794	outside scope of plan
2023	30	Alchesay National Fish Hatchery	Effluent Treatment System [ic]	AZ	01	65	**$912**	$150	$0	$762	**$762**	$0	
2023	31	Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge	Remediate and Demolish Bureau of Indian Affairs Infrastructure	AK	AL	40	**$13,925**	$10,925	$3,000	$0	**$3,000**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2023								**$9,093**		

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									DM	CI	Total		
2024	32	Creston National Fish Hatchery	Replace Raceways 12-29	MT	AL	80	**$1,400**	$0	$1,400	$0	**$1,400**	$0	
2024	33	Branch of Dam Safety	Nationwide Seismic Safety Investigations and Mitigation Phase V of V	*	*	70	**$1,000**	$800	$200	$0	**$200**	$0	
2024	34	D D Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery	Construct Wildlife Water Production System - Treatment Building	VT	AL	70	**$850**	$0	$15	$835	**$850**	$0	
2024	45	Ennis National Fish Hatchery	Construct Water Intake By-Pass	MT	AL	60	**$418**	$0	$0	$418	**$418**	$0	
2024	36	Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge	Construct Multi-purpose Building and Public Recreational Facilities [cc]	WA	03	50	**$6,625**	$400	$0	$6,225	**$6,225**	$0	
			Total for Fiscal Year 2024								**$9,093**		

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Land Acquisition

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out chapter 2003 of title 54, United States Code, including administrative expenses, and for acquisition of land or waters, or interest therein, in accordance with statutory authority applicable to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, $9,864,000, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and to remain available until expended: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated for specific land acquisition projects may be used to pay for any administrative overhead, planning or other management costs: Provided further, that of the unobligated balances available under this heading, $5,324,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: Provided further, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

The Fish and Wildlife Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j). Authorizes acquisition of additions to the National Wildlife Refuge System for the development, management, advancement, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources by purchase or exchange of land and water or interests therein.

Refuge Recreation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460-460k-4). Authorizes acquisition of areas that are adjacent to or within existing fish and wildlife Conservation Areas administered by the Department of the Interior, and suitable for (1) incidental fish and wildlife-oriented recreation development, (2) the protection of natural resources, (3) the conservation of listed, threatened, or endangered species, or (4) carrying out two or more of the above.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460l-4608). Authorizes appropriations to the Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire land for National Wildlife Refuges as otherwise authorized by law. Authorization of Appropriations:

National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee). Establishes overall policy guidance, places restrictions on the transfer, exchange, or other disposal of refuge lands, and authorizes the Secretary to accept donations of land.

Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1534-1544). Authorizes the acquisition of land, waters, or interests therein for the conservation of fish, wildlife, and plants, including those that are listed as endangered or threatened species, with Land and Water Conservation Fund Act appropriations.

Emergency Wetlands Resources Act (P.L 99-645; 100 Stat. 3582). Authorizes the purchase of wetlands, or interests in wetlands, consistent with the wetlands priority conservation plan established under the Act.

Highlands Conservation Act (P.L. 108-421). Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to work in partnership with the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial assistance to the Highlands States to preserve and protect high priority conservation land in the Highland region.

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Land Acquisition

Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days This column reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.	+26	+25
Pay Raise The 2020 request reflects a pay freeze for civilian employees.	+34	+0
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.	+0	+14
Departmental Working Capital Fund The change reflects expected changes in the charges for centrally billed Department services and other services through the Working Capital Fund. These charges are detailed in the Budget Justification for Department Management.	+0	+0
Worker's Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of compensating injured employees and dependents of employees who suffer accidental deaths while on duty. Costs for the BY will reimburse the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Fund, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8147(b) as amended by Public Law 94-273.	+0	+0
Unemployment Compensation Payments The amounts reflect projected changes in the costs of unemployment compensation claims to be paid to the Department of Labor, Federal Employees Compensation Account, in the Unemployment Trust Fund, pursuant to Public Law 96-499.	+0	+0
Rental Payments The amounts reflect changes in the costs payable to General Services Administration (GSA) and others for office and non-office space as estimated by GSA, as well as the rental costs of other currently occupied space. These costs include building security; in the case of GSA space, these are paid to Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Costs of mandatory office relocations, i.e. relocations in cases where due to external events there is no alternative but to vacate the currently occupied space, are also included.	+0	+0
Baseline Adjustments for O&M Increases In accordance with space maximization efforts across the Federal Government, this adjustment captures the associated increase to baseline operations and maintenance requirements resulting from movement out of GSA or direct-leased (commercial) space and into Bureau-owned space. While the GSA portion of fixed costs will go down as a result of these moves, Bureaus often encounter an increase to baseline O&M costs not otherwise captured in fixed costs. This category of funding properly adjusts the baseline fixed cost amount to maintain steady-state funding for these requirements.	+0	+0

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Justification of Fixed Costs and Internal Realignments

(Dollars In Thousands)

Fixed Cost Changes and Projections	2019 Total or Change	2019 to 2020 Change
Change in Number of Paid Days	+26	+25
This column reflects changes in pay associated with the change in the number of paid days between the CY and BY.		
Pay Raise	+34	+0
There is no pay raise for 2019 or 2020 (0.0%).		
Employer Share of Federal Employee Retirement System	+0	+14
The change reflects the directed 2.3% increase in the employer contribution to the Federal Employee Retirement System.		

Appropriation: Land Acquisition

	2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Request				Change from 2019 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Land Acquisition Management ($000)	12,773	12,773	+39	0	-3,286	9,526	-3,247
Land Protection Planning ($000)	465	465	0	0	-465	0	-465
Exchanges ($000)	1,500	1,500	0	0	-1,500	0	-1,500
Inholdings / Emergencies and Hardships ($000)	5,351	5,351	0	0	-5,013	338	-5,013
Highlands Conservation Act ($000)	10,000	10,000	0	0	-10,000	0	-10,000
Sportsmen and Recreational Access ($000)	2,500	2,500	0	0	-2,500	0	-2,500
Federal Refuges/Projects ($000)	31,250	31,250	0	0	-31,250	0	-31,250
Total, Land Acquisition ($000)	**63,839**	**63,839**	**+39**	**0**	**-54,014**	**9,864**	**-53,975**
FTE	***79***	***79***	***0***	***0***	***-35***	***44***	***-35***
Cancellation of Prior Year Balances *($000)*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*-5,324*	-5,324	-5,324
Total, Current and Prior Year ($000)	**63,839**	**63,839**	**+39**	**0**	**-54,014**	**4,540**	**-53,975**
FTE	***79***	***79***	***0***	***0***	***-35***	***44***	***-35***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Land Acquisition

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Land Protection Planning	-465	-3
• Exchanges	-1,500	-12
• Sportsmen and Recreational Access	-2,500	0
• Land Acquisition Management	-3,286	-19
• Inholdings/Emergencies and Hardships	-5,013	0
• Highlands Conservation Act	-10,000	-1
• Land Acquisition Projects	-31,250	0
Program Changes	**-54,014**	**-35**

Program Overview

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was established by Congress in 1964 to fulfill a bipartisan commitment to safeguard our natural areas, water resources, and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities to all Americans. The fund invests revenues from offshore oil and gas leasing to help strengthen communities, preserve our history, and protect important fish, wildlife, and plant habitats. Acquired lands and waters become part of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) or National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS). When acquired in fee title, these lands and waters provide the public opportunities to hunt, fish, observe and photograph wildlife, and enjoy environmental education and interpretation.

The Service purchases the minimum interest in land that is necessary to meet the Service's conservation mission. Therefore, if conservation easements will meet biological objectives, then typically the Service will pursue those rather than buying the land in fee.

Each new refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge System is strategically planned to give migrating birds safe havens on their journeys, provide fish with clean waters, and ensure that our children and grandchildren have wild places to explore. The Service's Strategic Growth Policy directs the Service to focus on acquiring lands and waters that support three conservation priorities: 1) Recovery of threatened and endangered species; 2) Implementing the North American Waterfowl Management Plan; and 3) Conserving migratory birds of conservation concern.

A landowner and FWS staff discuss the benefits of a conservation easement to the ranch and to the tallgrass prairie ecosystem. Grazing of domestic livestock mimics the effects of grazing historic bison herds. Credit: Emily Fischer, USFWS.

Using these three priorities, a Service interdisciplinary team developed the Targeted Resource Acquisition Comparison Tool (TRACT). The TRACT provides a biological, science-based, transparent process for evaluating proposed Refuge System land acquisitions based on each of these three conservation priorities. The TRACT does not assign weights to the three priorities and does not produce a single numerical ranking that combines all of the Service's priorities. The TRACT's rankings are instead intended to provide decision makers with an objective analysis that is grounded in the best available science; it is a decision support tool to inform the decision maker, but does not make the decision. Consideration is also given to how an acquisition supports DOI and Service goals to provide connectivity of wildlife corridors and to increase public recreational opportunities, especially near urban areas.

The Service acquires land and interests in land from willing sellers only. For every project for which the Service requests LWCF funding, the Service has an approved Land Protection Plan and has completed the required National Environmental Policy Act review process.

Land Acquisition Management

This activity supports efforts directly related to the acquisition of lands within approved acquisition boundaries of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The funding supports all costs for staff and the administration, implementation, coordination, and evaluation of the Service's Federal land acquisition program in our Headquarters, Regional, and field offices. The land acquisition staff maintains the maps and property records for Service-managed lands, and prepares right-of-way permits for oil, gas, and other pipelines, electrical transmission lines, and other infrastructure. This budget activity also includes approximately $2 million for the land acquisition program's share of Service-wide infrastructure needs and assessments, including leased space and information technology investments. Land acquisition management also funds contract boundary surveys, title work, and appraisals when the specific project appropriation is insufficient to fund these costs in addition to land costs.

Land acquisition staff provides specialized support for several realty-based functions, including:

- Working with willing sellers, from initial explanations of Federal acquisition options to the final acquisition, including processing and accepting donations;

- Preparing right-of-way permits for oil and gas and other pipelines, electrical transmission lines, telecommunications, and other infrastructure that crosses Service-managed lands;
- Developing and maintaining tools that inform the decision-making process;
- Working collaboratively with States, local governments, landowners, non-governmental organizations, and other land management agencies to acquire land for wildlife corridors and public recreation;
- Creating, maintaining, and updating geospatial data, and property records for Service-managed lands. This supports the Service's GIS/mapping capacity for land use and the Service's contributions to the Protected Areas Database of the United States (PAD-US), which is a single, continuously updated geospatial database/official national inventory of federal and state protected areas. PAD-US includes all conservation areas managed by Federal and State agencies; conservation areas owned by nonprofits; and private lands protected by conservation easements. PAD-US serves many users, and is developed through partnerships with States, Federal agencies, and non-profit organizations;
- Preparing responses to information requests from a variety of sources; and
- Providing land surveying services to resolve encroachment and other boundary issues.

The Service acquired through donation a public hiking trail easement over 0.7 acres for Ridgefield NWR. The easement connects to a popular hiking trail and provides an additional 0.17 miles of trail through wetlands and upland forests. Credit: Charlie Parrott, USFWS.

Inholdings / Emergencies and Hardships

The Service uses funding in this activity to expedite purchases of smaller tracts of land from willing sellers for three categories: inholdings, emergencies, and hardships. The Service defines any land within an approved acquisition boundary as an inholding. The Service frequently uses funding for inholdings to purchase lands that connect with private- or State-conserved lands, to create larger contiguous blocks of protected wildlife habitat and to expand public recreational opportunities. The Service also uses funding for inholdings to acquire small tracts of land when doing so will improve refuge management effectiveness or efficiency, eliminate a costly management problem, or provide or expand public access to existing refuge lands for hunting, fishing, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation. An emergency that may be best addressed with land acquisition from a willing seller could be a proposed development or a conversion to other uses that would result in the permanent loss of wildlife habitat. Funding is also used to purchase lands when the owner is experiencing financial

The Service acquired 581 acres for Mortenson Lake NWR, Wyoming, to help recovery of the Federally-listed endangered Wyoming Toad (Bufo Baxteri). The toad needs open areas along lakeshores, and the Service uses grazing to maintain these open areas. Credit: Sarah Armstrong, USFWS.

hardship and must quickly sell his or her land that is within an approved refuge acquisition boundary. This funding allows the Service to capitalize on emergent opportunities to conserve fish and wildlife habitat and to be a good neighbor to local landowners.

Use of Residual LWCF Funds
Federal land acquisition projects sometimes have small amounts of funds remaining after land has been acquired. These residual funds are insufficient to acquire additional land. The Service reallocates residual project funds of less than $50,000 to the Inholdings / Emergencies and Hardships line item to be used to protect other lands that do not have project funding. This shift enables the Service to acquire valuable wildlife habitat within approved refuge acquisition boundaries that becomes available for acquisition between appropriations cycles.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for Land Acquisition is $9,864,000 and 44 FTE, a program change of -$54,014,000 and -35 FTE from the 2019 CR Baseline. The budget request proposes cancelling $5,324,000 of prior year Land Acquisition unobligated balances.

Land Protection Planning (-$465,000/-3 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Exchanges (-$1,500,000/-12 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Sportsmen and Recreational Access (-$2,500,000/+0 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Land Acquisition Management (-$3,286,000/-19 FTE)
The Service will continue to prioritize land acquisition activities such as acquiring inholdings that provide connectivity for public recreation and wildlife corridors and previously funded acquisitions; streamlining the process for obtaining right-of-way permits; updating maps and geospatial data; and resolving encroachment and other boundary issues.

Inholdings, Emergencies, and Hardships (-$5,013,000/+0 FTE)
The Service is requesting $338,000 for the inholdings, emergencies, and hardships program. The Service will use the requested funding to acquire tracts that provide connectivity for public access and for wildlife corridors.

Highlands Conservation Act (-$10,000,000/-1 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

Land Acquisition Projects (-$31,250,000/+0 FTE)
No funding is being proposed for this program in FY 2020, so that the Service can support higher priorities.

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National Wildlife Refuge Fund

Appropriations Language

The budget proposes to eliminate discretionary funding for this program. Therefore, appropriations language is not necessary.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (P.L. 116–5). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

Refuge Revenue Sharing Act (16 U.S.C. 715s). Authorizes payments to be made to offset tax losses to counties in which Service fee and withdrawn public domain lands are located.

Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Sections 1002 and 1008 (16 U.S.C. 3142 and 3148). These sections address the procedures for permitting oil and gas leases on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge coastal plain (Section 1002) and other non-North Slope Federal lands in Alaska (Section 1008).

Appropriation: National Wildlife Refuge Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Appropriations	($000)	13,228	13,228	0	0	-13,228	0	-13,228
Receipts*	($000)	9,415	8,132	0	0	+364	8,496	+364
Total, National Wildlife Refuge Fund	**($000)**	**22,643**	**21,360**	**0**	**0**	**-12,864**	**8,496**	**-12,864**
	FTE	***3***	***3***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***3***	***0***

*The amount presented in 2018 and 2019 includes the sequestration in accordance with Sec. 251(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, 2 U.S.C 901(a). In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for National Wildlife Refuge Fund

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Appropriations	-13,228	0
TOTAL Program Changes	**-13,228**	**0**

Program Overview

The purpose of the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act is to share revenues derived from refuge lands with counties and other units of local government to compensate for lost tax revenues from Federal land acquisitions. The Act authorizes revenues and direct appropriations to be deposited into a special fund, the National Wildlife Refuge Fund (NWRF), and used for payments to counties in which lands are acquired in fee (fee land) or reserved from the public domain (reserved land) and managed by the Service for fish and wildlife purposes, minus any associated costs. These revenues are typically between six and eight million dollars each year, and are derived from the sale or disposition of products (e.g., timber and gravel); other privileges (e.g., rights-of-way and grazing permits); and/or leases for public accommodations or facilities (e.g., oil and gas exploration and development) incidental to, and not in conflict with, refuge purposes.

The Act authorizes payments for Service-managed fee lands based on a formula that entitles counties to whichever is the highest of the following amounts: 1) 25 percent of the net receipts; 2) 3/4 of 1 percent of the fair market value of the land; or 3) 75 cents per acre.

The refuge revenue sharing payments made on lands reserved from the public domain and administered by the Service are always 25 percent of the net receipts collected from the reserved land in the county. If no receipts are collected, there is no revenue sharing payment. However, the Department of the Interior makes Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) (31 U.S.C. 6901-6907) on all public domain lands, including Service-reserved lands. The Service reports to the Department annually on all Service reserved land acres and the revenue sharing amounts already paid on those acres. The Department then calculates the PILT

Oil and gas revenues from reserved lands are deposited into the U.S. General Treasury. Oil and gas revenues from fee lands are deposited in the National Wildlife Refuge Fund to be shared with counties and other units of local government. Credit: Pedro Ramirez, Jr., USFWS.

amounts, subtracts the amounts the Service has already paid, and makes the PILT payments to the local governments.

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) addresses procedures for oil and gas leasing on non-North Slope Federal lands in Alaska and for transportation and utility systems in and across the Alaska conservation system units. Applicants pay the costs to process applications or administer permits relating to utility and transportation systems or seismic exploration. These payments directly reimburse the Service for its management costs.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Discretionary Appropriations (-$13,228,000/ +0 FTE)
The Service is not requesting funding for the appropriated (discretionary) portion of the National Wildlife Refuge Fund in order to support higher priorities. This Fund was intended to compensate communities for lost tax revenue from Federal land acquisitions, but fails to take into account the economic benefits refuges provide to communities.

Mandatory Receipts: The 2020 estimate for National Wildlife Refuge Fund revenue is $8,496,000. The Refuge Revenue Sharing Act authorizes the Service to deduct certain expenses incurred in connection with revenue producing activities. The table below shows how the Service derives the funding amount available for payments to counties and other units of local government.

(Dollars in Thousands)				
National Wildlife Refuge Fund	**2018 Actual**	**2019 Estimate**	**2020 Estimate**	**Program Change (+/-)**
Receipts / Expenses				
Receipts Collected	9,814	8,000	8,000	0
Sequestration*	-628	-496	0	+496
Recoveries	23	100	100	0
Expenses for Sales	-2,127	-2,514	-2,514	0
ANILCA Expenses	-10	-50	-50	0
Estimated User-Pay Cost Share	-58	-60	-60	0
Net Receipts				
Available during the following year	7,014	4,980	5,476	+496
Payments to Counties				
Receipts Available - collected previous year		7,014	4,980	-2,034
Sequestration Restored		628	496	-132
Appropriations		13,228	0	-13,228
Total Available for Payments to Counties		**20,870**	**5,476**	-15,394

*2020 amount assumes no sequestration.

Revenues from grazing permits, timber sales, and other activities are deposited in the National Wildlife Refuge Fund to be shared with counties and other units of local government.

Above: Thinning forests at Little Pend Oreille NWR, Washington.

Right: Cattle grazing at Red Rock Lakes NWR, Montana.

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

Appropriations Language

Of the unobligated balances available under this heading, $31,008,000 *are hereby permanently cancelled. Provided, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.*

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the Continuing Resolution.

Authorizing Statute

Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to and removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery; provides for interagency cooperation to avoid take of listed species and for issuing permits for otherwise prohibited activities; and implements the provisions of the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna* (CITES).

Appropriation: Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Conservation Grants	($000)	12,508	12,508	0	0	-12,508	0	-12,508
Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants	($000)	7,485	7,485	0	0	-7,485	0	-7,485
Species Recovery Land Acquisition	($000)	11,162	11,162	0	0	-11,162	0	-11,162
HCP Land Acquisition Grants to States	($000)	19,638	19,638	0	0	-19,638	0	-19,638
Administration	($000)	2,702	2,702	0	0	-2,702	0	-2,702
Total Current Year Appropriated Funds	($000)	**53,495**	**53,495**			**-53,495**	**0**	**-53,495**
	FTE	***13***	***13***	***0***	***0***	***-13***	***0***	***-13***
Cancellation of Prior Year Balances							-31,008	
Total Current Year and Prior Year	**($000)**	**53,495**	**53,495**	**0**	**0**	**-53,495**	**-31,008**	**-84,503**
		13	**13**	**0**	**0**	**-13**	**0**	**-13**
Mandatory – Unavailable Receipts**	($000)	74,695	69,654			+1,896	71,550	+1,896

** Amounts shown reflect an annual deposit of an amount equal to 5 percent of total Federal Aid/Sport Fish and Lacey Act violation collections above $500,000 into this Special Fund. The Special Fund amounts are not available in the fiscal year in which they are collected, but are available for subsequent appropriation to the CESCF.

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Conservation Grants	-12,508	0
• HCP Planning Assistance Grants	-7,485	0
• Species Recovery Land Acquisition Grants	-11,162	0
• HCP Land Acquisition Grants	-19,638	0
• Administration	-2,702	-13
Program Changes	**-53,495**	**-13**

Program Overview

The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF; Section 6 of the ESA), administered by the Service's Ecological Services program, provides grant funding to States and Territories for species and habitat conservation actions on non-Federal lands, including habitat acquisition, conservation planning, habitat restoration, status surveys, captive propagation and reintroduction, research, and education.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (-$53,495,000/-13 FTE)

The Service is not requesting funding for these activities in order to support higher priorities. The budget request proposes cancelling $31,008,000 of prior year CESCF funding.

North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4401 et seq.), $40,000,000 to remain available until expended.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989, (16 U.S.C. 4401-4414). Section 4406 of the Act (NAWCA) authorizes fines, penalties, and forfeitures from violations of the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* to be made available for wetlands conservation projects. Section 4407 authorizes interest on excise taxes for hunting equipment deposited for wetlands conservation grants and costs for administering this grant program. Such amounts have been permanently appropriated as provided in Public Law 103-138. The Act authorizes appropriations to be used to encourage partnerships among public agencies and other interests to protect, enhance, restore, and manage wetland ecosystems and other habitats for migratory birds and other fish and wildlife; to maintain current or improved distributions of migratory bird populations; and to sustain an abundance of waterfowl and other migratory birds consistent with goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and international obligations with other countries.

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act, (16 U.S.C. 3951-3956). Establishes the National Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Program within the Sport Fish Restoration Account for projects authorized by NAWCA in coastal States.

Aquatic Resources Trust Fund, (26 U.S.C. 9504). Authorizes appropriations from the Sport Fish Restoration Account to carry out the *Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act*.

Appropriation: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund
Activity: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Appropriations: North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	($000)	40,000	40,000	0	0	0	40,000	0
Receipts (Mandatory): Migratory Bird Treaty Act Fines	($000)	11,496	15,289	0	0	-14,589	700	-14,589
Total, North American Wetlands Conservation Fund	**($000)**	**51,496**	**55,289**	**0**	**0**	**-14,589**	**40,700**	**-14,589**
	FTE	***9***	***9***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***9***	***0***

* The amounts presented in 2018 and 2019 include the sequestration in accordance with Sec. 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

Since 1990, *the North American Wetlands Conservation Act* (NAWCA) has supported partnerships that protect, enhance, and restore habitat for wetland-dependent birds and other wildlife—from the boreal forest of Canada, to the Mississippi delta, to the mangroves of Mexico, and from coast to coast. Through NAWCA, Federal funds are typically leveraged at twice the legally required 1:1 non-Federal match-to-grant ratio supporting projects that not only provide significant conservation of North America's highly-valued waterfowl resource, but also:

- Sustain hunting and fishing by increasing both the quality and quantity of opportunities for outdoor recreation.
- Promote flood control, recharge groundwater stores, and improve water quality for local communities.
- Support the recovery of endangered and threatened species.
- Help implement the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and other national and international bird conservation plans.
- Achieve the Department's and Service's long-term goal of supporting healthy and sustainable migratory bird populations.

Partners in NAWCA projects include private landowners, States, local governments, conservation organizations, national and local sportsmen's groups, Tribes, trusts, and corporations.

Investments that Matter

NAWCA funds are invested in thousands of public-private partnerships that protect and improve the health and integrity of wetland-dominated landscapes across North America. These habitats are critically important for sustaining North American waterfowl populations and a diversity of native fish and wildlife species. NAWCA-funded projects also improve hydrologic functions in and around project areas, benefiting nearby human communities and industry.

Project proposals and grantees undergo a rigorous review process to ensure they comply with the purposes of the Act and financial assistance requirements. Once grant funding is awarded, the Service monitors projects to confirm that project objectives are met and to ensure regulatory compliance. This oversight promotes the successful implementation of strategic, long-term habitat conservation and ensures program accountability.

Through FY 2018, the NAWCA program supported over 2,800 projects in 50 U.S. States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, 13 Canadian provinces and territories, and 31 Mexican States. The Service has helped nearly 6,000 partners conserve 31.3 million acres.

NAWCA GRANT PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1991-2018

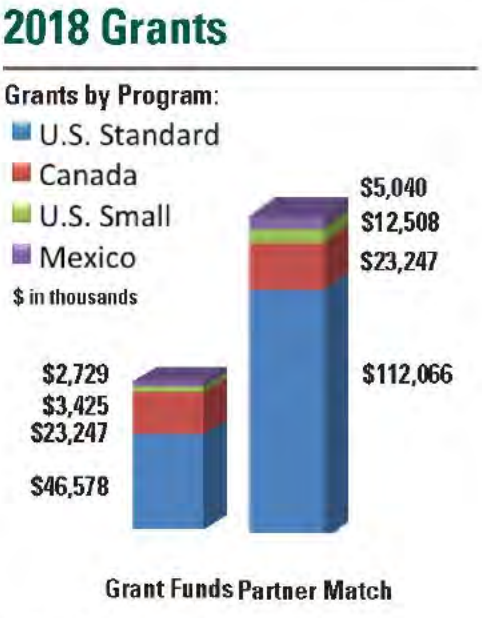
Country	Protected Acres	Enhanced, Restored, and Created Acres	Number of Projects
Canada	14,930,457	*3,355,344	562
Mexico	2,329,102	1,672,962	312
U.S.	4,785,748	4,266,501	1,949
All Countries	22,045,307	9,294,807	2,823

Acreages represent total proposed acres approved for funding in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico through FY 2018. Some acres are included in both "Protected" and "Enhanced, Restored, and Created" due to multiple activities occurring on the same properties. Additionally, some protection is not perpetual. Therefore, the two categories should not be added to demonstrate total acres affected over the life of the program.

* This figure includes 413,910 acres of moist soil management completed prior to 1998.

Supporting Service-Wide Priorities

- NAWCA is a critical funding source for migratory bird habitat conservation; additionally, these funds contribute to the conservation of other wetland-dependent species and support national and international conservation priorities. NAWCA-supported projects complement Service conservation efforts through the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Endangered Species Act, National Wildlife Refuge System, and other programs.
- NAWCA supports the Service's mission to ensure the conservation of wildlife for the benefit and enjoyment of all Americans, providing funding to projects that enrich and increase outdoor recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, and bird-watching.
- NAWCA depends on partnerships with public and private stakeholders to design and execute wetlands conservation projects.
- The NAWCA grant program also complements conservation actions of other Federal agencies, including the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Defense.



Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund is $40,000,000 and 9 FTE.

Mandatory Receipts – Receipts are derived from court-imposed fines for violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and vary greatly from year to year. The FY 2020 estimate is $700,000 for this account, which reflects a significant decrease from previous years because FY 2019 was the last year in which the Service received fine monies from the Deepwater Horizon settlement.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Process and issue NAWCA grants that support waterfowl and wetland habitat conservation.

NAWCA-funded enhancement at Rockefeller state refuge in Louisiana. Credit: John Hoffman, Ducks Unlimited

Multinational Species Conservation Fund

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the African Elephant Conservation Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 4201 et seq.), the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4261 et seq.), the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), and the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6601 et seq.), $6,000,000, to remain available until expended.

Note.— A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115–245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

African Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4201-4203, 4211-4214, 4221-4225, 4241-4246,1538). Authorizes funding for approved projects for research, conservation, management and protection of African elephants and their habitats, and combating ivory trafficking. The Act authorizes prohibitions against the sale, importation, and exportation of illegally obtained ivory derived from African elephants. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2012.

Asian Elephant Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 4261-4266, 1538). Authorizes financial assistance for the conservation and protection of wild Asian elephants and their habitats. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2012.

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act, (16. U.S.C. 5301-5306, 1538). Authorizes funding to assist in the conservation of rhinoceroses and tigers in Asia and Africa, and combating trafficking of parts. Prohibits the sale, importation, and exportation of products derived from any species of rhinoceros or tiger. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2012.

Great Ape Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6301-6305, 1538). Authorizes financial assistance for the conservation of great apes within their ranges in Africa and Asia. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2010.

Marine Turtle Conservation Act, (16 U.S.C. 6601-6607). Authorizes financial assistance for the conservation of marine turtles and their nesting habitats, and addresses other threats to marine turtles, such as stopping mortality due to bycatch. Authorization of Appropriations: Expired September 30, 2009.

Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act, (39 U.S.C. 416 note) as amended. Requires the United States Postal Service to issue and sell a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp. The stamp was to be made available to the public for at least six years, a period which has since expired. The proceeds from stamp sales are divided equally among the existing Multinational Species Conservation Funds and are used to help fund priority activities supported by those Funds. By law, the proceeds cannot affect or influence the disposition of discretionary appropriations.

Appropriation: Multinational Species Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Estimate	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
African Elephant Conservation Fund	($000)	2,582	2,582	0	0	-1,181	1,401	-1,181
Asian Elephant Conservation Fund	($000)	1,557	1,557	0	0	-712	845	-712
Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund	($000)	3,440	3,440	0	0	-1,575	1,865	-1,575
Great Ape Conservation Fund	($000)	1,975	1,975	0	0	-904	1,071	-904
Marine Turtle Conservation Fund	($000)	1,507	1,507	0	0	-689	818	-689
Total, Multinational Species Conservation Fund	**($000)**	**11,061**	**11,061**	**0**	**0**	**-5,061**	**6,000**	**-5,061**
	FTE	***3***	***3***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***3***	***0***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for Multinational Species Conservation Fund

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• Multinational Species Conservation Fund	-5,061	0
Program Changes	**-5,061**	**0**

Program Mission

To provide technical and financial assistance to local communities, wildlife authorities, and non-governmental organizations in developing countries for on-the-ground conservation work to protect elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, great apes, and marine turtles.

Program Overview

Elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, great apes, and marine turtles are among the world's most recognized and beloved animals. Yet, these iconic species face severe threats and some even teeter on the brink of extinction due to poaching, habitat loss, and wildlife trafficking. Key populations of these species are found in developing countries where these threats are compounded by political instability, expanding human populations, and a severe lack of funding and capacity for conservation.

The Multinational Species Conservation Funds (MSCFs) were authorized through five Congressional Acts to provide critical technical and financial assistance to local communities, government agencies, and non-government organizations that are working to protect and safeguard the future of wildlife. Through this support, the Service assists foreign countries to sustainably manage their wildlife populations and attract substantial leveraged or matched funding, while also building considerable good will toward the United States. From 2013 to 2017, the MSCFs provided more than $47 million in appropriated funds through grants and cooperative agreements for on-the-ground conservation and leveraged nearly $92 million in additional matching dollars. Since the Program's inception, the MSCFs have engaged nearly 600 domestic and foreign

partners in over 54 foreign countries. The provision of financial assistance to protect these priority species helps to ensure the U.S. restores trust outside our borders and creates a conservation stewardship legacy on behalf of the American people.

The MSCF project selection is highly competitive and enables the Service to direct assistance to key populations and the most urgently needed activities. Priority activities include establishing protected areas; monitoring wildlife populations; improving law enforcement and prosecution to stop wildlife trafficking; reducing consumer demand for illegal wildlife products; and providing vital infrastructure, training, and equipment to effectively manage protected areas. Several of the species covered by the MSCFs, including rhinoceroses, tigers and African elephants, are under unprecedented pressure due to poaching and wildlife trafficking. These programs provide emergency support to quickly and effectively respond to escalating threats.

African Elephant Conservation Fund

Poaching of African elephants has reached crisis levels with an estimated 20,000-30,000 elephants illegally killed per year. The African Elephant Conservation Fund provides critical support to curb this poaching epidemic; to combat trafficking of ivory, elephant meat, and other illegal elephant products; and to reduce the demand for these products. In 2018, these funds supported essential frontline protection in elephant habitat in West, Central, East and Southern Africa; sponsored technological innovations to better detect and intercept ivory in transit; and supported the installation of modern management systems for seized ivory in range states.

An estimated 20,000-30,000 elephants are illegally killed each year. Credit: Joe Milmoe/USFWS

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund (RTCF)

Tiger at Ranthambore National Park. Credit: Chandru Fotografia/Creative Commons

Rhinoceros poaching has skyrocketed in less than a decade, from 13 animals poached in South Africa in 2007 to more than 1,000 poached per year every year since 2013.[1] In the last 100 years, wild tiger populations have been reduced by 97% due to poaching, habitat loss, and human wildlife conflict. The Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund, which supports wildlife conservation in both Asia and Africa, has been essential in responding to this crisis while also addressing other critical threats facing rhinos and tigers. Program activities aim to protect existing populations; to restore animals to their original habitat; and to combat trafficking of tiger skins, bones, live animals, and rhino horn and other rhino products.

[1] Poaching Statistics. (2016). Retrieved from https://www.savetherhino.org/rhino_info/poaching_statistics.

The ASECF is the key source of funding for Asian elephants in range states. Credit: Cory Brown/USFWS

Asian Elephant Conservation Fund

Large herds of elephants once roamed freely throughout Asia's forests and grasslands. Today, wild population estimates range from 30,000 to 50,000 individuals, with continued declines caused primarily by habitat loss, human-elephant conflict, and poaching. The Asian Elephant Conservation Fund is the key source of funding for activities addressing the major threats to wild Asian elephant populations within range states. Program activities include law enforcement training and monitoring, public education campaigns via television and radio programming, forest ranger and patrol training, research on population dynamics, human-elephant conflict mitigation, strengthening counter-wildlife-trafficking efforts, wildlife veterinary capacity building, and promotion of elephant-centric land-use planning

Projects supported by the GACF have been integral to identify key orangutan populations in Malaysia. Credit: Cory Brown/USFWS

Great Ape Conservation Fund

The great apes, highly intelligent beings and humans' closest living relatives, are under extreme threat. Their slow rate of reproduction makes their populations less resilient to losses, and all are at risk of extinction. The Great Ape Conservation Fund (GACF) supports efforts to conserve all apes, including chimpanzees, gorillas, and bonobos in Africa and orangutans and gibbons in Asia. The Fund supports combating poaching and trafficking in great apes, enhancing habitat protection, establishing protected areas, developing ape range country capacity to address conservation threats, and creating long-term buy-in and stewardship for great ape conservation amongst local communities.

Kemp's Ridley sea turtle hatchlings. Credit: National Park Service

Marine Turtle Conservation Fund

Marine turtles are truly the ancient mariners of the world's oceans, with ancestors dating back more than 100 million years. These animals are important components of the ecosystems they inhabit, and as a flagship species, their conservation helps to sustain benefits to many other species of wildlife. Once abundant, marine turtle populations now are a fraction of what they once were. This Fund helps organizations and countries protect and increase their sea turtle populations through a variety of projects, including educational initiatives for communities, patrols of critical nesting beaches, and scientific research that benefits conservation.

Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp
The Save Vanishing Species semipostal stamp was first issued in September 2011 to raise public awareness and garner support for critically important global conservation work. The intent is to give the public an easy and inexpensive way to help conserve tigers, rhinos, elephants, great apes, and marine turtles around the world. The stamp, which features the image of an Amur tiger cub, sells just slightly above the cost of first-class postage with proceeds directed to the MSCFs. Since issuance, more than 49 million stamps have been sold, raising more than 5.4 million in direct funding for international wildlife conservation.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Multinational Species Conservation Fund is $6,000,000 and 3 FTE.

Multinational Species Conservation Fund (-$5,061,000/ +0 FTE)
The Service anticipates funding approximately 60 on-the-ground conservation projects that mitigate the threats to these iconic, imperiled species. MSCF grants fund conservation projects that address immediate threats such as habitat loss, poaching, illegal trade, and invasive species. Several of the species covered by the MSCFs, including rhinoceroses and African elephants, are under unprecedented pressure due to poaching and wildlife trafficking. Therefore, each project supports specific on-the-ground actions to address these threats. For example, without these efforts, a poaching ring may remain active, a wildlife trafficking route may continue operations, or habitat encroachment may continue to threaten a subspecies on the brink of extinction.

Since 2013, more than 1,000 rhinos have been poached every year in South Africa. Credit: Bryan Arroyo/USFWS

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Support the Service's work with partners around the world, to improve the conservation of elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, great apes, and marine turtles and their habitats through technical and financial assistance programs.

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Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation

Appropriations Language

For expenses necessary to carry out the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), $3,900,000 to remain available until expended.

Note.—A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115-245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statute

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2006, (16 U.S.C. 6101-6109). For expenses necessary to carry out the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.). Authorizes a competitive grants program for the conservation of Neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

Appropriation: Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund	($000)	3,910	3,910	0	0	-10	3,900	-10
	FTE	*1*	*1*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*1*	*0*

Program Mission

The Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA or the Act) program provides matching grants to partners throughout the Western Hemisphere to promote the conservation of Neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

Program Overview

Over 380 species of Neotropical migratory birds breed in the United States and Canada and winter in Latin America and the Caribbean, including warblers, thrushes, sparrows, sandpipers, and raptors. Although many of these species travel tens of thousands of miles on their annual journeys, they also appear close to home in backyards, parks and local natural areas, making them an integral part of the resources that the Service seeks to conserve for the American people. As a result of habitat loss, predation, collisions with man-made structures and other sources of mortality, populations of many of these birds are declining. Eleven of these neotropical species are currently listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and sixty-two such species are on the Service's list of birds of conservation concern. Conservation actions funded through this program help to keep more of these species from being listed under the ESA by supporting projects on their breeding and wintering grounds.

NMBCA grants help achieve the Department's and Service's long-term goal of promoting healthy and sustainable migratory bird populations by supporting conservation projects that leverage nearly four dollars of non-Federal match for every Federal grant dollar invested—even in Latin America and the Caribbean, where resources for migratory bird conservation are scarce. The Act directs that at least 75 percent of the funds available each year go to projects in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Canada; the remaining funds go to projects in the United States. NMBCA grants are highly competitive with project demand greatly exceeding available funds, so only the highest quality proposals receive funding. In FY 2018, the Service funded 29 grants, leaving 16 proposals and over $1.8 million in projects unfunded.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund is $3,900,000 and 1 FTE.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Activities (-$10,000/ +0 FTE) – At the requested 2020 level, the NMBCA program will support priority national and international initiatives to engage people in the conservation of birds that are loved and enjoyed by birdwatchers, and that also benefit local communities

and local economies. The birds conserved under NMBCA provide significant benefits to local communities and economies through revenue generated from birding festivals and wildlife watching (purchasing of bird food, binoculars, etc.) and the jobs created in association with these recreational opportunities. The NMBCA supports and enhances the Department of the Interior's and the Service's efforts to get people outdoors and enjoy recreational opportunities on public lands. Additionally, NMBCA-funded actions support communities in other countries, which further sustain our shared bird resources.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- Process and issue NMBCA grants that support the conservation of Neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

American Oystercatcher banding at Breezy Point, NY. Part of the Conserving Shorebirds at Jamaica Bay, NY project. Credit: Susan Elbin, NYC Audubon

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State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

STATE AND TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANT PROGRAM

Appropriations Language

For wildlife conservation grants to States and to the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa under the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, for the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitat, including species that are not hunted or fished, $31,286,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That $2,000,000 is for a competitive grant program for States, territories, and other jurisdictions, and at the discretion of affected States, the regional Associations of fish and wildlife agencies, not subject to the remaining provisions of this heading: Provided further, That the Secretary shall, after deducting $2,000,000 and administrative expenses, apportion the amount provided herein in the following manner: (1) to the District of Columbia and to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, each a sum equal to not more than one-half of 1 percent thereof; and (2) to Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, each a sum equal to not more than one-fourth of 1 percent thereof: Provided further, That the Secretary shall apportion the remaining amount in the following manner: (1) one-third of which is based on the ratio to which the land area of such State bears to the total land area of all such States; and (2) two-thirds of which is based on the ratio to which the population of such State bears to the total population of all such States: Provided further, That the amounts apportioned under this paragraph shall be adjusted equitably so that no State shall be apportioned a sum which is less than 1 percent of the amount available for apportionment under this paragraph for any fiscal year or more than 5 percent of such amount: Provided further, That the Federal share of planning grants shall not exceed 75 percent of the total costs of such projects and the Federal share of implementation grants shall not exceed 65 percent of the total costs of such projects: Provided further, That the non-Federal share of such projects may not be derived from Federal grant programs: Provided further, That any amount apportioned in 2020 to any State, territory, or other jurisdiction that remains unobligated as of September 30, 2021, shall be reapportioned, together with funds appropriated in 2022, in the manner provided herein.

Note.— A full-year 2019 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, the budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division C of P.L. 115–245, as amended). The amounts included for 2019 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Authorizing Statutes

Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544). Prohibits the import, export, or taking of fish and wildlife and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; provides for adding species to or removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species, and for preparing and implementing plans for their recovery; provides for interagency cooperation to avoid take of listed species and for issuing permits for otherwise prohibited activities; provides for cooperation with States, including authorization of financial assistance; and implements the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

Fish and Wildlife Act (16 U.S.C. 742(a)-742j). Establishes a comprehensive national fish and wildlife policy and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take steps required for the development, management,

advancement, conservation, and protection of fisheries resources and wildlife resources through research, acquisition of refuge lands, development of existing facilities, and other means.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-666(e)). The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to provide assistance to, and cooperate with, Federal, State, and public or private agencies and organizations in the development, protection, rearing, and stocking of all species of wildlife, resources thereof, and their habitat, in controlling losses of the same from disease or other causes, in minimizing damages from overabundant species, and in providing public shooting and fishing areas, including easements across public lands for access thereto.

Activity: State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

		2018 Actual	2019 CR Baseline	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
State Wildlife Grants (Formula)	($000)	53,000	53,000	0	0	-23,714	29,286	-23,714
State Wildlife Grants (Competitive)	($000)	6,362	6,362	0	0	-4,362	2,000	-4,362
Tribal Wildlife Grants	($000)	4,209	4,209	0	0	-4,209	0	-4,209
Total, State and Tribal Wildlife	**($000)**	**63,571**	**63,571**	**0**	**0**	**-32,285**	**31,286**	**-32,285**
	FTE	**17**	***17***	***0***	***0***	**-8**	**9**	***-8***

Summary of 2020 Program Changes for State and Tribal Wildlife Grants

Request Component	($000)	FTE
• State Wildlife Grants (Formula)	-23,714	-5
• State Wildlife Grants (Competitive)	-4,362	-2
• Tribal Wildlife Grants	-4,209	-1
Program Changes	**-32,285**	**-8**

Program Overview

The State and Tribal Wildlife Grant (STWG) Program provides Federal grant funds to States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and Territories (States), to develop and implement programs for the benefit of fish and wildlife and their habitats, including species that are not hunted or fished. The program was first funded through the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2002 (Public Law 107-63).

Family Pheasant Hunting. Credit: USFWS

The STWG Program is the primary Federal funding source for States to implement proactive conservation targeting iconic American wildlife species, before they decline to levels that require listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Funding supports projects that conserve species identified in States' Wildlife Action Plans. Through preventative measures, such as habitat restoration and species management, the STWG Program helps to prevent imperiled species from becoming listed under the ESA. States may also choose to dedicate STWG Program funds to helping de-list and down-list Threatened or Endangered species. The STWG program accomplishes its goals by leveraging Federal funding through cost-sharing provisions with State fish and wildlife agencies and other partners. Working with interested stakeholders, State fish and wildlife agencies translate pressing conservation needs into practical actions and on-the-ground results. The STWG Program has played a crucial and indispensable role in reducing or preventing Service listings involving species such as Lake Erie water snake, Delmarva fox squirrel, pygmy rabbit, and New England cottontail rabbit, among many others.

Private Landowner Technical Assistance. Credit: USFWS

Current STWG Program investments allow State fish and wildlife agencies to improve habitat for important pollinators such as the monarch butterfly and regal fritillary, which are scheduled for Service status reviews in 2019 and 2022, respectively. Nationally, pollinators are in decline and further species loss could impose significant costs on American agricultural producers. Other States are focusing STWG Program investments on raising and releasing native mussels and other freshwater invertebrates in river systems in Texas, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, and many other States. Mussels are important in watershed health because they act as filters to provide clean water for agricultural and recreational uses as well as for municipal drinking water. Five species of freshwater snails and mussels are currently listed by the Service as Candidate species, while many others are scheduled for status reviews in the near future including Tennessee pigtoe and clubshell mussels.

Justification of 2020 Program Changes

The 2020 budget request for State and Tribal Wildlife Grants is $31,286,000 and 9 FTE.

State Wildlife Grants (Formula) (-$23,714,000/ -5 FTE)
The Service is requesting $29,286,000 for Formula State Wildlife Grants. This funding will support State fish and wildlife agencies in working with their many partners to update and improve their State Wildlife Action Plans, which identify common priorities for fish and wildlife conservation across the Nation. Formula funds often support timely conservation actions that aid the Service in removing species listings under the ESA. This benefits State agencies by returning species management authority to the State while reducing or eliminating potential barriers to economic growth. More commonly, State agencies use Formula funds to study and conserve species in decline before they require listing under the ESA, helping ensure sufficient data and information on agreements for future conservation are made available to the Service for use in the listing review process. Many potential species listings have been averted, in part due to States' efforts funded through Formula grants. Ongoing work targeting Candidate species is expected to continue, and additional successes of the Federal-State partnership in minimizing new species listings are expected.

State Wildlife Grants (Competitive) (-$4,362,000/ -2 FTE)
The Service is requesting $2,000,000 for funding big game research and science-supported conservation activities within 11 western State-identified priority corridors in support of Secretarial Order 3362.

Tribal Wildlife Grants (-$4,209,000/- 1 FTE)
The Service does not request in order to address higher priorities.

2020 Program Activities and Performance

- The program will administer and implement financial assistance to States to develop and administer programs for the benefit of fish and wildlife and their habitats. Specifically, the request supports formula-based grant funds to State fish and wildlife agencies. State fish and wildlife agencies continue to coordinate effectively with Federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, universities, private landowners, and industry representatives in revising and updating the Wildlife Action Plans. Involving many stakeholders with different perspectives helps ensure that the Plans are strategic, thoroughly vetted, and leveraged with resources from many partners. Implementation activities include a wide range of strategies from research and monitoring to direct species and habitat management. For example, STWG Program funds have been used by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to enhance habitat for Kirtland's Warbler, a species the Service proposed for delisting in 2018. Funds dedicated to habitat improvements to benefit the threatened Gopher Tortoise in Mississippi were credited with tripling the relative abundance of Northern Bobwhite—a popular game bird—in the State's Marion County Wildlife Management Area. Best practices and lessons learned from these projects inform the States' planning processes and are

incorporated in periodic Plan revisions, demonstrating how the program facilitates an adaptive management approach to species conservation.

- The program will support ongoing efforts of States and their partners to reduce species listings under the ESA. An internal analysis of past performance found that between 2001 and 2015 States played an important role in helping to preclude listing of 19 Candidate species and in helping de-list or down-list seven threatened and endangered species using STWG Program funds. The Competitive subprogram provides incentives to encourage State fish and wildlife agencies to focus efforts on Service Candidate species, when doing so is consistent with priorities expressed in the Plans. Aside from Gopher Tortoise, which is a Candidate species in the eastern portion of its range, State fish and wildlife agencies are using STWG Program funds to protect and conserve additional Candidate species including Striped Newt, Island Marble Butterfly, Penasco Least Chipmunk, Sierra Nevada Red Fox, Red Tree Vole, Red-Crowned Parrot, Rattlesnake Master-Borer Moth, and several Candidate freshwater mussel species.
- The program will fund research and conservation activities within 11 western States to improve understanding of wildlife migration corridors and habitat conditions within corridors to benefit western species. Alone, and through financial assistance from the Service, a number of western State fish and wildlife agencies are making concerted efforts to collect adequate data and map migration corridors. For example, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is currently using STWG Program funds to support implementation of the *Oregon Connectivity Framework Mapping Project* which seeks to describe, understand, and enhance species connectivity to ensure the long-term viability of both game and non-game species throughout the State. In the rapidly developing western United States, these funds will facilitate understanding of where the most important corridors exist and provide for habitat conservation activities that support the full diversity of wildlife.

Table 1
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018
CFDA: 15.634

STATE	State Wildlife - 5620 (65/35 Match)
ALABAMA	$793,807
ALASKA	2,582,350
AMERICAN SAMOA	129,118
ARIZONA	1,300,078
ARKANSAS	599,338
CALIFORNIA	2,582,350
COLORADO	1,099,511
CONNECTICUT	516,470
DELAWARE	516,470
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	258,235
FLORIDA	2,354,617
GEORGIA	1,364,984
GUAM	129,118
HAWAII	516,470
IDAHO	614,578
ILLINOIS	1,692,522
INDIANA	896,275
IOWA	629,951
KANSAS	747,265
KENTUCKY	685,963
LOUISIANA	745,424
MAINE	516,470
MARYLAND	682,276
MASSACHUSETTS	754,719
MICHIGAN	1,385,042
MINNESOTA	1,024,540
MISSISSIPPI	575,737
MISSOURI	1,020,803
MONTANA	889,339
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	129,118
NEBRASKA	609,591
NEVADA	881,167

NEW HAMPSHIRE	516,470
NEW JERSEY	995,954
NEW MEXICO	870,134
NEW YORK	2,364,738
NORTH CAROLINA	1,315,186
NORTH DAKOTA	516,470
OHIO	1,472,114
OKLAHOMA	778,944
OREGON	931,973
PENNSYLVANIA	1,619,847
PUERTO RICO	258,235
RHODE ISLAND	516,470
SOUTH CAROLINA	667,570
SOUTH DAKOTA	516,470
TENNESSEE	913,027
TEXAS	2,582,350
UTAH	751,506
VERMONT	516,470
VIRGIN ISLANDS	129,118
VIRGINIA	1,084,457
WASHINGTON	1,092,107
WEST VIRGINIA	516,470
WISCONSIN	915,889
WYOMING	581,335
TOTAL	**$51,647,000**

Table 2
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019
CFDA: 15.634

STATE	State Wildlife - 5620 (65/35 Match)
ALABAMA	$480,861
ALASKA	1,564,300
AMERICAN SAMOA	78,215
ARIZONA	787,543
ARKANSAS	363,059
CALIFORNIA	1,564,300
COLORADO	666,046
CONNECTICUT	312,860
DELAWARE	312,860
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	156,430
FLORIDA	1,426,347
GEORGIA	826,861
GUAM	78,215
HAWAII	312,860
IDAHO	372,291
ILLINOIS	1,025,272
INDIANA	542,933
IOWA	381,603
KANSAS	452,668
KENTUCKY	415,533
LOUISIANA	451,553
MAINE	312,860
MARYLAND	413,300
MASSACHUSETTS	457,183
MICHIGAN	839,011
MINNESOTA	620,632
MISSISSIPPI	348,762
MISSOURI	618,368
MONTANA	538,732
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	78,215

NEBRASKA	369,270
NEVADA	533,781
NEW HAMPSHIRE	312,860
NEW JERSEY	603,315
NEW MEXICO	527,098
NEW YORK	1,432,478
NORTH CAROLINA	796,695
NORTH DAKOTA	312,860
OHIO	891,757
OKLAHOMA	471,858
OREGON	564,557
PENNSYLVANIA	981,249
PUERTO RICO	156,430
RHODE ISLAND	312,860
SOUTH CAROLINA	404,391
SOUTH DAKOTA	312,860
TENNESSEE	553,081
TEXAS	1,564,300
UTAH	455,237
VERMONT	312,860
VIRGIN ISLANDS	78,215
VIRGINIA	656,927
WASHINGTON	661,561
WEST VIRGINIA	312,860
WISCONSIN	554,815
WYOMING	352,153
TOTAL	**$31,286,000**

Table 3
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020
CFDA: 15.634

STATE	State Wildlife - 5620 (65/35 Match)
ALABAMA	$450,130
ALASKA	1,464,300
AMERICAN SAMOA	73,215
ARIZONA	737,196
ARKANSAS	339,850
CALIFORNIA	1,464,300
COLORADO	623,466
CONNECTICUT	292,860
DELAWARE	292,860
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	146,430
FLORIDA	1,334,189
GEORGIA	774,018
GUAM	73,215
HAWAII	292,860
IDAHO	348,492
ILLINOIS	959,685
INDIANA	508,235
IOWA	357,209
KANSAS	423,731
KENTUCKY	388,961
LOUISIANA	423,091
MAINE	292,860
MARYLAND	386,981
MASSACHUSETTS	428,026
MICHIGAN	784,917
MINNESOTA	580,960
MISSISSIPPI	326,470
MISSOURI	578,850
MONTANA	504,296
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	73,215

NEBRASKA	345,661
NEVADA	499,658
NEW HAMPSHIRE	292,860
NEW JERSEY	564,681
NEW MEXICO	493,403
NEW YORK	1,340,935
NORTH CAROLINA	745,786
NORTH DAKOTA	292,860
OHIO	834,780
OKLAHOMA	441,694
OREGON	528,492
PENNSYLVANIA	918,520
PUERTO RICO	146,430
RHODE ISLAND	292,860
SOUTH CAROLINA	378,570
SOUTH DAKOTA	292,860
TENNESSEE	517,722
TEXAS	1,464,300
UTAH	426,135
VERMONT	292,860
VIRGIN ISLANDS	73,215
VIRGINIA	615,454
WASHINGTON	619,496
WEST VIRGINIA	292,860
WISCONSIN	519,396
WYOMING	329,644
TOTAL	**$29,286,000**

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Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration

Appropriation Language

The Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration account does not require appropriations language because there is permanent authority, established August 31, 1951 (65 Stat. 262), to use the receipts deposited into the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund in the fiscal year following their collection.

Applicable Statutes

The Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950, now referred to as the *Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act* (16 U.S.C. 777 et seq.), as amended by the Deficit Reduction and Control Act of 1984 (P.L. 98-369), the *Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Act of 1987* (P.L. 100-17), the *Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1987* (P.L. 100-448), the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century* (P.L. 105-178), the *Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000* (P.L. 106-408), the *Surface Transportation Act of 2003* (P.L. 108-88), SAFETEA-LU, and the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94), which expires in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, authorizes assistance to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (States) to carry out projects to restore, enhance, and manage sport fishery resources. In addition to sport fishery projects, these acts allow for the development and maintenance of boating access facilities and aquatic education programs.

The Appropriations Act of August 31, 1951 (P.L. 82-136, 65 Stat. 262) authorizes receipts from excise taxes on fishing equipment to be deposited into the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, established as a permanent, indefinite appropriation. Receipts and interest distributed to the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund are available for use and distribution by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to States in the fiscal year following collection.

The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 3951 et. seq.) provides for three Federal grant programs for the acquisition, restoration, management, and enhancement of coastal wetlands in coastal States. A coastal State means a State of the United States, bordering on the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, or one or more of the Great Lakes, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the trust territories of the Pacific Islands. The Service administers two of the three grant programs that this Act provides funding for, including the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program and the North American Wetlands Conservation Grant Program. The latter program receives funds from other sources, as well as from the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Program. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers administers the third grant program that receives funding because of this Act. It also requires the Service to update and digitize wetlands maps in Texas and assess the status, condition, and trends of wetlands in Texas, and provides permanent authorization for coastal wetlands conservation grants and North American Wetlands Conservation projects. The *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94), authorizes funding for the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act through FY 2021.

The Clean Vessel Act of 1992 (16 U.S.C. 777c) Section 5604 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide grants to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands for the construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of sewage pumpout stations and dump stations,

as well as for educational programs designed to inform boaters about the importance of proper disposal of their onboard sewage. Section 5604 also amended the *Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act* to provide for the transfer of funds out of the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund for use by the Secretary of Homeland Security (U.S. Coast Guard) to fund State recreational boating safety programs. The *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94) authorizes funding for the Clean Vessel Act of 1992 and boating infrastructure improvement through Fiscal Year 2021.

The Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998 (16 U.S.C. 777c-777g) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to develop national outreach plans to promote safe fishing and boating, and to promote conservation of aquatic resources through grants and contracts with States and private entities. The Act contains provisions for transferring funds to the U.S. Coast Guard for State recreational boating safety programs. In addition, it authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide funds to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to construct, renovate, and maintain tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters in vessels 26 feet or more in length, and to produce and distribute information and educational materials under the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program. The *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* (P.L. 114-94) authorizes funding for boating infrastructure improvement through FY 2021.

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-408) amends the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. It authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant Program for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects identified as priority projects by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. These high priority projects address problems affecting States on a regional or national basis. It also provides $200,000 each to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission; and $400,000 to the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council. The Act provides 12 allowable cost categories for administration of the Act.

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users of August 10, 2005 (P.L. 109-59) made several changes to the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. SAFETEA-LU changed the distribution of Sport Fish Restoration receipts from amounts primarily specified in law to a percentage-based distribution. The Act extends program authorizations for the Clean Vessel Act Program, the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program, and the National Outreach and Communications Program through FY 2009, and it extends the authority to use Sport Fish Restoration receipts for the U.S. Coast Guard's State Recreational Boating Safety Program through FY 2009. The Act authorizes the expenditure of remaining balances in the old Boat Safety Account through FY 2010, for Sport Fish Restoration and State recreational boating safety programs and redirected 4.8 cents per gallon of certain fuels from the general account of the Treasury to the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (P.L. 114-94, December 4, 2015) changes several sections of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. It amends Sections 3 and 4 of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777b and 16 U.S.C. 777c), changing the funding distribution percentages and extends funding authorizations for Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act, Boating Infrastructure Improvement (combining funding for the Clean Vessel Act of 1992 and the Boating Infrastructure Grant Programs), and the National Outreach and Communications program through FY 2021.

Appropriation: Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Payments to States	($000)	352,672	362,424	0	0	+19,994	382,418	+19,994
Administration	($000)	11,211	11,480	0	0	+945	12,425	+945
Boating Infrastructure Improvement	($000)	[24,525]	[25,198]	0	0	[+1,389]	[26,587]	[+1,389]
- Clean Vessel	($000)	12,263	12,599	0	0	+695	13,294	+695
- Boating Infrastructure Grant Program	($000)	12,262	12,599	0	0	+694	13,293	+694
National Outreach	($000)	12,263	12,599	0	0	+695	13,294	+695
Multistate Conservation Grant Program	($000)	3,009	3,012	0	0	+174	3,186	+174
Coastal Wetlands	($000)	17,173	17,644	0	0	+974	18,618	+974
Fishery Commissions	($000)	802	803	0	0	+47	850	+47
Sport Fishing & Boating Partnership Council	($000)	401	401	0	0	+24	425	+24
Subtotal	($000)	**422,056**	**433,561**	**0**	**0**	**+24,242**	**457,803**	**+24,242**
	FTE	***53***	***53***	***0***	***0***		***53***	
North American Wetlands	($000)	17,173	17,644	0	0	+974	18,618	+974
	FTE	*5*	*5*	*0*	*0*	0	*5*	*0*
TOTAL, Sport Fish	($000)	**439,229**	**451,205**	**0**	**0**	**+25,216**	**476,421**	**+25,216**
	FTE	***58***	***58***	***0***	***0***	**0**	***58***	***0***

The 2018 and 2019 amounts include sequestration in accordance with section 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C. 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

The Sport Fish Restoration Program provides Federal aid to State fish, wildlife, and boating agencies for the management and restoration of fish having material value in connection with sport or recreation. Since 1950, this stable source of funding has been critical to the recovery of many of the Nation's sport fish species, and has provided over $9 billion. The Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act programs have expanded over time through a series of Congressional actions and now encompass several grant programs that address increased conservation and recreation needs of States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and territorial governments. Partner agencies, within set program boundaries, determine the best use of these Federal funds to meet these needs. The various programs enhance the Nation's sport fish resources in both fresh and salt waters. They also provide funding for projects that improve and manage aquatic habitats, protect and conserve coastal wetlands, and provide important infrastructure for recreational boaters. Through administering these programs, the Service helps to create and maintain strong conservation stewardship by supporting local communities in sustainably utilizing natural resources.

Deyo Reservoir– a community driven project for anglers, boaters, and outdoor recreationists. Photo credit: Idaho Department of Fish and Game

The economic impacts of boating and sport fishing in the United States are considerable. According to the *2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation,* 35.8 million people participated in fishing and generated over $46.1 billion in retail sales. According to the American Sportfishing Association's 2018 report *Sportfishing in America: An Economic Force for Conservation*, anglers supported over 800,000 jobs in 2016.

The Sport Fish Restoration Program funds many important projects across the United States. For example, the program has improved fishing and boating access opportunities on Devo Reservoir in Idaho and provided more boat access and facilities for the Big Bend area on the Colorado River in Nevada, as well as provided enhanced sportfish opportunities (and the local economy) for Guadalupe Bass in The Hill Country, Texas. In addition, advances from program funding include development of a revolutionary new app that will allow recreational boaters to find operational pump out stations. Research activities include building knowledge about recreationally important coastal and estuarine fishes including snook, red drum, and red snapper in Florida as well as monitoring the health of Walleye populations to benefit anglers and local businesses in the Ceded Territory of Wisconsin. Outreach activities include support for aquatic education programs including ice fishing, fly tying, kayak fishing, fly-fishing, and basic fishing for kids and families in New Hampshire. The Sportfish program also supports raising and stocking approximately 3 million sport fish per year by supporting operations and maintenance at 11 fish hatcheries in West Virginia.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act programs is $476,421,000 and 58 FTE. The estimate is based on current law projections provided by the Department of the Treasury's Office of Tax Analysis.

Table 1

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF DINGELL-JOHNSON
SPORT FISH RESTORATION FUNDS

STATE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
ALABAMA	$6,146,495	$6,180,946	$6,684,091
ALASKA	$17,595,869	$17,694,493	$19,120,900
AMERICAN SAMOA	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
ARIZONA	$7,310,431	$7,351,405	$7,761,107
ARKANSAS	$5,332,944	$5,362,835	$5,813,375
CALIFORNIA	$16,687,017	$16,780,547	$17,929,359
COLORADO	$9,009,283	$9,059,780	$9,946,036
CONNECTICUT	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
DELAWARE	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
FLORIDA	$12,167,291	$12,235,487	$13,301,729
GEORGIA	$7,790,928	$7,834,595	$8,757,869
GUAM	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
HAWAII	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
IDAHO	$6,356,717	$6,392,346	$6,992,859
ILLINOIS	$6,678,118	$6,715,549	$7,157,062
INDIANA	$4,660,915	$4,687,039	$4,967,465
IOWA	$4,566,470	$4,592,064	$4,909,700
KANSAS	$5,021,082	$5,049,224	$5,409,923
KENTUCKY	$5,314,709	$5,344,498	$5,639,364
LOUISIANA	$6,820,988	$6,859,219	$7,529,977
MAINE	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
MARYLAND	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
MASSACHUSETTS	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
MICHIGAN	$10,694,454	$10,754,396	$11,618,003
MINNESOTA	$12,516,355	$12,586,508	$13,581,406
MISSISSIPPI	$3,996,986	$4,019,389	$4,357,237
MISSOURI	$7,885,443	$7,929,640	$8,325,869
MONTANA	$8,550,906	$8,598,833	$9,405,457
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
NEBRASKA	$4,448,888	$4,473,824	$4,874,104
NEVADA	$5,047,741	$5,076,033	$5,399,112
NEW HAMPSHIRE	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
NEW JERSEY	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
NEW MEXICO	$6,156,125	$6,190,630	$6,791,989
NEW YORK	$7,832,921	$7,876,824	$8,496,222
NORTH CAROLINA	$10,313,854	$10,371,663	$11,242,669

STATE	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
NORTH DAKOTA	$4,138,620	$4,161,816	$4,487,444
OHIO	$7,076,842	$7,116,507	$7,481,968
OKLAHOMA	$7,179,528	$7,219,768	$8,403,233
OREGON	$7,913,820	$7,958,177	$8,489,601
PENNSYLVANIA	$8,523,176	$8,570,948	$9,317,674
PUERTO RICO	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
RHODE ISLAND	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
SOUTH CAROLINA	$5,020,641	$5,048,782	$5,313,517
SOUTH DAKOTA	$4,479,021	$4,504,125	$4,879,523
TENNESSEE	$7,560,698	$7,603,075	$8,094,605
TEXAS	$17,595,869	$17,694,493	$19,120,900
UTAH	$6,428,959	$6,464,993	$6,958,556
VERMONT	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
VIRGIN ISLANDS	$1,173,058	$1,179,633	$1,274,727
VIRGINIA	$5,144,344	$5,173,178	$5,660,343
WASHINGTON	$7,159,364	$7,199,491	$7,724,469
WEST VIRGINIA	$3,519,174	$3,538,899	$3,824,180
WISCONSIN	$11,430,383	$11,494,449	$12,413,227
WYOMING	$5,267,811	$5,297,337	$5,796,261
TOTAL	**$351,917,385**	**$353,889,852**	**$382,418,000**

Table 2

FY 2018 Clean Vessel Act Grant Program Awards

State	Coastal/Inland	Federal Share
Alabama	Coastal	$ 197,587.00
Alabama	Inland	$ 68,274.00
Arkansas	Inland	$ 867,454.00
California	Coastal	$ 851,213.00
California	Inland	$ 1,342,500.00
Connecticut	Coastal	$ 1,396,384.00
Connecticut	Inland	$ 52,196.00
Florida	Coastal	$ 1,314,655.00
Florida	Inland	$ 502,109.00
Georgia	Inland	$ 82,281.00
Idaho	Inland	$ 30,000.00
Maine	Coastal	$ 405,280.00
Massachusetts	Coastal	$ 788,903.00
Michigan	Coastal	$ 266,864.00
Michigan	Inland	$ 48,000.00
New Hampshire	Coastal	$ 110,403.00
New Hampshire	Inland	$ 51,718.00
North Carolina	Coastal	$ 115,641.00
North Carolina	Inland	$ 52,132.00
Ohio	Coastal	$ 383,631.00
Ohio	Inland	$ 9,601.00
Oregon	Coastal	$ 646,179.00
Oregon	Inland	$ 805,959.00
South Carolina	Coastal	$ 901,464.00
South Carolina	Inland	$ 484,931.00
Tennessee	Inland	$ 392,539.00
Vermont	Inland	$ 97,966.00
Virginia	Coastal	$ 322,190.00
Virginia	Inland	$ 93,907.00
Washington	Coastal	$ 1,458,446.00
Washington	Inland	$ 1,075,319.00
Wisconsin	Coastal	$ 175,841.00
Wisconsin	Inland	$ 50,000.00
	Total	**$ 15,441,567.00**

Table 3

FY 2018 Boating Infrastructure Grant Program – Tier 1 Awards

State/Territory	Federal Share
Alabama	$ 170,133
California	$ 197,000
Connecticut	$ 200,000
Georgia	$ 198,484
Idaho	$ 200,000
Kentucky	$ 135,000
Louisiana	$ 200,000
Maine	$ 36,992
Massachusetts	$ 195,668
Michigan	$ 200,000
Mississippi	$ 200,000
Missouri	$ 200,000
New Jersey	$ 200,000
New York	$ 191,490
Oregon	$ 100,000
Rhode Island	$ 199,913
South Carolina	$ 200,000
Tennessee	$ 200,000
Vermont	$ 173,000
Virginia	$ 151,454
Washington	$ 200,000
Wisconsin	$ 200,000
Wyoming	$ 200,000
Total	**$ 4,149,134**

Table 4

FY 2018 Boating Infrastructure Grant Program – Tier 2 Awards

State	Project Title	Federal Share
California	City of West Sacramento Raley's Dock	$ 1,500,000
Florida	City of Fernandina Beach	$ 1,500,000
Florida	Marco River	$ 591,648
Illinois	Navy Pier	$ 1,500,000
New Jersey	Kammerman's Marina	$ 1,025,976
Rhode Island	New England Boatworks	$ 933,117
South Carolina	Charleston City Marina	$ 444,800
South Carolina	Charleston Waterfront	$ 586,108
South Carolina	Skull Creek Marina	$ 1,283,749
Virginia	Rappahannock Yachts	$ 406,742
Total		**$ 9,772,141**

Table 5

FY 2018 National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program Awards

State	Project Name	Federal Share
NC	Hubbard-Pinkerton Wetland Protection	$ 1,000,000.00
OR	Columbia River Estuary - South Tongue Point	$ 1,000,000.00
NC	Waccamaw Campbell Acquisition	$ 1,000,000.00
CA	Elk River Estuary Restoration	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Leque Island Estuary Restoration Project	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Lower Dungeness Floodplain Restoration	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Guemes Island Coastal Protection	$ 1,000,000.00
NJ	Cohansey River and Bayshore Wetlands	$ 674,489.00
AK	Iliamna Islands Conservation Easements	$ 650,000.00
WA	Barnum Point Phase 2	$ 1,000,000.00
WA	Big Beef Creek Estuary Acquisition	$ 1,000,000.00
GA	Little Cumberland Island Living Shoreline	$ 275,881.00
WA	Elwha River Delta Acquisition and Restoration	$ 1,000,000.00
CA	Bolinas Lagoon North End Restoration Phase 1	$ 814,590.00
OR	Winter Lake Restoration and Planting Project	$ 1,000,000.00
SC	Santee Coastal Preserve	$ 1,000,000.00
OH	Bay Point Preservation Project	$ 249,000.00
DE	Thousand Acre Marsh Wetland Protection - Selby Property	$ 900,000.00
HI	Alekoko Coastal Wetland Restoration	$ 999,731.00
TX	Follets Island Conservation Initiative-Pauls II Tract Phase	$ 735,500.00
HI	Kanaha Pond Sanctuary Restoration and Protection	$ 999,750.00
ME	Woodward Point Wetlands Conservation Project	$ 569,170.00
	Total	**$ 18,868,111.00**

Table 6

FY 2018 North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant Awards

Project Type	Number of Projects	NAWCA Grant	Matching Amount	Total Partner Amount	Total Acres
Canada Standard Grant	9	$18,723,302	$18,723,302	$18,723,302	29,083
Mexico Standard Grant	8	$2,280,779	$6,215,092	$6,215,092	24,581
U.S. Small Grant	38	$3,664,308	$10,967,071	$10,967,071	22,702
U.S. Standard Grant	39	$39,352,024	$91,584,623	$91,584,623	176,822
TOTAL	**94**	**$64,020,413**	**$127,490,088**	**$127,490,088**	**253,188**

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration

PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE RESTORATION

Appropriations Language

The Wildlife Restoration Account does not require appropriations language because there is permanent authority, established September 6, 1950 (64 Stat. 693), to use the receipts in the account in the fiscal year following their collection.

Authorizing Statutes

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, now referred to as *The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act,* as amended (16 U.S.C. 669-669k) provides Federal assistance to the 50 States, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (States) for projects to restore, enhance, and manage wildlife resources, and to conduct State hunter education programs. The Act authorizes the collection of receipts for permanent, indefinite appropriation to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for use in the fiscal year following collection. Funds not used by the States within two years revert to the Service for carrying out the provisions of the *Migratory Bird Conservation Act*. The *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act* also requires the Secretary of the Treasury to invest the portion of the fund not required for current year spending in interest-bearing obligations. The interest must be used for the *North American Wetlands Conservations Act*.

The Appropriations Act of August 31, 1951 (P.L. 82-136, 64 Stat. 693*)* authorizes receipts from excise taxes on selected hunting and sporting equipment to be deposited in the Wildlife Restoration Account as a permanent, indefinite appropriation. Receipts and interest distributed to the Wildlife Restoration Account are made available for use by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the fiscal year following collection.

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-408) amends the *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act* and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant Program for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects identified as priority projects by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. These high priority projects address problems affecting States on a regional or national basis. It also authorizes a Bow Hunter Education and Safety Program that provides grants to States.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 4407) amends the *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act* and requires the Secretary of the Treasury to invest the portion of the Wildlife Restoration Account not required for current year spending in interest-bearing obligations to be available for States to implement wetlands conservation projects.

Appropriation: Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Payments to States	($000)	789,035	663,371	0	0	+98,323	761,694	+98,323
Hunter Education & Safety Grants	($000)	8,024	8,032	0	0	+464	8,496	+464
Multistate Conservation Grants	($000)	3,009	3,012	0	0	+174	3,186	+174
Administration	($000)	11,211	11,480	0	0	+945	12,425	+945
Subtotal ($000)	($000)	**811,279**	**685,895**	**0**	**0**	**+99,906**	**785,801**	**+99,906**
	FTE	***50***	***50***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***50***	***0***
Interest – NAWCF	($000)	17,810	43,442	0	0	+4,348	47,790	+4,348
TOTAL, Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration	($000)	**829,089**	**729,337**	**0**	**0**	**+104,254**	**833,591**	**+104,254**
	FTE	***50***	***50***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***50***	***0***

The 2018 and 2019 amounts include sequestration in accordance with section 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C. 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

In 1937, Congress passed the *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act,* authorizing the appropriation of funds from an excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition to the Secretary of the Interior for apportionment to States on a formula basis. The accompanying Service-administered grant programs, including the Section 4(c) Hunter Education and Safety Program (Basic Hunter Education) and the Section 10 Enhanced Firearm and Bow Hunter Education and Safety Program (Enhanced Hunter Education), are key components of the Nation's cooperative conservation efforts for wildlife and their habitats. Through administering these programs, the Service helps to create and maintain strong conservation stewardship, supporting local communities in sustainably using their natural resources. Since 1937, the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Program has contributed $11.5 billion to restore, conserve, manage, and enhance wild bird and mammal populations, acquire and manage wildlife habitats, provide public uses that benefit from wildlife resources, educate hunters on conservation ethics and safety, and construct, operate, and manage recreational firearm shooting and archery ranges.

Black bears in North Carolina Credit:: LeAnne Bonner, USFWS

The economic impacts of hunting and recreational shooting in the United States are considerable. The Service's *2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation* estimates the total number of hunters in the United States to be 11.5 million, and total hunting expenditures to be $26.2 billion. An estimated 32 million people went target shooting with firearms annually, and 12.4 million engaged in archery activities. According to the 2018 National Shooting Sports Foundation's report, *Hunting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation*, hunter spending generates $185 million per day for the United States economy, and supports as many as 525,000 jobs. The 2018 National Shooting Sports Foundation's report, *Target Shooting in America: An Economic Force for Conservation,* reports that target shooters spent $16.9 billion in 2016 on equipment and travel, and supported 329,000 jobs.

The Wildlife Restoration Program funds many important projects across the United States. Important research funded includes black bear research in North Carolina; mountain lion population assessments and conservation in California; large-scale moose herd research in Colorado; comprehensive assessments of oil and gas development on mule deer populations in western North Dakota; the study of chronic wasting disease in deer populations in Wisconsin; and a wildlife health and genetics laboratory in Idaho. Funds were also provided for many other projects including a recreational shooting park in Florida and wildlife overpasses in Nevada to prevent accidents and protect human safety.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Program is $796,421,000 and 50 FTE. The estimate is based on current law projections provided by the Department of the Treasury's Office of Tax Analysis.

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ESTIMATED APPORTIONMENT OF PITTMAN-ROBERTSON
WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

	WILDLIFE	HUNTER EDUCATION		
	FUNDS-5220	SEC 4(c) FUNDS-5210	ENHANCED FUNDS-5230	
STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
ALABAMA	$16,579,755	$3,608,384	$181,554	$20,369,693
ALASKA	$33,378,000	$1,590,000	$80,000	$35,048,000
AMERICAN SAMOA	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
ARIZONA	$18,517,400	$4,770,000	$240,000	$23,527,400
ARKANSAS	$12,484,365	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,154,365
CALIFORNIA	$22,352,951	$4,770,000	$240,000	$27,362,951
COLORADO	$16,781,231	$3,796,709	$191,029	$20,768,970
CONNECTICUT	$3,337,800	$2,698,206	$135,759	$6,171,765
DELAWARE	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	$0	$0	$0	$0
FLORIDA	$10,041,003	$4,770,000	$240,000	$15,051,003
GEORGIA	$18,798,703	$4,770,000	$240,000	$23,808,703
GUAM	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
HAWAII	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
IDAHO	$14,307,782	$1,590,000	$80,000	$15,977,782
ILLINOIS	$12,285,048	$4,770,000	$240,000	$17,295,048
INDIANA	$9,297,104	$4,770,000	$240,000	$14,307,104

STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
IOWA	$10,791,536	$1,590,000	$80,000	$12,461,536
KANSAS	$13,600,379	$1,590,000	$80,000	$15,270,379
KENTUCKY	$11,413,490	$3,275,934	$164,827	$14,854,251
LOUISIANA	$13,027,819	$3,422,395	$172,196	$16,622,410
MAINE	$6,842,123	$1,590,000	$80,000	$8,512,123
MARYLAND	$3,613,028	$4,358,649	$219,303	$8,190,980
MASSACHUSETTS	$3,337,800	$4,770,000	$240,000	$8,347,800
MICHIGAN	$20,793,652	$4,770,000	$240,000	$25,803,652
MINNESOTA	$20,317,160	$4,004,112	$201,465	$24,522,736
MISSISSIPPI	$11,064,616	$1,590,000	$80,000	$12,734,616
MISSOURI	$17,454,995	$4,521,243	$227,484	$22,203,722
MONTANA	$20,261,194	$1,590,000	$80,000	$21,931,194
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
NEBRASKA	$11,653,317	$1,590,000	$80,000	$13,323,317
NEVADA	$12,932,397	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,602,397
NEW HAMPSHIRE	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
NEW JERSEY	$3,337,800	$4,770,000	$240,000	$8,347,800
NEW MEXICO	$14,812,728	$1,590,000	$80,000	$16,482,728
NEW YORK	$16,800,805	$4,770,000	$240,000	$21,810,805
NORTH CAROLINA	$17,187,101	$4,770,000	$240,000	$22,197,101
NORTH DAKOTA	$10,241,093	$1,590,000	$80,000	$11,911,093
OHIO	$12,354,310	$4,770,000	$240,000	$17,364,310
OKLAHOMA	$16,081,917	$2,832,021	$142,492	$19,056,430
OREGON	$15,490,259	$2,892,207	$145,520	$18,527,986
PENNSYLVANIA	$24,789,198	$4,770,000	$240,000	$29,799,198
PUERTO RICO	$3,337,800	$265,000	$13,333	$3,616,133
RHODE ISLAND	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800
SOUTH CAROLINA	$7,580,914	$3,491,843	$175,690	$11,248,448
SOUTH DAKOTA	$12,605,231	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,275,231
TENNESSEE	$19,012,492	$4,770,000	$240,000	$24,022,492
TEXAS	$33,378,000	$4,770,000	$240,000	$38,388,000
UTAH	$13,475,617	$1,590,000	$80,000	$15,145,617
VERMONT	$3,337,800	$1,590,000	$80,000	$5,007,800

STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
VIRGIN ISLANDS	$1,112,600	$265,000	$13,333	$1,390,933
VIRGINIA	$9,888,737	$4,770,000	$240,000	$14,898,737
WASHINGTON	$10,822,836	$4,770,000	$240,000	$15,832,836
WEST VIRGINIA	$7,011,993	$1,590,000	$80,000	$8,681,993
WISCONSIN	$20,139,717	$4,293,297	$216,015	$24,649,029
WYOMING	$12,807,402	$1,590,000	$80,000	$14,477,402
TOTAL	**$667,560,000**	**$159,000,000**	**$8,000,000**	**$834,560,000**

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	WILDLIFE	HUNTER EDUCATION		
	FUNDS-5220	SEC 4(c) FUNDS-5210	ENHANCED FUNDS-5230	
STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
ALABAMA	$15,093,684	$3,404,136	$192,810	$18,690,630
ALASKA	$30,584,700	$1,500,000	$84,960	$32,169,660
AMERICAN SAMOA	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
ARIZONA	$16,561,107	$4,500,000	$254,880	$21,315,987
ARKANSAS	$11,136,309	$1,500,000	$84,960	$12,721,269
CALIFORNIA	$20,382,867	$4,500,000	$254,880	$25,137,747
COLORADO	$15,412,255	$3,581,801	$202,873	$19,196,929
CONNECTICUT	$3,058,470	$2,545,478	$144,176	$5,748,124
DELAWARE	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	$0	$0	$0	$0
FLORIDA	$9,135,821	$4,500,000	$254,880	$13,890,701
GEORGIA	$17,710,682	$4,500,000	$254,880	$22,465,562
GUAM	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
HAWAII	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
IDAHO	$13,311,368	$1,500,000	$84,960	$14,896,328
ILLINOIS	$11,058,508	$4,500,000	$254,880	$15,813,388
INDIANA	$8,415,514	$4,500,000	$254,880	$13,170,394
IOWA	$9,519,177	$1,500,000	$84,960	$11,104,137
KANSAS	$12,529,421	$1,500,000	$84,960	$14,114,381
KENTUCKY	$10,392,668	$3,090,504	$175,046	$13,658,218

STATE	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.611	CFDA: 15.626	TOTAL
LOUISIANA	$11,956,043	$3,228,675	$182,872	$15,367,590
MAINE	$6,194,975	$1,500,000	$84,960	$7,779,935
MARYLAND	$3,230,688	$4,111,933	$232,900	$7,575,521
MASSACHUSETTS	$3,058,470	$4,500,000	$254,880	$7,813,350
MICHIGAN	$18,677,164	$4,500,000	$254,880	$23,432,044
MINNESOTA	$18,595,102	$3,777,464	$213,956	$22,586,522
MISSISSIPPI	$10,122,186	$1,500,000	$84,960	$11,707,146
MISSOURI	$15,898,538	$4,265,323	$241,588	$20,405,449
MONTANA	$18,765,030	$1,500,000	$84,960	$20,349,990
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
NEBRASKA	$10,792,283	$1,500,000	$84,960	$12,377,243
NEVADA	$11,855,396	$1,500,000	$84,960	$13,440,356
NEW HAMPSHIRE	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
NEW JERSEY	$3,058,470	$4,500,000	$254,880	$7,813,350
NEW MEXICO	$13,624,389	$1,500,000	$84,960	$15,209,349
NEW YORK	$15,422,463	$4,500,000	$254,880	$20,177,343
NORTH CAROLINA	$15,887,188	$4,500,000	$254,880	$20,642,068
NORTH DAKOTA	$9,387,344	$1,500,000	$84,960	$10,972,304
OHIO	$11,182,420	$4,500,000	$254,880	$15,937,300
OKLAHOMA	$16,497,071	$2,671,718	$151,326	$19,320,115
OREGON	$14,189,935	$2,728,496	$154,542	$17,072,973
PENNSYLVANIA	$22,401,669	$4,500,000	$254,880	$27,156,549
PUERTO RICO	$3,058,470	$250,000	$14,160	$3,322,630
RHODE ISLAND	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
SOUTH CAROLINA	$6,874,068	$3,294,192	$186,583	$10,354,843
SOUTH DAKOTA	$11,698,845	$1,500,000	$84,960	$13,283,805
TENNESSEE	$17,006,095	$4,500,000	$254,880	$21,760,975
TEXAS	$30,584,700	$4,500,000	$254,880	$35,339,580
UTAH	$12,507,256	$1,500,000	$84,960	$14,092,216
VERMONT	$3,058,470	$1,500,000	$84,960	$4,643,430
VIRGIN ISLANDS	$1,019,490	$250,000	$14,160	$1,283,650
VIRGINIA	$9,013,053	$4,500,000	$254,880	$13,767,933
WASHINGTON	$9,914,015	$4,500,000	$254,880	$14,668,895
WEST VIRGINIA	$6,339,325	$1,500,000	$84,960	$7,924,285
WISCONSIN	$18,454,344	$4,050,280	$229,408	$22,734,032
WYOMING	$11,774,144	$1,500,000	$84,960	$13,359,104
TOTAL	**$611,694,000**	**$150,000,000**	**$8,496,000**	**$770,190,000**

Migratory Bird Conservation Account

Appropriations Language

This activity does not require appropriations language, except for advances, which are not requested, as there is permanent authority as provided in the 81st Congress, Second Session—Chapter 896, Interior Appropriations Act, 1951, September 6, 1951 (64 Stat. 697) to use the receipts.

Authorizing Statutes

The Migratory Bird Conservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 715-715d, 715e, 715f-715r), established the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) to approve migratory bird areas that the Secretary of the Interior recommends for acquisition. The Act also authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire MBCC-approved migratory bird areas.

The Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 718a-718k), requires all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older to possess a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, commonly known as a Duck Stamp, while waterfowl hunting. Funds from the sale of Duck Stamps are deposited in a special treasury account known as the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF) established by this Act. The Act also authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to use funds from the MBCF to acquire waterfowl production areas. The 2014 amendment to the Act (Pub. L. 113-264) increased the price of the Federal Duck Stamp from $15 to $25, with the $10 increase dedicated to the acquisition of conservation easements.

The Wetlands Loan Act, (16 U.S.C. 715k-3 - 715k-5), authorizes the appropriation of advances (not to exceed $200 million, available until expended) to accelerate acquisition of migratory waterfowl habitat, and requires the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Service Director, to obtain the approval of the State's Governor or the appropriate State agency to acquire land in the State with MBCF monies. To date, $197,439,000 has been appropriated under this authority. Funds appropriated under the Wetlands Loan Act are merged with receipts from sales of Duck Stamps and other sources and made available for acquisition of migratory bird habitat under provisions of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act, as amended, or the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, as amended.

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee), requires payment of fair market value for any right-of-way granted over, across, through, or under National Wildlife Refuge System lands. These payments are deposited into the MBCF.

The Emergency Wetlands Resources Act, as amended (P. L. 99-645; 100 Stat. 3582), provides for: (1) an amount equal to the amount of all import duties collected on arms and ammunition to be paid quarterly into the MBCF, and (2) removal of the repayment provision of the Wetlands Loan Act (P. L. 87-383).

Appropriation: Migratory Bird Conservation Account

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Land Acquisition: Fee, Easements, and Leases	($000)	80,812	75,091	0	0	+3,959	79,050	+3,959
U.S. Postal Service Duck Stamp Printing and Sales Costs	($000)	518	600	0	0	0	600	0
Total, Migratory Bird Conservation Account	**($000)**	**81,330**	**75,691**	**0**	**0**	**+3,959**	**79,650**	**+3,959**
	FTE	***67***	***67***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***67***	***0***

*The amounts presented in 2018 and 2019 include sequestration in accordance with section 251(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, 2 U.S.C. 901(a). In addition, the amounts in 2018 and 2019 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Overview

The Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF) supports America's conservation legacy and its tradition of migratory bird hunting. The MBCF is a sportsmen and waterfowl enthusiast-funded account that provides the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with monies to acquire important waterfowl habitat for the National Wildlife Refuge System under the authority of the *Migratory Bird Conservation Act* and the *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act*.

The *Migratory Bird Conservation Act* established the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC), which oversees MBCF expenditures. The MBCC is chaired by the Secretary and includes four members of Congress. Over its 80-year history, the MBCC has approved acquisition of key wetland habitats to sustain migratory bird populations, while establishing or enhancing many of our Nation's most popular destinations for public waterfowl hunting and bird watching. Since 1935, the MBCC has approved proposals to establish or expand more than 240 national wildlife refuges using the MBCF. These national wildlife refuges now account for 75% of all public refuge visits for waterfowl and migratory bird hunting and 52% of all public refuge visits for fishing. By protecting more wetlands, these refuges also improve water quality and groundwater recharge, and moderate flooding events.

All proposed MBCF land acquisitions for national wildlife refuges must be approved by the MBCC, and the MBCC only considers such proposals in a State after:

- The State's legislature has consented by law to acquisition by the United States (16 U.S.C. 715f);
- The Secretary, acting through the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has consulted with the affected county or other unit of local government and with the State's Governor or the appropriate State agency, about the proposed land acquisition (16 U.S.C. 715c); and
- The State's Governor or his/her designee has approved the acquisition (16 U.S.C. 715k-5).

Additionally, the State official that administers the State's game laws, or his/her representative, serves as an ex officio member of the MBCC and considers and votes on all proposed acquisitions in their State.

There are two major sources of funds deposited into the MBCF account. The best-known source is the revenue received from the sale of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps, commonly known as Duck Stamps, as provided for under the *Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act*. In accordance with the *Federal Duck Stamp Act of 2014*, all amounts in excess of $15 received from the sale of each Duck Stamp can be used only for conservation easement acquisition. The other major funding source is import duties collected on arms and ammunition, as provided for under the *Emergency Wetlands*

Resources Act. The MBCF is further supplemented by payments for rights-of-way granted across refuge lands, and any proceeds from refuge land disposals. State-reverted funds in the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration account are also used for MBCF purposes.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund is $79,650,000 and 67 FTE.

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Recreation Fee Program

Appropriations Language

The 2019 budget proposed to permanently reauthorize the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, which expires in September 2019. As a precaution, the budget also proposed appropriations language to provide a two-year extension of FLREA through September 2021.

Authorizing Statutes

Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6801-6814). The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) provides the authority to establish, modify, charge, and collect recreation fees at Federal recreation land and waters. The Act seeks to improve recreational facilities and visitor opportunities and services on Federal recreational lands by reinvesting receipts from fair and consistent recreational fees and pass sales. The 2019 budget proposed legislation to permanently authorize the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, which will expire on September 30, 2019. Permanent authorization of FLREA will further the Secretary's priority of generating additional revenues to support DOI and National interests by ensuring that recreation fees collected on national wildlife refuges are reasonable and targeted to achieve cost recovery.

These specified allowable purposes include terms that are broad and have commonly understood, or ordinary, meanings. They include:

- Repair: Which generally means to fix or mend a thing suffering from damage or a fault; make good by fixing or repairing it; put right;
- Maintenance: Which generally means the process of maintaining or preserving someone or something, or the state of being maintained; the process of keeping something in good condition;
- Facility Enhancement (related directly to visitor enjoyment): This is generally understood to be an intensification, increase, or further improvement of the quality or value of a facility;
- Visitor Access: Which generally means approaching or entering a place; the right or opportunity to use or benefit from something; the condition of being able to be reached or obtained;
- Health: Which generally means the state of being free from illness or injury;
- Safety: Which generally means the condition of being protected from or unlikely to cause danger, risk, or injury;
- Interpretation: Which is generally understood to be the action of explaining the meaning of something; an explanation or way of explaining;
- Visitor Information: Which is generally understood to be providing visitors with facts about something or someone related to the visit;
- Visitor Service: Which is generally understood to be the action of helping or doing work for someone; assistance or advice given to a visitor;
- Signs: Which is generally understood to mean a notice that is publicly displayed giving information or instructions in a written or symbolic form; and
- Law enforcement related to public use and recreation.

Appropriation: Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)*	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 Estimate (+/-)
Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program	($000)	7,505	5,104	0	+58	5,162	+58
	FTE	*30*	*30*	*0*	*0*	*30*	*0*

*The amount presented in 2018 and 2019 includes the sequestration in accordance with Sec. 251A of the BBDECA, 2 U.S.C 901a. In addition, the amounts in 2018, 2019, and 2020 include amounts previously sequestered, which are now available in accordance with said Act.

Program Mission

The intent of the Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program is to provide an additional revenue source for "repair, maintenance, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety; interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs; habitat restoration directly related to wildlife-dependent recreation that is limited to hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or photography; law enforcement related to public use and recreation; direct operating or capital costs associated with the Recreation Fee Program; and a fee management agreement established under section 6(a) or a visitor reservation service." [From FLREA, 16 U.S.C. 6803(c)].

Program Overview

The Recreation Fee Program, authorized through September 30, 2019, allows the collection of entrance, expanded amenity, and special recreation permit fees on Federal lands and waters managed by the Department of the Interior, such as National Wildlife Refuges. The Service returns at least 80 percent of the collections to the specific refuge site of collection to offset program costs and enhance visitor facilities and programs. The Service has more than 166 approved Recreation Fee Program sites. An additional 28 National Fish Hatchery, Ecological Service offices, or other refuge sites also sell the National Parks & Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass to improve pass availability for the public in certain regions. The Service's Recreation Fee Program expects to collect approximately $5,100,000 in FY 2019 and $5,162,000 in FY 2020 under FLREA authority.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for the Federal Lands Recreation Fee Program is $5,162,000 and 30 FTE.

Contributed Funds

Appropriations Language

Activities funded from this account do not require appropriation language since there is permanent authority to use the receipts.

Authorizing Statutes

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-668). This Act authorized the Secretary of the Interior to accept donations of land and contributed funds in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 743b-7421). This Act authorizes loans for commercial fishing vessels; investigations of fish and wildlife resources; and cooperation with other agencies. The Service is also authorized to accept donations of real and personal property. P.L. 105-242 amended this act to authorize cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer outreach and education programs. Funds contributed by partners from sales and gifts must be deposited in a separate account in the Department of the Treasury.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (16 U.S.C. 4601-1h). This Act authorizes donations of fund, property, and personal services or facilities for the purposes of the Act.

National Wildlife Refuge System Volunteer and Community Partnership Act (16 U.S.C. 742). Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

National Fish Hatchery System Volunteer Act (120 STAT 2058-2061). Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to promote the stewardship of resources through biological monitoring or research; to construct, operate, maintain, or improve hatchery facilities, habitat and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

Appropriation: Contributed Funds

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020				Change from 2019 (+/-)
				Fixed Costs (+/-)	Internal Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Contributed Funds	($000)	3,966	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	0
	FTE	*18*	*18*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*18*	*0*

Program Overview

The Service accepts unsolicited contributions from other governments, private organizations, and individuals. Once collected, the funds are used to support a variety of fish and wildlife conservation projects that contribute to fulfillment of DOI goals and the Service's mission.

Contributions are difficult to accurately forecast due to external events. In recent years, annual contributions have ranged from approximately $3.7 million in FY 2014 to $5.0 million in FY 2017.

Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for Contributed Funds is $5,000,000 and 18 FTE.

Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations

Appropriations Language

Activities funded from these mandatory spending accounts do not require appropriation language since they were authorized in previous years.

Authorizing Statutes

Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, as amended, (P.L. 98-473, section 320; 98 Stat. 1874). Provides that all rents and charges collected for quarters of agencies funded by the Act shall be deposited and remain available until expended for the maintenance and operation of quarters of that agency.

Flood Control Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 460d). Provides that receipts collected from the sales of timber and crops produced on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land leased by another Federal agency for natural resources conservation may be used to cover expenses of producing these products and for managing the land for natural resource purposes.

Truckee-Carson Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act, (P.L. 101-618, section 206(f)), as amended by Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 1998, (P.L. 105-83). Authorizes certain revenues and donations from non-federal entities to be deposited into the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund to support restoration and enhancement of wetlands in the Lahontan Valley and to restore and protect the Pyramid Lake fishery, including the recovery of two endangered or threatened species of fish. Payments to the Bureau of Reclamation for storage in Northern Nevada's Washoe Project that exceed the operation and maintenance costs of Stampede Reservoir are deposited into the Fund and are available without further appropriation, starting in FY 1996. Beginning in FY 1998, P.L. 105-83 provides that receipts from the sales of certain lands by the Secretary of the Interior are to be deposited into the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund.

Commercial Filming Fee, (P.L. 113-287). This law authorizes a fee system for commercial filming activities on Federal land and to use the fees for expenditure by the Secretary, without further appropriation.

Community Partnership Enhancement Act of 1998, (16 U.S.C.742f). This act authorizes the cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer outreach and education programs.

Appropriation: Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations

		2018 Actual	2019 Estimate	2020 Fixed Costs (+/-)	2020 Internal Transfers (+/-)	2020 Program Changes (+/-)	2020 Budget Request	Change from 2019 (+/-)
Operations and Maintenance of Quarters	($000)	3,364	3,300	0	0	+50	3,350	0
	FTE	*3*	*3*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*3*	*0*
Proceeds from Sales	($000)	168	225	0	0	+25	250	0
	FTE	*1*	*1*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*1*	*0*
Lahontan Valley & Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund	($000)	176	425	0	0	0	425	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Film and Photography Fee Program	($000)	0	75	0	0	0	75	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Community Partnership Enhancement	($000)	154	100	0	0	0	100	0
	FTE	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Total, Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations	**($000)**	**3,862**	**4,125**	**0**	**0**	**+75**	**4,200**	**0**
	FTE	***4***	***4***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***4***	***0***

Program Overview

Operations and Maintenance of Quarters

The Operations and Maintenance of Quarters (Quarters) Account uses receipts from the rental of Service quarters to pay for maintenance and operation of those quarters. Certain circumstances, including a lack of off-site residences and site isolation, require Service personnel to occupy government-owned quarters. Such work includes protecting fish hatchery stock (e.g. maintaining water flow to fish rearing ponds during freezing temperatures), monitoring water management facilities, ensuring the health and welfare of visitors, responding to fires and floods, and protecting government property.

Proceeds From Sales, Water Resources Development Projects

As described in 16 U.S.C. 460(d), receipts collected from the sale of timber and crops from Refuge System lands leased or licensed from the Department of the Army may be used to pay the costs of production of the timber and crops and for managing wildlife habitat. Twenty-three National Wildlife Refuges were established as overlay projects on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land, and they are administered in accordance with cooperative agreements. The agreements provide that timber and grain may be harvested and sold with the receipts returned for development, conservation, maintenance, and utilization of such lands. The Service has used these funds in the past for soil amendments; road construction and repairs; and ditch and fence construction and maintenance. These expenses cannot exceed the receipt amounts deposited as proceeds from sales.

Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund

Pursuant to the Truckee-Carson Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990, the Lahontan Valley and Pyramid Lake Fish and Wildlife Fund receives revenues and donations from non-Federal parties to support the restoration and enhancement of wetlands in the Lahontan Valley and to restore and protect the Pyramid Lake fishery. Payments received from the Bureau of Reclamation's Washoe and Truckee Storage Projects in excess of operation and maintenance costs for Stampede Reservoir are available without further

appropriation. Donations made for express purposes and State cost-sharing funds are available without further appropriation. The Secretary is also authorized to deposit proceeds from the sale of certain lands, interests in lands, and water rights into the Fund.

Film and Photography Fee Program
Congress provided authority for the Service to require permits and establish reasonable fees for commercial filming activities and certain still photography activities under Service jurisdiction. It requires all four bureaus involved—the Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service—to develop and implement a consistent fee schedule. To date, the four bureaus have revised the draft fee schedule after a public comment period, and the final fee schedule has not yet been published. Once the Service is able to charge and collect these fees, all costs recovered under this Act shall be available for expenditures by the Secretary, without further appropriation, at the site where collected, and shall remain available until expended.

Community Partnership Enhancement
The Community Partnership fund was established to encourage volunteer programs, donations, and other contributions by persons or organizations for the benefit of a particular wildlife refuge or complex. The partnership between a refuge or complex and non-federal organizations may promote public awareness of the resources of the Refuge System and public participation in the conservation of resources. Partnerships may be in the form of a non-profit organization (as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code), academic institution, or State or local government agency to carry out projects or programs for a refuge or refuge complex.

Funds may be used to promote education and the conservation of fish, wildlife, plants, and cultural and historical resources on a refuge or refuge complex.

2020 Budget Estimate

The 2020 budget estimate for Miscellaneous Permanent Appropriations is $4,200,000 and 4 FTE.

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Administrative Provisions and Legislative Proposals

Legislative Proposals

Public Lands Infrastructure Fund

Interior manages an infrastructure asset portfolio with a replacement value exceeding $300 billion, ranging from elementary and secondary schools serving Indian children in the West, to highways and bridges serving the daily commuting needs of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Most well-known, are Interior's iconic and unique national treasures that have priceless historical significance. Many of these assets are deteriorating, with older assets becoming more expensive to repair and maintain in good condition.

Interior and Agriculture manage an infrastructure asset portfolio with over $18 billion in deferred maintenance, which includes structures, trails, roads, utility systems, and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools. To address these needs, the Budget includes $6.5 billion over 5 years for a Public Lands Infrastructure Fund. The Fund will support infrastructure improvements through an allocation of 70 percent for national parks, 10 percent for national forests, 10 percent for wildlife refuges, five percent for BIE schools, and five percent for lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The Fund will be supported by the deposit of 50 percent of all Federal energy development revenue that would otherwise be credited or deposited as miscellaneous receipts to the Treasury over the 2020–2024 period, subject to an annual limit of $1.3 billion. Interior and Agriculture would prioritize projects, monitor implementation, and measure results. This investment will significantly improve many of America's most visible, visited, and treasured places.

Expiring Authorization Citation

Bureau/Office Name	Fish and Wildlife Service
Program Name	Land Acquisition
Citation	16 USC 2801-2810; 94 Stat. 1198
Title of Legislation	Land and Water Conservation Fund
Last Year of Authorization	2018
Appropriation in Last Year of Authorization ($000)	$63,839,000
BY Budget Request ($000)	$9,864,000
Explanation of Authorization Requirement for BY	None
Program Description	Authorizes appropriations to the Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire land for National Wildlife Refuges as otherwise authorized by law.

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Appendices

Section 403 Compliance

Purpose: To fulfill legislative requirements for disclosure of program assessments used to support Government-wide, departmental, or agency initiatives or general operations. H. R. 1625 / Public Law 115-141, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018:

> *SEC. 403. The amount and basis of estimated overhead charges, deductions, reserves or holdbacks, including working capital fund and cost pool charges, from programs, projects, activities and subactivities to support government-wide, departmental, agency, or bureau administrative functions or headquarters, regional, or central operations shall be presented in annual budget justifications and subject to approval by the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Changes to such estimates shall be presented to the Committees on Appropriations for approval.*

Pursuant to the *Section 403* directive, the Service fully discloses its administrative costs as follows:

REGIONAL COMMON PROGRAM SERVICES: Each region has reported on common program services (shared costs) and direct charges. A few examples of these services include facilities management, safety initiatives, and circumstances where programs pay for specific administrative services. As we transition to joint administrative operations under a Headquarters Assistant Director, these charges will become national charges.

NON-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT USER-PAY COST SHARE: Non-Resource Management Programs continue to pay annually for the administrative services they consume. The funding received from Non-Resource Management Programs supplements central, regional and Servicewide support operations. Specifically, the Non-Resource Management Programs pay for their actual use of communication services and Workers' Compensation. Other costs, such as Washington and Regional office administration and Service-wide costs, such as Unemployment Compensation are measured through FTE usage.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION: The Service has historically paid workers' compensation costs centrally through the Servicewide bill paying account. As a result, programs were not aware of the costs that result from employee injuries. Since FY 2015, workers' compensation costs have been charged to the applicable programs. The Service made this change to address an audit finding and provide incentive for programs to participate in the Department's Return to Work initiative.

ENTERPRISE-WIDE SERVICES: In order to provide the necessary level of funding for Enterprise-wide and Working Capital Fund Direct Bill services, the Service assesses its resource management programs for costs that can be directly tracked back to users. This includes software licenses, cell phone costs, personnel system costs, employee badges and the like.

RESERVES: The Service Director manages a deferred allocation fund of up to one-half of one percent of the current year Resource Management appropriation for each subactivity in excess of three million dollars. These management reserve funds are used for unanticipated requirements and are applied consistently with the original appropriation.

The Service strictly adheres to the policy that Congressional priorities must be funded in their entirety and are not subject to the deferred allocation or user-pay cost share.

Below shows administrative cost estimates for FYs 2019 and 2020:

	Fiscal Year 2019
External Administrative Costs	
WCF Centralized Billings	$23,253,700
WCF Direct Billings/Fee for Service	$17,086,100
Program Assessments	
Holdbacks, Reserves, and Deductions	$6,395,010
Bureau Administrative Costs/Central and Regional Operations	
Regional Common Program Services	$26,000,000
Non-Resource Management User-Pay Cost Share	$9,157,807
Workers' Compensation	$832,000
Enterprise-Wide Services	$23,000,000
One-Time Security and IT Investments	$2,856,700

	Fiscal Year 2020
External Administrative Costs	
WCF Centralized Billings	$24,960,600
WCF Direct Billings/Fee for Service	$17,135,100
Program Assessments	
Holdbacks, Reserves, and Deductions	$6,285,805
Bureau Administrative Costs/Central and Regional Operations	
Regional Common Program Services	$27,000,000
Non-Resource Management User-Pay Cost Share	$9,249,385
Workers' Compensation	$627,000
Enterprise-Wide Services	$23,000,000

Employee Count by Grade			
(Total Employment)			
	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Estimate	FY 2020 Estimate
Executive Level V ……	0	0	1
SES ……..……...	18	18	21
Subtotal ……..……	**18**	**18**	**22**
SL - 00 ……..……..	1	1	1
ST - 00 ……..……..	0	0	0
Subtotal ……..……	**1**	**1**	**1**
GS/GM -15 ……..……..	130	125	113
GS/GM -14 ……..…….	545	540	530
GS/GM -13 ……..…….	1,399	1,390	1,370
GS -12 ……..……...	1,697	1,690	1,675
GS -11 ……..……...	1,544	1,544	1,535
GS -10 ……..……...	8	8	8
GS - 9 ……..……	923	930	940
GS - 8 ……..……	113	113	105
GS - 7 ……..……	558	567	565
GS - 6 ……..……	193	190	190
GS - 5 ……..……	446	450	451
GS - 4 ……..……	163	165	165
GS - 3 ……..……	74	75	75
GS - 2 ……..……	10	10	15
GS - 1 ……..……	0	1	2
Subtotal ……..……	**7,803**	**7,798**	**7,739**
Other Pay Schedule Systems ……..……	685	648	644
**Total employment (actuals & estimates) ……..…….. **	**8,507**	**8,465**	**8,406**

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Allocations Received from Other Accounts

Department / Program	FY 2018 Actual		FY 2019 Estimate		FY 2020 Estimate	
	Budget Authority	Outlays	Budget Authority	Outlays	Budget Authority	Outlays
Department of Agriculture:						
Forest Pest Management 8550	0	77,134	0	27,770	0	0
Forest Pest Management 8874	157,000	15,000	200,000	187,100	200,000	200,000
Department of the Interior:						
Office of Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration						
Damage Assessment 8300	1,554,627	2,256,719	2,000,000	1,866,388	2,000,000	2,000,000
Restoration 9800	22,774,328	17,098,701	14,000,000	16,632,298	14,000,000	14,000,000
Office of Wildland Fire Coordination						
Wildland Fire Management	84,128,208	81,369,174	64,000,000	70,038,462	64,000,000	64,000,000
Disaster Relief - Hurricane Sandy	868,685	7,170,481	0	4,500,000	0	1,900,000
Bureau of Land Management						
Central Hazardous Materials Fund	3,007,653	4,148,159	4,000,000	3,702,296	4,000,000	4,000,000
So. Nevada Public Lands Management	1,341,000	824,324	1,000,000	1,102,300	1,000,000	1,000,000
Energy Act - Permit Improvement	1,201,000	1,387,077	1,201,000	1,201,000	1,201,000	1,201,000
Department of Transportation:						
Federal Highway Administration-Discretionary 0500	4,424,394	1,237,502	2,000,000	2,727,318	2,000,000	2,000,000
Federal Highway Administra ion- Mandatory 8083	9,514,274	10,310,397	8,000,000	8,454,282	8,000,000	8,000,000
TOTAL	128,971,169	125,894,668	96,401,000	110,439,215	96,401,000	98,301,000

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Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
Hunting and Fishing at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge / Luke Clayton	March 2019	Recorded radio show on hunting, fishing, and hunting rule changes at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. Scheduled to air on 18 commercial radio stations and public radio in north Texas. www.catfishradio.org www.ketr.org
Recovery Plan Amendments	TBD	Abby Bora, Editor, Cedar Park/Leander Community Impact Newspaper is doing a story on the threatened and endangered species in the community and had some questions about the recovery plan amendments related to the Karst invertebrates.
Cronkite News at Arizona PBS	TBD	Reporter contacted Alchesay Williams Creek National Fish Hatchery to ascertain the work of all three national fish hatcheries in AZ.
Book author Peter Christie	TBD	Seeks to interview retired SAC Nick Chavez on illegal trade in exotic pets. Declined. Referred to Amy Jonach in HQ.

Book author Larkin Powell	TBD	Seeks information on warbler and vireo and birding near Ft. Hood for book manuscript on birding in the Plains states.
Jimmy Tobias, freelance writer	TBD	Reporter contacted FWS inquiring about the lesser prairie-chicken and if the FWS had provided a species status recommendation to DOI.
Dean Russell Columbia Journalism School	TBD	Mexican wolf recovery and cross fostering
Deer & Deer Hunting magazine	April 2019	Unforgettable youth deer hunt at Sequoyah National Wild Refuge
Earthnotes (KNAU) (Flagstaff, AZ PBS	TBD in March	Science radio series piece on distribution of Mohave rattlesnake venoms. FWS's Brian Wooldridge fact checked script for accuracy.

Environmental Impact Statements - EIS Briefings
Nothing to report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel
Nothing significant to report.

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)
Nothing significant to report.

15-60 Day Look Ahead
Nothing significant to report.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings

Nothing significant to report.

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

Notice of Availability of Draft Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan. FWS will announce the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (and comment period) for the LLNB. The target date for the post-delisting monitoring plan is February 2019. No controversy anticipated. Communications package is prepared.

Endangered Species Act Listing Actions

Lesser Prairie-Chicken litigation - On February 14, 2019, the Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife and Wild Earth Guardians, sued the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for failing to make a 12-month finding for the lesser prairie-chicken.

Two Sky Island Plants (Batram's stonecrop and beardless cinchweed) –FWS will make a proposed listing determination for two Arizona/Mexico plants. Bartram's stonecrop is a plant native to southern Arizona and northern Mexico. Proposed critical habitat is determined to be not prudent for Bartram's stonecrop due to the threat of collection. FWS will make a proposed listing determination and proposed critical habitat designation for beardless cinchweed, a plant native to southern Arizona and northern Mexico. The proposed approximately 10,604 acres as critical habitat for beardless cinchweed designation includes approximately 7,713 ac (3,121 ha) of currently occupied habitat and 2,891 ac (1,170 ha) of unoccupied habitat. The unoccupied critical habitat is a portion of historical populations where non-native grass species are limited. These actions are not expected to be opposed and media coverage is expected to be neutral. Interested stakeholders include the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Department of Agriculture, and Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch (National Audubon Society). A regional news release to all interested parties and the media required but not yet completed. Target date for submitting to the *Federal Register* being re-evaluated in light of furlough delays. Notice of intent to sue over delay was submitted by Center for Biological Diversity during furlough.

Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – Lesser prairie-chicken SSA – FWS has competed the Species Status Assessment (SSA) Report for the lesser prairie-chicken (LPC). FWS began work on a Species Status Assessment in the spring of 2015, prior to the court ruling that vacated the listing of the LPC and the petition to relist the species. FWS had the SSA Report reviewed by the external working group (biologists from the 5 states, WAFWA, NRCS, and academics), independent peer reviewers, and the directors of the State Fish & Wildlife Agencies. The SSA

Report provides the best available science to inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the LPC. FWS continues work to strengthen relationships and increase coordination with partners by regularly reaching out on a one-on-one basis, coordinating and hosting several regularly scheduled calls, and working with WAFWA, the states and others.

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[UPDATE] Central Texas mussels Species Status Assessment (SSA) report – FWS expects to make a recommendation in fall, 2019, to propose one or more of the six central Texas mussel species as threatened or endangered with critical habitat, or withdraw from the candidate list. FWS has been working since spring 2017 with state and federal agencies, universities, and others to compile and analyze the best available data on the following six freshwater mussel species in central Texas- false spike, Texas fatmucket, Guadalupe fatmucket, Texas fawnsfoot, Texas pimpleback, and Guadalupe orb. Peer reviewers and agency partners (including Texas Parks and Wildlife, River Authorities, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts) reviewed the SSA. The Service received important suggestions from the partner reviewers during the initial review related to the taxonomy of the species. The suggestions are reflected in the most recent update of the draft SSA Report through taxonomic revisions for the Texas fatmucket and the Texas pimpleback, and inclusion of the Guadalupe fatmucket and Guadalupe orb. The SSA will inform future Endangered Species Act decisions and conservation actions related to the six Central Texas mussels.

Publishing anticipated Jun 20: The FWS is finalizing a SSA report that will be used to support a 12-month finding for the peppered chub. A multi-state team that included input from the states and species experts developed the SSA to address a 2007 petition to list the species. The draft SSA was reviewed by interested partners and sent to several peer reviewers; however, we did not receive any peer reviewer comments. The FWS will be contacting Federal partners to solicit information pertaining to the potential economic impacts of designating critical habitat for the species, should it be determined that listing is warranted. The 12-month finding is anticipated to be published in late spring of 2019.

The jaguar recovery plan was slated for April 11, 2019. In the Summer of 2018 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the binational Jaguar Recovery Team completed the final recovery plan for the jaguar, which was signed by the Regional Director. The plan sets goals for improving the species' status through its entire 19-country range and provides a framework for achieving recovery. The recovery plan focuses on the cat's population in northwestern Mexico and the southwestern United States – recommending site-specific conservation actions such that the population can most effectively rebound and contribute to the entire species' recovery. Recovery team and cooperating partners have been advised. Release of the announcement of the plan has been repeatedly delayed pending more thorough reviews of the communications package (now complete). Announcement is slated for April 11, 2019.

The Texas hornshell was listed as endangered on February 9, 2018. Texas Hornshell Proposed Critical Habitat – FWS is proposing to designate 463.6 river miles of critical habitat for the Texas hornshell, a freshwater mussel found in Texas and New Mexico. The proposed critical habitat for the Texas hornshell is located in five units in the Rio Grande (304.1 river miles), Black River (9.7 river miles), Delaware River (31.1 river miles), Pecos River (85.7 river miles), and Devils River (33 river miles). The units are located in Eddy County, New Mexico and in Culberson, Brewster, Terrell, Pecos, Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick and Webb Counties, Texas. The Service is considering excluding Unit 1 (Black and Delaware Rivers) due to the Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA) and Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAAs) that are in place. In total, the Service is considering the exclusion of 40.8 river miles of the proposed critical habitat designation. The public will have 60 days to review and comment on the proposed rule, a draft economic analysis and draft environmental assessment of the proposed critical habitat designation. A full communications package has been drafted including a news release and FAQs.

National Wildlife Refuge Actions

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge (TX) was hard hit by Hurricane Harvey in August of 2017. The Refuge recently received relief funding for recovery projects and is currently resurfacing a popular boardwalk to repair damages incurred from submerging during the storm. The resurfacing project will last approximately one month and will ensure that the 0.14 mile Boardwalk Trail allows for easy access for all visitors, including accessible access.

Border-Related Activities

Border Coordination: Pedestrian Fence – FWS is working with the U.S. Border Patrol on a Biological Assessment for fencing that starts near the Santa Teresa Port of Entry and then extends west for approximately 20 miles. The area is within the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area, as designated under section 10(j) of the ESA. In 2017, a Mexican wolf crossed the border into the U.S. in this area and then returned to Mexico.

Fish and Aquatic Conservation

Nothing significant to report.

Migratory Birds

On Dec 29th, FWS issued a 30-year eagle incidental take permit to Osage Wind LLC, and the final EA/FONSI should be posted to the website in the next couple of weeks. Currently waiting on 508 compliance and a potential furlough.

Science Applications
Nothing significant to report.

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
Nothing significant to report.

Native American Programs
Nothing significant to report.

From:	Barrus, Al
To:	Charisa Morris; Gavin Shire; Matthew Trott; Jennifer Deschanel
Cc:	Amy Lueders; Laury Parramore; Alyssa Hausman; Melissa Mata; Mary Elder; Jeffrey Fleming
Subject:	Region 2 Weekly Report
Date:	Thursday, April 25, 2019 3:36:11 PM
Attachments:	R2 Weekly Report 26Apr2019.docx

Please see attached report from the Southwest Region.

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Respectfully,

Al Barrus,
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife,
Region 2 External Affairs
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Mobile: 505.559.4447

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Region 2 Weekly Report

26 April, 2019

Media Contacts

Title/Issue	Anticipated Publication Date	Current Status
Arizona Highways Magazine	August 1	Short 100-word blurb about Arizona's grasslands

Environmental Impact Statements - EIS Briefings

Nothing to report

Week Ahead Schedule of Meetings, Hearings, and Travel

Nothing significant to report

Immediate Announcements and Actions (within the next 14 days)

No later than April 30: The FWS will send to the Federal Register a 12-month finding, proposing to downlist the American burying beetle from endangered to threatened. [Details under ESA Actions]

Anticipated the week of April 29: Dune sagebrush lizard listing determination. (More details under ESA Actions)

15-60 Day Look Ahead

Publishing anticipated Jun 20: The FWS is finalizing a Species Status Assessment report that will be used to support a 12-month finding for the peppered chub. (More info under Other Items of Note)

Approximately June 20th: Notice of Availability of Draft Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan. (More info under Endangered Species Recovery Actions.)

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings

Nothing significant to report.

Endangered Species Act Recovery Actions

Approximately June 20th: Notice of Availability of Draft Lesser Long-Nosed Bat Post-Delisting Monitoring Plan. FWS will announce the availability of a draft post-delisting monitoring plan (and comment period) for the LLNB. The target date for the post-delisting monitoring plan is early Summer 2019. No controversy anticipated. Communications package is prepared.

No later than April 30, 2019 - Based on additional information and recovery actions, FWS is proposing to downlist the American burying beetle from endangered to threatened after almost 30 years on the list of species protected under the Endangered Species Act. In addition, FWS is proposing a 4(d) rule that accommodates regional differences in the threats impacting the beetle. If approved, this special rule will provide certainty to landowners and industry while contributing towards the conservation of the species.

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National Wildlife Refuge Actions

[NEW] Applications are due May 1st. Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge (TX) is hosting a 2019 Youth Game Warden Camp in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens. The 3-day camp will introduce 16 selected students age 14-18 the duties of a conservation law enforcement officer including: waterfowl and fish identification and regulations, fishing and hunting compliance checks, deer decoy operations, K9 use in law enforcement, and special guest speakers. Applications are due May 1st, 2019 and youth from around the country are invited to apply. Thanks to a generous partnership with the Friends of Anahuac Refuge, scholarships are available to cover the cost of participation.

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Native American Programs
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From:	Laura Rigas
To:	Wainman, Barbara
Cc:	Heather Swift; Russell Newell; Ross, Paul; Gavin Shire; Huggler, Matthew; Charisa Morris
Subject:	Re: New Process - High Interest/Media Requests
Date:	Tuesday, December 19, 2017 7:57:32 AM

Many thx.

Laura Keehner Rigas
Communications Director
U.S. Department of the Interior
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On Dec 19, 2017, at 10:56 AM, Wainman, Barbara <barbara_wainman@fws.gov> wrote:

> Laura in response to last week's elephant issue Gavin has already met with our FOIA folks and taken this step to improve the process. He and I are going to be meeting with them on a regular basis to stay in close coordination with them. We got the most updated FOIA report and to give you an idea of the magnitude there are 405 open FOIA requests so it is no small task but we are working to improve the process. I have also begun talking to our Chief of Staff about how this process works and we are looking at some more systemic changes as well. We will keep you posted of anything we think may hit the media that would be of interest to you all.
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> Barbara W. Wainman
> Assistant Director, External Affairs
> US Fish and Wildlife Service
> (202) 208-5256 (office)
> (571) 471-4159 (cell)
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> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> From: **Hyde-Michaels, Carrie** <carrie_hyde-michaels@fws.gov>
> Date: Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 10:21 AM
> Subject: New Process - High Interest/Media Requests
> To: FWS FOIA Coordinators <fws_foia_coordinators@fws.gov>
> Cc: Kenneth Taylor <kenneth_taylor@fws.gov>, Shelley Hartmann <shelley_hartmann@fws.gov>
>
> Good morning,
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> We need to make some changes to our process to ensure that our External Affairs office is informed when we make a FOIA release that may be reported in the national news. Please read this entire email carefully.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: If you receive any requests from national news outlets (New York Times, CNN, etc.) or requests on any topics that are highly controversial, **you must notify me 24 hours prior to the release**. I will confirm receipt, so if you have not heard back from me, do not make the release.

This applies to both interim releases and final releases, whether they are full releases, releases with redactions, or releases that will be withheld in full.

Here is a partial list of topics where External Affairs must be notified before release:

African Lion
Elephant
Red Wolf
Mexican Wolf
Grizzly Bear
SES moves
Border Wall
Izembek NWR
Arctic NWR
Malheur NWR
Pesticide Consultations
African WIldlife Consultative Forum

National Monuments - reminder that OS is coordinating these requests, so please let me know on the front end if you receive any new requests related to national monuments. We will still perform the search for these requests.

This list is not exhaustive, but is intended to give you an idea of the types of topics that will now require notification. I am also attaching a marked up spreadsheet of all current FWS Open requests - please review the highlighted requests for any that may apply to your office or region, because there are a few additional specific requests where External Affairs would like to be notified when a release will be made.

Process:

1. Email to FWS FOIA Officer - request letter, release letter, the documents as they will be released (if the volume is high, please provide a representative sample as an attachment to the email - not on the Google Drive)
2. FWS FOIA Officer will confirm receipt and inform External Affairs of the pending release, so they are aware of what is going out and can be prepared for any potential media inquiries we may receive.
3. FWS FOIA Officer will confirm to you that the release can be made.

If you have any questions about whether a particular topic would be of interest to External Affairs, please feel free to ask. We will be working closely with them for the first few months to ensure that we are providing them with information that is useful to them.

This change was requested at the AD level, so if you have any concerns, please let me know immediately so we can ensure that everyone has all the information they need to fully comply.

Thank you,

Carrie Hyde-Michaels
FWS FOIA Officer
Chief, Branch of FOIA, Records, Privacy
US Fish & Wildlife Service Headquarters
703-358-2291 (direct)

From:	Barbara Wainman
To:	Maureen Foster; Charisa Morris
Subject:	Fwd: FOIA Release - IWCC - Litigation
Date:	Wednesday, May 30, 2018 7:50:06 AM
Attachments:	FWS-2018-00594-Property of the People.pdf FWS-2018-00213 -Born Free.pdf FWS-2018-00213 - 2nd interim Release - IWCC.docx FWS-2018-00594- 2nd interim Release - IWCC.docx IWCC_Public Comment - All_FOIA_Globally Responsive Emails(part 3).pdf IWCC_Public Comment - All_FOIA_Globally Responsive Emails(part 2).pdf IWCC Public Comment -Possible redactions (part 1).pdf

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Another one that will be posted so anyone can view the documents and also hunting related, it responds to lines 123 (Property of the People), 283 (Born Free), 268 Animal Legal Defense Fund, 218 American Bridge 21st Century, and 193 Democracy Forward Foundation

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From: Hyde-Michaels, Carrie <carrie_hyde-michaels@fws.gov>
Date: Tue, May 29, 2018 at 4:54 PM
Subject: FOIA Release - IWCC - Litigation
To: Barbara Wainman <barbara_wainman@fws.gov>, Matthew Huggler <matthew_huggler@fws.gov>, Gavin Shire <gavin_shire@fws.gov>
Cc: Kenneth Taylor <kenneth_taylor@fws.gov>, Shelley Hartmann <shelley_hartmann@fws.gov>

The FOIA Office and Refuges are ready to make a second release of information relating to the International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC) to Property of the People and Born Free, the plaintiffs in two separate FOIA litigation cases.

We have also received requests for the same records from Animal Legal Defense Fund, American Bridge 21st Century, Democracy Forward Foundation, and Sierra Club.

Because we have received more than 3 requests for this same information, we are required by law to post the records online. They will be located here: https://www.fws.gov/irm/bpim/foiaiwcc.html We will inform all requesters that they can retrieve the information from our website.

Attached are the outgoing letters for the 2 litigation requests, the incoming requests for both requests, and a representative sample of the documents.

The full set of documents are located on the Google Drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11hbFMtGq3S03gKvqvyT8CHbjpXINWQ4c

Thanks,
Carrie Hyde-Michaels
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Chief, Branch of FOIA, Records, Privacy
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March 28, 2018

Freedom of Information Act Request
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)
via email: fwhq_foia@fws.gov

REQUESTER INFORMATION

This request is submitted on behalf of my clients, Ryan Noah Shapiro and Property of the People.[1]

RECORDS SOUGHT

The records sought are:

1. Any and all records constituting, mentioning, or referring to the bylaws for the International Wildlife Conservation Council.
2. Any and all Financial Disclosure Statements for the International Wildlife Conservation Council.
3. Any and all records constituting, mentioning, or referring to guidelines and/or instructions that the International Wildlife Conservation Council members use to formulate decisions.
4. Any and all records created to establish/form the International Wildlife Conservation Council.

The timeframe for this request is January 20, 2017 onward.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The following information is intended to assist the FWS in their search. It is not intended to limit the scope of our request.

On November 8, 2017, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced the creation of the International Wildlife Conservation Council. The Council is supposed to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding conservation, wildlife law enforcement, and economic benefits that result from U.S. citizens traveling

[1] Property of the People is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to governmental transparency in the service of democracy.

abroad to hunt. The International Wildlife Conservation Council (Committee number 2636), according to the DOI's website, is to advise the Secretary of the Interior on the benefits that international recreational hunting has on foreign wildlife and habitat conservation, anti-poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking programs, and other ways in which international hunting benefits human populations in these areas.[2]

FEE CATEGORY AND REQUEST FOR A FEE WAIVER

Request to be classified as an educational requester:

Requestor Ryan Noah Shapiro requests classification as an educational requestor for FOIA fee category purposes.
Shapiro is an ABD doctoral candidate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Shapiro is in the PhD program in History, Anthropology, and Science, Technology, & Society (HASTS) in MIT's Department of Science, Technology, & Society (STS).[3]
Shapiro is a former research affiliate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University.[4]
Shapiro is a historian of national security, the policing of dissent, and governmental transparency. The disclosures sought in the instant request are sought pursuant of this end.
Shapiro is President of Property of the People, a newly-founded governmental transparency research, analysis, and information dissemination organization.[5]
Among other things, Shapiro's work has exposed improper collusion between a major agricultural lobby and a U.S. government agency entity[6]; sparked a federal investigation of this improper collusion, resulting in the disgraced resignation of the president of the

[2] https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-announces-creation-international-wildlife-conservation-council
[3] http://web.mit.edu/hasts/graduate/shapiro.html
[4] Shapiro is a former research affiliate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University for 2016-2017.
https://cyber.law.harvard.edu/newsroom/2016_2017_community
[5] Building upon Shapiro's extensive track record of national security, transparency, and state repression-oriented research, analysis, and information dissemination, Property of the People (PropOTP) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to governmental transparency in the service of democracy. PropOTP's motto, taken from Shapiro's commentary, is, "The records of government are the property of the people. It's time for us to reclaim them." PropOTP's most publicized efforts to date have been under the umbrella of the organization's Trump-oriented project, "Operation 45." PropOTP's Operation 45 is dedicated to ensuring transparency and accountability for the Trump/Pence administration. For more on PropOTP's Operation 45, see: http://www.salon.com/2016/11/27/foia-superhero-launches-campaign-to-make-donald-trumps-administration-transparent/; https://www.thenation.com/article/your-guide-to-the-sprawling-new-anti-trump-resistance-movement/; http://www.politico.com/story/2016/12/democrats-trump-resistance-conservative-playbook-232687; https://operationfortyfive.org.
[6] http://bigstory.ap.org/article/a0a7a3fb1f6449f992f2410c577d919b/apnewsbreak-egg-group-scrambled-over-eggless-mayo-maker; http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/sep/02/usda-american-egg-board-hampton-creek-just-mayo

agency entity[7]; and sparked the introduction of bipartisan legislation to curb future similar abuses by government and industry.[8] Shapiro's work has also exposed the FBI's unprecedented utilization of classified remote-installation malware to circumvent animal rights activists encryption in 2003, as well as the DOJ's subsequent failure to inform Congress of such utilization as mandated by Congress.[9] Shapiro's work has also exposed the FBI's policy of instructing FBI agents to withhold surveillance technical details from prosecutors and defendants alike.[10] Shapiro's work has also exposed FBI consideration of federal terrorism charges against animal protectionists who expose horrific conditions on factory farms.[11] Shapiro's work has also exposed FBI targeting of Nelson Mandela and the anti-Apartheid movement as a Communist plot imperiling U.S. national security. This included but was not limited to FBI placement of a confidential informant within Nelson Mandela's inner circle in order to provide political information to the FBI on Mandela and his anti-apartheid associates while the FBI was tasked with protecting Mandela upon Mandela's post-prison tour of the United States in 1990.[12]

Shapiro's research and analysis on issues at the intersections of national security, the policing of dissent, and transparency, as well as pertaining to the Trump presidency and administration, are regularly featured in national and international media outlets. Media outlets that have covered Shapiro's work include but are not limited to:

The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, The Wall Street Journal, *USA Today*, *CNN, U.S. News & World Report, The Associated Press, Agence France-Presse, Politico, Business Insider, The International Business Times, The Atlantic, The Guardian, ABC News, CBS News, NPR, PBS, BBC World Service, The Nation, Mother Jones, Democracy Now!, The Hill, McClatchy DC*, *New Republic*, *National Journal*, *Columbia Journalism Review, Legal Times, PolicyMic, Government Executive, Inc., Wired, Fortune, Fox News, Fox Nation, The American Conservative, The Daily Caller, Breitbart News, Reason, New York Daily News, The Chicago Tribune, The Boston Globe, MSN News, Salon, Slate, The Daily Beast, Quartz, Vice News*, *Huffington Post, HuffPost Live, Yahoo News, Christian Science Monitor, Boston Business Journal, AOL News, The San Francisco Chronicle, The Houston Chronicle, The Minneapolis Star Tribune, The Independent, The Mirror, The Daily Mail, Black Entertainment Television* (*BET*), *The Boston Metro, The San Francisco Business Times, The Silicon Valley Business Journal, The Afro-American, Raw Story, The Chicago Defender, The NorthStar News & Analysis, The Atlanta Black Star, The Hollywood Reporter, NYC Today, The Mail & Guardian, Courthouse News, Japan Times, EatDrinkPolitics, Univsion, HispanTV, Al Jazeera America, Grist, Ecorazzi, Green Is the New Red, PC World, PC Mag, Computer World, SearchSecurity, IntelNews, Komando.com, VegNews, Truth-Out,*

[7] http://bigstory.ap.org/article/c7813b5fe68745d2a40c1d078c1542f5/egg-industry-group-ceo-steps-down-after-vegan-mayo-scramble

[8] https://www.theguardian.com/business/2016/jul/14/usda-reform-bill-agriculture-beef-eggs

[9] http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/14/technology/fbi-tried-to-defeat-encryption-10-years-ago-files-show.html?smid=tw-nytimes&smtyp=cur&_r=0

[10] http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2016/04/20/fbi-memos-surveillance-secrecy/83280968/

[11] https://ccrjustice.org/files/11.12.29_Greenscare_VideotapersTerrorists_LATimes.pdf

[12] http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2014/5/28/fbi-spied-mandeladocuments.html; http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2014/07/10/the-fbi-spied-on-nelson-mandela-in-1990-as-communist-threat.

FireDogLake, ShadowProof, Alternet, The Verge, Consumerist, Boing Boing, Techdirt, Tickle The Wire, The Public Record, and *the Freedom of the Press Foundation.*
Shapiro has presented invited scholarly and popular lectures on topics at the intersections of national security, the policing of dissent, and transparency at numerous leading institutions and venues. These include but are not limited to:
The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, Stanford University, the New York City Bar Association, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (Berlin, Germany), Université catholique de l'Ouest (Angers, France), the University of California, Santa Barbara, The College of William & Mary, Boston University, American University (Washington, DC), The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art (New York City), the National Press Club (Washington, DC), the conference of the National Lawyers Guild, the History of Science Society, the American Anthropological Association, the Society for the Social History of Medicine, the Conference on Policy History, the American Society for Environmental History, DEFCON, Boston University, University College Cork (Cork, Ireland), Suffolk University Law School, the City University of New York Law School, The Base community center in Brooklyn, NY, and Burning Books bookstore (Buffalo, NY).
Shapiro's research and analysis have also been featured in television and film documentaries. For one example among others, in February 2016, a documentary centrally featuring Shapiro's FOIA research and analysis aired on the cable channel Pivot. The documentary is titled "Activists or Terrorists" and was directed by award-winning filmmaker Brian Knappenberger and narrated by Academy Award nominated actress Maggie Gyllenhaal. This documentary constitutes episode five of Knappenberger's acclaimed documentary series "Truth and Power." *The New York Times* included the documentary episode "Activists or Terrorists" in its influential "What to Watch" list.[13] "Activists or Terrorists" is now available for viewing on iTunes and Amazon.com. Further, Shapiro is currently working with multiple additional television and film documentaries currently in productions that will feature my work.
Shapiro is a representative of several news outlets. Shapiro is a researcher, analyst, and reporter for GreenIsTheNewRed.com (GNR). Shapiro is a representative of Verso Books. Shapiro is a representative of Sparrow Media. Shapiro is a reporter/contributor for *The Public Record.* Shapiro is also President of Property of the People, a newly-founded governmental transparency research, analysis, and information dissemination organization.

Request for a Complete Waiver of Fees:

Requesters are willing to pay any reasonable expenses associated with this request, however, as the purpose of the requested disclosure is in full conformity with the statutory requirements for a waiver of fees, a full fee waiver should be granted.

The disclosure of responsive records is likely to contribute to an understanding of government operations and activities because the disclosable portions of the requested records will be meaningfully informative about those operations and activities. The vast

[13] http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/19/arts/television/what-to-watch-friday.html

majority of disclosable information is not already in the public domain, in either a duplicative or a substantially identical form, and therefore the disclosure would add substantial new information to the public's understanding of the Committee's and FWS's operations.

The requesters firmly intend to analyze the requested records in order to facilitate significant expansion of public understanding of government operations. The audiences likely to be interested in the subject are broad, and include historians of modern American government**,** politics, culture, and national security; journalists reporting on American politics, government, national security, and society; civil liberties attorneys; advocacy and watchdog organizations, the U.S. congress, and the broader public.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this request. Thank you. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Gunita Singh

Nichols, Shaunta <shaunta_nichols@fws.gov>

New Request FWS-2018-00213; Fwd: FOIA from: Rachel T aschenberger

FOIA, FWHQ <fwhq_foia@fws.gov> Mon, Nov 27, 2017 at 11:55 AM
To: rachel@bornfreeusa.org
Cc: Shaunta Nichols <shaunta_nichols@fws.gov>

Dear Rachel Taschenberger,

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Headquarters FOIA Office received your FOIA request dated November 21, 2017. We have assigned your request FOIA number FWS-2018-00213; please refer to this number when inquiring about your request. The response to your request will be coordinated by our HQ's FOIA office.

If you have any questions or concerns; please contact Shaunta Nichols at 703-358-2372 or shaunta_nichols@fws.gov.

Respectfully,

United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Headquarters Freedom of Information Act Office
MS: IRTM
5275 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22041

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From: U.S. Department of the Interior <doi-webforms@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Tue, Nov 21, 2017 at 4:15 PM
Subject: FOIA from: Rachel Taschenberger
To: fwhq_foia@fws.gov

Submitted on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 - 4:15pm
Submitted by anonymous user: [10.156.8.158]
Submitted values are:

Your Name: Rachel Taschenberger
Mailing Address: 8737 Colesville Rd., Suite 715
City: Silver Spring
State or Country: MD
Zip or Postal Code:
Address Type: Business
Daytime Phone Number: 302-584-2299
Fax Number:
E-mail Address: rachel@bornfreeusa.org
Confirm E-mail Address : rachel@bornfreeusa.org
Your Organization: Born Free USA
Are you filing the request on behalf of another party? Yes
If so, who are you filing the request on behalf of? Born Free USA
Contact Information Certification:
Bureau/Office: Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)
Relevant park, refuge, site or other location:
Request Description:
1) All documents (including but not limited to communications, notes, reports, etc.) referring or relating to the creation of the International Wildlife Conservation Council (“Council”), including the authority or basis for the creation of the Council. The relevant time period for this request is January 1, 2017 to date.

2) All documents (including but not limited to communications, notes, reports, etc.) referring or relating to the duties of the Council. The relevant time period for this request is January 1, 2017 to date.

3) All documents (including but not limited to communications, notes, reports, etc.) referring or relating to the selection criteria for, and selection and confirmation of, the members of the Council. The relevant time period for this request is January 1, 2017 to date.

4) All documents to, from, or on which Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke is copied/blind copied (including but not limited to communications, notes, reports, etc.) referring or relating to the creation of and selection criteria for the Council. The relevant time period for this request is January 1, 2017 to date.
Requester's Communication Preferences: Electronic communication via email
Document Disclosure Preferences: Electronic copies via email
Select the applicable reason why you are requesting expedited processing:
Justification for Expedited Processing:
Expedited Processing Certification:
Please select the appropriate statement: I am requesting a waiver or reduction of fees.
I agree to pay fees up to this particular amount:
To assist in determining my requester category to assess fees, you should know that I am: affiliated with a private corporation and am seeking information for use in the company's business
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Check the boxes to the right to confirm that you meet the Department's fee waiver criteria: Disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the Government.
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Born Free USA requests a waiver of any and all applicable fees pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). This provision provides that requested records shall be furnished without or at reduced charge if "disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government" and "is not primarily in" the "commercial interest" of the requester. The requested records would clarify the "operations or activities of the government," namely the U.S. Department of the Interior's policies and procedures with records involving the International Wildlife Conservation Council.

To date, the U.S. Department of the Interior has not disclosed to the public how it established the International Wildlife Conservation Council. These records would "contribute significantly" to the public's understanding of the U.S. Department of the Interior's operations.

Born Free USA's staff members have expertise in investigations and federal public interest litigation, and they will analyze the information provided and potentially share the resulting analysis with a reasonably broad public audience through Born Free USA's email list, reports, press releases, or by other means of outreach.

Born Free USA, a non-profit organization as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, does not have a commercial interest in making this request. The requested information will be used solely to educate the general public regarding U.S. Department of the Interior's policy and procedures for establishing the International Wildlife Conservation Council.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
https://www.doi.gov/node/11498/submission/314572

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
FWS-2018-00213

May XX, 2018

Rachel Taschenberger
Born Free USA
8737 Colesville Road
Suite 715
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Email Address: Rachel@bornfreeusa.org

Dear Ms. Taschenberger:

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office received your FOIA request, dated November 21, 2018, and assigned it control number FWS-2018-00213. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request. You requested the following:

> *1) All documents (including but not limited to communications, notes, reports, etc.) referring or relating to the creation of the International Wildlife Conservation Council ("Council"), including the authority or basis for the creation of the Council. The relevant time period for this request is January 1, 2017 to date.*
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> *2) All documents (including but not limited to communications, notes, reports, etc.) referring or relating to the duties of the Council. The relevant time period for this request is January 1, 2017 to date.*
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>
> *4) All documents to, from, or on which Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke is copied/blind copied (including but not limited to communications, notes, reports, etc.) referring or relating to the creation of and selection criteria for the Council. The relevant time period for this request is January 1, 2017 to date.*

We are writing to provide the 2nd interim release to your request. We have previously responded to this request on May 15, 2018. We have enclosed one CD containing 46 files consisting of 621 pages, which are being released to you in part. Portions of these materials are being withheld under

the following FOIA Exemptions:

Exemption 6 allows an agency to withhold "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). We are withholding 594 pages in part under Exemption 6.

The phrase "similar files" covers any agency records containing information about a particular individual that can be identified as applying to that individual. To determine whether releasing records containing information about a particular individual would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, we are required to balance the privacy interest that would be affected by disclosure against any public interest in the information.

Under the FOIA, the only relevant public interest to consider under the exemption is the extent to which the information sought would shed light on an agency's performance of its statutory duties or otherwise let citizens 'know what their government is up to. The burden is on the requester to establish that disclosure would serve the public interest. When the privacy interest at stake and the public interest in disclosure have been determined, the two competing interests must be weighed against one another to determine which is the greater result of disclosure: the harm to personal privacy or the benefit to the public. The purposes for which the request for information is made do not impact this balancing test, as a release of information requested under the FOIA constitutes a release to the general public.

The information that has been withheld under Exemption 6 consists of personal information, for example, "email addresses, home addresses and phone numbers, and we have determined that the individuals to whom this information pertains have a substantial privacy interest in withholding it. Additionally, {you have not provided information that explains a relevant public interest under the FOIA in the disclosure of this personal information and} we have determined that the disclosure of this information would shed little or no light on the performance of the agency's statutory duties. Because the harm to personal privacy is greater than whatever public interest may be served by disclosure, release of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of these individuals and we are withholding it under Exemption 6.

Carrie Hyde-Michaels, FWS, FOIA Officer is responsible for this partial denial. Helen Speights, Attorney-Advisor in the Office of the Solicitor was consulted.

We are continuing to review additional records that are responsive to your request. We anticipate sending you the 3rd interim release of records on or about June 29, 2018. If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact Pam Mozina at (703) 358-2698 or by email at pamela_mozina@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Carrie Hyde-Michaels

FWS FOIA Officer

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
FWS-2018-00594

May XX, 2018

Gunita Singh
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Washington, DC 20006
Email Address: foia@propertyofthepeople.org

Dear Ms. Singh:

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office received your FOIA request, dated March 28, 2018, and assigned it control number FWS-2018-00594. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request. You requested the following:

> *1. Any and all records constituting, mentioning, or referring to the bylaws for the International Wildlife Conservation Council.*
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> *2. Any and all Financial Disclosure Statements for the International Wildlife Conservation Council.*
>
> *3. Any and all records constituting, mentioning, or referring to guidelines and/or instructions that the International Wildlife Conservation Council members use to formulate decisions.*
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Sent:	Wed Mar 14 2018 12:20:20 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Oh...

And, she asked for my email address…which I did not give her…
Wish I had been a bit better forewarned and forearmed…then would have handled it a bit smoother I think. :/
Well, that'll teach me to answer the phone while standing in a pasture…the day before a council meeting…from an unknown 202 number…HA!
Jenifer

Jenifer Chatfield, DVM, Dipl. ACZM
(b) (6)

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Dinner

"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Tue Mar 13 2018 12:02:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Dinner

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Coffee on Friday
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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Tue Mar 13 2018 16:11:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Dinner

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-Joshua

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"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 14 2018 08:31:10 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Dinner

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Winchell teleworking today

Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Mar 14 2018 05:22:14 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Phil LePelch <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>
Subject:	Winchell teleworking today

Phil, I'll be teleworking today but in the office tomorrow to do final prep for the IWCC mtg.

-Joshua

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"LePelch, Phil" <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>

From:	"LePelch, Phil" <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Mar 14 2018 05:41:09 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: Winchell teleworking today

Got it, thanks for letting me know.

On Wed, Mar 14, 2018 at 7:22 AM, Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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Subject: RE: Hello and question
To: Lori Mashburn <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>

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From: Lori Mashburn [mailto:lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov]
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"Sheehan, Greg" (b) (6) @fws.gov>

From:	"Sheehan, Greg" (b) (6) @fws.gov>
Sent:	Tue Mar 13 2018 15:58:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
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Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 07:31:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Rowena P Watson <WatsonRP@state.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: Hello and question
Attachments:	image001.png

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From: **Davis, Natalie** <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 2:03 PM
Subject: Fwd: Hello and question
To: Greg Sheehan (b) (6) @fws.gov>, Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

Representative from State Dept for IWCC meeting. Confirming now if this individual is the ex-officio member.

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From: **Mashburn, Lori** <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 12:44 PM
Subject: Fwd: Hello and question
To: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

See below for State's rep for Friday's meeting. I'm confirming that she will be State's official ex officio member though.

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From: **Simpson, Melissa M** <SimpsonMM@state.gov>
Date: Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 12:26 PM
Subject: RE: Hello and question
To: Lori Mashburn <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>

Lori,

Rowena Watson will attend the Council meeting on Friday on behalf of the State Department's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental Scientific Affairs (OES). OES does not have a political appointee. I have offered to brief Rowena on the Council if she wishes.

Best , Melissa

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From: Lori Mashburn [mailto:lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 3:15 PM
To: Simpson, Melissa M <SimpsonMM@state.gov>
Subject: Re: Hello and question

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 12, 2018, at 2:40 PM, Simpson, Melissa M <SimpsonMM@state.gov> wrote:

> Hi Lori,
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> I am still tracking this down. Please stay tuned.
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> Melissa
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> **From:** Mashburn, Lori [mailto:lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov]
> **Sent:** Friday, March 9, 2018 10:34 AM

To: Simpson, Melissa M <SimpsonMM@state.gov>
Subject: Hello and question

Hello Melissa!

Long time, no talk. I hope all is well with you over State. We need to reschedule that lunch!

You may have heard that we have formed the International Wildlife Conservation Council. We will be hosting the first meeting is next week, the 16th. According to the charter, State Department gets one ex officio member. I haven't heard from anyone over there about that slot though and I'm not sure who the best contact would be. Would you be able to connect me with the appropriate person?

Thanks so much!

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From:	"Hoover, Craig" <craig_hoover@fws.gov>
Sent:	Mon Mar 12 2018 13:54:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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All,

Here is he second presentation, meant to cover the larger USG effort to combat wildlife trafficking. Again, I welcome any thoughts on changes, additions, etc to the slides or the script. COB tomorrow, please.

Best,

Craig

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Sent:	Tue Mar 13 2018 14:01:43 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Hoover, Craig" <craig_hoover@fws.gov>
CC:	"Sheehan, Gregory" <(b) (6) @fws.gov>, "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>, Gloria Bell <gloria_bell@fws.gov>, Edward Grace <edward_grace@fws.gov>, Amy Jonach <amy_jonach@fws.gov>, Danielle Kessler <danielle_kessler@fws.gov>, Tim Van Norman <tim_vannorman@fws.gov>, "Coil, Dan" <dan_coil@fws.gov>, Pamela Scruggs <pamela_scruggs@fws.gov>, A Alvarez <aeric_alvarez@fws.gov>, Tatiana Hendrix <tatiana_hendrix@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: International Wildlife Conservation Council presentation

thank you Craig for pulling this presentation together - you did a great job. Here are my comments:

Slide #3 - its all about seeing wildlife in National Parks or Monuments aboard. Do we have any statistics to cite about how many US hunters travel aboard each year :to hunt in Africa or Asia? For the future, Might be useful to have such information, may be the Council can actually help to quantify such data.

Slide #4 - I'd change the ginseng photo to an animal
Slide 18 - where AIA's work is divided into three components - the international wildlife policy is never discussed in the presentation at all - focus was on financial assistance and permitting.

I like the specific permitting examples used in the presentation - they are clear & concise

slide #42 in the notes section discuss NDF for Appendix I and Appendix II , I'd stress the point that for Appendix II species, an NDF equates to the the sustainable use of the species in trade,
Slide #42 - the permitting slide - I'd add add as a bullet under CITES, make a non-detriment finding (not detrimental to the survival of the species), there is a bullet for legal acquisition but not for NDF

slide 47 - on southern white rhino - discussion is limited to trophies only but the Council members audience (some US game ranches have an interest) is it worth mentioning live white rhino imports as well and requirement of appropriate & acceptable destination?

Slide 54 - in notes is it worth making the point for application by application basis for enhancement findings for trophies, will also be applicable to NDFs as well? John Jackson knows we have used general advices in past to make NDFS so he may ask question.

hope this helps. Thanks for opportunity to review.

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Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 15:21:56 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Greg Sheehan <(b) (6) @fws.gov>, Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Greg and Natalie:

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To: Linda Walker <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

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Thanks Joshua.
Looking forward to the meeting.
Bill B.

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Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6) [redacted]

From: Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6) [redacted]
Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 16:16:09 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

I will NOT be traveling with my spouse; you can count on only myself for Thursday's & Friday's events. Thanks!

~ Olivia Opre

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Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 17:57:48 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Josh

Got update. Will bring my wife Debbie to dinner on the 15 th

Thanks

Peter

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"Sheehan, Greg" <(b) (6)@fws.gov>

From: "Sheehan, Greg" (b) (6) @fws.gov>
Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 19:25:01 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Thank you Joshua for sharing. Was it clear to them in the first email that they are responsible for the cost of their own dinner but that they should have a set dollar amount provided to them through a per diem based reimbursement? If some have spouses there they may be unclear as to who is picking up the tab.

Thanks
Greg

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> -Joshua
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"Dr. Jenifer Chatfield" (b) (6)

From: "Dr. Jenifer Chatfield" (b) (6)
Sent: Sat Mar 10 2018 07:43:07 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Thanks, Joshua!
Now, if you guys could just get the weather to warm up some next week…ha!
See ya in a few days!
Jenifer

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To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Mike Ingram will go to the dinner Thursday, 7 pm, Carmine's.

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Denise M. Organ
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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 12:23:10 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Greg Sheehan <(b) (6) @fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Greg,

Following up on the voicemail I just left you, here is the agenda-related question from Chancellor. Gary Kania also emailed with questions about how chair selection will be accomplished.

Responses to the questions are not particularly challenging (i.e. 1. agenda was developed by FWS and DOI leadership; 2. IWCC members will vote on chair/vice-chair at the end of the meeting), but I wanted to check in with you first to ensure my answers are consistent with any previous comms you've had with members.

-Joshua

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From: **Steve Chancellor** (b) (6)
Date: Mon, Mar 12, 2018 at 1:37 PM
Subject: Re: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

Josh,
One comment on the agenda. 1 hour for public comment but only 30 minutes for the committee to discuss items seems backwards. Will there be some selection of a chairman and vice chairman? If so, when?
Thanks,
SEC

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Keith Mark <(b) (6)

From: Keith Mark (b) (6) >
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 17:20:45 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Hey Joshua! I will attend all events alone. Thank you! KM

From: Winchell, Joshua [mailto:joshua_winchell@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2018 4:19 PM
To: Bill Brewster <(b) (6) Cameron Hanes <(b) (6) ; Chris Hudson (b) (6) ; Denise Welker <(b) (6) ; Erica Rhoad (b) (6) ; Gary Steven Kania (b) (6) ; Ivan Carter (b) (6) ; Jenifer Chatfield (b) (6) >; John J. Jackson, III (b) (6) ; K. Michael Ingram (b) (6) ; Keith Mark (b) (6) ; Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6) >; Paul Babaz <(b) (6) Peter Lewis Horn II (b) (6) Steve Chancellor (b) (6) Terry Maple <(b) (6)
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"Dr. Jenifer Chatfield" (b) (6) **>**

From: "Dr. Jenifer Chatfield" (b) (6)
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 13:13:16 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC updated meeting schedule/agenda

Hey Joshua,
I didn't see a response to the group for this inquiry? Was there one?
Looking forward to Thursday evening!
Jenifer

Jenifer Chatfield, DVM, Dipl. ACZM
(b) (6)

On Mar 12, 2018, at 10:36 AM, Gary Kania (b) (6) > wrote:

Joshua,

Where in this agenda is the process to appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair or has this already been agreed to/ done by the Secretary?

Sent from my iPhone

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Out of Office (Leave): Linda Walker, Chief DVSC Re: FYI - Sheehan briefing packet for IWCC mtg

"Walker, Linda" <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>

From: "Walker, Linda" <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 11:11:17 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Subject: Out of Office (Leave): Linda Walker, Chief DVSC Re: FYI - Sheehan briefing packet for IWCC mtg

I am out of the office until Monday, March 19th. Please direct inquiries to Phil LePelch, Acting Division Chief, in my absence.

Phil can be reached at 703-358-1974 or phil_lepelch@fws.gov

Thank you.

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Tue Mar 13 2018 11:10:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Phil LePelch <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>
CC:	Linda Walker <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>
Subject:	FYI - Sheehan briefing packet for IWCC mtg
Attachments:	Sheehan briefing packet IWCC mtg.pdf

Phil,

For your awareness - I just finished briefing up Sheehan for the IWCC mtg this Friday (I briefed Martinez and Sanchez last week). Attached is the briefing packet I put together for him, he is working directly with International Affairs for additional support.

-Joshua

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Urgent request: WSJ reporter interested in attending IWCC meeting

"Vogt, Heidi" <heidi.vogt@wsj.com>

From:	"Vogt, Heidi" <heidi.vogt@wsj.com>
Sent:	Tue Mar 13 2018 09:49:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	<Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov>, <Laury_Parramore@fws.gov>, <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>, <gavin_shire@fws.gov>
Subject:	Urgent request: WSJ reporter interested in attending IWCC meeting

Hi there,

Heidi Vogt here with the Wall Street Journal. I'm very eager to attend the IWCC public meeting on Friday. I am hoping there's a way to accommodate me as I really want to make sure I'm fully informed about this process for my coverage (I report on business and regulation for the Journal).

I've been talking to Joshua at FWS, along with Laury and Gavin, and I know there's a space issue, but I'm hoping there's a way to squeeze me in.

Thanks so much,

Heidi Vogt

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Tue Mar 13 2018 09:34:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Roslyn Sellars <Roslyn_Sellars@fws.gov>
Subject:	briefing doc for sheehan
Attachments:	Sheehan briefing packet IWCC mtg.pdf

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 04:59:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Media & congressional staff attending IWCC mtg

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 05:04:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Laury Parramore <Laury_Parramore@fws.gov>, Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Media & congressional staff attending IWCC mtg

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"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 07:13:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

Subject: Re: Media & congressional staff attending IWCC mtg

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Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 07:27:42 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Media & congressional staff attending IWCC mtg

Natalie,

RSVP period closed last night, we've maxed out South Penthouse capacity (46 members of the public RSVPed) so there's no

additional room for the public. This is the list of public attending:

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Boudreaux, Paul	Journal of Intl Wildlife Law and Policy
Dylewski, Kate	Animal Welfare Institute
Goergen, Joseph	Safari Club International Foundation
Greenwald, Noah	Center for Biological Diversity
Hahn, Deb	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Hofberg, Mark	International Fund for Animal Welfare
Kluck, Julie	Born Free USA
Kurose, Stephanie	Center for Biological Diversity
Lopes, Paulo	Center for Biological Diversity
Mathews, Rachel	PETA
Myers, Marshall	N. Marshall Meyers PLLC
Nowak, Katarzyna	The Safina Center
Olson, Steve	Association of Zoos and Aquiriums
Place, Jennifer	Pike Associates LLC
Rude, Amanda	Legal Atlas
Sala, Joseph	The ANN Group
Salamat, Lisa Ann	WildCat Legal Aid Foundation
Seminario, Alejandra	Defenders of Wildlife
Sheldon, Colin	Wildlife Conservation Society
Stratton, Carter	Animal Welfare Institute
Su, Jean	Center for Biological Diversity
Taylor, Katie	Defenders of Wildlife
Vitello, Frank	Zoological Association of America

Public Speaking	
Frostic, Anna	Humane Society Legislative Fund
Kalinina, Masha	Humane Society International
Kitchen, Bill	
LaFontaine, Peter	International Fund for Animal Welfare
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Subject: Re: Media & congressional staff attending IWCC mtg

We need to add Mike Doyle, Greenwire.

Laury Marshall Parramore https://www.fws.gov/external-affairs/contacts.html

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"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 09:18:00 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Media & congressional staff attending IWCC mtg

Can you give me a call when you have a chance?

Thanks!

On Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 9:13 AM, Davis, Natalie <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Heather Swift, our Press Secretary is working on this.
>
> Question- how many members of the public signed up and how much room do we have in the room to hold them?
>
> On Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 6:59 AM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:
>
> > Natalie,
> >
> > Do you know who from DOI comms and legislative affairs will be attending the IWCC meeting?
> >
> > There'll be a good number of press in attendance and two congressional staff, see below:
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> > | | |
> > |---|---|
> > | **Press/Media** | |
> > | Ebbs, Stephanie | ABC News |
> > | Biesecker, Michael | Associated Press |
> > | Dlouhy, Jennifer | Bloomberg News |
> > | Ganim, Sara | CNN |
> > | Wallace, Greg | CNN |
> > | Horton, Harry | Feature Story News |
> > | Ryntjes, Daniel | Feature Story News |
> > | Bevir, John | Feature Story News (camera) |
> > | Brown, Malcomb | Feature Story News (camera) |
> > | Messina, Marianne | Huffington Post |
> > | Mencimer, Stephanie | Mother Jones Magazine |
> > | Actman, Jani | National Geographic |
> > | Cochrane, Emily | New York Times |
> > | Green, Miranda | The Hill |
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Fwd: RSVP for IWCC meeting

"Vogt, Heidi" <heidi.vogt@wsj.com>

From: "Vogt, Heidi" <heidi.vogt@wsj.com>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 09:03:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: RSVP for IWCC meeting

Hey Joshua,

Sending this to your personal address as well, just to make sure you get it promptly

Heidi

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Vogt, Heidi** <heidi.vogt@wsj.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 11:01 AM
Subject: RSVP for IWCC meeting
To: iwcc@fws.gov

Joshua,

Hey there. Hope this isn't too late, but I'd love to attend the IWCC meeting on Friday. I cover business and regulation for WSJ and am very interested in learning more about this issue. My deets:

Heidi Vogt
arrival: 9:15 am
email: heidi.vogt@wsj.com
917-518-9384

Thanks!

Heidi

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Tue Mar 13 2018 09:09:33 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Laury Parramore <Laury_Parramore@fws.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: RSVP for IWCC meeting

Laury,

Heidi (WSJ) called me up and requested to attend the meeting. I let her know that the deadline has passed and that the room was over capacity already. I told her I would pass along this email to our PA shop (lucky you!).

-Joshua

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From: **Vogt, Heidi** <heidi.vogt@wsj.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 11:03 AM
Subject: Fwd: RSVP for IWCC meeting
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov

Hey Joshua,

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Fwd: New Request; Fwd: Freedom of Information Request: Joshua Winchell - Elephants & Lions

"Donahoe, Jeffery" <jeffery_donahoe@fws.gov>

From: "Donahoe, Jeffery" <jeffery_donahoe@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 13 2018 06:13:26 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Linda Walker <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>, "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: New Request; Fwd: Freedom of Information Request: Joshua Winchell - Elephants & Lions

Hi Linda, this FOIA is asking for documents in the possession of Josh Winchell, so I've copied Josh on this email. Please do an appropriate search and provide me with the results by March 23rd. If it is not possible to produce the documents by that date, please let me know and provide a new recommended date for production. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks. Jeff

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **FOIA, FWHQ** <fwhq_foia@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 3:41 PM
Subject: New Request; Fwd: Freedom of Information Request: Joshua Winchell - Elephants & Lions
To: 50306-86618037@requests.muckrock.com
Cc: Jeffery Donahoe <jeffery_donahoe@fws.gov>

Dear Alexander Rony,

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Headquarters FOIA Office received your FOIA request dated March 8, 2018. We have forwarded your request to our National Wildlife Refuge System office for processing.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request; please contact Jeffery Donahoe (jeffery_donahoe@fws.gov) at 703-358-2401.

Respectfully,

United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Headquarters Freedom of Information Act Office
MS: IRTM
5275 Leesburg Pike
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---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: <50306-86618037@requests.muckrock.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 1:28 AM
Subject: Freedom of Information Request: Joshua Winchell - Elephants & Lions
To: fwhq_foia@fws.gov

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
FOIA Office
MS:IRTM
5275 Leesburg Pike
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March 8, 2018
To Whom It May Concern:
I. Requested Records
This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act for emails between November 7, 2017 and March 7, 2018 mentioning "elephant" or "lion" that were sent to or from joshua_winchell@fws.gov or iwcc@fws.gov.
II. Record Delivery
I would prefer the request be filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not. In the event that there are fees, please inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request.
Please produce the records on a rolling basis; at no point should the search for – or deliberation concerning – certain records delay the production of others that the agency has already retrieved and elected to produce.
Should you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption with regard to any of the requested records, please include in your response letter sufficient information for an appeal, including:
1. Basic factual material about each withheld item, including the originator, date, length, general subject matter, and location of each item.
2. Explanations and justifications for denial, including the identification of the category within the governing statutory provision under which the document (or portion thereof) was withheld and a full explanation of how each exemption fits the withheld material.
If you determine that portions of a requested record are exempt from disclosure, please redact the exempt portions and provide the remainder of the record.
III. Request for a Fee Waiver
I respectfully request that you waive all fees in connection with this request as provided by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). The Sierra Club

is a national environmental nonprofit with no commercial interest in obtaining the requested information. Our organization intends to analyze and disseminate the requested information free of charge so that the public can be better informed about safeguarding endangered species around the globe.
The subject matter of the requested records is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the government by disclosing to what extent the International Wildlife Conservation Council ("Council") has influenced U.S. policies regarding hunting trophy imports of African elephants and lions (Joshua Winchell is the designated federal officer for the Council, and the alternate email address was set up to support the Council). This issue has received widespread attention in the media and from the president himself. Some members of the Council represent groups that have sought to loosen import restrictions.
The Sierra Club and its supporters have demonstrated interest and expertise in the subject area, as the organization has a well-established program to protect wild lands and wildlife. Our staff and volunteers regularly interact with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding endangered species, and hundreds of thousands of our supporters have written letters and submitted public comments on international endangered species protections, including on African elephants, African lions, and the Council itself.
IV. Media Requester Status
In addition to the public interest fee waiver, I ask to be properly categorized as a representative of the news media. The bulk of my professional duties at the Sierra Club entails planning and writing content about public policy, including composing mass communications to our followers, analyzing FOIA responses, and coordinating press outreach. Here are some examples that resulted from my work:
https://sierraclub.org/planet/2017/04/hiring-freeze-prevented-epa-filling-hundreds-jobs
https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2017/05/19/nearly-700-vacancies-at-cdc-because-of-trump-administration-hiring-freeze/
http://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/press-releases/4480/over-700000-people-tell-government-to-block-seed-mergers
The Sierra Club has the ability and intention to disseminate the information it receives through this request. The information may be shared through emails to an audience reaching into the millions, Facebook and Twitter posts reaching tens of thousands of followers, articles on our frequently-visited website, and analysis provided to the media.
Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.
Sincerely,
Alexander Rony
Sierra Club
Filed via MuckRock.com
E-mail (Preferred): 50306-86618037@requests.muckrock.com
Upload documents directly: https://www.muckrock.com/accounts/agency_login/us-fish-and-wildlife-service-3805/joshua-winchell-elephants-lions-50306/?uuid-login=a65e84c9-ba76-4b5e-b105-410ea77baae0&email=fwhq_foia%40fws.gov#agency-reply
Is this email coming to the wrong contact? Something else wrong? Use the above link to let us know.
For mailed responses, please address (see note):
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PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable.

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What we know is a drop, what we don't know is an ocean. - Newton

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March 16 International Wildlife Conservation Council Meeting

"Regina A. Lennox" <regina.lennox@conservationforce.org>

From:	"Regina A. Lennox" <regina.lennox@conservationforce.org>
Sent:	Mon Mar 12 2018 15:52:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	March 16 International Wildlife Conservation Council Meeting

Dear Joshua,
I hope you had a nice weekend. Will there be a conference number to listed to the International Wildlife Conservation Council meeting on Friday?
Thanks,
Regina

Regina A. Lennox
Conservation Force
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Metairie, Louisiana 70001 USA
504-837-1233 (office)
919-452-8652 (cell)
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IWCC comments
Attachments:
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/92. IWCC comments/1.2 image002.jpg
/92. IWCC comments/1.3 IWCC comments + attachments (3.12.18).pdf

Anna Frostic <afrostic@humanesociety.org>

From:	Anna Frostic <afrostic@humanesociety.org>
Sent:	Mon Mar 12 2018 14:37:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"iwcc@fws.gov" <iwcc@fws.gov>, "joshua_winchell@fws.gov" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC:	Keisha Sedlacek <ksedlacek@hslf.org>
Subject:	IWCC comments
Attachments:	image001.png image002.jpg IWCC comments + attachments (3.12.18).pdf

Mr. Winchell – please find attached comments regarding the International Wildlife Conservation Council's first public meeting.
Thank you,

Anna Frostic
Managing Attorney, Wildlife & Animal Research Litigation
Animal Protection Litigation
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Joshua, Do you have an updated IWCC agenda?

"Sellars, Roslyn" <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>

From: "Sellars, Roslyn" <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 14:17:05 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC: Thomas Irwin <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>
Subject: Joshua, Do you have an updated IWCC agenda?

Joshua, Do you have an updated IWCC agenda?

Roslyn Sellars
Executive Assistant| Office of the Director | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C Street NW | Room 3356 | Washington, DC| (202) 208-4545|roslyn_sellars@fws.gov
Please copy Thomas Irwin (thomas_irwin@fws.gov) on future emails related to scheduling.

On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 4:00 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

> Greg,
>
> Natalie Davis requested I bring a first draft of an IWCC agenda to discuss at our meeting tomorrow at MIB. Do you want me to bring copies of the draft agenda I worked up?
>
> -Joshua
>
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> On Thu, Feb 8, 2018 at 4:20 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:
>
> > Greg,
> >
> > Attached is my first attempt at a IWCC inaugural meeting agenda, based on our conversation. Please comment, adjust, revise, edit, and/or discount as you see fit!
> >
> > -Joshua
> >
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Managing IWCC member entry into MIB on March 15th?

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 12:31:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Managing IWCC member entry into MIB on March 15th?

Natalie,

Are you arranging someone to meet and escort IWCC members into the building and up to the DepSec office for the 4pm reception on March 15th?

-Joshua

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"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 13:14:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Managing IWCC member entry into MIB on March 15th?

Yes- we are finalizing the details, but someone will be escorting up the members.

Also, in the past how has it worked for dinner? Did they just give the hostess your name, or were you or someone there at the dinner site before they arrived?

Thanks!
Natalie

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"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 13:35:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Managing IWCC member entry into MIB on March 15th?

We will have someone to do all of this. Thanks!

On Mon, Mar 12, 2018 at 3:14 PM, Davis, Natalie <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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>
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VS Branch notes for mgmt team mtg

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Mon Mar 12 2018 12:52:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Phil LePelch <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>
Subject:	VS Branch notes for mgmt team mtg

For the VS Branch Section:
Joshua Winchell is coordinating DOI and FWS leadership/staff participation for the inaugural meeting of the International Wildlife Conservation Council at Main Interior this Friday (March 16). Public interest is high for this event and representatives from major media outlets will be attending.

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call from Ashley - Gray TV - inbound

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Mon Mar 12 2018 12:38:05 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Laury Parramore <Laury_Parramore@fws.gov>
Subject:	call from Ashley - Gray TV - inbound

Called me looking for a FWS press contact for trophy importation issues. I provided her your contact info.

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FYI - anticipated lunch rush at Bison Bistro - March 16th 12-1pm

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 10:00:12 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Phillip Workman <phillip.workman@sodexo.com>
Subject: FYI - anticipated lunch rush at Bison Bistro - March 16th 12-1pm

Phillip,

As I mentioned on the phone, I'm running a March 16th meeting in South Penthouse with approximately 60 participants. Lunch is scheduled for 12-pm and I will be directing people down to the Bison Bistro to eat.

So, I wanted to give you a heads up that there will be a lunch-time surge!

-Joshua

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"Workman, Phillip" <Phillip.Workman@sodexo.com>

From: "Workman, Phillip" <Phillip.Workman@sodexo.com>
Sent: Mon Mar 12 2018 10:59:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: FYI - anticipated lunch rush at Bison Bistro - March 16th 12-1pm

Beverly,

Concur profiles have been updated for the IWCC Council:
FF09R00000 WHHC Council

I also updated the authorizations that were already created/Approved, so they will to route directly to for approval. You should have received notification that these need to be stamp "Authorization Approved" again.

Number	Invitational Travelers IWCC	Update Routing in Concur Profile	Update routing within TA	ACTION NEEDED	ACTION REQUIRED IF requesting travel reimbursement
1	Create Inv Traveler- Denise Welker	x	x	update reservations	
2	Create Inv Traveler- Jenifer A. Chatfield	x	x		
3	Create Inv Traveler- Keith M. Ingram	x	x		
4	Create Inv Traveler- Terry Maple	x	x		
5	Create Inv Traveler-James C Hudson	x	x		
6	Cameron Hanes				NOT IN CONCUR
7	Create Inv Traveler- Billy Brewster	x	x		
8	Create Inv Traveler- Peter Horn II	x	TA not done yet		
	Create Inv Traveler-John J Jackson III	x			

9			TA not done yet		
10	Paul Babaz				NOT IN CONCUR
11	Create Inv Traveler-Ivan Carter	x	TA not done yet		
12	Create Inv Traveler-Steven Chancellor	x	TA not done yet		
13	Gary Kania	x	TA not done yet	If asking for reimbursement	
14	Create Inv Traveler-Keith Mark	x	TA not done yet		
15	Olivia Opre	x	TA not done yet		
16	Erica Rhoad	NA			NOT IN CONCUR

I notified Nikki Randolph that all profiles would be updated today.

TGIF! Enjoy the weekend! I will see you next week.

Thank you,

Susan Humphrey, CGMP
Financial Analyst
Federal Agency Travel Administrator, FATA | PCS Counselor | Conference Management
Division of Financial Management - Policy and Accountability
Business Management and Operations
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DOI leadership/staff expected to attend?

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 04:39:17 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: DOI leadership/staff expected to attend?

Natalie,

Who from DOI leadership and/or staff are planning to attend the meeting? I want to ensure enough total seating, and seats and name cards at the conference table for leadership, in South Penthouse.

Thanks,

Joshua

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"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 07:50:44 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: DOI leadership/staff expected to attend?

Todd Willens and Greg Sheehan are ex-officio members, plus one from State Dept. We will add an extra 8 chairs for others like external affairs/ state dept presenters/ etc. and others who may pop in and see how its going. These extra chairs can just be placed in the theater seating and labeled as DOI.

Thanks!
Natalie

On Fri, Mar 9, 2018 at 6:39 AM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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202.208.4928

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Out of the Office Re: total seating in south penthouse?

"Gately, Mariane" <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Gately, Mariane" <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 04:27:19 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Subject: Out of the Office Re: total seating in south penthouse?

I am out of the office, please contact Mike Hershfeld on 202-208-4572 for assistance.

If you have mee ing requests, please send them to: ofas_meetings_events@ios.doi.gov

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total seating in south penthouse?

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Fri Mar 09 2018 04:26:54 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Mariane Gately <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: total seating in south penthouse?

Mariane,

Can you reconfirm with me the max number of additional seats we can put into South Penthouse after a conference table for 20 is set-up?

-Joshua

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Invitation: Meeting @ Fri Mar 16, 2018 8:30am - 10:30am (EDT) (joshua_winchell@fws.gov)
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Mariane Gately <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>

From: Mariane Gately <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 14:01:20 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Subject: Invitation: Meeting @ Fri Mar 16, 2018 8:30am - 10:30am (EDT) (joshua_winchell@fws.gov)
Attachments: invite.ics invite.ics

Meeting more details »

Josh Winchell, 7/358-2639

When Fri Mar 16, 2018 8:30am – 10:30am Eastern Time

Where nph (map)

Video call https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/mariane-m-gatel

Calendar joshua_winchell@fws.gov

Who
- mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov - creator
- joshua_winchell@fws.gov

Going? Yes - Maybe - No more options »

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You are receiving this email at the account joshua_winchell@fws gov because you are subscribed for invitations on calendar joshua_winchell@fws.gov.
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room 1352 (or equivalent) available on March 16, 8:30-10:30am?

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 13:42:25 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Mariane Gately <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: room 1352 (or equivalent) available on March 16, 8:30-10:30am?

Mariane,

I'm in need of smaller meeting room (informal, conference table for 20, no additional seating required) for March 16 from 8:30-10:30am. I used 1352 a few years back and I think it fits the bill good enough. No a/v support required, just a sit and talk room.

Is 1352 available? If not, what are other options (North Penthouse?). This is all in addition to the existing south penthouse reservation.

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"Gately, Mariane" <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Gately, Mariane" <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 13:46:19 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: room 1352 (or equivalent) available on March 16, 8:30-10:30am?

1352 is no longer a conference room. You can use room 1548 or the North Penthouse on 3/16. On Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 3:42 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote: > Mariane, > > I'm in need of smaller meeting room (informal, conference table for 20, no > additional seating required) for March 16 from 8:30-10:30am. I used 1352 a > few years back and I think it fits the bill good enough. No a/v support > required, just a sit and talk room. > > Is 1352 available? If not, what are other options (North Penthouse?). This > is all in addition to the existing south penthouse reservation. > > Thanks! > > > Joshua Winchell, Designated Federal Officer and Coordinator > Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council > International Wildlife Conservation Council > > Office (703) 358-2639 > Cell (571) 329-1172 > > > U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service > National Wildlife Refuge System > Division of Visitor Services and Communications > 5275 Leesburg Pike > MS: NWRS > Falls Church, VA 22041 > -- Mariane Gately Chief, Branch of Conference and Special Events Office of Facilities and Administrative Services U.S. Department of the Interior Desk: (202) 208-7204 Moblie: (202) 437-8477 http://www.doi.gov/ofas

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 13:49:41 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Gately, Mariane" <mariane_m_gately@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: room 1352 (or equivalent) available on March 16, 8:30-10:30am?

Okey-dokes. Let's go with North Penthouse, March 16 8:30-10:30am!

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Oppose plans for US council promoting trophy hunting

Diego Gavilanes <dgavilanes@gmail.com>

From:	Diego Gavilanes <dgavilanes@gmail.com>
Sent:	Thu Mar 08 2018 11:40:27 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	"joshua_winchell@fws.gov" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Oppose plans for US council promoting trophy hunting

Dear Mr. Winchell:

I write in opposition to the use of US taxpayer funds to establish a proposed *"International Wildlife Conservation Council"* to promote and advise the federal government on the "benefits" of trophy hunting.

The US is the world's largest trophy importer, yet it has failed to protect species against the escalating threats to their survival. Indeed, many have suffered staggering decline over the last century. Killing is not conservation.

A 2016 US House report identified negative impacts of trophy hunting in sub-Saharan Africa, finding *"many troubling examples of funds either being diverted from their purpose or not being dedicated to conservation in the first place," "no merit to claims that hunting deters poaching,"* and current permitting to be *"arbitrary, confusing, and not based on sound science."* Shockingly, US taxpayers cover *"92% of all permit fees," "subsidizing"* trophy hunting.

The claimed financial benefits of trophy hunting to local communities are largely exaggerated, and bear little actual connection to conservation, whereas eco-tourism generates substantial, ongoing economic benefit.

Trophy hunting provides avenues and cover for illicit trafficking; for example, lion bone trade is on the rise, as skeletons obtained via canned hunting operations have stirred market demand, with related spikes in poaching of both wild and captive lion populations.

Hunters comprise only 5% of the US population - down 1.5 million between 1996-2006 (when wildlife watching increased 13%) and another 2 million between 2011-2016 - and not all domestic hunters support international trophy hunting of threatened species. A 2016 USFWS survey (issued this year) found the "biggest increases in participation involved wildlife watching … [which] surged 20 percent to 86 million participants. Money spent on these activities also rose sharply from $59.1 billion to $75.9 billion." To provide the small, but powerful and well-funded trophy hunting lobby a front row seat to national policymaking under the guise of *"conservation"* will only attract further criticism and endanger wildlife.

I urge you to withdraw consideration of this council, and to instead focus upon scientifically supported and sustainable conservation practices, to save wild species before it's too late.

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Diego

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 08 2018 12:14:17 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	FWHQ IWCC <iwcc@fws.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: Oppose plans for US council promoting trophy hunting

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Date: Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 1:40 PM
Subject: Oppose plans for US council promoting trophy hunting
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FYI: media at IWCC

Laury Parramore <laury_parramore@fws.gov>

From: Laury Parramore <laury_parramore@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 09:17:31 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Subject: FYI: media at IWCC

Thanks for the forwards. I count four so far, is that right? I have forwarded to Gavin to use in discussion with DOI OCO.

Laury Marshall Parramore https://www.fws.gov/external-affairs/contacts.html

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 10:00:53 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Laury Parramore <laury_parramore@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: FYI: media at IWCC

Correct, three requesting to attend the meeting (Ebbs, Messina, Actman) and one requesting information (Doyle).

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On Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 11:17 AM, Laury Parramore <laury_parramore@fws.gov> wrote:

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Laury Parramore <laury_parramore@fws.gov>

From: Laury Parramore <laury_parramore@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 08 2018 10:34:05 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: FYI: media at IWCC

Thanks (I think...) :) keep 'em coming.

Laury Marshall Parramore https://www.fws.gov/external-affairs/contacts.html

On Mar 8, 2018, at 12:00 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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March 15 IWCC member reception moved to 4pm

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 07 2018 13:14:18 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Bill Brewster <(b) (6)>, Cameron Hanes (b) (6)>, Chris Hudson (b) (6)>, Denise Welker (b) (6), Erica Rhoad (b) (6)>, Gary Steven Kania (b) (6), Ivan Carter (b) (6), Jenifer Chatfield (b) (6)>, "John J. Jackson, III" <(b) (6) K. Michael Ingram" (b) (6), Keith Mark (b) (6) m>, Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6)>, Paul Babaz (b) (6)>, Peter Lewis Horn II (b) (6), Steve Chancellor (b) (6), Terry Maple (b) (6)
BCC: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: March 15 IWCC member reception moved to 4pm

Council Members,

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Cameron Hanes (b) (6)>

From: Cameron Hanes (b) (6)
Sent: Wed Mar 07 2018 13:21:38 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC: Bill Brewster (b) (6), Chris Hudson (b) (6)>, Denise Welker (b) (6), Erica Rhoad (b) (6), Gary Steven Kania (b) (6)>, Ivan Carter (b) (6)>, Jenifer Chatfield (b) (6), "John J. Jackson, III" (b) (6), "K. Michael Ingram" (b) (6), Keith Mark <(b) (6)>, Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6), Paul Babaz (b) (6), Peter Lewis Horn II (b) (6), Steve Chancellor (b) (6), Terry Maple (b) (6)
Subject: Re: March 15 IWCC member reception moved to 4pm

Thanks Joshua, looking forward to it. Cam

Cameron R. Hanes
(b) (6)

Nobody cares. Work harder!

Sent from my iPhone

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PAUL BABAZ (b) (6) >

From:	PAUL BABAZ (b) (6) >
Sent:	Wed Mar 07 2018 13:36:52 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: March 15 IWCC member reception moved to 4pm

Josh, I'm scheduled to get in at 3:19 but I'll try to to reschedule my flight as I'm in Brussels right now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 7, 2018, at 9:14 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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Bill Brewster <(b) (6) >

From:	Bill Brewster (b) (6)
Sent:	Wed Mar 07 2018 14:28:20 GMT-0700 (MST)

To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: March 15 IWCC member reception moved to 4pm

Thanks Joshua.
Please alert the lady that is getting
our airline tickets.
I talked with her last week, but have
not received anything as to which airline or what time.
Thanks again,
Bill Brewster

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 7, 2018, at 2:14 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6) [redacted]

From: Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6) [redacted]
Sent: Wed Mar 07 2018 15:34:31 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: March 15 IWCC member reception moved to 4pm

Thank you Josh!

On another note, I wanted to bring a small gift from home for secretary Zinke (chocolate covered huckleberries known to the valley that both he and I come from in Montana); first is that allowed? And if so, would it be an awkward or unusual thing to do?

~Olivia

Sent from my I-Phone

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FYI - IWCC member dinner adjustment (March 15)

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From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Mar 07 2018 13:50:55 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	FYI - IWCC member dinner adjustment (March 15)

Natalie,

Based on the change of schedule for the March 15 reception, I switched the IWCC member dinner to 7pm at Carmine's Italian Restaurant (425 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20004). It's a much more flexible set-up and the table can fit up to 20.

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Subject:	Re: FYI - IWCC member dinner adjustment (March 15)

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Sent: Wed Mar 07 2018 07:25:27 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Greg Sheehan <(b) (6) @fws.gov>, Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: IWCC meeting agenda for your review

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To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
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To:	"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: IWCC meeting agenda for your review

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To: Greg Sheehan (b) (6) @fws.gov>
CC: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
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Sent:	Wed Mar 07 2018 08:13:05 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: IWCC meeting agenda for your review

I met with our international folks on Monday to discuss this and believe that state has identified an appropriate person who can present at the meeting.

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To: Greg Sheehan (b) (6) @fws.gov>
CC: Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC meeting agenda for your review

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Attending IWCC Meeting
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"Goergen, Joseph" <jgoergen@safariclub.org>

From:	"Goergen, Joseph" <jgoergen@safariclub.org>
Sent:	Wed Mar 07 2018 07:24:45 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	"iwcc@fws.gov" <iwcc@fws.gov>, "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Attending IWCC Meeting
Attachments:	image001.png

Dear Joshua,

I would like to submit this email as official registration for the IWCC meeting next Friday March 16. Please use my information below:

Name – Joseph Goergen
Time – 9:30 am
Email – jgoergen@safariclub.org
Phone – (202)-774-0440

I look forward to attending this important meeting.

Thank you,
Joe

Joseph Goergen
Acting Director of Conservation
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Budget for IWCC
Attachments:
/115. Budget for IWCC/2.1 IWCC Charter Signed and Filed (1).pdf

Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>

From: Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 06 2018 09:03:48 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Subject: Budget for IWCC

Hey Josh, House Natural Resources minority staff want to know what our budget is for the IWCC. I assume maybe only a portion of your salary, but do you know if it's spelled out anywhere? Also let me know if you want me to kick this to someone else. Maybe Division of Budget? I've reported the inquiry to the Dept. Thanks! Lisa ---------- Lisa Hummon-Jones Congressional and Legislative Affairs Specialist U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 703-358-2536 (o) 202-365-7255 (c) Sent from my iPhone

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 06 2018 11:13:50 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Budget for IWCC
Attachments: IWCC Charter Signed and Filed (1).pdf

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Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>

From: Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 06 2018 11:19:44 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Budget for IWCC

Thanks!

Lisa Hummon-Jones
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On Mar 6, 2018, at 12:13 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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Ethics clearance for International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC) Member Dinner

"Sellars, Roslyn" <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>

From: "Sellars, Roslyn" <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 01 2018 15:15:54 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <Joshua_Winchell@fws.gov>, Thomas Irwin <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>
Subject: Ethics clearance for International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC) Member Dinner

Joshuya

Who is sponsoring the International Wildlife Conservation Council reception and dinner on 3/16? We may need to get ethics clearance.

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Fri Mar 02 2018 09:10:17 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Sellars, Roslyn" <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>
CC: Thomas Irwin <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Ethics clearance for International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC) Member Dinner

Roslyn,

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On Thu, Mar 1, 2018 at 5:15 PM, Sellars, Roslyn <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov> wrote:

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From: "Sellars, Roslyn" <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 05 2018 13:10:10 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC: Thomas Irwin <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Ethics clearance for International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC) Member Dinner

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Roslyn

On Fri, Mar 2, 2018 at 11:10 AM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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International Wildlife Conservation Council Named: March News from Washington?

"Nudel, Martha" <martha_nudel@fws.gov>

From:	"Nudel, Martha" <martha_nudel@fws.gov>
Sent:	Mon Mar 05 2018 12:29:31 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	Joshua Winchell <Joshua_Winchell@fws.gov>
CC:	Linda Walker <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>
Subject:	International Wildlife Conservation Council Named: March News from Washington?

This council has been officially named:
https://www.fws.gov/iwcc/

It's not on the DOI website but it is on the FWS web site.

Do we want something in the March issue of News from Washington? I am trying to finalize the issue so we can distribute before March 14, Refuge System birthday.

thanks

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Azuredee Perkins <azuredee_perkins@fws.gov>

From:	Azuredee Perkins <azuredee_perkins@fws.gov>
Sent:	Mon Mar 05 2018 11:40:24 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	joshua_winchell@fws.gov, shaun_sanchez@fws.gov, cynthia_martinez@fws.gov, linda_d_walker@fws.gov
Subject:	Updated invitation: IWCC Meeting Pre-Brief @ Tue Mar 6, 2018 2:30pm - 3pm (EST) (joshua_winchell@fws.gov)
Attachments:	invite.ics invite.ics

This event has been changed.

IWCC Meeting Pre-Brief more details »

When **Changed:** Tue Mar 6, 2018 2:30pm – 3pm Eastern Time

Where 3N004C Blue-stem (map)

Video call https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/cyn.hia-martine

Calendar joshua_winchell@fws.gov

Who
- cynthia_martinez@fws.gov - organizer
- azuredee_perkins@fws.gov - creator
- shaun_sanchez@fws.gov
- joshua_winchell@fws.gov
- linda_d_walker@fws.gov

Going? Yes - Maybe - No more options »

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Weekly Mgmt Team Meeting Notes

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Subject:	Re: Weekly Mgmt Team Meeting Notes

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WILDLIFE

New Interior panel loaded with safari and hunting advocates

Michael Doyle, E&E News reporter
Published: Friday, March 2, 2018

The 16 members of a new pro-hunting International Wildlife Conservation Council will have their first meeting on March 16. Pamela King/E&E News

Stocked with representatives from the National Rifle Association, Safari Club International and other like-minded groups, the Interior Department's newest advisory committee is about to start trekking.

In their first all-day meeting, scheduled to be held March 16 at the Main Interior Building, the 16 members of the International Wildlife Conservation Council will start off with an unambiguous agenda.

"The Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding the benefits that result from United States citizens traveling to foreign nations to engage in hunting," the Fish and Wildlife Service **stated** in the *Federal Register* today.

Established last year by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, the council was explicitly designed through its membership criteria to have a pro-hunting perspective.

One member, for instance, was mandated to be a representative of the "firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry." Erica Rhoad, the NRA's director of hunting policy, was tapped for this seat.

Five members represent "wildlife habitat and conservation" organizations, according to the list posted on a Federal Advisory Committee Act **website**. Interior has not issued a press release announcing the members, who were notified of their selection in late December, though Zinke did promote the panel when he announced the idea Nov. 8, 2017.

"This council will provide important insight into the ways that American sportsmen and women benefit international conservation from boosting economies and creating hundreds of jobs to enhancing wildlife conservation," Zinke said at the time (***Greenwire***, Nov. 8, 2017).

These "wildlife habitat and conservation" representatives on the council include Safari Club International President Paul Babaz and John Jackson III, an attorney and past president of Safari Club International who is now president of a group called Conservation Force.

"There have been regional and national and international workshops on how to save the African lion," Jackson said on C-SPAN in a 2015 interview, "and in each case, hunting was found not to be the cause of the decline but the solution and a method of saving African lions."

Chris Hudson, who is a life member of both the NRA and the Dallas Safari Club, and Gary Kania, a former NRA and Nature Conservancy staffer who now serves as vice president for policy of the

Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, were also appointed to the "wildlife habitat and conservation" seats.

Six seats are occupied by members identified as "U.S. hunters actively engaged in international and/or domestic hunting conservation." These include Texas resident Denise We ker, who last month was presented with the Safari Club International's Diana Award.

"Named for the huntress of Roman mythology, it recognizes the women of SCI who have excelled in international big game hunting," the organization's website explains, adding that "nominees will have shown exemplary ethics in the field ... and have personally given of their time and energies to enhance wildlife conservation and education."

Three members are identified with the "tourism, outfitting and/or guide industries." These include Kansas attorney Keith Mark, who also runs MacMillan River Adventures in Canada's Yukon Territory, which guides clients in hunting moose, black bears and other species.

"I have hunted all over the world, and I have seen the value of what hunting can do for a community," Mark said in an interview earlier this year.

One member represents the "archery and/or hunting sports industry." For this seat, Interior tapped prominent hunter Cameron Hanes.

The new panel will examine issues from "recommending removal of barriers to the importation" of legally hunted wildlife to reviewing the Endangered Species Act's foreign listed species and streamlining import permits, according to Interior. It will meet twice a year.

Some observers remain skeptical, including 38 House Democrats who wrote Zinke in January urging him to abandon what they dismissed as a "misguided idea."

"Trophy hunting is unethical, unpopular and of questionable conservation value in many cases," the lawmakers wrote in the letter led by Rep. Don Beyer (D-Va.) and Rep. Raúl Gr jalva (D-Ariz.). "Further, this council is a poor use of taxpayer dollars."

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Subject: International Wildlife Conservation Council: application material

You are receiving this email because you have either nominated an individual, have yourself been nominated, or have made an inquiry about nominations to the International Wildlife Conservation Council, but I have yet to receive application materials. The nomination period ends this Friday, December 8 so please provide application materials (see below for a description) if you remain interested in supporting an application to the Council.

While here is no set format for an application package to the IWCC, at a minimum it should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable the U.S. Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the IWCC and to permit us to contact he applicant. Here are the IWCC membership requirements and description of duties:

IWCC Membership

Members must be senior-level representatives of their organizations and/or have the ability to represent heir designated constituency.

- Wildlife and habitat conservation/ management organizations;
- U.S. hunters actively engaged in international and/or domestic hunting conservation;
- The firearms or ammunition manufacturing industry;
- Archery and/or hunting sports industry; and
- Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to interna ional hunting.

IWCC Duties

- Developing a plan for public engagement and education on the benefits of international hunting;
- reviewing and making recommendations for changes, when needed, on all Federal programs, and/or regulations, to ensure support of hunting as: (a) An enhancement to foreign wildlife conservation and survival, and (b) an effec ive tool to combat illegal trafficking and poaching;
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Timothy Lamar <tjlamar@gmail.com>

From:	Timothy Lamar <tjlamar@gmail.com>
Sent:	Mon Dec 04 2017 17:23:18 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: International Wildlife Conservation Council: application material
Attachments:	KLMBIO2017.docx

Hello Joshua,
I am attaching Keith Mark's resume to further support my recommendation of him for this position.

Please let me know if further materials are helpful or needed.

Sincerely,
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Jimmiel Mandima <jmandima@awf.org>

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Sent:	Tue Dec 05 2017 13:45:12 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	RE: International Wildlife Conservation Council: application material
Attachments:	Comments of WWF, WCS, AWF & IRF on Federal Register Notice Docket no. FW....pdf

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May you kindly advise on the status of responses to the comments submitted and hopefully we can then make an informed decision regarding nominating a representative to be on the Council.

I look forward to your feedback.

Regards,

Jimmiel

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Alan Peterson <flyingleapfilms@mac.com>

From:	Alan Peterson <flyingleapfilms@mac.com>
Sent:	Fri Dec 08 2017 03:17:32 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: International Wildlife Conservation Council: application material
Attachments:	IWCC Nomination Alan Peterson.docx ATT00001

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Sent:	Fri Dec 08 2017 04:39:55 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	Alan Peterson <flyingleapfilms@mac.com>
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Attachments: CV for IWCC.docx

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Alan Peterson <flyingleapfilms@mac.com>

From:	Alan Peterson <flyingleapfilms@mac.com>
Sent:	Fri Dec 08 2017 09:36:50 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: International Wildlife Conservation Council: application material

Thank you Joshua.

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Alan Peterson
flyingleapfilms@mac.com
801 209 5567

On Dec 8, 2017, at 4:39 AM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

Alan,

I am in receipt of your application to the International Wildlife Conservation Council. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

-Joshua

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On Fri, Dec 8, 2017 at 5:17 AM, Alan Peterson <flyingleapfilms@mac.com> wrote:

> Joshua,
>
> Attached, please find nomination for the International Wildlife Conservation Council.
>
> Please let me know if you require additional information.
>
> Thank you,
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> A
>
> Alan Peterson
> flyingleapfilms@mac.com
> 801 209 5567

melorani <melorani@telkomsa.net>

From: melorani <melorani@telkomsa.net>
Sent: Fri Mar 02 2018 13:48:55 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: International Wildlife Conservation Council: application material

Dear Mr Winchell

I am enquiring as to what the status now is of the IWCC? I presume, as I never heard back from you, that my application was unsuccessful.
Is it possible to disclose who the members are of the council? I know John Boretsky was nominated as was John Jackson of Conservation Force. The latter has let me know he has been elected onto the council. However, we wish to establish who the others are so we can provide relevant information to them that may benefit our communities and wildlife.
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Our association “Custodians of Professional Hunting and Conservation-SA” is hoping to influence policy makers to make more informed decisions based on evidence. It appears that much of the USFWS laws affecting us negatively are not backed evidence on the ground. As professional hunters in the field, we are able to provide accurate and up to date observations of what is really transpiring.
Hope we can be of assistance in one way or another.

Kind regards
Stewart Dorrington
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From: Winchell, Joshua
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2017 6:36 PM

To: melorani
Subject: Re: International Wildlife Conservation Council: application material

Stewart,

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On Fri, Dec 8, 2017 at 11:03 AM, melorani <melorani@telkomsa.net> wrote:

> Dear Mr Winchell
>
> The 6 executive members of the newly formed "Custodians of Professional Hunting and Conservation South Africa" have requested me as chairman, to put my name forward for membership of the IWCC.
> I apologise for unprofessional application but the last few days has been rather frenetic in setting up meetings, travelling, agreeing and adopting a constitution (currently being refined by our legal team), finding office space and staff etc. However, as mentioned the support has been tremendous but we still have a way to go before we are fully functional as an effective organisation.
>
> Even in our infancy as an association, we have already been endorsed by every other African PH association, Wild Sheep Foundation, Sports Afield, members of the public and many others. We have also received messages of encouragement from various government and provincial offices.
>
> If there is any realistic chance that my nomination will be considered, I can resubmit it with both endorsements and references from a variety of different interest groups.
> I attach hereto a brief resume related to hunting and conservation.
>
> Yours sincerely
> Stewart Dorrington

From: Winchell, Joshua
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 11:32 PM
To: melorani
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Mr. Dorrington,

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> Dear Mr Winchell
>
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Attachments:

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MMessina (b) (6)

From:	MMessina <(b) (6)
Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 21:37:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	<iwcc@fws.gov>, <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: IWCC March 16 mtg agenda & building entry instructions
Attachments:	Recommendation from public-IWCC members.pdf

HelloJoshua,
I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the IWCC meeting tomorrow. **I hope you are able to provide me with a link to presentations, minutes, or video after the meeting.**

Attached, I have recommended 3 knowledgeable, in-country conservation experts you might ask to join the council or whom you might confer with. Briefly below:
1. **Dr. Phillip Muruth**i, chief scientist for African Wildlife Foundation - he works all across Africa, https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/the-extreme-life-of-a-conservation-scientist_us_5a0c36bfe4b06d8966cf33d8
2. **Dr Laurie Marker** - Director of Cheetah Conservation Fund - she has been in Namibia for 0ver 20 working with local farmers, endangered species, hunters, tourism, conservationists implementing very effective win-win systems. https://cheetah.org/about-us/staff/laurie-l-marker-dphil/
3. **Kai-Uwe Denker** with the Namibia Professional Hunting Association (NAPHA) - He is an award-winning situ tracker-ranger to guide foreign trophy hunters on their hunts. http://huntnamibia.com.na/2017/08/22/conservationist-beyond-doubt-kai-uwe-denker/

These in-country conservationists may provide insights when the council seeks to understand impacts past and future of trophy hunting within African nations. I did read the submitted public comments.
I noticed much focus on South Africa, also Zimbabwe, and Kenya, with one expert inTanzania. I would add that each country has very different regulatory structures not to mention differing hopes and economic issues. Low-population countries like Namibia and Botswana are working to defeat rural poverty and habitat losses. They also have a unique conservancy system - developed by emulating American ingenuity - and they are working hard to maintain their wildlife and habitats while building prosperity.
Thank you.

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The meeting agenda and associated documents are posted here. All meeting-related documents will be posted to this website, so please check back there for the most up-to-date information.

I've included your name on Main Interior's visitor list for the meeting. When you enter the building please present a valid photo ID at the security desk, inform them you are attending the IWCC meeting in the South Penthouse and you will be given a visitor pass.

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Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 15:47:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Putney, Barton J" <PutneyBJ@state.gov>
CC:	"Dawson, Christine L (OES)" <DawsonCL@state.gov>, "Watson, Rowena P" <WatsonRP@state.gov>, "craig_hoover@fws.gov" <craig_hoover@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: International Wildlife Conservation Council

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"Hoover, Craig" <craig_hoover@fws.gov>

From:	"Hoover, Craig" <craig_hoover@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 16:02:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: International Wildlife Conservation Council

Call my cell if you get a chance. (b) (6) [redacted]

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"Kessler, Danielle" <danielle_kessler@fws.gov>

From:	"Kessler, Danielle" <danielle_kessler@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 15:22:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: FW: Meeting on Friday
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Hi Josh,

I'm sure that you are inundated right now and I do apologize for adding to your inbox. I talked with Sara Walker earlier today and promised that I would try to get an answer regarding admission to tomorrow's meeting. Do folks have to be pre-registered? Or can you they just show up?

Thanks and best of luck tomorrow! Danielle

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Sara Walker** <swalker@aza.org>
Date: Thu, Mar 15, 2018 at 4:35 PM
Subject: FW: Meeting on Friday
To: Danielle Kessler <danielle_kessler@fws.gov>

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From: Sara Walker <swalker@AZA.org>
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:07 PM
To: "iwcc@fws.gov" <iwcc@fws.gov>
Subject: Meeting on Friday

Hi Josh—

Is it still possible to RSVP for the IWCC meeting on Friday? Just as an observer.

And apologies if you received this message twice. I sent an email yesterday, but didn't see it in my "sent" items so wanted to make sure it got to you!

Thanks,
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Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 14:49:55 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"joshua_winchell@fws.gov" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>, Sara Walker <swalker@aza.org>
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From: "John J. Jackson, III" (b) (6) [redacted] >
Sent: Wed Feb 28 2018 13:11:29 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC: "Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC Meeting Information

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Joshua,

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Greg Sheehan <(b) (6) @fws.gov>

From:	Greg Sheehan <(b) (6) @fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Feb 28 2018 22:43:30 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: IWCC Meeting Information

Thank you Natalie for these updates and for getting funding for coffee and donuts. That will be most appreciated I'm sure.

Greg

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On Feb 28, 2018, at 1:03 PM, Davis, Natalie <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thank you Joshua.

We have changed up the schedule a little. Also, we have approval to use the Secretary's rep fund for coffee and donuts, or some kind of food, in the morning for

"Coffee with Dep Sec" and a refill in afternoon during meeting.

Joshua, do you mind checking prices with downstairs to see what we could get? No more than $200 for the entire day.

We will set up a 6 ft table in Dep Sec's office with coffee and food.

Please note that we just want to do coffee from 8:30-9:00.

Todd Willens approved this schedule and Chief of Staff approved use of rep fund.

Thanks!

8:30- 9am: Coffee with Deputy Secretary- In his office/balcony
9-10am: Administrative Session *Note*: Closed session, no public.
9:30-9:45am: *Note*: Open up meeting room to public, get them seated.
9:45-10am: Opening Remarks (Sheehan)

- *Note*: This starts the open/public mtg

10-10:30am: Member Introductions
10:30-11:30: FWS International Affairs Program Briefing (FWS)
11:30-12:30pm: State Department/U.S. Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking Briefing (State Dept./DOJ/USAID/FWS)
12:30-2pm: Lunch
2-3pm: Public Comment
3-3:30pm: Council Discussion

- *Note*: topics could include selection of chair/vice-chair; timeframe/location of next full meeting.

3:30pm Adjourn

On Wed, Feb 28, 2018 at 12:42 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

> Greg and Natalie,
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I look forward to meeting you all in a couple weeks.

-Joshua

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Erica Rhoad (b) (6)

From:	Erica Rhoad (b) (6)
Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 14:01:53 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: IWCC Meeting Information

Joshua—I'm on my way, but traffic is particularly horrible today. I should be there by 4:20. Thanks

On Feb 28, 2018, at 12:37 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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<IWCC Charter Signed and Filed.pdf>

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IWCC mtg materials

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Mar 14 2018 09:15:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Kimberly Hintz <kimberly.hintz@sol.doi.gov>
Subject:	IWCC mtg materials
Attachments:	IWCC mtg agenda - discussion draft (1).pdf IWCC Charter Signed and Filed (1).pdf IWCC appointment letter (Babaz).pdf

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Mar 14 2018 14:45:13 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Jennifer Heindl <Jennifer.Heindl@sol.doi.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: IWCC mtg materials
Attachments:	IWCC mtg agenda - discussion draft (1).pdf IWCC Charter Signed and Filed (1).pdf IWCC appointment letter (Babaz).pdf

FYI - I spoke with Hintz on the phone and she confirmed she will be at the administrative session.

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From: **Winchell, Joshua** <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Date: Wed, Mar 14, 2018 at 11:15 AM
Subject: IWCC mtg materials
To: Kimberly Hintz <kimberly.hintz@sol.doi.gov>

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 07:37:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Rowena P Watson <(b) (6) [redacted]>
Subject:	IWCC mtg materials
Attachments:	IWCC mtg agenda - discussion draft (1).pdf IWCC Charter Signed and Filed (1).pdf

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"Watson, Rowena P" (b) (6) [redacted] >

From:	"Watson, Rowena P" <(b) (6) [redacted]>
Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 13:55:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC:	"Dawson, Christine L (OES)" <DawsonCL@state.gov>, "Putney, Barton J" <PutneyBJ@state.gov>, "Thomas,

Holly Lindquist" <ThomasHL@state.gov>

Subject: RE: IWCC mtg materials

Joshua,

Many Thanks – materials and instructions received. I look forward to attending the meeting tomorrow, and appreciate all of your coordination efforts. I will also be glad to join the morning reception at the Deputy Secretary's office.

Best Regards,
Rowena

Rowena Watson, Ph.D.
Team Lead, Wildlife Conservation/Combating Wildlife Trafficking
OES/ECW, Office of Conservation and Water, suite 2657
United States Department of State
2201 C Street NW, Washington DC 20520
Office: 202 647 2151
(b) (6)

From: Winchell, Joshua [mailto:joshua_winchell@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 9:38 AM
To: Watson, Rowena P
Subject: IWCC mtg materials

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AWCP meeting and advisory councils

"Recce, Susan" <SRecce@nrahq.org>

From:	"Recce, Susan" (b) (6) >
Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 13:28:35 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Joshua_Winchell@fws.gov" <Joshua_Winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	AWCP meeting and advisory councils

Hi Joshua,

The AWCP agenda went out today and I see you are on the agenda to speak about the “newly formed Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council and the International Wildlife Conservation Council.” Has the Hunting Council been selected? Maybe missed the announcement. I know that the International Council is meeting tomorrow as its first meeting.

Thanks,
Susan

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current list of attendees for IWCC mtg

Attachments:

/57. current list of attendees for IWCC mtg/1.1 MIB visitor list March 16 IWCC mtg (1).xlsx

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 13:24:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Greg Sheehan <(b) (6) >, Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov>
Subject:	current list of attendees for IWCC mtg
Attachments:	MIB visitor list March 16 IWCC mtg (1).xlsx

per your request here is the current list of IWCC mtg attendees (this list does not include DOI staff/leadership in attendance)

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Update- Coffee with IWCC members Friday, 3/16 @ 8:30 am

"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 13:12:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Cassidy, Benjamin" <benjamin_cassidy@ios.doi.gov>, Jason Funes <jason_funes@ios.doi.gov>, Leila Getto <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov>, Elinor Renner <elinor_renner@ios.doi.gov>, Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, "Smethers, Lacey" <lacey_smethers@ios.doi.gov>, Gareth Rees <gareth_rees@ios.doi.gov>, Greg Sheehan (b) (6) >, Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>, "Willens, Todd" <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov>, Todd Wynn <todd_wynn@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Update- Coffee with IWCC members Friday, 3/16 @ 8:30 am

Location has changed from Dep Sec's office to Secretary's office.

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Natalie Davis
Special Assistant to the Secretary
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202.208.4928

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Updates

"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 13:09:55 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Updates

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Deputy Chief of Staff would like to attend the dinner tonight.

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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 13:41:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Updates

Got it.

Agreed about no need for additional instructions ... since the last set of instructions I gave IWCC members was to wait for their escort (Ben) to take them up tomorrow morning for the reception.

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On Thu, Mar 15, 2018 at 3:09 PM, Davis, Natalie <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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attire for IWCC reception and mtg

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 15 2018 07:19:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: undisclosed-recipients:;
BCC: Bill Brewster <(b) (6)>, Cameron Hanes <(b) (6)>, Chris Hudson (b) (6)>, Denise Welker (b) (6)>, Erica Rhoad <(b) (6) Gary Steven Kania <(b) (6) Ivan Carter (b) (6)>, Jenifer Chatfield (b) (6)>, "John J. Jackson, III" (b) (6)>, "K. Michael Ingram" <mi@edhi.net>, Keith Mark (b) (6)>, Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6) Paul Babaz (b) (6)>, Peter Lewis Horn II (b) (6) Steve Chancellor (b) (6)>, Terry Maple <(b) (6), Benjamin Cassidy <benjamin_cassidy@ios.doi.gov>, Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: attire for IWCC reception and mtg

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"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 08:05:53 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: attire for IWCC reception and mtg

Sounds perfect!

On Thu, Mar 15, 2018 at 9:19 AM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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ivan carter (b) (6) >

From:	ivan carter <(b) (6)
Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 12:10:26 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: attire for IWCC reception and mtg

Joshua
I am stuck at the airport in Florida will be in later this afternoon but will miss the special event and likely the dinner also

Apologies
Imc

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Sent from my iPhone so please excuse the typos !

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Re: Bios/applications of appointees - Invitation to collaborate

"Irwin, Thomas" <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>

From: "Irwin, Thomas" <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 15 2018 11:44:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Bios/applications of appointees - Invitation to collaborate

Thanks got it!

thomas_irwin@fws.gov - (202) 208-4545
FWS Office of the Director - 1849 C Street NW - Room 3356 - Washington, DC 20240

On Thu, Mar 15, 2018 at 1:29 PM, Joshua Winchell (via Google Drive) <drive-shares-noreply@google.com> wrote:

joshua_winchell@fws.gov has invited you to **contribute to** the following shared folder:

Bios/applications of appointees

Thomas, here's the folder containing PDFs bios/applications for each of the 16 members of the IWCC.

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Google Drive: Have all your files within reach from any device.
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"Hinson, Alex" <alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Hinson, Alex" <alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 15 2018 11:18:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Subject: IWCC

Hey Joshua,

Can I get the email addresses for all members of the press coming to the meeting?

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Alex Hinson

Deputy Press Secretary
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"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 15 2018 11:26:35 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: gavin_shire <gavin_shire@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: IWCC

Handing this off to you, to respond or hand off/up further as you desire!

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From: **Hinson, Alex** <alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Thu, Mar 15, 2018 at 1:18 PM
Subject: IWCC
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov

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"Shire, Gavin" <gavin_shire@fws.gov>

From:	"Shire, Gavin" <gavin_shire@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 11:30:33 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: IWCC

Can you tell Alex to contact me? I only have a handful -- the ones that contacted me or my team directly. Did any contact you directly?

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Gavin Shire
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703-346-9123 (c)
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Subject: IWCC
To: joshua_winchell@fws.gov

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Sent:	Thu Mar 15 2018 11:36:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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CC:	gavin_shire <gavin_shire@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: IWCC

Jani Actman <Jani.Actman@natgeo.com>,
John Bevir <bevirj@featurestory.com>,
"Biesecker, Michael" <MBiesecker@ap.org>,
Malcomb Brown <brownm@featurestory.com>,
"Cochrane, Emily" <emily.cochrane@nytimes.com>,
"Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>,
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On Thu, Mar 15, 2018 at 1:18 PM, Hinson, Alex <alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Hey Joshua,
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> Can I get the email addresses for all members of the press coming to the meeting?
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> --
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change to Greg's dinner event tonight - 6:15pm at Carmine's

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Subject:	change to Greg's dinner event tonight - 6:15pm at Carmine's

Roslyn and Thomas,

I just spoke with Greg on the phone and he is aware of the change, but I also wanted to let you know of a change to the dinner plan tonight:

IWCC Dinner
6:15pm March 15
Carmine's DC (Italian Restaurant)
425 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20004

I'll be there in advance to welcome guests, the reservation is under my name.

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Carmine's Italian Rest.
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Greg, I've included both our internal discussion draft agenda as well as the Meeting Agenda made available to the public.

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Can you please forward the agenda? Also, are there any seats left for the meeting? Standing room?

Sent from my iPhone

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FYI - Kaush Arha ex officio for State Dept.

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Subject: FYI - Kaush Arha ex officio for State Dept.

Greg - see email from Melissa Simpson, below.

I will send materials to Kaush shortly.

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Hello Joshua,

I hope that all is well with you.

I am writing to let you know that we have had a change in plans at State. Kaush Arha, USAID, Senior Advisor Environment, Economic Growth and Education, will represent the State Department on the Council. Kaush has an ongoing dialog with DOI on international hunting issues and has been a leader in the area for some time.

He is CC'd here. Please send him the information for the meeting on Friday.

Best, Melissa

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Appropriation Hearing Q and A

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Subject: Appropriation Hearing Q and A

Hi Joshua,

Division of Budget is working to develop a set of questions and answers to prepare the Principal Deputy Director for hearings on the FY 2019 President's budget with Appropriations Subcommittees for Interior. The dates for these hearings have not yet been set.

One topic we anticipate a Congress members to ask about in a question is the International Wildlife Conservation Council. Can you please review this draft question and answer and provide any edits?

Thank you.

What are the goals of the International Wildlife Conservation Council? What is its status? Do you have any representation from the conservation community on the Council?

Response
The Council will advise the Secretary of the Interior on the benefits that international recreational hunting has on foreign wildlife and habitat conservation, anti-poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking programs, and other ways in which international hunting benefits human populations. This past November a call for nominations was announced in a Federal Register notice that asked for public input on nominations by December 8, 2017.The Council is holding its first meeting on March 16. Council membership is available on the Federal Advisory Committee Act website.

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DOI In The News

Trump Cabinet Members Accused Of Living Large At Taxpayer Expense.

The Washington Post (3/14, Eilperin, Dennis) reports that President Trump, who last year "extolled the virtues of the men and women" in his Cabinet, now "finds himself presiding over a Cabinet in which a number of members stand accused of living large at taxpayer expense – often by aggressively embracing the trappings of their high government posts. At least a half-dozen current or former Trump Cabinet officials have been mired in federal investigations over everything from high-end travel and spending on items such as a soundproof phone booth to the role of family members weighing in on official business." The Post specifically cites controversies surrounding HUD Secretary Carson, EPA Administrator Pruitt, VA Secretary Shulkin, Interior Secretary Zinke, and ex-HHS Secretary Tom Price.

CNN (3/14, Liptak, Marsh) reports that Trump is "openly wondering what happened to the collection of officials he described only five months ago as the 'finest group of people ever assembled' as members of his Cabinet find themselves embroiled in ethics scandals or woefully at odds with the White House." Trump has "complained in recent days that his Cabinet has fallen well short of his expectations and wants to purge all the 'deadweight,' one official said."

Additional coverage was provided by the AP (3/14, Lemire).

A Watchdog Group Sues 16 Federal Agencies For Records Of Office Upgrade Expenses.

Pacific Standard (3/14, Wheeling) reports that "American Oversight, a liberal watchdog group, filed a lawsuit Wednesday against 16 federal agencies for failing to respond to Freedom of Information Act requests made in November." The group is "seeking records of "actual or projected expenses" related to office renovations or upgrades for senior officials at the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Interior, Justice, Labor, Transportation, Treasury, Veterans Affairs, and State, as well as the Office of Management and Budget and the General Services Administration."

Interior Leaders Talk Progress On Priorities After Year Under Trump.

The Alaska Journal of Commerce (3/14, Brehmer) reports that Deputy Interior Secretary Dave Bernhardt and Assistant Secretary Joe Balash visited Anchorage on March 8 "to report on the progress of Interior's work during the first year of the Trump

administration." Addressing the biweekly breakfast gathering of Alaska Support Industry Alliance members, Bernhardt said,"We had a very, very productive year if you compare our policy development to prior administrations." Balash commented, "Every day I get to work on something related to Alaska." Bernhardt "said Balash's work will likely continue to be Alaska-centric as the Bureau of Land Management should be publishing a Notice of Intent to initiate the environmental impact statement process for ANWR lease sales within several weeks."

US Plans To Complete ANWR Lease Review In 2019. Argus Media (3/14) reports that the Interior Department hopes to complete an environmental review of oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge by early 2019 so that it can then begin holding lease sales for Alaska's coastal plain. Potential leasing in that area is likely to spark "years of litigation and protests," which could dampen industry interest in the lease sale. American Petroleum Institute chief economist Dean Foreman said that oil companies are likely to be interested in exploration in the area "with a view to augment their reserve base." Foreman said, "We can use modern technology to discover where the resource potential is in ways that have not been possible or permitted up to this point."

Interior Unprepared For Cyber Threats.

Federal Computer Week (3/14, Gunter) reports that the Interior Department is "vulnerable to the theft of sensitive data, unprepared to detect and deal with cyber threats and failing to keep users on its computer network from visiting – downloading materials from – illicit websites, according to a new watchdog report." According to the article, "during testing at a U.S. Geological Survey facility as part of a department-wide audit, Interior's inspector general, working with independent accounting firm KPMG, identified a 'workstation attempting to communicate with IP addresses of known malware command and control website in Russia.'" The machine, Interior later found, "had been compromised." Auditors also found that "inappropriate and risky network behavior occurred undetected...due to deficiencies and inconsistencies in Interior's Office of the CIO incident response program."

Oil Group To Lobby President After Stay At Trump Hotel.

Politico (3/14, Lefebvre) reports that the American Petroleum Institute is holding its annual board meeting at the Trump International Hotel in Washington, "before its executive committee goes to the White House to voice concerns about President Donald Trump's proposed steel tariffs, sources familiar with the meetings told POLITICO." API's meeting "could involve up to 200 people representing various oil and gas companies – including the top executives of major oil companies – paying to stay at Trump's hotel." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Energy Secretary Rick Perry "are scheduled to attend the board meeting at the Trump Hotel on Wednesday night, two sources told POLITICO."

Zinke Criticized For Wild-West Mentality Over Oil And Gas.

UPI (3/14, Graeber) reports that critics of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who has defended the strategy of energy dominance, say he is "out of step with the will of the people." Last month, Florida Petroleum Council Executive Director David Mica said that allowing offshore drilling in Florida could bring in new sources of revenue and enrich the state's economic diversity. However, Sen. Bill Nelson said during a hearing of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee "that was something his constituents didn't want to hear."

Additional coverage of the hearing was provided by Natural Gas Intelligence (3/14, Passut) and Platts (3/14, Saville).

Interior Will Send $18M From Roan Drilling To Colorado.

The AP (3/14) reports that the Interior Department will "send $18 million from oil and gas development from Colorado's Roan Plateau back to the state," Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced Tuesday during a Senate committee hearing. According to the article, "the money is leftover from the cleanup of Anvil Points, a naval oil shale research

site northwest of Rifle." Pending state legislation "would send it to four northwestern Colorado counties – directly to Rio Blanco and Moffat counties and to federal mineral lease districts in Mesa and Garfield counties."

Big Tax Break For Coal In Arizona Stalls Out At The Legislature.

The Arizona Republic (3/14, Randazzo) reports Arizona lawmakers on Wednesday "debated but failed to pass a proposal to give about $12 million in annual tax breaks for coal sales...in an effort to save the Navajo Generating Station power plant, which is closing next year." According to the bill's sponsor, Rep. Mark Finchem "potential buyers are looking at the power plant, but are unlikely to step in and save it without the tax break." Peabody Energy is the owner of the Kayenta Mine on Navajo and Hopi land in northern Arizona, which sells coal to the facility. "If the plant closes, so will the mine." Finchem contends "that taxes on the coal are illegal, but the courts have not recognized that." Finchem's bill passed "the House but was held in the Senate Finance committee Wednesday."

Advocates Fight To Save Grant That Helps Preserve History Of World War II Internment.

NBC News (3/14, Kandil) reports that "a federal grant program aimed at preserving the history of World War II-era Japanese-American incarceration could be in danger under President Donald Trump's proposed 2019 budget." The budget proposal "declines to request funding for the Japanese American Confinement Sites (JACS) grant program, which has provided more than $21 million of funding for the research and preservation of World War II-era incarceration camps, collection centers, and Department of Justice prisons over nearly a decade." Heather Swift, Department of the Interior press secretary, said, "The proposed budget makes a historic investment in our National Parks infrastructure backlog. The budget prioritizes funding for core operations in the National Park System and addressing the $11.6 deferred maintenance backlog in parks across the nation through the Public Lands Infrastructure Fund. The budget request identifies savings in other programs, including some competitive grant programs." The nonprofit Japanese American Citizens League is "encouraging people to contact their representatives about the issue before Friday, the deadline for members of Congress to submit their requests for funding."

Poll: Montanans Split On Elected Officials, Dislike Zinke's Recommendations For Monuments.

The Missoulian (MT) (3/14, Szpaller) reports that "Montanans are divided over the job performance of statewide elected officials but generally disapprove of U.S. Department of the Interior recommendations to reduce the size of national monuments, according to results of a new poll announced Thursday by the University of Montana." According to UM's inaugural Big Sky Poll, "some 62 percent of Montanans polled disapproved of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's recommendations to decrease the size of national monuments," while "29 percent approved of the recommendations, and an estimated 9 percent declined to answer the question." The article says that "according to UM, the poll was conducted via telephone between Feb. 1 and Feb. 19 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level."

Conservationists Launch Anti-Gianforte Campaign.

The AP (3/14, Volz) reports that "a conservation group is launching an ad campaign that repeatedly accuses U.S. Rep. Greg Gianforte of 'assaulting' and 'attacking' public lands since he's been in office, a veiled reference to the Montana Republican's attack of a reporter last year." League of Conservation Voters officials "said they are spending $244,000 on ads through April, the first significant outside group spending in Gianforte's nascent re-election campaign." The League of Conservation Voters officials insist "the ad campaign is not about Gianforte's re-election, but about bills pending in Congress."

Whistleblower Denounces Trump's Failure To Tackle Climate Change.

The Lewiston (ME) Sun Journal (3/14, Collins) reports that Joel Clement, "former director of the U.S. Office of Policy Analysis and the top climate-change policy official at the Department of Interior," spoke at Bates College on Wednesday evening. Clement claimed that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "could not just clean house of career bureaucrats whose jobs are protected by law," so "he wound up transferring executives in the hope of driving them to quit." But "rather than go quietly off to a new home in Tulsa, Clement got a lawyer, filed a whistleblower complaint and took to the pages of The Washington Post to denounce what he saw going on within the department." He resigned in October.

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

WATCH: Elouise Cobell Fights For Native Americans In '100 Years'.

The ColorLines (3/14, Rao) reports that PBS/World Channel on Tuesday night aired a documentary on "how banker Elouise Cobell fought the United States government for the billions of dollars it owed Indigenous landowners." The film "explores how Cobell, a member of the Blackfeet Nation and founder of the tribe-operated Blackfeet National Bank, discovered several financial abuses at the Bureau of Indian Affairs throughout the 1980s and '90s."

Bureau Of Land Management

BLM Oil/gas Leases Draw Concerns.

The Alamosa (CO) Valley Courier (3/14, Heide) reports that local residents are concerned about the impact of oil and gas leases near the Great Sand Dunes National Park & Preserve. The Bureau of Land Management "plans to offer about a dozen parcels for potential oil and gas sale leases in September and will be releasing an environmental assessment regarding the parcels next week, with the public allowed 15 days afterwards (until April 6) to comment on the environmental assessment." Anna Lee Vargas, director, Project Management and Community Outreach for Conejos Clean Water, said, "We are so conscious as community members of our land and our water, air quality, water quality. We just don't want anything to impact that."

Keller Receives NMCGA Award.

The Carlsbad (NM) Current-Argus (3/14) reports that "Ray Keller received the 2017 Ayudando Siempre Alli Award from the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association (NMCGA) at the Joint Stockmen's Convention recently held in Albuquerque." At the Bureau of Land Management's Carlsbad Field Office, Keller "spearheaded the Restore New Mexico program that put funds from the National Resource Conservation Service EQIP program together with private dollars to change the face of the landscape of southeastern New Mexico." According to the article, "through his efforts, over 3 million acres have been treated with programs ranging from invasive species control and noxious weed treatment." NMCGA President Tom Sidwell said, "We truly appreciate the work that Ray has put into improving landscapes in southeastern New Mexico."

Bureau Of Ocean Energy Management

Trump's OCS Drilling Plan Draws Cheers, Jeers From Coastal Elected Officials.

Natural Gas Intelligence (3/13, Passut) reports elected officials from coastal states "took disparate views over the Trump administration's proposal to open more than 90% of the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) to oil and natural gas exploration, which garnered more than 630,000 public comments." Most of the comments "appeared to be in opposition to the draft proposed program (DPP) for the OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2024, which the Department of Interior's (DOI) Bureau of Ocean Energy

Management unveiled earlier this year."

Offshore Drilling Meeting Battles Clock, Weather.

The Ellsworth (ME) American (3/13, Rappaport) reports that a recent Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) recently held a meeting in Maine to discuss the Trump Administration's offshore drilling plan, but the meeting was held only one day before the close of the public comments period and took place hours before a winter storm. The article highlights opposition to the plan from Maine congressmen and local residents.

Could N.J. Offshore Drill Plan Be Dead? Local Congressmen Are Optimistic.

Philly (PA) (2/28, Kummer) reports that several New Jersey members of Congress "say they met Tuesday with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and they came away from the conversation believing drilling off the state's coast is unlikely." However, Zinke "has not officially removed New Jersey from the list of areas under consideration for offshore exploration and drilling for natural gas and oil. Florida has already been removed."

AG Healey Pledges To Fight Trump Offshore Drilling Plan Along Massachusetts Coast.

The Springfield (MA) Republican (3/13, Serreze) reports Attorney General Maura Healey on Monday "vowed to fight federal plans to open the Massachusetts coastline to offshore oil and gas drilling." Healey said, "Massachusetts does not want drilling off our coast and I will fight this proposal to defend our state and our residents. ... Of all the bad environmental ideas the Trump administration has proposed, this one may take the cake."

Commissioners Serenaded At Meeting About Offshore Drilling.

KXRO-AM Aberdeen, WA (3/13) reports that a group of people in Washington state "serenaded the Grays Harbor County Commissioners showing their opposition to offshore oil drilling but a resolution was still not brought to the floor." The group's effort was part of a bid to get the commissioners to pass a resolution against offshore drilling.

Bureau Of Reclamation

Klamath River Fish-kill Preventive Dam Releases Challenged By Farmers, Water Districts.

The Eureka (CA) Times Standard (3/14, Houston) reports that "local tribes' say critically important dam water releases meant to protect threatened salmon on the Klamath River from deadly parasitic disease outbreaks are being contested by irrigators and water districts in the Klamath Basin as they face drought conditions." According to the article, "basin ranchers, farmers and water districts argue in a federal court filing this month that the potential for fish disease outbreaks this year is low, but that the drought conditions the basin faces could cause significant economic impacts to their region." Bureau of Reclamation public affairs officer Erin Curtis "said the basin does not have enough water to provide for both irrigators and the dam releases without lowering water levels at Upper Klamath Lake."

Heller Introduces Bill To Reauthorize Colorado River Program.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (3/14, Martin) reports that "legislation has been introduced in the Senate to reauthorize the Colorado River System Conservation Program critical to water supplies for Southern Nevada." Sen. Dean Heller "filed the bill to reauthorize for four years the conservation program, first passed by Congress in 2015 to conserve water and mitigate impacts of drought in the Colorado River Basin."

Fish And Wildlife Service

Ellen DeGeneres Calls On Trump To Reverse Elephant Trophy Decision: 'Don't Make Me Tweet About This'.

The Washington Examiner (3/14, Mayfield) reports that "talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is again calling on President Trump to reverse his administration's decision to allow elephant body parts into the U.S. as trophies." In a clip of her show shared on social media Wednesday, DeGeneres said, "Mr. President, I am begging you to change your mind and protect these majestic animals. Don't make me tweet about this." She added, "I don't wanna get into a battle of words or anything ... but I have a Twitter account, too, and mine is much bigger than yours."

Animal Rights Group Sues For Details On Interior's Pro-Hunting Group.

The Hill (3/14, Green) reports that "an animals rights group is suing the Interior Department after the agency failed to provide details on a new advisory group created to advocate for international hunting." The group Born Free USA "filed a suit against Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service on Wednesday, arguing that the agency failed to provide details they requested in a November Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request about the agency's International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC)." The group's "initial November FOIA request asked for documents related to the duties of the IWCC, the circumstance for its creation and the criteria in which its members were selected." The organization "additionally requested in their FOIA that FWS provide them with 'the authority' that was used to create the group." The suit claim "that FWS failed to meet its deadline to provide the requested details."

Miami Federal Judge Rejects Bid To Stop Walmart In Rare Miami Forest.

The Miami Herald (3/14, Staletovich) reports that "a Miami federal judge has lifted a temporary stop to construction on a Walmart-anchored shopping center on rare pine rockland and hinted that environmentalists are unlikely to win their battle in court." It's unclear "when Palm Beach County developer Peter Cummings will resume work on the planned shopping center and apartments spread across nearly 140 acres near Zoo Miami." However, "environmentalists, armed with additional information released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since the case was argued, said they plan to keep fighting a project that could pave over one of the largest remaining tracts of pineland outside Everglades National Park."

Additional coverage was provided by the Miami New Times (3/14, Iannelli) and Law360 (3/14, Bolado).

Environmental Assessment Done For Clark County Wind Proposal.

The Mitchell (SD) Daily Republic (3/14, Mercer) reports that "the Crocker wind farm proposed in Clark County has 14 turbine sites that would be swapped for other ground because they are on federal grassland easements, according an environmental assessment from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service." The FWS "released a report Wednesday on the project. Geronimo Energy, the project developer, wants to build 120 wind towers on a variety of privately held properties, including the 14 federal easements." According to the report, "Geronimo Energy would voluntarily swap land with the federal government on a two-to-one basis after construction has finished."

Environmental Regulators Are Trying To Turn A Former Lead Mining Site Back Into A Forest.

KWMU-FM St. Louis (3/14, Chen) reports that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources are "restoring a portion of Missouri's Old Lead Belt back into a forest." According to John Weber, an environmental contaminants specialist for the Fish and Wildlife Service, "the reforestation could improve local water quality, recreational opportunities and wildlife habitats." He said, "It's important for people who are recreating in the river, whether they are fishing or floating. It's important for downstream species of mussels. There's some species listed on the endangered species list that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is concerned about."

3rd Lawsuit Filed Over Colorado's Predator Reduction Studies.

The AP (3/14) reports that "activist groups have filed a third lawsuit in connection to Colorado Parks and Wildlife research projects that aim to determine whether reducing predators could help mule deer numbers." The lawsuit "filed last week targets the research's primary funding source – the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – which authorized more than $3.4 million in funding."

Moapa Dace Population Holds Steady In Latest Count Of Endangered Fish.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (3/14, Brean) reports that results for the latest count for Clark County's most endangered fish is "mixed." According to the article, "while researchers were relieved to see the Moapa dace population holding steady at 1,138 adult fish, they would prefer some real improvement for a species that's been under federal protection for just over 50 years." Michael Schwemm, senior fish biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Southern Nevada, said, "We're not in a crisis mode where the species is declining. But we're not happy with the status quo. We want to see things improve."

National Park Service

Historic Black Church With W.E.B. Du Bois Ties Gets Grant.

The AP (3/14) reports that "preservationists for a 130-year-old black church with ties to civil rights pioneer W.E.B. Du Bois have received federal grant money to turn it into a community center." The Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area was awarded $389,000 from the National Park Service African American Civil Rights Grants Program "Tuesday to restore the Clinton AME Zion Church in Great Barrington, near the New York and Connecticut borders."

$500K Grand Will Restore Historic Building At Fort Huachuca.

The AP (3/15) reports that "Arizona State Parks and Trails has received $500,000 in grant funding from the National Park Service to restore the Mountain View Officers' Club at Fort Huachuca." The State Historic Preservation Office, a division of Arizona State Parks and Trails, has "been involved in a long-standing effort to preserve and protect the World War II-era black officers' club, which is one of two such documented buildings in the U.S. Army."

100,000-plus Comments Received On Proposed Fee Hike.

The Greene County (VA) Record (3/14, Brooks) reports that the National Park Service is "poring over comments received on proposed peak-season fee increases." According to the article, "109,111 comments were received, with 1,004 specifically mentioning Shenandoah National Park." The article says that "a glance at the first 100 shows a close split of 59 against the proposal, 37 for it and four offering other suggestions such as charging non-U.S. residents a higher fee."

Advisory Panel Slams Fee Hikes. The Mount Desert (ME) Islander (3/14, Broom) reports that "members of the Acadia Advisory Commission voted unanimously on Monday to formally oppose the higher park entrance fees that have been proposed for Acadia during its peak visitation season, June through October." Acadia Advisory Commission member Matt Horton "said at Monday's meeting that he has heard from many people who feel the proposed increases are excessive." The NPS said the fee increases were necessary to generate "badly needed revenue for improvements to the aging infrastructure of the national parks."

Fix To Keep Worm Diggers In National Park Gets House OK.

The AP (3/14, Whittle) reports that the U.S. House of Representatives "unanimously signed off on a bill late Tuesday designed to allow" commerical harvesters of "marketable species to continuing plying their trade" near Acadia National Park. In recent years, the

harvesters have claimed "they've faced enforcement from National Park Service personnel who have told them it's prohibited." A similar bill has been proposed in the Senate by Sen. Angus King, "but has yet to make it to a committee vote."

Additional coverage was provided by the Mount Desert (ME) Islander (3/15).

Comment Wanted For Potential Design For DC War Memorial.

The AP (3/15) reports that the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association, "in cooperation with the National Park Service, is looking for public comments on the potential design of a memorial that the US Congress authorized the establishment of on federal land in Washington, D.C." The National Park Service "said in a statement that the purpose of the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial is to commemorate and honor members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield." The comment period closes on April 13.

Virginia Man Still Claims Ownership Of Vanished NC Island.

The Charlotte (NC) Observer (3/14, Price) reports that "North Carolina's Shelly Island may have vanished below ocean waters – possibly forever – but that's not discouraging the Virginia man who filed a deed for ownership of the mysterious landmass." Ken Barlow "says his mile-long island is still there...but its no longer a separate island. It has merged – at least in part – with nearby Cape Point, he says." The National Park Service has "never conceded Barlow owned the 27-acre island." Although "the island vanished before the dispute reached the courts," Barlow is "undeterred." He said, "I will NEVER relinquish what I own to the National Park Service. I will defend that property with the necessary force to repel invaders, such as the NPS.... Dare County Records of Deeds says I own this property. End of story."

Waterline Breaks Lead To Restrictions At Grand Canyon Park.

The AP (3/14) reports that "due to a series of breaks in the Transcanyon Waterline, Grand Canyon National Park has implemented water conservation measures." According to officials, "the park will remain in conservation mode until staff repairs the break and water in storage tanks reaches sustainable levels."

Reconstruction Of Beartooth Highway Continues With Grant.

The Cody (WY) Enterprise (3/14) reports the Department of Transportation recently awarded the Wyoming Department of Transportation a $16.6 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant to reconstruct the final 1.6-mile segment of Beartooth Highway. The Beartooth Steering Committee includes the WDOT, Montana Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Yellowstone National Park, US Forest Service, Wyoming and Montana congressional staff, and other organizations.

Additional coverage was provided by the Billings (MT) Gazette (3/14).

Truck Crash Results In Hazmat Spill In Death Valley National Park.

KTNV-TV Las Vegas (3/14) reports that "a crash resulted in a hazardous materials situation at Death Valley National Park earlier this week." According to the article, "around 2:15 p.m. on Monday, March 12, a truck driver heading eastbound on California Highway 190 lost control of his vehicle near Emigrant Campground." The vehicle "careened into the desert, landed on its side, and caught on fire."

Insular And International Affairs

Close Up Program Gets $900,000.

The Saipan (MNP) Tribune (3/15) reports that Interior Assistant Secretary Insular and International Affairs Doug Domenech has "authorized a payment of $900,000 for fiscal

year 2018 funding of the Close Up Insular Area Program." According to the article, "this year's program will bring approximately 190 high school-aged students from American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as the freely associated states of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, and Palau, to Washington, D.C. for civic education programs alongside their peers from the 50 states." Domenech said, "The goal of this program is to highlight models of American democratic institutions and to foster in youth the interest, knowledge, and skills needed to effectively participate in a democracy. Bringing the students from the islands allows them to have critical exchange and sharing experiences with students from the States."

US Geological Survey

Scientists Record Volcanic Thunder For The First Time.

Discover Magazine (3/14, Scharping) reports that researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey "say they have finally captured a recording" of volcanic thunder, "during the 2017 eruption of Bogoslof in Alaska." The findings were published Tuesday in Geophysical Research Letters.

Additional coverage was provided by Newsweek (3/14, Bartels).

Mountain Yellow-legged Frog Not Forgotten.

The Idyllwild (CA) Town Crier (3/14, Crumrine) reports that "efforts to save the endangered Mountain yellow-legged frog in the San Jacinto Mountains have been limited in the five years since the 2013 Mountain Fire." The article notes that "most of the efforts on the frogs' behalf have focused on the San Gabriel Mountains." However, Adam Backlin, a U.S. Geological Survey biologist, "said that will be changing with the help of the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Nebraska." Backlin said, "The herpetologist there has been working with similar frogs in the desert southwest for 20 years. He has been very successful with captive husbandry."

Opinion Pieces

Parks Should Be Affordable For All.

In an editorial, the Wheeling (WV) Intelligencer (3/14) argues that national parks were "never intended to be a money-making proposition, and should not be converted into one." The paper acknowledges that "fees are a good idea to help maintain parks" but opposes a proposal to increase fees at national parks to the extent that they become unaffordable for some.

Panhandle At Risk For BP-Style Blowout: Guestview.

In a piece for the Pensacola (FL) News Journal (3/11, Graham, Beinecke), Bob Graham and Frances Beinecke argue that the Trump Administration is ushering in a "dangerous and foolhardy combination" of "expanding the reach of oil and gas drilling while rolling back common-sense safeguards drawn from the lessons of the Deepwater Horizon disaster." The authors claim "Congress continues to operate in a state of denial" as this "is putting Florida's Panhandle at increased risk for the next BP-style blowout."

BLM Plan Is On The Right Track For Public Lands.

In an op-ed for the Missoulian (MT) (3/14, Herzer), John Herzer, owner of Blackfoot River Outfitters in Missoula and Flint Creek Outdoors in Philipsburg, writes that he gave the Bureau of Land Management "low marks" 25 years ago, but "over the years that agency has taken on a more active role in managing those parcels with an eye to the future and conservation." Although he doesn't "agree with all their decisions," Herzer believes "they are on a much better path." Herzer lauds the BLM office "for trying new ways to involve the public in resource management planning, as well as new tools for managing public lands."

Additional Reading.

- ***Here's The Case: Trump Has The Worst Cabinet Ever.*** Washington Post (3/14, Rubin).
- ***Republican Politicians Should Support The Outdoor Industry.*** High Country (CO) News (3/15, Grijalva).
- ***Coal Mine Reclaim Act Sidetracked By Companies And Miners Pay Price.*** Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal (3/14, Hescox).
- ***Guest Opinion: Gianforte Doesn't Get Montana's Public Lands.*** Billings (MT) Gazette (3/14, Burglund, Miller).
- ***Governor's Repeated Extensions Of State Of Emergency Further Tramples On VI Laws Requiring Financial Accountability And Transparency.*** Virgin Islands Consortium (VIR) (3/14, Diase-Coffelt).

Top National News

Trump Touts Tax Reform Law, Says He Is Ready To Launch "Phase Two."

The President's visit to St. Louis yesterday generated largely favorable local coverage, which focused on his defense of his tax reform law and his apparent preview of an additional push for more tax cuts. National media, on the other hand, covered the story sparingly, with the major network newscasts skipping it altogether.

KPLR-TV St. Louis (3/14, 7:02 p.m. CDT) reported that the President "called St. Louis, quote, 'a great place, a place that was really good to me,' unquote." Trump "visited the Boeing plant in North St. Louis County," and "held a roundtable meeting" with "representatives from ten companies across the state, all of which have said that the Trump tax plan has had a positive impact on their businesses." KPLR added that Trump "told the Missouri business leaders he is ready to being 'phase two' of his tax reform plan, a plan he says that will provide tremendous incentives for workers."

KMOV-TV St. Louis (3/14, 5:02 p.m. CDT) also reported "eighteen people, including the President, sat around the horseshoe table sharing how tax cuts impacted their own lives." KOMU-TV Columbia, MO (3/14, 6:04 p.m. CDT) reported that the businesses "say...Trump's tax reform allowed them to increase wages and announce bonuses," and KTVI-TV St. Louis (3/14, 6:32 p.m. CDT) that "many of the companies represented...gave their employees bonuses ranging from $200 to $1,000 each." Trump was shown saying, "We are now going for a phase two. We are actually going for a phase two, which...in addition to the middle class, will help companies, and it's going to be something, I think, very special."

The Washington Times (3/14, Boyer, Miller) reports Trump "said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, Texas Republican, and members of the Senate are involved in the effort." Trump "hasn't specified what a second round of tax cuts would entail, and it's not clear whether congressional Republican leaders are ready for another such battle." However, "Rep. Roger Williams, Texas Republican and a member of the House Financial Services Committee, said Wednesday that he'd like to cut capital gains taxes, and to make permanent the individual tax cuts approved last December."

Typical of the tenor of national reporting was the Los Angeles Times (3/14, Bierman), which headlined its story "Trump Returns From A Brief Trip To Greater Tumult Of His Own Making In Washington" and devotes most of the piece to casting a decidedly unfavorable light on the "chaos" surrounding the Administration. The Times reports in its final paragraphs that "as Trump bragged about a humming economy during the event at Boeing in Missouri, Democrats nationwide were seeing signs of the potential to capitalize on the new energy of young people and suburban women." Yet "in St. Louis," the President "met an enthusiastic crowd of supporters at the airport and shouts of 'Keep it up!'"

The New York Times (3/14, Baker, Tankersley) similarly reports that "amid all the turmoil and uncertainty, with his White House seemingly fraying, his legislative agenda stalled and his electoral base in danger," Trump "these days finds one area of comfort: talking about his tax cuts. He finds it so reassuring, in fact, that he is increasingly talking

about doing it all over again."

The AP (3/14) also describes Trump as "trying to turn attention back to tax cuts and away from the staffing turmoil in his administration," and notes he "promised Wednesday that more relief was on the way." The AP adds, "It's unclear what Trump was talking about," and "the White House did not immediately respond to a request for more details," but "Brady...told Fox Business Network he was indeed working on something with the president and 'we think even more can be done.'" Politico (3/14, Faler) runs a similar story under the headline "Trump And Brady Say More Tax Cuts Coming."

The Kansas City (MO) Business Journal (3/14, Kirn) reports that "Trump, seated in front of an F-15 fighter jet, heard from an array of Missouri business leaders, who praised the tax cuts, passed in December, often with personal stories." The Springfield (MO) News-Leader (3/14) notes "College of the Ozarks President Jerry C. Davis attended" the roundtable, invited by the White House "after C of O gave a $204 bonus to employees in January as a result of savings from the recent US tax code revision." The News-Leader adds that "a new poll says that President Trump's approval rating is on the rise after a surge in the US economy and shifting tax reform numbers." The St. Louis Post-Dispatch (3/14) editorializes that the tax law is "is contributing to a wave of good economic news for the nation," but "doesn't seem to be doing much for workers' wages" despite "full employment."

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch (3/14, Bott) reports that "before the roundtable meeting, Trump was given a tour of Boeing's facility with company officials, former Republican Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder and Mehan." The Post-Dispatch adds that "as he toured part of the Boeing facility and examined an F/A-18 Super Hornet," Trump said, "Great planes, incredible." The "production line," in fact, "has gotten a boost from the administration's request for more Super Hornets in fiscal 2019 on top of the 24 Congress has written into this year's budget." Bloomberg News (3/14, Johnsson, Capaccio, Epstein) reports also the President also urged Boeing "give the government a 'good price' for its fighter jets, lest he take his business elsewhere." Said Trump, "Otherwise, we're going to buy them from somebody else" in the US.

On its website, ABC News (3/14, Mallin) reports "some economists have pointed out that Boeing could be one of many US companies particularly vulnerable in the event of a trade war, because it top exporter sells 80 percent of its commercial planes abroad." However, "the company is also one of many that announced hundreds of millions in bonuses for workers following passage of the GOP tax plan."

Kudlow Also Discusses "Phase Two." Bloomberg News (3/14, Olorunnipa) reports that in an interview with CNBC, Larry Kudlow said that "tax cuts for individuals should be made permanent under 'phase two' of an overhaul." Said Kudlow, "Individuals deserve a permanent break." Kudlow, however, "said he didn't expect a phase two to cut the corporate rate further." Bloomberg adds Trump "has previously referenced a so-called phase two of tax cuts – sometimes in a joking manner," but "earlier this week, he said he was 'serious' about asking House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady to get it done."

Kudlow also said on CNBC's Closing Bell (3/14), "Many of the people who are critical of me or the President's tax cuts are the very people who are being helped the most. For example, my friends in the union movement – teachers union, government workers – they hate this stuff. You know what? Lower tax rates and faster economic growth and the better profits is the only hope they have of ever seeing their pension. So, don't tell me it doesn't help everybody, because it does."

Trump Raises Funds For McCaskill Opponent As McConnell Criticizes Her Vote Against Tax Reform. The Kansas City (MO) Star (3/14, Lowry) notes that when Trump "landed...in St. Louis for his third visit to Missouri in less than a year, the man who welcomed the president to the state twice before was noticeably absent." Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens, "who faces a criminal trial in May, did not greet Trump at the airport as he did for Trump's previous visits to Springfield and St. Charles." Trump "instead was welcomed by Attorney General Josh Hawley, the state's top law enforcement official and the Republican front-runner to challenge US Sen. Claire McCaskill in the fall." KOMU-TV

Columbia, MO (3/14, 6:04 p.m. CDT) reported that Trump "went to a private fundraising campaign...Hawley" yesterday.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch (3/14, Raasch) reports that "hours before" Trump's arrival ion Missouri, "Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell took to the Senate floor to criticize...McCaskill for voting against tax cuts that Trump signed into law late last year." McCaskill "pushed back, saying she was for tax cuts but not for the GOP plan that passed that she said was skewed toward wealthier Americans."

Koch Brothers-Backed Group Launches New Ads Which Hit Donnelly, McCaskill On Tax Vote. Meanwhile, Roll Call (3/14, Pathé) reported that Americans for Prosperity, a Koch brothers-backed group, "is rolling out another $4 million ad campaign targeting" McCaskill and Sen. Joe Donnelly for opposing the tax-reform bill. The spots mark "the second phase of a $20 million digital and TV campaign and comes a month after AFP launched the first $4 million initiative, also against Donnelly and McCaskill. Each ad features a woman explaining how the GOP tax plan benefits them." The AP (3/14) reports the spots airing in Missouri "criticize McCaskill over her comment that the tax overhaul will only mean 'scraps' for" her state's residents.

Trump Picks Kudlow As Cohn Replacement.

Eamon Javers reported yesterday on CNBC's Halftime Report (3/14), "According to a source familiar with the deliberations, the President has asked Larry Kudlow to serve as the next National Economic Council director succeeding Gary Cohn." Added Javers, "The President, I am told, offered Larry Kudlow the job" Tuesday and Kudlow "accepted" it. Javers later said on CNBC's Closing Bell (3/14), "Kudlow says he will disagree with the President when he feels that it is important to do so, but ultimately, the President makes the decisions here. This is the White House after all, and Kudlow says he will execute on decisions even if he does not agree with them as National Economic Counsel Director." ABC World News Tonight (3/14, story 4, 0:20, Muir) briefly noted the story last night, indicating Kudlow "served as an informal adviser during the...campaign."

USA Today (3/14, Jackson, Korte, King) reports White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders "confirmed the move after it was first reported by Kudlow's network." The Hill (3/14, Easley) quotes Sanders as saying, "Larry Kudlow was offered, and accepted, the position of assistant to the president for economic policy and director of the National Economic Council. ... We will work to have an orderly transition and will keep everyone posted on the timing of him officially assuming the role."

Kudlow spoke to several news outlets later Wednesday. Kudlow told Reuters (3/14, Mason, Brice), "The president offered me the position last evening and I accepted." Kudlow made similar comments to the Wall Street Journal (3/14, Timiraos) and New York Times (3/14, Haberman, Kelly, Tankersley). Kudlow said on CNBC's Closing Bell (3/14) that he was going to Washington Wednesday night, adding, "We've, got all kinds of things to do. [Trump] sounded great. Look, the economy is starting to boom, the tax cuts are working, the deregulation is working. We're going to get on the infrastructure. Yeah, we're getting on to trade also."

To the New York Times (3/14, Haberman, Kelly, Tankersley), "the decision to pick Mr. Kudlow, a longtime cheerleader of the president, is the latest move by Mr. Trump to surround himself with loyalists in high administrative posts." The Washington Post (3/14, Costa, Dawsey) similarly casts Trump as "looking to longtime loyalists who encourage his extemporaneous and combative style, following months of frustration with aides and Cabinet officials who often sought to temper him." The Los Angeles Times (3/14, Finnegan) describes Kudlow as "someone who connects with the president personally and politically." Kudlow "shares with Trump a hard-charging personality and a fondness for being a media figure, and both have hosted television programs." Kudlow "has also been an informal Trump advisor over the past year."

Steve Forbes endorses Kudlow's selection in a USA Today (3/14) op-ed, in which he writes, "When we see the initials GOP, we think of the Republican nickname – Grand Old Party. With Larry Kudlow's appointment as the new director of the National Economic Council, those initials might soon become an acronym for Growth, Opportunity, and

Prosperity. ... The president chose wisely here." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (3/14) also hails Trump's selection of Kudlow, and urges him to focus on spurring economic growth and to oppose protectionist policies. To that end, the Journal tells him to rely on Gary Cohn's staff, as well as on Kevin Hassett and Mick Mulvaney.

Kudlow Defends Trump On Trade. The New York Times (3/14, Haberman, Kelly, Tankersley) reports that "in an interview on Wednesday afternoon," Kudlow, "who has publicly criticized the president's recently announced tariff plans, said Mr. Trump had a more nuanced view on trade than many people thought." Said Kudlow, "He regards himself as a free trader. ... He does not like to create obstacles, like tariffs. But he also has to protect the US."

The Washington Examiner (3/14, Morrongiello) reports that "a fierce defender of free trade, Kudlow came out against the steel and aluminum tariffs Trump unveiled last week and will likely defend multilateral trade agreements against the president's protectionist instincts."

Kudlow: China Needs A Comeuppance On Trade. Kudlow was asked on CNBC's Closing Bell (3/14) about reports that President Trump's tariffs on China could reach $60 billion. Kudlow said, "I'm a little unsure about these numbers. I'm not privy to the numbers .I did talk to Bob Lighthizer at some length today. ... I can't comment on that. I will say this, China is not played by the rules for a long time. I've talked about that, intellectual property rights, corporate technologies, other barriers, trans-shipments to get around things, so China needs a comeuppance on trade."

Kudlow In Recent Podcast: Leaving NAFTA Would Be A "Calamitously Bad Decision." Politico (3/14, White) says that at the White House, Kudlow will "likely have to push to protect the North American Free Trade Agreement in the White House." In "a recent podcast interview," Kudlow said "withdrawing from the agreement would be a 'calamitously bad decision.'"

White House: US "Stands In Solidarity" With UK On Russia Accusations.

All three networks reported that the White House and Ambassador Haley, in separate statements Wednesday, said the US stands with the UK as British Prime Minister Theresa May announced retaliatory measures against Russia for poisoning a former Russian spy.

The CBS Evening News (3/14, story 8, 0:40, Glor) reported, "Britain expelled 23 Russian diplomats today after the poisoning of" former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter, who remain in critical condition after exposure to a nerve agent developed by the Soviet Union. The White House "expressed solidarity with Britain." At an emergency UN Security Council meeting, Ambassador Haley "pointed the finger at Russia."

NBC Nightly News (3/14, story 6, 1:55, Holt) reported that the White House "said it agrees with the UK assessment that Russia is to blame," while Haley "condemned the actions" and "issu[ed] a stern warning." Haley said at the emergency Council meeting: "The United States stands in absolute solidarity with Great Britain." She added, "If we don't take immediate concrete measures to address this now, Salisbury will not be the last place we see chemical weapons used. They could be used here in New York."

USA Today (3/14, Hjelmgaard, Stanglin) says Haley "sharply blamed" Moscow for the attack and warned "we will act" if chemical weapon use continues, calling the crisis a "defining moment." The Washington Examiner (3/14, Gehrke) says she also "compared the Skripal attack to North Korea's use of a nerve agent to assassinate the half-brother of dictator Kim Jong-un."

ABC World News Tonight (3/14, story 5, 2:30, Muir) reported that senior US intelligence officials say "there is no daylight between US and British assessments" on the fact Russia is responsible, and on Wednesday night, "a strong statement from the White House, saying the United States stands in solidarity with its closest ally, the United Kingdom, and is working together with our allies and partners to ensure that this kind of abhorrent attack does not happen again."

Fox News' Special Report (3/14) quoted White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders as adding: "This latest action by Russia fits into a pattern of behavior in which Russia disregards the international rules-based order, undermines the sovereignty of

countries worldwide, and attempts to subvert democratic institutions and processes." CNN's Situation Room (3/14) also reported on the "very strong" statement from Sanders.

The New York Times (3/14, Baker) says Britain's "tough response in holding Russia responsible" has "increased the pressure on President Trump" to join its ally in taking action, "even as he has been reluctant to retaliate for Moscow's intervention in the 2016 election in the United States." While Trump expressed solidarity with May during a phone call, he has "avoided saying so personally in public, much as he has generally avoided condemning Russia for its election meddling."

A second New York Times (3/14, Schwirtz) story says Wednesday's emergency session, called by Britain "to formally accuse Russia of trying to murder a former Russian spy and his daughter," was "unusual. Permanent members of the council do not normally accuse one another of what under certain circumstances could be construed as acts of war."

The Washington Post (3/14, Booth, Bodner) reports May ordered "the immediate expulsion of 23 Russian diplomats believed to be involved in espionage, in the first reprisals against Moscow for a chemical attack on a former double agent." ABC World News Tonight (3/14, story 5, 2:30, Muir) said the move "echo[es] President Obama's kicking out 35 Russian diplomats from the US in retaliation for Russian meddling in the 2016 election." May also announced Britain will "take unspecified clandestine measures," and she added that the royal family will boycott the World Cup soccer tournament in Russia this summer.

May made the announcement in what the New York Times (3/14, Pérez-Peña, Castle) calls "language reminiscent of the Cold War," and "suddenly" became "the most forceful Western leader in denouncing the government of President Vladimir V. Putin, which she portrayed this week as a malevolent and lawless force."

The AP (3/14, Lawless, Kirka) reports the Russian Embassy in London said the expulsion of diplomats was "totally unacceptable, unjustified and shortsighted," but Amy Kellogg reported on Fox News' Special Report (3/14) that the Kremlin hasn't taken any action in response. Kellogg added that "we expect to hear more...from the Kremlin in the coming days." The New York Times (3/14, Higgins) writes, "Do not expect any apologies or even a serious discussion from Moscow."

A Washington Post (3/14) editorial says "an adequate international response to Mr. Putin would push back against his ventures on all fronts: Syria, where the United Nations has found Russia complicit in war crimes; Ukraine, where Russian-backed forces continue to seek military advantage; cyberspace, where Russian hackers and bots remain ubiquitous. In the absence of such action, Mr. Putin's ambitions, and his audacity, will only escalate further."

Mo Elleithee, executive director of Georgetown University's Institute of Politics and Public Service, said on Fox News' Special Report (3/14), "I thought it was a strong speech by Ambassador Haley. I thought her trying to hold the Security Council accountable in its efforts to hold Russia accountable was a smart move. Apply her words to her boss, to President Trump, who does not have very much credibility right now in holding Russia accountable. Yes, we need a diplomatic effort. We need to engage the United Nations and the Security Council. But it all rings hollow is the President of the United states continues his flirtation with Vladimir Putin and continues to let him off the hook."

New Zealand To Investigate Decade-Old Poisoning Claim By Former Russian Spy. The New York Times (3/14, Graham-Mclay) reports that police in New Zealand said Thursday that they were investigating "a claim that a man who said he once worked for Russian intelligence was poisoned in Auckland more than a decade ago." Boris Karpichkov, who said he worked for the K.G.B. "before becoming a double agent and later claiming asylum in Britain, spent 15 months in New Zealand in 2006 and 2007." Karpichkov told "Good Morning Britain" this week that he "had powder thrown in his face by someone 'dressed as a common beggar' on a busy street in Auckland." He then "became ill, losing his hair and more than 65 pounds."

Putin Campaigns In Crimea Ahead Of Sunday's Presidential Election. The CBS Evening News (3/14, story 9, 2:00, Glor) reported that President Vladimir Putin "made no mention of the growing rift with Britain" as campaigned "in Crimea, the province he took illegally from Ukraine," ahead of Russia's presidential election Sunday. His "message today was proudly nationalistic. Crimea, he said, has returned home to Russia." While the US and "most countries called the seizure illegal and slapped on sanctions," Putin on Wednesday "visited the bridge Russia is building to physically link its mainland to Crimea, a mega-project that's wildly popular with Russians who support the land grab. But it's also a message to the West: Putin never backs down."

The Washington Post (3/14, Troianovski) similarly reports that on "the same day that the Russian president was the focus of international outrage over the chemical attack on a spy in Britain, Putin came to the site of another event that drew Western furor: Crimea."

Media Analyses: Lamb's Showing Signals Possible Democratic Wave In November.

Ex-federal prosecutor Conor Lamb, a Democrat, appears to have defeated GOP state Rep. Rick Saccone in the PA18 special election. With most ballots counted, Lamb leads by 627 votes – though Saccone may seek a recount. Regardless, media outlets frame Lamb's showing in a district President Trump carried by 20 points in 2016 as further evidence that the GOP faces strong headwinds in its efforts to retain the party's House majority in the 2018 midterm elections.

On NBC Nightly News (3/14, story 4, 2:10), Lester Holt referred "to an election upset that could portend a Democratic wave coming this November. NBC News has declared Conor Lamb the apparent winner in a special congressional election in Pennsylvania in a district that President Trump won big in 2016." NBC's Kasie Hunt added that Lamb scored "a stunning upset" in a contest that dealt Trump "an embarrassing loss." Hunt said, "There are more than 100 Republicans in Congress whose districts are more competitive than Pennsylvania's 18th. A huge warning sign."

The New York Times (3/14, Burns, Martin) asserts that Lamb "scored a razor-thin but extraordinary upset" win "after a few thousand absentee ballots cemented a Democratic victory in the heart of...Trump's Rust Belt base." The Times adds that "Lamb's 627-vote lead Wednesday afternoon appeared insurmountable, given that the four counties in" the PA18 "have about 500 provisional, military and other absentee ballots left to count, election officials said."

While the NBC News and the New York Times declared Lamb as the winner, the AP (3/15, Barrow, Levy, Peoples) reports that the Democrat leads by "627 votes out of more than 224,000 cast, according to unofficial results. The four counties in the Pittsburgh-area district reported they had about 375 uncounted provisional, military and overseas ballots. They have seven days to count the provisional ballots, and the deadline to receive military and overseas ballots is next Tuesday. With the margin so close, supporters of either candidate can ask for a recount."

Politico (3/14, Schneider) reported that the contest "appears headed to a recount, with Republicans preparing behind the scenes to cry foul." Republicans are "considering challenging the accuracy of voting machines in the district, in addition to confusion over the state's changing congressional map later this year, according to two sources familiar with the process." Pennsylvania "law does not require an automatic recount in congressional races." However, "Saccone and his allies can request a recount after all the counties have completed their tallying of provisional and overseas military ballots."

The Washington Times (3/14, Miller) reports that the White House on Wednesday sought "to put a happy face on a likely Democratic win in a Pennsylvania special election where...Trump went all-in for the GOP candidate." White House Deputy Press Secretary Raj Shah is quoted as saying, "The president's engagement in the race turned what was a deficit for the Republican candidate to what is essentially a tie. Also the Democrat in the race really embraced the president's policies and his vision whereas he didn't really embrace [House Minority Leader] Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic leader." In a similar report on Shah's remarks, The Hill (3/14, Easley) said the White House argued Lamb

"won by embracing President Trump's policies."

However, on ABC World News Tonight (3/14, story 3, 2:00, Muir), Tom Llamas reported that "regardless of the final outcome, Democrats say their success" in the PA18 "is proof momentum is in their favor heading into the midterms." The AP (3/14, Mascaro) reports, "The message to Republicans from the Pennsylvania special election was simple: Almost no one is safe." The AP adds that Trump "won more than 100 districts nationwide by narrower margins than" his 20-point win in the PA18 in 2016, "arguably making them comparably competitive now."

DNC Chairman Tom Perez said on Fox News' Special Report (3/14), "You look around right now, there are 118 districts that are actually more competitive than the district that was won yesterday. ... So, if I am a Republican, I am very worried right now, because Democrats are fired up. We are fielding good candidates. That's a big lesson from this. We are organizing everywhere and we are talking about the issues that people care the most about."

The Philadelphia Inquirer (3/14, Tamari) reports, "Running in deep red rural and suburban territory outside Pittsburgh, Saccone pledged his loyalty to...Trump, had help from two of Trump's famous rallies, and saw the GOP spend millions of dollars on his behalf, much of it centering on the president's signature tax bill. But none of that seemed to work." In an analysis, the AP (3/14, Peoples) says "there are 106...House districts Trump won by less than 20 points, suggesting that scores more Republican-held seats could be in play this fall. Democrats need to flip 24 seats to claim the House majority — just 23 if Lamb wins. Both numbers increasingly look reachable. For GOP strategists, or those members considering retirement, it may be time to hit the panic button."

Writing in "The Fix" on the website of the Washington Post (3/14, Phillips), Amber Phillips said "the fact that Democrats were competitive in such a Republican-leaning district makes the 24 seats they need to net in November look much more feasible." Writing for The Atlantic (3/11), Ronald Brownstein said that the results marked the first time since Trump's election that Democrats regained "ground with the white working-class voters at the core of the president's coalition." Brownstein added that "Lamb's apparent win testified to how much energy opposition to Trump has ignited among Democrats everywhere."

The Hill (3/14, Wilson) reported that "the results illustrate the challenge Republicans face even in a district...Trump won by more than 20 percentage points just 16 months ago: Voters who were motivated to show up for Trump are far less motivated to show up for other members of his party, even when Trump himself implores them to vote." Writing for the Washington Post (3/14), Dan Balz says that PA18 contest "isn't the first data point to show Republicans that they're in trouble, but if there was any complacency among elected officials, that's certainly gone now." Of the election results, Balz adds, "The message was clear. In this election cycle, Trump is a great motivator for Democrats, who still feel the sting of the 2016 election and are eager to vote in opposition to the president."

The Washington Times (3/14, Boyer) reports, "The midterm election year is off to an ugly start for...Trump." The Times adds, "Mid-term elections typically go against the party holding the White House, as Mr. Trump has been warning his base. But the special election in southwestern Pennsylvania took place in 'Trump country,' a district the GOP should have held." Of the PA18 results, Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) said on CNN's The Lead (3/14), "I think it is a big lesson. It's a lesson that you can only drill down on the base so far. We've got to broaden our appeal and that's why I've been worried about where the Republican party is going. We can't win statewide elections like this. We can't win in purple districts like. This should be a big wake-up call for Republicans."

Reuters (3/14, Morgan) reports that in the wake of Tuesday's results, "Republicans sounded the alarm." Reuters says House Speaker Paul Ryan "called the election a 'wakeup call' in a meeting with Republican House members and pushed them to raise more campaign funds. He also urged them to do more to highlight tax cuts approved by the Republican-dominated Congress and signed by Trump."

The Hill (3/14, Zanona, Wong) reported that House Republicans "are fretting over

the results of" the contest, "worried that the tight race in the heart of Trump country might be a harbinger of a Democratic wave in the midterm elections later this year. There's a '50-50' chance that Democrats can flip the House, senior Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) told CNN," for example.

The Washington Examiner (3/14, Caralle) reported that retiring Rep. Charlie Dent (R-PA), during a Wednesday appearance on CNN, said, "I think most Republicans realize we're running into a very serious headwind – hurricane-force wind." And referring tom the PA18 contest, Dent added that "if you're a Republican member in a pretty safe seat like this one was, that's where I'd be nervous because those members are not used to running in these types of competitive situations."

Politico (3/14, Bade, Isenstadt) reported that on Wednesday, "GOP leaders warned lawmakers that the outcome in the pro-Trump district could spell disaster in the midterms if they don't respond forcefully, but many lawmakers dismissed the race as an anomaly and seemed to be in denial." In an online article, CNN (3/14, Killough, Serfaty, Bradner) reported that Ryan, speaking with reporters, described the contest "as a race between 'two conservatives,'" defining Lamb "as a 'pro-life, pro-gun, anti-Nancy Pelosi conservative' and not[ing] that there wasn't a Democratic primary that would have pulled Lamb to the left." Ryan "said he doubts this will become a trend in Republican-leaning districts because there wasn't a primary."

In an online article, ABC News (3/14, Parkinson) reported that some House Republicans discounted "Lamb's strong performance as an aberration and not a bellwether heading into this fall's congressional midterms." For example, Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA) told ABC News, "I think Mr. Lamb was brilliant. He ran as a Republican. So, it worked for him. He certainly didn't run as a Democrat." Roll Call (3/14, Bowman) reported, "Republicans downplayed Tuesday's special election," though "it's another reminder of the tough midterm election cycle ahead, they said."

USA Today (3/14, Jackson) reports that Democrats viewed "the vote as a sign that an anti-Trump backlash could carry them to a congressional majority in the elections in November." And though "Republicans downplayed the" results, "political analysts said things look good for Democrats as they try to wrest House and Senate majorities from the Republicans and Trump."

The New York Times (3/14, Baker, Shear) reports that as Trump "hobnobbed on Tuesday night with wealthy donors in the exclusive enclave of Beverly Park, the voters in the suburbs south of Pittsburgh were in revolt, giving" Lamb "a narrow victory. ... Just as they did outside Birmingham and Montgomery, Ala., in December, and Richmond, Va., and Washington in November, energized and angry suburban voters" swamped "the Trump stalwarts in the more rural parts of" the PA18, "sending a clear message to Republicans around the country."

In an online article, CNN (3/14, Levy) reports that in the wake of the PA18 contest "and Alabama's special Senate election in December, national Democrats feel confident they have found a way to succeed by working behind the scenes with campaigns and focusing their efforts early on defining Republican candidates on issues that matter locally." CNN added, "The new Democratic approach is informed in part by lessons learned during last year's special congressional elections." Referring to the 2016 GA6 special election, "a Democratic operative" told CNN. "Everyone learned their lesson from Jon Ossoff. We realized that nationalizing a race like that obviously didn't work and ultimately we lost."

In his New York Times (3/14, Bruni) column, Frank Bruni says "Lamb's showing – win, lose or draw – is remarkable. ... Clearly, the opposition to Trump is energized and organized. Just as clearly, Trump's style of governing – bereft of truth, lavish with chaos, crude and divisive – has diminished his standing and given his rivals an enormous window of opportunity."

In an editorial, the Washington Post (3/14, Board) says the PA18 results "are just the latest sign that Republicans' toxic embrace of...Trump is hurting not only the country but also their party." The Post adds that "Saccone chose to associate closely with the president, claiming that he was 'Trump before Trump was Trump.' Suburban voters punished him."

In his Wall Street Journal (3/14) column, Karl Rove says that the PA18 results show that GOP candidates should craft their own messages and not simply run as versions of Trump. Rove adds that if GOP candidates are to be successful this fall, they need to raise adequate amounts of money, microtarget Republican voters who often sit out midterm elections, recruit, train, and motivate scores of volunteers to help turn out the vote.

Media Analyses: Lamb Was A Perfect Fit For PA18. In a profile of Lamb, the New York Times (3/14, Tackett, Martin) says, "A former Marine who favored gun rights, he was culturally conservative enough to appeal to rural voters. He was pro labor and pro tariff in an area that still has thousands of steelworkers union members. As a federal prosecutor, he cracked down on drug dealers but also offered empathy about the tragedy of opioid addiction. And his Ivy League polish and earnest manner played well with college-educated suburban voters. And now, with his" win, Lamb "has offered a template that will be studied in congressional races where Democratic candidates need to win over voters who supported...Trump."

In an analysis, USA Today (3/14, Shesgreen) reports that "Tuesday's results show that the right kind of Democrat can win over both the suburban and working-class voters who favored Republicans in previous elections." USA Today adds that "Democrats had an ideal candidate in Lamb, an ex-Marine and former prosecutor who fit with the conservative blue-collar mold of the Pennsylvania district."

Writing for Politico Magazine (3/14), Bill Scher said "the way Lamb won does little to help Democrats adjudicate the raging debate on the left over how should they run in November: as proud left-wing populists or relative moderates willing to reach across the aisle." In that debate, Lamb "didn't pick a side," taking "some positions from out of each camp's bucket, all while brandishing his assault rifle."

Writing for TIME (3/14), Philip Elliott said that "the bigger fight in 2018 is unlikely to be a carbon copy of what narrowly happened in" the PA18 "for a number of reasons," including that "Democrats avoided a messy primary fight in picking Lamb, a Marine veteran who secured the nomination by winning over 319 Democrats' backing in a high school gym filled with 554 activists back in November. In other scenarios, an energized activist base on the Left – populated by newcomers to the process who demand ideological purity – may have prevented Lamb from winning the nomination had there been a real contest."

Writing for the Washington Examiner (3/14, Jashinsky), Emily Jashinsky said that "Lamb is the type of conservative Democrat progressives want purged from the party. To replicate his success, Democrats will need to nominate candidates whose ideological orientations fit the districts in which they're running." Jashinsky added, "With much of their base fixated on demanding ideological purity, nominating more Conor Lambs won't come easily for Democrats. To actually retake the House, they may need to retake their own party."

McClatchy (3/13, Glueck, Roarty) reported that "Democratic officials reject the notion that the type of candidate with Lamb's background and campaign will be an outlier this year, pointing to a handful of candidates similar in profile to Lamb who are also running in deep-red seats. 'From a practical perspective, if we lose this district by one percent or win this district by one percent, it doesn't make one bit of a difference,' said Ethan Todras-Whitehill, executive director of Swing Left, a progressive group trying to help Democrats win the House in 2018. 'Both of those things are huge sign of a wave.'"

In his Washington Post (3/14, Dionne) column, E.J. Dionne Jr. says, "The main path for a Democratic takeover of the House runs through Republican-held districts where Hillary Clinton defeated or lost only narrowly to Trump in 2016. But Lamb demonstrated that more moderate Democrats could harvest anti-Trump votes without waging an anti-Trump campaign." Dionne adds that "Lamb's breakthrough should petrify Republicans. The staunchest anti-Trump voters are clearly prepared to vote for Democratic candidates no matter their ideology."

Politico (3/14, Nelson) reported that Lamb "said Wednesday that his claimed victory in" the contest "came, at least in part, thanks to supporters of...Trump who voted for him." Appearing on CNN, Lamb said, "I was at a lot of polling places yesterday with cars parked outside of them that had president Trump's bumper sticker on them. So he's a

popular person here. But I think that what happens when you campaign in real life as much as possible is that those divisions go away. Everyone gave me a fair shake and I know that there are people that voted for the president who also voted for me. And, you know, I thank them for hearing me out." The Washington Times (3/14, Persons) also highlights Lamb's remarks about Trump supporters.

Lamb was asked on MSNBC's Morning Joe (3/14) if the PA18 race holds any lessons for the midterms. Lamb said, "I wouldn't presume to give lessons to people outside the district. I think every district is pretty different. Hard work really pays off. ... I think in this environment...campaigning in real life, in small rooms, door-to-door, person-to-person, it works and I learned a lot doing it. I think it helped our campaign an awful lot and I would advise anybody no matter where they are to do that."

More Democrats May Follow Lamb's Lead In Disavowing Pelosi. Politico (3/14, Schneider, Caygle) reported that Lamb "weathered $10 million in attack ads cartoonishly calling" him "a member of Nancy Pelosi's liberal 'flock.' Now other Democratic hopefuls are looking to adopt Lamb's strategy – he repeatedly and bluntly disavowed" Pelosi – "in their own competitive races. It raises the prospect of a slate of Democratic hopefuls running against" Pelosi "as they try to neutralize one of the GOP's go-to attacks – a pillar of Republicans' plan to keep the House majority in November." Rep. Filemon Vela (D-TX), "a vocal critic of current leadership," told Politico, "If we're going to take the majority, it's going to be because we win districts like that. Running against Nancy Pelosi is going to help you a lot more than running with her."

The Washington Times (3/14, McLaughlin) reports, "Democrats claimed victory Wednesday in the close" PA18 contest, "but one loser could be emerging" in the aftermath: "Pelosi, who is becoming a liability to Democrats on both sides of the party's ideological spectrum." Appearing Wednesday on MSNBC, Lamb "pledged not to support Mrs. Pelosi as the House Democratic leader. 'We need to sweep some new people in there,' he said."

In her Washington Post (3/14, Rampell) column, Catherine Rampell says that Lamb's disavowing of Pelosi "echoed the positions of other Democrats already in Congress – disproportionately younger politicians, and from areas much bluer than" the PA18 – "who have also called for a new face for their party." Rampell adds that "Democrats running in other districts may make not choose to jump on the anti-Pelosi train in the coming midterms. But you could also imagine Lamb's strategy emboldening some of them...to pledge not to support her. Which means even if that 'blue wave' strikes in November, it still might wash away the current House minority leader."

WSJournal: GOP's Tariffs, Pelosi-Related Attacks Failed To Boost Saccone. In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (3/14) says that the election results show Republicans need a better strategy this fall than supporting tariffs and using House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi as a cudgel to hammer Democratic candidates. The Journal says that Lamb supported the new Trump-imposed tariffs on steel and aluminum tariffs and other Democratic candidates are likely to do so this fall. The Journal adds that the GOP sought to link Lamb to Pelosi, but the candidate neutralized that line of attack by saying he wouldn't support Pelosi as Democratic leader.

High School Students Stage Walkout Across Nation In Support Of Gun Control.

All three major networks led their newscasts last nights with reports on the high school students walkout in support of gun control measures. ABC World News Tonight (3/14, lead story, 3:30, Muir) referred to "powerful images playing out across this country," with "tens of thousands of students staging a massive coordinated protest against gun violence, one month after the shooting rampage killed 17 people at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL."

NBC Nightly News (3/14, lead story, 3:00, Gutierrez) said "across the country, the loudest lesson was outside the classroom," because "a generation" is "sitting silent no more," and the CBS Evening News (3/14, lead story, 2:45, Diaz) spoke of "a sea of students" that "streamed out of the school behind a national movement," and added that "while the walkout was under way, the NRA tweeted, 'Let's work together and secure our

schools and stop school violence. We protect our banks, our sports stadiums and our government buildings better than we protect our schools.' The NRA wants Congress to push through legislation increases school safety."

Reuters (3/14) reports that "with some students dressed in orange, the color adopted by the gun control movement, the walkouts began at 10 a.m. local time in each time zone and were scheduled to last 17 minutes. Many rallies went longer." Reuters adds that "the duration was a tribute to 17 students and staff killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School."

The Washington Post (3/14, Heim, Lang, Svrluga) says "supporters say the walkouts and demonstrations represent a realization of power and influence by young people raised on social media who have come of age in an era of never-ending wars, highly publicized mass shootings and virulent national politics." The AP (3/14, Binkley) says the "wave of protests" could be "the largest of its kind in American history," and the Wall Street Journal (3/14, Campo-Flores) runs a similar assessment.

The Washington Post (3/14) editorializes about the "extraordinary nationwide demonstration for safer schools and stronger gun control," and hails the "'Enough is Enough'...posters of a movement that has made clear it won't go away until something real is done to combat gun violence."

South Carolina Governor Calls Student Walkouts Protesting Gun Violence "Shameful."

The Hill (3/14, Gstalter) reported that Gov. Henry McMaster on Wednesday "blasted the national student walkout as a 'shameful' attempt by left-wing groups to push their own political agenda. 'It appears that these school children, innocent school children, are being used as a tool by [this] left-wing group to further their own agenda,' McMaster told South Carolina public television network ETV." McMaster added that the walkout is "a political statement by a left-wing group and it's shameful." The Hill added, "High school students in cities across the country including Washington, D.C., marched out of their classrooms for 17 minutes on Wednesday to protest gun violence a month after 17 students and faculty were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla." McMaster is seeking a full four-year term this fall.

Cabinet Members Make Case For "Transformative" Infrastructure Projects.

The Washington Post (3/14, Laris) reports that in a joint appearance before the Senate Commerce Committee, Labor Secretary Acosta, Transportation Secretary Chao, Agriculture Secretary Perdue, Energy Secretary Perry, and Commerce Secretary Ross made the case for spending "$20 billion on a range of risky but potentially 'transformative' infrastructure projects, such as satellite networks to provide rural broadband, new launchpads for private rockets, and 'augmented reality' technologies to visualize and manage urban traffic congestion." But after the hearing, Sen. John Thune said, "Unless someone's willing to bite the bullet and come up with a new funding source, there are limitations to what we will be able to do."

In 61-31 Vote, Senate Passes "Sweeping Rollback" Of Dodd-Frank.

The Washington Post (3/14, Werner, Merle) reports that the Senate, in a 67-31 vote Wednesday, approved "the most significant loosening of financial regulations since the economic crisis a decade ago." The measure "would free more than two dozen banks from the toughest regulatory scrutiny put in place after the 2008 global financial crisis." While President Trump promised to do a "big number" on the Dodd-Frank law, "the new measure leaves key aspects of the earlier law in place." However, the measure "amounts to a sweeping rollback of banking rules aimed at protecting taxpayers from another financial crisis and future bailouts."

The New York Times (3/14, Rappeport) says that despite the "rare showing of bipartisanship" in the Senate, the bill "faces an uncertain fate going forward, as House Republicans are expected to push for a much more expansive rollback of the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act." Senate Democrats who supported the bill that passed Wednesday "have insisted that major changes along the lines of what the House passed last year will sink the effort." However, the Wall Street Journal (3/14, Ackerman) is more optimistic, saying

the measure has a good chance of passage.

Politico (3/14, Guida) says that while the President and other supporters of the legislation "say they want to rescue the nation's lenders from a crush of regulations," but "the industry looks more like it's booming." Over the last three years, banks "have hauled in record profits" and they "will be among the biggest winners under the new tax-reform law." More over "their loans are growing by 4 to 5 percent a year," and "even community banks, which the bill's backers say they're most concerned about, are making money."

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"Trump Was Right To Block Merger." In an editorial, the New York Times (3/14) praises President Trump's decision to block Broadcom's takeover of Qualcomm "given the series of mergers that has left the semiconductor industry already dominated by a few large companies." Although some experts fear that the move "could further rattle the global economy and international norms" following Trump's proposed steel and aluminum tariffs, blocking the deal will help slow a "concentration of power...in the semiconductor business," making it important for both protecting competition as well as national security.

Washington Post.

"Britain Is Punishing Putin. America Should Join In." A Washington Post (3/14) editorial says "an adequate international response to [Russian President Vladimir] Putin would push back against his ventures on all fronts: Syria, where the United Nations has found Russia complicit in war crimes; Ukraine, where Russian-backed forces continue to seek military advantage; cyberspace, where Russian hackers and bots remain ubiquitous. In the absence of such action, Mr. Putin's ambitions, and his audacity, will only escalate further."

"What The Pennsylvania Election Should Teach Both Parties." In an editorial, the Washington Post (3/14, Board) says the PA18 results "are just the latest sign that Republicans' toxic embrace of...Trump is hurting not only the country but also their party." The Post adds that "Saccone chose to associate closely with the president, claiming that he was 'Trump before Trump was Trump.' Suburban voters punished him."

"Students Walking Out Of School Taught The Nation A Lesson." The Washington Post (3/14) editorializes about the "extraordinary nationwide demonstration for safer schools and stronger gun control," and hails the "'Enough is Enough'...posters of a movement that has made clear it won't go away until something real is done to combat gun violence."

Wall Street Journal.

"Kudlow Into The Breach." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (3/14) also hails President Trump's selection of Larry Kudlow to head the White House National Economic Council, and urges him to focus on spurring economic growth and to oppose protectionist policies. To that end, the Journal tells him to rely on Gary Cohn's staff, as well as on Kevin Hassett and Mick Mulvaney.

"Trump's Pennsylvania Downdraft." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (3/14) says that the election results show Republicans need a better strategy this fall than supporting tariffs and using House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi as a cudgel to hammer Democratic candidates. The Journal says that Lamb supported the new Trump-imposed tariffs on steel and aluminum tariffs and other Democratic candidates are likely to do so this fall. The Journal adds that the GOP sought to link Lamb to Pelosi, but the candidate neutralized that line of attack by saying he wouldn't support Pelosi as Democratic leader.

"A Cancer Scare Defeat In California." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (3/14) praises the preliminary injunction issued two weeks ago by a federal judge in California against mandatory cancer warnings on certain food products. The judge ruled in favor of

farm groups and businesses who sued after the state required warnings about the chemical glyphosate, and the Journal agrees with the agencies that have found this chemical is unlikely to pose a cancer risk. The Journal also agrees with the judge that the state can't compel businesses to issue "misleading" warnings, arguing that this will harm businesses and California citizens.

Big Picture

Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:
Theranos Founder Elizabeth Holmes Charged With Fraud
Trump Organization Tied To Deal To Keep Ex-Porn Star Quiet
Disney Sets Stage For Succession Race With Operational Overhaul
What's The Biggest Trade On The New York Stock Exchange? The Last One
UK Expels 23 Russian Diplomats Over Spy Poisoning

New York Times:
Thousands Walk Out Of Class, Urging Action On Gun Control
Theresa May Expels Russian Diplomats. Now, The Hard Part.
Democrat's Win In Pennsylvania Upends Parties' Midterm Plans
Stephen Hawking Taught Us A Lot About How To Live
Once A Silicon Valley Star, Theranos Chief Is Accused Of Fraud

Washington Post:
Trump Loyalist Kudlow To Lead Economic Council
Britain Expels Russian Diplomats
GOP Finds Pa. Setback "Difficult To Spin"
SEC Alleges Widespread Fraud By Theranos
He Saw A Universe Without Limits
"We're The Next Generation"

Financial Times:
Theranos Founder Charged With "Massive" Securities Fraud
Stephen Hawking, Scientist, 1942-2018
Google Bans Cryptocurrency Advertising
US Believes Russia Responsible For Nerve Agent Attack In Britain

Washington Times:
As Kudlow Comes On Board, Other Top Trump Officials Likely Leaving
Congress Plunges Into Gun Debate With School Safety Bill, Hearing On FBI's Cruz Failure
Pennsylvania Win For Lamb Is Loss For Pelosi As Democrat Calls For New Leaders
Contradiction — Students Favor "Free Speech" And Policies That Restrict It Such As Safe Spaces
A Battered Department Crosses Its Fingers Over Pompeo Pick
Land Grab Proposal Stokes Fears For White South African Farmers

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:
ABC: High School Students Walkout; McCabe-DOJ Investigation; Pennsylvania Special Election; White House Economic Adviser Pick; UK-Russia Relations; United Airline-Pet Death; Severe Weather; Priest Aides Criminal Capture; Navy Jet Crash; Nursing Student Murder; Baseball Player-Domestic Abuse; Stephen Hawking Dies.
CBS: High School Students Walkout; Florida School Shooter Trial; California-Shot Fired In Classroom; Navy Jet Crash; Avalanche-Soldiers Hurt; Trump Admin-Staff Changes; McCabe-DOJ Investigation; UK-Russia Relations; Russia-Ukraine Occupation; Healthy Women-Decreased Dementia Rate; United Airline-Pet Death; Silicon Valley Civil Fraud;

Ford Vehicles Recall; Toys R Us Bankruptcy; Stephen Hawking Dies.
NBC: High School Students Walkout; High School Students Walkout-Students; United Airline-Pet Death; Pennsylvania Special Election; Toys R Us Bankruptcy; UK-Russia Relations; California-Shot Fired In Classroom; Stephen Hawking Dies; Grocery Delivery Services; Ford Vehicles Recall; Baby Expert Dies; Natural Wonders-Bird Eye's View.

Network TV At A Glance:
High School Students Walkout – 10 minutes, 25 seconds
United Airline-Pet Death – 6 minutes, 40 seconds
UK-Russia Relations – 5 minutes, 5 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:
ABC: Pennsylvania Special Election; Congress-School Safety Law; Navy Jet Crash; Birmingham-Shooting; UK-Russia Relations; Wall Street News.
CBS: High School Students Walkout; Florida School Shooter Trial; Navy Jet Crash; McCabe-DOJ Investigation; Trump Admin-Staff Changes; Wall Street Reform Roleback.
FOX: Congress-School Safety Law; High School Students Walkout; UK-Russia Relations; Trump Admin-Staff Changes; Navy Jet Crash.
NPR: Wall Street Reform Roleback; High School Students Walkout; Trump-Business Roundtable; Toys R Us Bankruptcy.

Washington Schedule

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:
PRESIDENT TRUMP — Participates in a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Varadkar of Ireland; attends the Friends of Ireland luncheon; meets with members of the American Petroleum Institute; meets with Bill Gates; delivers remarks and participates in the Shamrock Bowl Presentation by Prime Minister Varadkar.
VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — Joins the President in the Friends of Ireland luncheon.
US Senate: 9:30 AM Hearing on 'United States Pacific Command', with testimony from U.S. Pacific Command Commander Adm. Harry Harris Jr. Location: Rm G50, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC http://armed-services.senate.gov/

10:00 AM Senate Judiciary Committee Executive Business Meeting – Executive Business Meeting, with agenda including consideration of nominations of Joel Carson III to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit; Colm Connolly and Maryellen Noreika to be U.S. District Judges for the District of Delaware; William Jung to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida; Ryan Holte to be U.S. Court of Federal Claims Judge; Jonathan Mitchell to be Administrative Conference of the United States Chairman; William McSwain to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; Matthew Harris to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Utah; Johnny Lee Kuhlman to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Oklahoma; Joseph McClain to be U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana; and David Weaver to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Colorado Location: Rm 226, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC http://judiciary.senate.gov/

10:00 AM Business Meeting, to consider the nomination of Dr James Reilly II to be U.S. Geological Survey Director Location: Rm 366, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC www.energy.senate.gov

10:00 AM CANCELED: Secretary of State Tillerson testifies to Senate Foreign Relations Committee on FY'18 budget and redesign plans – CANCELED: Hearing on 'Review of the FY 2019 State Department Budget Request and Redesign Plans', with testimony from Secretary of State Rex Tillerson * President Donald Trump announced Secretary Tillerson's departure from the role and his nomination of CIA Director Mike Pompeo as his replacement Tuesday Location: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Rm 419, Washington, DC http://foreign.senate.gov/

10:00 AM NO LONGER ON CALENDAR: Senate Natural Resources Committee

hearing on USFS FY'19 budget – NO LONGER ON CALENDAR: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearing 'To Examine the President's Budget Request for the U.S. Forest Service for Fiscal Year 2019' Location: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Rm 366, Washington, DC http://energy.senate.gov/public/

10:00 AM Nominations hearing considers Lt. Gen. Paul Nakasone to be National Security Agency Director Location: Hart Senate Office Building, Rm 216, Washington, DC http://intelligence.senate.gov

10:00 AM Senate HELP Committee hearing on the 340B Drug Discount Program – Hearing on 'Perspectives on the 340B Drug Discount Program', with testimony from America's Essential Hospitals President and CEO Bruce Siegel; Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America Executive Vice President for Policy, Research & Membership Lori Reilly; Carolina Health Centers President and CEO Sue Veer; and American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Government Relations Division Director Joseph Hill III Location: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Rm 430, Washington, DC http://help.senate.gov/

10:00 AM Senate Energy Committee considers DOE nominees – Nominations hearing considers Theodore Garrish to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs; and James Edward Campos to be Department of Energy Office of Minority Economic Impact Director Location: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Rm 366, Washington, DC http://energy.senate.gov/public/

2:00 PM Georgian President Margvelashvili and Dem Sen. Amy Klobuchar speak on U.S.-Georgia relations at Atlantic Council – 'The U.S.-Georgia Partnership' Atlantic Council panel discussion, on the 'importance of Georgia's path forward and the U.S.-Georgia partnership for transatlantic security'. Speakers include Georgian President Giorgi Margvelashvili, Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar, former UK Ambassador to Georgia Alexandra Hall, Kennan Institute Global Fellow and Department of Government Conflict Resolution Program Director Kenneth Yalowitz, and Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs The Future of Diplomacy Project Senior Fellow Paula Dobriansky Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2167, Washington, DC http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/ https://twitter.com/AtlanticCouncil

US House: 9:30 AM House Foreign Affairs Committee markup hearing – Markup hearing on 'H. Res. 644, Strongly condemning the slave auctions of migrants and refugees in Libya, and for other purposes', 'H.R. 4681, No Assistance for Assad Act', 'H.R. 4744, Iran Human Rights and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act', and 'H. Con. Res. 111, Recognizing and supporting the efforts of the United Bid Committee to bring the 2026 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup competition to Canada, Mexico, and the United States' Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2172, Washington, DC http://www.hcfa.house.gov https://twitter.com/HFACrepublicans

9:30 AM POSTPONED – Transportation Secretary Chao testifies to House Appropriations subcommittee hearing – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee 'FY19 Budget Hearing – The Department of Transportation', with testimony from Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao. POSTPONED: https://appropriations.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=395120 Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2358-A, Washington, DC http://appropriations.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP

10:00 AM House Oversight and Government Reform markup hearing – Markup: H.R. 50 Foxx Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2017;H.R. 1339 DuncanTN Freedom from Government Competition Act of 2017;H.R. 2846 Farenthold Federal Agency Customer Experience Act of 2017;H.R. 4809 Walker GOOD Act;H.R. __ Farenthold Office of Government Information Services Empowerment Act of 2018;H.R. 1376 Cummings Electronic Message Preservation Act of 2017;H.R. 3303 Connolly First Responder Fair RETIRE Act; H.R. 4446 Plaskett To amend. Location: 2154 Rayburn House Office Building

10:00 AM VA Secretary Shulkin testifies to House Appropriations subcommittee – Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Subcommittee 'FY19 Budget Hearing – Veterans Affairs', with testimony from Secretary of Veterans Affairs David Shulkin Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2362-A, Washington, DC

http://appropriations.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP

10:00 AM House Financial Services subcommittee hearing on the CFIUS – Monetary Policy and Trade Subcommittee hearing on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States ' titled 'Evaluating CFIUS: Administration Perspectives', with testimony from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Markets and Investment Policy Heath Tarbert; Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration Richard Ashooh; and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy Eric Chewning Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2128, Washington, DC http://financialservices.house.gov https://twitter.com/FinancialCmte

10:00 AM House Infrastructure subcommittee hearing on water resources infrastructure – Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee hearing on 'Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Water Resources Projects and Policy', with testimony from Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R.D. James; and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Commanding General and Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2167, Washington, DC http://transportation.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/Transport

10:00 AM House Armed Services Committee hearing on security challenges in Europe – Hearing on 'Security Challenges in Europe and Posture for Inter-state Competition with Russia', with testimony from U.S. European Command Commander Gen. Mike Scaparrotti Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2118, Washington, DC www.armedservices.house.gov https://twitter.com/HASCRepublicans

10:00 AM FEMA administrator and San Juan mayor testify to House Homeland Security Committee on lessons from 2017 disasters – Hearing on 'Preparedness, Response, and Rebuilding: Lessons from the 2017 Disasters', with testimony from FEMA Administrator Brock Long; San Juan, Puerto Rico, Mayor Carmen Yulín Cruz Soto; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations Maj. Gen. Ed Jackson Jr.; Department of Homeland Security Acting Inspector General John Kelly; Office of the Texas Governor COO Reed Clay; Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Wesley Maul; and Puerto Rico Committee on Federal and International Relations, and Status Vice-Chairman Jose Melendez-Ortiz Location: U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, HVC-210, Washington, DC homeland.house.gov https://twitter.com/HouseHomeland

10:00 AM House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Business Meeting Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC http://oversight.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/GOPoversight

10:00 AM Interior Secretary Zinke testifies to House Natural Resources Committee on FY'19 budget – Oversight hearing on 'Policy Priorities at the Department of the Interior and the Administration's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Proposal', with testimony from Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition Olivia Barton Ferriter; and Department of the Interior Office of Budget Director Denise Flanagan Location: Rm 1324, Longworth House Office Bldg, Washington, DC http://naturalresources.house.gov https://twitter.com/NatResources

10:00 AM House Science and Technology Committee hearing on NSF budget – Hearing on 'An Overview of the National Science Foundation Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2019', with testimony from NSF Director Dr France Cordova; and National Science Board Chairman Dr Maria Zuber Location: Rm 2318, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC http://science.house.gov https://twitter.com/HouseScience

10:00 AM House Workforce subcommittee hearing on work in welfare programs – Higher Education and Workforce Development Subcommittee hearing on 'Strengthening Access and Accountability to Work in Welfare Programs', with testimony from Office of the Kentucky Governor Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Adam Meier; American Enterprise Institute Fellow in Poverty Studies Robert Doar; Urban Institute Senior Fellow Dr Heather Hahn; and Utah Department of Workforce Services Workforce Development Program and Policy Division Director and TANF Administrator Liz Carver Location: Rm 2175, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC http://edworkforce.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/EdWorkforce

10:00 AM House Veterans Affairs subcommittee hearing on FY'19 VHA budget request – Health Subcommittee hearing on 'FY 2019 Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for the Veterans Health Administration', with testimony from representatives of Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, The American Legion, and Department of Veterans Affairs Location: Cannon House Office Building, Rm 334, Washington, DC http://veterans.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/HouseVetAffairs

10:00 AM Energy Secretary Perry testifies to House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on budget – Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee 'FY19 Budget Hearing – The Department of Energy', with testimony from Secretary of Energy Rick Perry Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2362-B, Washington, DC http://appropriations.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP

10:00 AM HHS Secretary Azar testifies to House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on budget – Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee 'FY19 Budget Hearing – Department of Health and Human Services', with testimony from Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2358-C, Washington, DC http://appropriations.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP

10:00 AM House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on U.S. Army budget – Defense Subcommittee 'FY19 Budget Hearing – Army', with testimony from Secretary of the Army Dr Mark Esper; and U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley Location: U.S. Capitol, H-140, Washington, DC http://appropriations.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP

12:00 PM House meets for legislative business – House of Representatives meets for legislative business, with agenda expected to include completion of consideration of 'H.R. 4545 – Financial Institutions Examination Fairness and Reform Act' and 'H.R. 4263 – Regulation A+ Improvement Act of 2017' Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC http://www.house.gov/

1:30 PM House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on USDA IG budget – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee 'FY19 Budget Hearing – Office of the Inspector General, Department of Agriculture', with testimony from U.S. Department of Agriculture Inspector General Phyllis Fong, Assistant Inspector General for Audit Gil Harden, and Assistant Inspector General for Investigations Ann Coffey Location: Rm 2362-A, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC http://appropriations.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP

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2:00 PM House Financial Services subcommittee hearing on monetization and illicit use of stolen data – Terrorism and Illicit Finance Subcommittee hearing on 'After the Breach: the Monetization and Illicit Use of Stolen Data', with testimony from RAND Corporation Information Scientist Lillian Ablon; McAfee Chief Strategist Joe Bernik; Carnegie Mellon University Associate Research Professor Dr Nicolas Christin; and Center for Strategic and International Studies Senior Vice President Dr James Lewis Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2128, Washington, DC http://financialservices.house.gov https://twitter.com/FinancialCmte

2:00 PM House Veterans' Affairs subcommittees joint oversight hearing on FY'19 VBA and Board of Veterans' Appeals budgets – Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee and Economic Opportunity Subcommittee joint oversight hearing on 'U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year 2019 Budget: Veterans Benefits Administration and the Board of Veterans' Appeals', with testimony from Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Veterans' Appeals Chairman Cheryl Mason; Veterans Benefits Administration Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary James Manker Jr.; VA Office of Information and Technology Deputy CIO Lloyd Thrower; The American Legion Legislative Division Director Matthew Shuman; Disabled American Veterans Assistant National

Legislative Director Shane Liermann; and Student Veterans of America Director of Policy Lauren Augustine Location: Cannon House Office Building, Rm 334, Washington, DC http://veterans.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/HouseVetAffairs

2:00 PM House Oversight Committee hearing on federal permitting processes – Hearing on 'An Examination of Federal Permitting Processes', with testimony from Marquette County Road Commission Engineer-Manager James Iwanicki; Heritage Foundation Senior Research Fellow in Regulatory Policy Diane Katz; The ESG Companies Vice President and CFO Valerie Wilkinson; and Center for American Progress Director of Infrastructure Policy Kevin DeGood Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2154, Washington, DC http://oversight.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/GOPoversight

2:00 PM House Homeland Security subcommittee hearing on 'Bang for the Border Security Buck' – Border and Maritime Security Subcommittee hearing on 'Bang for the Border Security Buck: What do we get for $33 billion?', with testimony from Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management Claire Grady; Customs and Border Protection Acting Deputy Commissioner Ronald Vitiello; Government Accountability Office Director of Homeland Security and Justice Rebecca Gambler; National Border Patrol Council National President Brandon Judd; and National Treasury Employees Union National President Anthony Reardon Location: U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, HVC-210, Washington, DC homeland.house.gov https://twitter.com/HouseHomeland

2:00 PM House Natural Resources subcommittee oversight hearing on abandoned hardrock mines – Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee oversight hearing on 'Abandoned Hardrock Mines and the Role of Non-Governmental Entities' Location: Longworth House Office Building, Rm 1324, Washington, DC http://naturalresources.house.gov https://twitter.com/NatResources

3:00 PM 'Black Wealth Creation & Economic Empowerment through Franchising' roundtable discussion – 'Black Wealth Creation & Economic Empowerment through Franchising' roundtable discussion, hosted by the U.S. Black Chambers, Rainbow Push Coalition, International Franchise Association, and Office of Democratic Rep. Gregory Meeks, with lawmakers discussing 'policies that can help generate wealth creation in the Black community and how the franchising model can remove barriers to entry for Black entrepreneurs' Location: Cannon House Office Building, Rm 441, Washington, DC www.usblackchambers.org https://twitter.com/usblackchambers

3:30 PM House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on FY'19 budget for national security space programs – Strategic Forces Subcommittee hearing on 'Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request for National Security Space Programs', with testimony from Air Force Space Command Commander Gen. John Raymond; National Reconnaissance Office Director Betty Sapp; and Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security Kenneth Rapuano Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2118, Washington, DC www.armedservices.house.gov https://twitter.com/HASCRepublicans

Friends of Ireland Luncheon on Capitol Hill – House Speaker Paul Ryan hosts the annual Friends of Ireland Luncheon, with President Donald Trump and Irish Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Leo Varadkar participating, as 'an ode to St. Patrick's Day and strong U.S.-Ireland ties' * Irish tenor Anthony Kearns performs * Rep. Ryan has described the event as 'equal parts beer and bipartisanship', though President Trump is teetotal * The luncheon tradition was started in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan and House Speaker Tip O'Neill to signify their bipartisan commitment to peace and security in Ireland Location: U.S. Capitol, Rayburn Rm, Washington, DC www.speaker.gov https://twitter.com/SpeakerRyan

Other: 8:00 AM GOP Rep. John Shimkus speaks at Atlantic Council report launch – 'Strategic Oil Product Stockholding: International Experience & US Prospects' Atlantic Council Global Energy Center Senior Fellow Phillip Cornell's report launch, with Atlantic Council Global Energy Center Founding Director and Chairman Amb. (Ret.) Richard Morningstar, Republican Rep. John Shimkus, American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers Chief Industry Analyst Susan Grissom, and Atlantic Council Global Energy Center Senior Fellow Melanie Kenderdine Location: Atlantic Council, 1030 15th St NW, Washington, DC http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/ https://twitter.com/ACGlobalEnergy #ACEnergy

8:00 AM Octogenarians launch Alliance for Responsible Leaders to protect health services – Octogenarians Fran and Bernie Alpert, who have been married 60 years, launch their new group, the Alliance for Responsible Leaders, with day in Washington, DC to send a message to President Donald Trump 'to quit tweeting and get to work keeping the promises he made to seniors to protect Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security' Agenda includes arrival at the White House, media availability and shooting of live video message for President Trump, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC (8:00 AM EDT); travel to Capitol Hill (8:45 AM EDT); meeting with Democratic Sen. Bob Casey, Rm 393 Russell Senate Office Bldg (10:30 AM EDT); media availability in the Capitol area (11:00 AM EDT and 2:30 PM EDT); lunch meeting with Democratic Rep. Brad Schneider, Sonoma Restaurant, 223 Pennsylvania Ave SE (12:00 PM EDT); and meetings with the offices of Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy, Rm 126 Hart Senate Office Bldg (3:30 PM EDT) and of Democratic Rep. Jan Schakowsky, Rm 2367 Rayburn House Office Bldg (4:15 PM EDT) Location: Washington, DC www.allianceforresponsibleleaders.org https://twitter.com/BernieAndFran

12:15 PM GOP Sen. Marco Rubio speaks on U.S. interests in Latin America at Heritage Foundation – Republican Sen. Marco Rubio speaks at the Heritage Foundation on 'Countering Authoritarianism and Advancing U.S. Interests in Latin America', addressing why such repression matters to the U.S. and what should be done to counter and overcome it Location: Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC www.heritage.org https://twitter.com/Heritage

12:30 PM GOP Sen. Jeff Flake speaks at NPC – NPC Headliners Luncheon with Republican Sen. Jeff Flake speaking on 'Truth, Falsehoods, and the Dangerous State of Our Politics: A Way Forward' Location: The National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC http://press.org/ https://twitter.com/PressClubDC

1:00 PM NSA McMaster keynotes U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum event marking Syria conflict anniversary – 'Syria: Is the Worst Yet to Come?' U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum event marking 7th anniversary of the Syrian conflict, to examine the 'ongoing atrocities against civilians' and highlight the 'strength and resilience of the Syrian people in the face of these crimes'. Includes keynote from National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster, with panelists including Syrian American Medical Society Member Samer Attar, FREE-Syria Co-founder and Director Rafif Jouejati and a representative from Syrian Civil Defense Location: U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Pl SW, Washington, DC http://www.ushmm.org/ https://twitter.com/HolocaustMuseum

2:00 PM GOP Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Mia Love speak at Heritage Foundation – 'Empowering Women through Conservative Policy' Heritage Foundation discussion, with House Republican Conference Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Republican Rep. Mia Love speaking on 'a more dynamic way' to understand women's issues and the intersection of public policy, free enterprise, and family life Location: Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC www.heritage.org https://twitter.com/Heritage

4:00 PM Atlantic Council discussion on the Maldives – 'Crisis in Maldives: Implications for U.S. Policy in the Indo-Pacific' Atlantic Council South Asia Center and Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security panel discussion, on the ongoing political turmoil in the Maldives following President Abdulla Yameen's implementation of a state of emergency. Speakers include former Maldives Minister of Foreign Affairs Ahmed Naseem Location: Atlantic Council, 1030 15th St NW, Washington, DC http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/ https://twitter.com/AtlanticCouncil #ACSouthAsia

6:00 PM 'Pakistan Relations with the US and Regional Developments in South Asia' WFPG discussion – Women's Foreign Policy Group Embassy Series host 'Pakistan Relations with the US and Regional Developments in South Asia', with Pakistan Ambassador to the U.S. Amb. Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry Location: 3517 International Ct NW, Washington, DC www.wfpg.org https://twitter.com/wfpg

7:00 PM 2018 Congressional Hockey Challenge – 10th annual Congressional Hockey Challenge – charity game between lawmakers (Members of Congress, Congressional staff, administration officials, USA Warriors Hockey team members) and lobbyists. Players include Reps. Erik Paulsen, Mike Quigley, Tom Emmer, Larry Bucshon, John

Katko, and Brian Higgins, and lobbyists from companies including Associated General Contractors of America, UPS, JetBlue, and Google Location: Kettler Capitals Iceplex, 627 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA http://congressionalhockeychallenge.com/ https://twitter.com/HockeyCHC

Last Laughs

Late Night Political Humor.

Jimmy Kimmel: "Melania is back and planning to meet with representatives from Twitter, Facebook, Google, and others to lead the fight against online bullying. Apparently, the word 'irony' doesn't translate from Slovenian. But all she has to do to fight cyber-bullying is take a hammer to her husband's thumbs and phone. Melania Trump holding a summit to stop cyber-bullying is like Camille Cosby calling a meeting with Benadryl."

Stephen Colbert: "One journalist has heard that [Stormy] Daniels suggests Trump likes it when women aren't nice to him, treat him in, perhaps, denigrating ways. Well, I knew Trump was a bad President, but I didn't know that Trump was 'a bad President.'"

Stephen Colbert: "In addition to Rex Tillerson, Gary Cohn, and Hope Hicks, we also learned that Trump's personal assistant was just fired, although he was actually escorted from the White House on Monday. I assume he wanted to beat the rush. ... Apparently, [John] McEntee was fired because he is currently under investigation by the Department of Homeland Security for serious financial crimes. And that's Jared Kushner's job. ... So Trump is now without a personal assistant, but he's already had one qualified applicant apply for the job: Tex Rillerson."

James Corden: "President Trump was in San Diego yesterday giving a speech to assembled members of the Marine Corps, and at one point the President said he wants to create a new branch of the military that would patrol outer space. And get this, he wants to call it the 'Space Force.' I'm not joking. 'Space force.' It sounds like what my grandma calls Star Wars. ... But the President didn't stop there. In the same speech, Trump claimed that the United States would be going to Mars, quote, 'very soon.' Damn, that space force works fast. ... I give him credit for not following that up with saying the Martians are going to pay for it."

James Corden: "While the President was in San Diego, he examined some prototypes of his proposed border wall with Mexico. And Trump remarked that the wall must be a tough obstacle because people trying to cross the border are, quote, 'like professional mountain climbers.' ... Trump basically thinks everyone trying to get into America illegally is some sort of Mexican Batman. But look, I'm no big idea man like Donald Trump. I'm not, okay? But obviously, obviously, if you build the wall high enough, the 'Space Force' can just take it from there."

Trevor Noah: "Ever since the shooting in Parkland, Florida, young people have been leading the charge for sensible gun reform. And today, on the one-month anniversary of that shooting, they kicked things up a notch with a nationwide school walkout. That's right, for once, the students evacuated on their own terms."

Jimmy Fallon: "[In a speech yesterday], Trump talked about going to Mars. Listen to what he said about it." **President Donald Trump**: "Very soon, we're going to Mars. You wouldn't have been going to Mars if my opponent won, that I can tell you. You wouldn't even be thinking about it." **Fallon**: "And the Martians were like, 'Okay, we need to build a wall. Have Uranus pay for it.'"

Jimmy Fallon: "Trump looked at prototypes for his border wall to decide what it should be made of. So far, he's narrowed it down to three materials. First there's concrete. Then

there's metal. And his personal favorite, fired White House staffers."

Jimmy Fallon: "I heard that Trump wants to fire his Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Trump said he might do the job himself since he's a veteran of several affairs."

Seth Meyers: "After Democratic candidate Conor Lamb declared victory last night in Pennsylvania's special election, a 'Fox And Friends' host suggested that Lamb won because of his attractive looks. Because if there's one thing that Congress is full of, it's stone-cold hotties."

Seth Meyers: "President Trump was in California this week to view prototypes of his proposed border wall and said parts of the wall would have see-through capability. Said his architect, 'In that case, it's done?'"

Seth Meyers: "First Lady Melania Trump will host tech industry leaders at the White House next week to discuss her campaign against cyber-bullying where she's expected to say, 'You guys talk to him!'"

Jordan Klepper: "A special congressional election last night in District 18 which Trump won by 20 points may have turned blue and elected Democrat Conor Lamb. I know, I am upset as well because districts are like body parts. When they turn blue, something has gone terribly wrong. Now until a recount confirms my truth, it looks like Democrat Conor Lamb has flipped the district. How? By using a devious tactic focusing on, and I hope I am saying this right, local issues."

Jordan Klepper: [Referring to Trump's CIA Director pick Gina Haspel] "There is an old saying that behind every great woman in the Trump Administration, there are three men who were hired for her job first but committed treason or perjury or fraud or domestic abuse or general ineptitude, and then after a long period of public outcry, they were gently asked to submit their resignations in a cloud of shame, but when that cloud settled, who was left standing there? A woman."

Samantha Bee: "We said hello to a new Democratic Representative from Pennsylvania, Conor Lamb, who squeaked out a victory by less than a thousand votes. Two years ago, Trump won this area by more than 20 points. ... I'm enjoying this new radical Democratic strategy called 'trying.' Really makes you wonder, what if we keep trying?"

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-Joshua

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Peter Horn (b) (6) >

From:	Peter Horn (b) (6) >
Sent:	Wed Mar 14 2018 13:40:55 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: IWCC chairs and media presence at mtg

J Good call

P

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 14, 2018, at 3:09 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

> Peter,
>
> Please take the following guidance with a grain of salt, I'm color-blind and fashion-backward: I will be wearing a navy blue (I think!) suit and tie for the March 16th meeting. Business-casual for the March 15th reception is a good choice.
>
> -Joshua
>
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>
> On Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 6:59 PM, Peter Horn (b) (6) > wrote:
>> Josh
>> Assume dark suit for Friday
>>
>> What is dress for reception?
>>
>> Peter
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>> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Mar 13, 2018, at 3:49 PM, Winchell, Joshua <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:
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PAUL BABAZ <(b) (6) [redacted]>

From:	PAUL BABAZ <(b) (6) [redacted]>
Sent:	Wed Mar 14 2018 17:57:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: IWCC chairs and media presence at mtg

Mr. Winchell, please know that I have not been able to connect with Ms Johnson so I made my own travel arrangements and will not ask for reimbursement.

On another note, have been in Brussels meeting with the EU's Intergroup on Hunting and Conservation, followed by a meeting in Budapest, Hungary for a meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister in regards to the world hunting exposition that will held in 2021. If we have time, I'd like to speak with Principal Deputy Director offline about these meetings and anyone else he feels should be included.

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent:	Wed Mar 14 2018 14:40:22 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Bill Brewster <(b) (6) >, Cameron Hanes <(b) (6) , Chris Hudson (b) (6) >, Denise Welker (b) (6) >, Erica Rhoad (b) (6) Gary Steven Kania (b) (6) Ivan Carter (b) (6) >, Jenifer Chatfield (b) (6) "John J. Jackson, III" (b) (6) >, "K. Michael Ingram" (b) (6) Keith Mark <(b) (6) >, Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6) , Paul Babaz (b) (6) , Peter Lewis Horn II (b) (6) , Steve Chancellor (b) (6) , Terry Maple (b) (6)
CC:	Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>, Benjamin Cassidy <benjamin_cassidy@ios.doi.gov>, Greg Sheehan <(b) (6) @fws.gov>
Subject:	additional March 15 and 16 IWCC event/mtg details
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From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Mar 14 2018 14:42:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Phil LePelch <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>
CC:	Linda Walker <(b) (6) >
Subject:	Fwd: additional March 15 and 16 IWCC event/mtg details
Attachments:	IWCC March 15,16 events (1).pdf

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[EXTERNAL] FW: IWCC Follow-up

Chris Hudson <(b) (6)

From:	Chris Hudson (b) (6)
Sent:	Wed Apr 04 2018 07:57:23 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC:	<bbrewster@caphillgrp.com>
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] FW: IWCC Follow-up

Joshua,

I am writing a follow-up on the questions I submitted to you almost two weeks ago (see e-mail below). In addition, Mr. Ivan Carter requested of you on March 26, 2018 lists of the members of each of the sub-committees formed at the inaugural meeting of the IWCC. Please advise when you believe we might expect this information. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,
/s/
Chris Hudson
Chairman
IWCC Policy Sub-committee

From: Chris Hudson [mailto(b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 2:50 PM
To: Winchell, Joshua (joshua_winchell@fws.gov)
Cc: (b) (6) (b) (6) @fws.gov'
Subject: IWCC Follow-up

Joshua,

You will recall at last week's inaugural IWCC meeting I asked a series of questions to which the answers were incomplete. Accordingly, in furtherance of my responsibilities as chairman of the Policy Sub-committee of the IWCC I am writing to request answers from the appropriate personnel at the USFWS to the following questions:

1. Please identify each country that the USFWS has determined has lost 90% of its elephant population in the last ten years.

2. Please identify how many, if any, sport-hunted trophy elephant import permits were issued by the USFWS in the last ten years for elephants killed in each country identified in answer to question number one above.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,
/s/
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Call to talk about Caper/Duckworth letter response?

"Jones, Lisa" <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>

From:	"Jones, Lisa" <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Sent:	Fri Mar 30 2018 07:57:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Call to talk about Caper/Duckworth letter response?

Hey Josh,

The letter I forwarded from Carper & Duckworth has been routed to Craig. Because it touches on both IWCC and trophies, we'd like to talk about how to pull it together. Are you free this afternoon to chat quickly?

Lisa

Lisa Hummon-Jones
Congressional and Legislative Affairs Specialist
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202-365-7255 (c)

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Laury Parramore <laury_parramore@fws.gov>

From:	Laury Parramore <laury_parramore@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 29 2018 14:11:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	joshua_winchell@fws.gov, lisa_m_jones@fws.gov, linda_d_walker@fws.gov, danielle_kessler@fws.gov, taylor_pool@fws.gov, christina_meister@fws.gov
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IWCC and HSSCC comms discussion more details »

When	Tue Apr 10, 2018 1:30pm – 2pm Eastern Time
Where	Cutthroat Trout Room /EA (map)
Video call	https://hangouts.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/laury-parramore
Calendar	joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Who	• laury_parramore@fws.gov - organizer • lisa_m_jones@fws.gov • linda_d_walker@fws.gov • danielle_kessler@fws.gov • joshua_winchell@fws.gov • taylor_pool@fws.gov • christina_meister@fws.gov

Going? **Yes** - **Maybe** - **No** more options »

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"Jones, Lisa" <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>

From:	"Jones, Lisa" <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 29 2018 09:24:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Letter from Senators Carper and Duckworth
Attachments:	3-28-18 TO Sec Zinke.pdf

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From: **Mabry, Elizabeth (EPW)** <Elizabeth_Mabry@epw.senate.gov>
Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 1:17 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter from Senators Carper and Duckworth
To: "micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "Jones, Lisa" <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>

Micah,

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Many thanks,

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Minority Professional Staff
Committee on Environment and Public Works
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202-224-1958

Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 29 2018 10:04:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Linda Walker <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Letter from Senators Carper and Duckworth
Attachments:	3-28-18 TO Sec Zinke.pdf

FYI - letter from Congress re: IWCC

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Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Letter from Senators Carper and Duckworth
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"Matthew Thompson (NRGCO)" <matthew@nealrgross.com>

From:	"Matthew Thompson (NRGCO)" <matthew@nealrgross.com>
Sent:	Thu Mar 29 2018 06:31:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"joshua_winchell@fws.gov" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Transcription Quote
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Best regards,

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From:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 29 2018 06:57:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Beverly Robinson <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Transcription Quote
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"Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>

From:	"Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 29 2018 07:24:19 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Transcription Quote
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Josh, I will do the paper work for Alexis to pay the bill. I just talk with Mr. Thompson to make sure his information was correct and told him you will be handling it from there.

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Question about upcoming IWCC mtg planning

Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Tue Mar 27 2018 15:50:17 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Margaret A Triebsch <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov>
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Sent:	Tue Mar 27 2018 15:51:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Margaret A Triebsch <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Question about upcoming IWCC mtg planning

Sorry, call my cell phone ... I'm out of the office at a conference all this week.

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From: Margaret Triebsch <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Mar 27 2018 17:59:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
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From: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 28 2018 09:57:57 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Margaret Triebsch <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Question about upcoming IWCC mtg planning

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From: "Triebsch, Margaret" <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 29 2018 05:34:43 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Question about upcoming IWCC mtg planning

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From:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 29 2018 05:38:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Triebsch, Margaret" <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Re: Question about upcoming IWCC mtg planning

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"Tentative" HOLD: International Wildlife Conservation Council meeting - Washington DC

"Irwin, Thomas" <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>

From:	"Irwin, Thomas" <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>
Sent:	Tue Mar 27 2018 09:52:20 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC:	Roslyn Sellars <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>
Subject:	"Tentative" HOLD: International Wildlife Conservation Council meeting - Washington DC

Holding June 1, 5 and 6 on Greg's calendar.

Thomas

thomas_irwin@fws.gov - (202) 208-4545
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On Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 11:37 AM, Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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Sent:	Mon Mar 26 2018 15:39:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Roslyn Sellars <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>, Thomas Irwin <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>
CC:	Linda Walker <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>
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From:	"Irwin, Thomas" <thomas_irwin@fws.gov>
Sent:	Tue Mar 27 2018 06:02:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC:	Roslyn Sellars <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>, Linda Walker <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>
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INPUT REQUEST: Meet regularly on IWCC and HSSCC related issues?

"Parramore, Laury" <laury_parramore@fws.gov>

From:	"Parramore, Laury" <laury_parramore@fws.gov>
Sent:	Fri Mar 23 2018 15:05:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Gavin Shire <gavin_shire@fws.gov>, Danielle Kessler <danielle_kessler@fws.gov>, Linda Walker <linda_d_walker@fws.gov>, Lisa Jones <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
CC:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	INPUT REQUEST: Meet regularly on IWCC and HSSCC related issues?

Hi all,
Josh Winchell and I just had call during which we pondered the helpfulness of having a short, regular meeting maybe every other week to discuss happenings related to these two councils. Any interest? Thoughts? Availability Mondays-Wednesdays? Doesn't have to be lengthy, just an opportunity to get updates. Thanks.

Laury Marshall Parramore

"Jones, Lisa" <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>

From:	"Jones, Lisa" <lisa_m_jones@fws.gov>
Sent:	Mon Mar 26 2018 08:06:14 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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I'm at the North American wildlife conference in Norfolk this week, back in the office next week and currently open much of M-W.

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Sent:	Mon Mar 26 2018 13:24:00 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Pool, Taylor" <taylor_pool@fws.gov>
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I'm interested too. I don't really have a direct line to happenings with these Councils, so not sure I'll have much to contribute. But, I certainly want to know more.

Mondays (except 2-3) by phone
Tuesdays after 11
Wednesdays 11-3

Thanks!

On Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 2:56 PM, Pool, Taylor <taylor_pool@fws.gov> wrote:

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Mgmt Team Update

"LePelch, Phil" <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>

From:	"LePelch, Phil" <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>
Sent:	Mon Mar 26 2018 10:14:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Mgmt Team Update

Hey Josh,

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Just checking in to see if you want to report out on the Council Mtg or has too much time passed at this point?

Kathy Korte wanted to report out from LE point of view last Tuesday but she was waiting for Linda or I to provide our report but we didn't have anything.

If you're in tomorrow, I would love to hear some first hand accounts anyway.

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From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Mon Mar 26 2018 11:25:28 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"LePelch, Phil" <phil_lepelch@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: Mgmt Team Update

Phil,

I'm at the North American wildlife conference all this week, but when I get back in the office I'll be happy to talk about how the IWCC meeting went. In the meantime, here's short summary for the mgmt team mtg notes document.

Thank You
Thanks to Kathy Korte, Rich Johnston, and Zach Arnold for providing additional security for the IWCC meeting at Main Interior on March 16th. And an extra special thanks to Kathy for the help she provided to an IWCC member subsequent to the meeting.

Branch of Visitor Services
IWCC - Joshua Winchell coordinated the inaugural meeting of the IWCC on March 16th. Greg Sheehan chaired the meeting and Craig Hoover and David Hubbard of International Affairs and the Office of Law Enforcement (respectively) provided detailed presentations on international wildlife conservation and hunting issues. At the end of the meeting the Council elected member Bill Brewster as its chair and Jenifer Chatfield as the vice chair.
HSSCC - Winchell submitted more than 100 applications received for the Hunting and Shooting Sports

Conservation Council - a new federal advisory group that is tasked, in part, to evaluate implementation of S.O. 3347 and 3356 - to DOI for consideration. It is likely that DOI will be appointing members of the HSSCC within the next few weeks and potentially request to schedule the group's inaugural meeting soon after. Winchell is currently working with Jeff Donahoe to respond to multiple FOIA requests regarding IWCC and HSSCC.

-Joshua

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Bill Brewster <(b) (6)

From: Bill Brewster (b) (6) >
Sent: Thu Mar 22 2018 15:29:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: (b) (6)
CC: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: IWCC

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Steve Chancellor (b) (6)

From: Steve Chancellor (b) (6)
Sent: Thu Mar 22 2018 16:01:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Bill Brewster (b) (6)
CC: (b) (6) Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: IWCC

Bill and all members: We should be very, very protective of all members info, including contact info, addresses, places of work etc. There are a lot of “bad” people out there. Steve Chancellor > On Mar 22, 2018, at 4:29 PM, Bill

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From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 26 2018 09:19:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Bill Brewster (b) (6) Paul Babaz (b) (6), Ivan Carter <(b) (6), Steve Chancellor (b) (6) Jenifer Chatfield (b) (6) Cameron Hanes <(b) (6), (b) (6), Chris Hudson (b) (6) "K. Michael Ingram" (b) (6) "John J. Jackson, III" (b) (6), (b) (6) Terry Maple (b) (6)>, Keith Mark (b) (6), (b) (6) Erica Rhoad (b) (6)>, Denise Welker (b) (6)
Subject: Re: IWCC

IWCC Members,

Below is the contact email and phone numbers I have listed for all of you. If there are other better/preferred addresses or phone numbers please let me know.

-Joshua

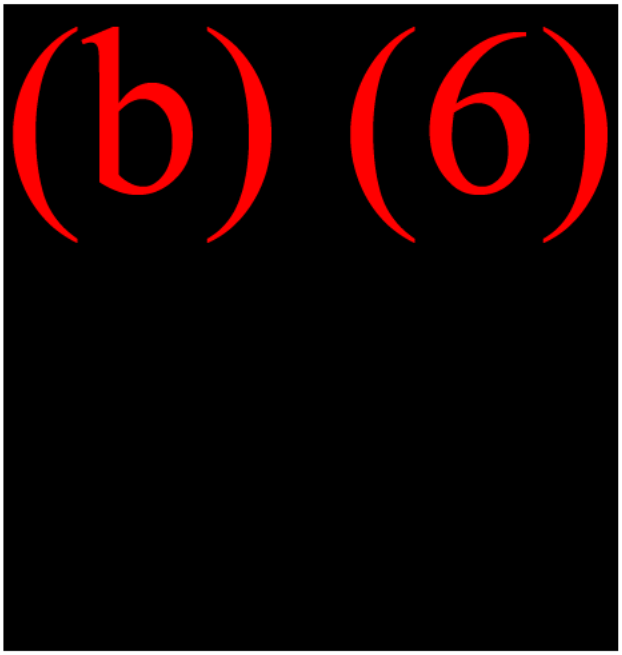
Paul Babaz
Bill Brewster
Ivan Carter
Steven Chancellor

Jenifer Chatfield

Cameron Hames

Peter Horn
Chris Hudson

M ke Ingram
John Jackson
Gary Kania
Terry Maple
Keith Mark
Olivia Opre



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John Gisler <jgisler@whitestallionenergy.com>

From:	John Gisler <jgisler@whitestallionenergy.com>
Sent:	Fri Mar 23 2018 13:32:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"joshua_winchell@fws.gov" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] IWCC member info list
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Josh,
When will you be sending the IWCC board contact information list? Mr. Chancellor would like to have a copy at your convenience.
Thank you,
John

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[EXTERNAL] Fw: WSJ reporter query: IWCC

"Terry L. Maple" <t(b) (6)

From:	"Terry L. Maple" (b) (6)
Sent:	Fri Mar 23 2018 12:10:45 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Fw: WSJ reporter query: IWCC

Joshua,

You will recall at last week's inaugural IWCC meeting I asked a series of questions to which the answers were incomplete. Accordingly, in furtherance of my responsibilities as chairman of the Policy Sub-committee of the IWCC I am writing to request answers from the appropriate personnel at the USFWS to the following questions:

1. Please identify each country that the USFWS has determined has lost 90% of its elephant population in the last ten years.

2. Please identify how many, if any, sport-hunted trophy elephant import permits were issued by the USFWS in the last ten years for elephants killed in each country identified in answer to question number one above.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,
/s/
Chris Hudson
Chairman
IWCC Policy Sub-committee

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IWCC

Chris Hudson <(b) (6)

From:	Chris Hudson (b) (6)
Sent:	Thu Mar 22 2018 12:51:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	<joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC:	<bbrewster@caphillgrp.com>, "'Gregory Sheehan'" (b) (6) @fws.gov>
Subject:	IWCC

Joshua,

It was my pleasure to meet you last week and thank you for your efforts in organizing a successful inaugural meeting of the IWCC.

On Tuesday this week I was asked to participate in an interview for NPR about the IWCC. I spoke with Laura Rigas about it.

Below is the link to the NPR radio interview from yesterday.

Trump Administration Lifts Trophy-Hunting Ban For Some Elephants And Lions
http://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2018/03/21/trump-trophy-ban-eased

Separately, I was hoping you could provide some guidance with respect to the following questions:

1. Can a FACA sub-committee chair convene a sub-committee meeting? What is the procedure?
2. If so, what are the limitations on the number and place of those meetings?
3. Is the answer to number 2 above different if not all the expenses for the sub-committee meeting are going to be reimbursed by the DOI?
4. In pursuit of facts and opinions relating to policy, can the Policy sub-committee chair invite correspondence, opinions, and answers to interrogatory style questions from members of the public including relevant scientists and NGOs?
5. What procedure governs the Policy sub-committee chair's ability to invite members of the public to speak to the sub-committee or the IWCC committee as a whole?

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,
/s/
Chris Hudson

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"Hoover, Craig" <craig_hoover@fws.gov>

From:	"Hoover, Craig" <craig_hoover@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 22 2018 06:54:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Final Presentations
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Joshua,

Please find attached the final PowerPoint presentations.

Best,

Craig

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IWCC&HSSCC Security/Threats Summary

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Sent: Thu Mar 22 2018 06:43:41 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:
Subject: IWCC&HSSCC Security/Threats Summary

Linda,

I mentioned on our call yesterday the protests and security presence during the IWCC meeting. Based on my experience coordinating the IWCC meeting and speaking with members, I will be elevating security planning/awareness for IWCC (and the HSSCC, looking forward) related activities well beyond what I did for WHHCC.

Summary of IWCC Meeting Security Issues
Based on media coverage as well as the quality and quantity of public comment I received on the IWCC establishment, I was well aware of the protest potential for the IWCC's first meeting. In my conversations with Greg and DOI leadership, they also anticipated the same.

Threats to IWCC Members

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Re: Proposed letter

Bill Brewster (b) (6)

From: Bill Brewster (b) (6)
Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 19:40:12 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Olivia Nalos Opre (b) (6) >
CC: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Proposed letter

Yes Olivia. I think the letter is excellent. I am copying Joshua on this reply for his approval to your letter. Your wordsmanship is quite good. I also plan to send an email to each of the Members of the Council that I am putting together tonight. Sent from my iPhone > On Mar 21, 2018, at 3:54 PM, Olivia Nalos Opre <(b) (6) wrote: > > I accidentally emailed you from my work email (traveling forces me to utilize my I-phone & didn't notice my error)... this is what I previously sent you: > > Dear Bill, > > Is the below along the lines of what you were hoping for? > > > > Dear Cameron, > > It was great to see/meet you last week and I look forward to begin working towards ensuring the worlds' great wildlife have a future. > > Chairman Brewster and Vice Chairman Chatfield have appointed me to serve the IWCC in communications (not sure the exact title/role). Subsequently, we need to begin by aligning our thoughts to effectively move forward. > > Considering we have to take a very calculated and methodical approach, what do you feel are the key issues, why they are key and what the IWCC can do about it. > > Kindly keep your suggestions at a minimum so we may construct a well thought out plan to recommend; we will delve deeper into our fact-finding mission(s) as we decide priority. > > Like you, I'm eager to begin working to ensure our worlds' wildlife and wild places have a chance! > > Together in Wildlife Conservation, > > Olivia Opre

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SIR - Threat to IWCC member - Florida

"Korte, Katherine" <katherine_korte@fws.gov>

From:	"Korte, Katherine" <katherine_korte@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Mar 21 2018 14:51:05 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	undisclosed-recipients:;
BCC:	joshua_winchell@fws.gov
Subject:	SIR - Threat to IWCC member - Florida

An International Wildlife Conservation Counsel member received a threatening phone call at their place of residence on Friday, March 16, 2018. The context of the message implied that the caller knew where the IWCC member lived and because of her support of trophy hunters, she, along with other members should be "in jail."

The Pasco County Sheriff's Department responded and took a report along with a copy of the recording. Because the member lives in a secluded area, on a dirt road, the Sheriff's Department has increased patrols in her area of residence. She will notify the Pasco County Sheriff's Department and this office if she receives any more threats.

Contact me for additional questions.

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703-358-2518 fax
katherine_korte@fws.gov

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IWCC member contact info

Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Mar 21 2018 12:35:09 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Katherine Korte <katherine_korte@fws.gov>
Subject:	IWCC member contact info

Kathy,

Thanks much for helping out with this. The IWCC member is Jenifer Chatfield and her cell is (b) (6) (she's in Texas). She is happy to take your call and answer your questions.

If you need anything else from me, let me know.

-Joshua
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"Korte, Katherine" <katherine_korte@fws.gov>

From:	"Korte, Katherine" <katherine_korte@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Mar 21 2018 13:58:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: IWCC member contact info

Thanks Josh!

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On Wed, Mar 21, 2018 at 2:35 PM, Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov> wrote:

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Chancellor

Steve Chancellor (b) (6)

From:	Steve Chancellor (b) (6)
Sent:	Tue Mar 20 2018 13:55:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Secretary Ryan Zinke (exces@ios.doi.gov)" <exces@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	"Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>, "joshua_winchell@fws.gov" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Chancellor

Dear Secretary Zinke: I would like to help in every way that I can as a member of the International Wildlife Conservation Council. In that regard, I am offering to wave the reimbursement of my expenses (air, transportation, hotel, food) while attending the Council meetings in Washington. It is but a small gesture, but one that I hope helps the bottom line of the Council. Please know I am at your disposable at any time. Best, SEC Steven E. Chancellor
Chairman and (b) (6)
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"Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>

From:	"Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Mar 21 2018 11:27:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: Chancellor

Hi Josh,

I just cancelled out Mr. Chancellor per his request.

Beverly
---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Steve Chancellor** (b) (6)
Date: Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 3:55 PM
Subject: Chancellor
To: "Secretary Ryan Zinke (exces@ios.doi.gov)" <exces@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>, "joshua_winchell@fws.gov" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

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SEC

Steven E. Chancellor
(b) (6)

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Falls Church, VA 22041
(703) 358-2393

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Mar 21 2018 11:34:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: Chancellor

ok

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On Wed, Mar 21, 2018 at 1:27 PM, Robinson, Beverly <beverly_robinson@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hi Josh,
>
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>
> Beverly
>
> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> From: **Steve Chancellor** (b) (6)
> Date: Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 3:55 PM
> Subject: Chancellor
> To: "Secretary Ryan Zinke (exces@ios.doi.gov)" <exces@ios.doi.gov>
> Cc: "Robinson, Beverly" <beverly_robinson@fws.gov>, "joshua_winchell@fws.gov" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

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Best,

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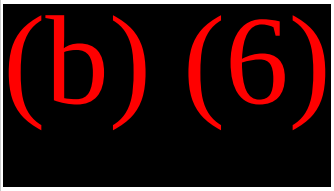
Steven E. Chancellor



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Conversation Contents

FACA Database

Margaret Triebsch <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov>

From: Margaret Triebsch <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 11:01:00 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: FACA Database

Hi Joshua, GSA is getting inquiries on the IWCC. I know you have updated the FACA Database, but we'll have to keep it updated after each meeting. Hope you're enjoying the beautiful snow! Margaret

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 11:04:38 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Margaret Triebsch <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: FACA Database

Got it.

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>
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> Margaret

Conversation Contents

IWCC member emails and phone #

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 10:18:01 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Bill Brewster (b) (6)
Subject: IWCC member emails and phone #

Bill,

This is the contact information I have for IWCC members. I am unsure if the phone numbers I've listed below are the most preferred numbers for each individual, but they are the best ones I've got!

-Joshua

Paul Babaz	(b) (6)
Bill Brewster	
Ivan Carter	
Steven Chancellor	
Jenifer Chatfield	
Cameron Hames	
Peter Horn	
Chris Hudson	
M ke Ingram	
John Jackson	
Gary Kania	
Terry Maple	
Keith Mark	
Olivia Opre	
Erica Rhoad	
Denise Welker	

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IWCC mtg summary

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From: "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Mar 21 2018 07:15:41 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:
Subject: IWCC mtg summary

Linda,

Well, the inaugural IWCC is behind us and I don't think it could have gone much better all things considered! I'm sure you're catching up on all sorts of things but I thought I'd give you a quick summary of the meeting here and I'll get on your calendar for a more detailed debrief.

IWCC Meeting Summary
The IWCC had a good administrative session with the DOI solicitor office (Heindl and Hintz) to go over FACA law, rules, regulations, and ethics considerations. It was a lot of new information for members to absorb, but a more than a few members were clearly engaged and had good questions.

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Fwd: FOR SECRETARY ZINKE

"Cassidy, Benjamin" <benjamin_cassidy@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Cassidy, Benjamin" <benjamin_cassidy@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Tue Mar 20 2018 14:39:10 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: FOR SECRETARY ZINKE

FYI
---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Steve Chancellor** (b) (6)
Date: Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 4:13 PM
Subject: FOR SECRETARY ZINKE
To: "Ben Cassidy (benjamin_cassidy@ios.doi.gov)" <benjamin_cassidy@ios.doi.gov>

Ben: Can you forward this message to Secretary Zinke? Thank you. SEC

Dear Secretary Zinke:

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SEC

Steven E. Chancellor

(b) (6)

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Benjamin J. Cassidy
Department of the Interior
Immediate Office of the Secretary
Senior Deputy Director for External and Intergovernmental Affairs

benjamin_cassidy@ios.doi.gov
(202) 208-4219 w

Conversation Contents

IWCC

Phil Seng <phil@djcase.com>

From:	Phil Seng <phil@djcase.com>
Sent:	Mon Mar 19 2018 14:33:01 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	IWCC

Hey Joshua,
I see that the IWCC just met (https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/17/politics/trump-zinke-hunting-panel/index.html) but I can't find any other details (membership, etc.) What's the latest?

Will you be in Norfolk? Can we meet to discuss?

Thanks,

phil

Phil T. Seng
Vice-president
DJ Case & Associates
317 E. Jefferson Blvd.
Mishawaka, IN 46545
574-258-0100 (office)
574-532-5485 (mobile)
phil@djcase.com
www.djcase.com

Engaging people in conservation

"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>

From:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Tue Mar 20 2018 04:57:01 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Phil Seng <phil@djcase.com>
Subject:	Re: IWCC

Phil,

Sorry for being out of comms. If you have a few minutes today give me a ring on my work cell and I'll give you a quick update. And I will be at the NA next week!

-Joshua

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question on email address

"Hyde-Michaels, Carrie" <carrie_hyde-michaels@fws.gov>

From: "Hyde-Michaels, Carrie" <carrie_hyde-michaels@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Mar 19 2018 10:36:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joshua Winchell <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: question on email address

Easy yes/no question for you! Do you by any chance maintain the iwcc@fws.gov email account?

If not I'll just ask IRTM who it belongs to. We're going to have to search that one as well.

Thanks!
Carrie Hyde-Michaels
FWS FOIA Officer
Chief, Branch of FOIA, Records, Privacy
US Fish & Wildlife Service Headquarters
703-358-2291 (direct)

Conversation Contents

ARTICLE - Yes, Hunters Should Serve on Trump's Wildlife Council
Attachments:
/41. ARTICLE - Yes, Hunters Should Serve on Trump's Wildlife Council/1.1 signature9.jpg
/41. ARTICLE - Yes, Hunters Should Serve on Trump's Wildlife Council/1.2 Yes, Hunters Should Serve on Trump's Wildlife Council - TheResurgent.com.pdf

"John J. Jackson, III" <(b) (6) >

From:	"John J. Jackson, III" (b) (6)
Sent:	Mon Mar 19 2018 10:09:26 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	undisclosed-recipients:;
Subject:	ARTICLE - Yes, Hunters Should Serve on Trump's Wildlife Council
Attachments:	signature9.jpg Yes, Hunters Should Serve on Trump's Wildlife Council - TheResurgent.com.pdf

Please also see article below.
Thanks,
John
https://www.themaven.net/theresurgent/contributors/yes-hunters-should-serve-on-trump-s-wildlife-council-tTTh09TfgUSMbrcDuSZtvQ?full=1
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Fwd: Fwd: Tanzania materials
Attachments:
/43. Fwd: Fwd: Tanzania materials/1.1 INFROMATION REGARDING ELEPHANT TROPHY HUNTING IN THE UNITED REP.pdf
/43. Fwd: Fwd: Tanzania materials/1.2 TZ_response_Elephant_USFWS_Final.pdf

"John J. Jackson, III" (b) (6) >

From:	"John J. Jackson, III" (b) (6)
Sent:	Mon Mar 19 2018 07:53:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
CC:	Bill Brewster (b) (6)
Subject:	Fwd: Fwd: Tanzania materials
Attachments:	INFROMATION REGARDING ELEPHANT TROPHY HUNTING IN THE UNITED REP.pdf TZ_response_Elephant_USFWS_Final.pdf

Joshua,

I would like to send this email and attachments about Tanzania to the IWCC members. What is the protocol for that and other related that may follow? We discussed the negative Tanzania developments and conversion of wildlife lands at the first IWCC meeting. Should I mail to everyone, the Chairman, send it through you for distribution, file it as a comment or what? Thanks. Just want to get the protocol right.

Thanks,

John

From: Marco Pani <pani.marco@gmail.com>
Date: March 17, 2018 at 5:03:55 AM CDT
To: John Jackson
Cc:
Subject: Re: Tanzania materials

John,

Please find attached the response that TZ gave to USFWS in NOVEMBER 2016—

Conversation Contents

Thanks for your help

"Sheehan, Greg" <(b) (6) @fws.gov>

From:	"Sheehan, Greg" (b) (6) @fws.gov>
Sent:	Sun Mar 18 2018 11:45:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) "Hoover, Craig" <craig_hoover@fws.gov>, "Winchell, Joshua" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>, David Hubbard <david_hubbard@fws.gov>, "Shire, Gavin" <gavin_shire@fws.gov>
CC:	Cynthia Dohner <cynthia_dohner@fws.gov>, Jim Kurth <Jim_Kurth@fws.gov>, Steve Guertin <Stephen_Guertin@fws.gov>, ERIC ALVAREZ <eric.alvarez@meritenergy.com>, Gloria Bell <gloria_bell@fws.gov>, Edward Grace <edward_grace@fws.gov>, "Wainman, Barbara" <barbara_wainman@fws.gov>, Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov>, "Patel, Kashyap" <kashyap_patel@fws.gov>, Jason Larrabee <jason_larrabee@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Thanks for your help

Hello all,

I just wanted to thank you all for they help that you or your staff did in helping to make the first meeting of the International Wildlife Conservation Council go so well on Friday. This was a meeting with lots of media and public interest and I think it came off very well. In particular,

Joshua, thank you for organizing and helping conduct,

Craig and David, thank you for the excellent presentations and fielding questions from the council members,

Rich, that you for having Zach and other refuge officers in the meetings and hallways to keep an eye on things,

Gavin, thank you for managing a barrage of media who seemed to be everywhere.

And others that I may not have mentioned above for your contributions. We needed a good day and I believe this went off as well as we could have hoped for,

Thanks again,
Greg

Greg Sheehan
US Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C Street NW, Room 3358
Washington, DC 20240
Office 202-208-4545
Cell 202-676-7675

Conversation Contents

list of IWCC applicants not on council

Katarzyna Nowak <knowak02@gmail.com>

From: Katarzyna Nowak <knowak02@gmail.com>
Sent: Sun Mar 18 2018 07:32:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: list of IWCC applicants not on council

Dear Mr. Winchell,

Is it possible to obtain a list of persons who applied for membership on the council but were not selected?

Thank you, and regards,

Kate Nowak

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Dr. Katarzyna Nowak
Fellow, The Safina Center, New York, USA
Research Associate, Dept. of Zoology & Entomology
University of the Free State, Qwaqwa campus, South Africa
Scientific Advisor, Southern Tanzania Elephant Program

Conversation Contents

PowerPoint/documents

Frank Vitello <frank@vitelloconsulting.com>

From:	Frank Vitello <frank@vitelloconsulting.com>
Sent:	Fri Mar 16 2018 19:15:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	<joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject:	PowerPoint/documents

Joshua- Hey, great meeting you today. Was trying to find the documents from today's meeting. Couldn't find them. Perhaps they aren't up yet but wanted to check. Thanks so much! FRANK VITELLO 703-587-0066 vitelloconsulting.com

Conversation Contents

IWCC chair/vica chair

"Ebbs, Stephanie" <Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com>

From: "Ebbs, Stephanie" <Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com>
Sent: Fri Mar 16 2018 12:51:43 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "FWS/IWCC Joshua Winchell" <joshua_winchell@fws.gov>
Subject: IWCC chair/vica chair

From:	Barbara Wainman
To:	Maureen Foster; Charisa Morris
Subject:	Fwd: FOIA Release - emails between R2 and OS - FWS-2018-00830
Date:	Monday, July 2, 2018 12:34:56 PM
Attachments:	18-00830_Request_(5-17-18).pdf 18-00830_Response_(Final)_draft v1.docx Sample_Fwd__USFWS-AESO Letter -- CPB Block 1 Tower Rep....pdf Sample_consult w CBP-Fwd__US Customs and Border Protection - Block 1....pdf Sample_Fwd__AD Meeting Notes 09.18.17.pdf Sample_Fwd__Border Strategic Plan (FWS DRLE Project).pdf

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Obviously this one could be pretty broad so without looking closely hard to say what all is in here

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---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Hyde-Michaels, Carrie** <carrie_hyde-michaels@fws.gov>
Date: Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 3:27 PM
Subject: FOIA Release - emails between R2 and OS - FWS-2018-00830
To: Barbara Wainman <barbara_wainman@fws.gov>, Matthew Huggler <matthew_huggler@fws.gov>, Gavin Shire <gavin_shire@fws.gov>
Cc: Kenneth Taylor <kenneth_taylor@fws.gov>, Shelley Hartmann <shelley_hartmann@fws.gov>

R2 is ready to release records to MuckRock in response to a request for:

"…all emails, including attachments, exchanged between Amy Lueders or Joy Nicholopoulos and any Department of Interior employees with emails ending in @ios.doi.gov. Please constrain the search between January 20th, 2017 and the processing date of this request."

Attached, please find the incoming request, draft response letter, and four sample documents. All of the records proposed for release are available on the Google Drive sorted by category
here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1u7Mrwpx_Z4xWpkCuUlGgX8Vk1OzgWxsn?usp=sharing

This will also go through the political awareness review for named individuals.

Thanks,
Carrie Hyde-Michaels
FWS FOIA Officer
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Mr. Charlie Spatz
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Dear Mr. Spatz:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 17, 2018, in which you initially sought the following:

> "…all emails, including attachments, exchanged between Amy Lueders or Joy Nicholopoulos and any Department of Interior employees with emails ending in "@ios.doi.gov". Please constrain the search between January 20th, 2017 and the processing date of this request."

Your request was assigned tracking number FWS-2018-00218. On May 30, 2018, we acknowledged your request and sought clarification of your fee category. Thank you for discussing your request with our FOIA coordinator on June 6, 2018. Per that conversation and follow-up email exchanges, you agreed to limit the scope of your request to the Regional Director's emails and clarified your fee category as "other".

Your request was forwarded to the Regional Director's Office for processing. Staff located a total of 140 responsive emails and 35 attachments (consisting of 585 pages total). From these documents, we have redacted 14 pages pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5, 6, and/or 7 as described below. The remaining records are provided to you in their entirety.

Exemption 5 (Commercial Information Privilege)

We have redacted conference call-in numbers and passcodes from nine documents, pursuant to Exemption 5, confidential commercial information privilege. When the Government enters the marketplace as an ordinary commercial buyer or seller, the Government's information is protected under the commercial information privilege if it is sensitive information not otherwise available, and disclosure would significantly harm the Government's monetary functions or commercial interests. The theory behind the privilege is that the Government may be placed at a competitive disadvantage or the consummation of a contract may be endangered if confidential information generated by the Government is disclosed.

The information withheld under this privilege consists of active conference call telephone numbers and access codes and or active web links, which could be used to conduct conference calls by parties outside the Government or used to call in to monitor internal Government conversations. We are withholding it because disclosure to the public would chill communications between Federal employees and harm the Government's ability to exchange information. Because releasing this information would significantly harm the Government's financial interest by publicizing sensitive information, the Service is withholding it in accordance with FOIA Exemption 5.

Exemption 6

We have redacted personal contact information from four documents pursuant to Exemption 6. Under this exemption, agencies may withhold information or records on individuals contained in "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" (5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6)).

The phrase "similar files" covers any agency records containing information about a particular individual that can be identified as applying to that individual. To determine whether releasing records containing information about a particular individual would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, we are required to balance the privacy interest that would be affected by disclosure against any public interest in the information.

Under the FOIA, the only relevant public interest to consider under the exemption is the extent to which the information sought would shed light on an agency's performance of its statutory duties or otherwise let citizens 'know what their government is up to'. The burden is on the requester to establish that disclosure would serve the public interest. When the privacy interest at stake and the public interest in disclosure have been determined, the two competing interests must be weighed against one another to determine which is the greater result of disclosure: the harm to personal privacy or the benefit to the public. The purposes for which the request for information is made do not impact this balancing test, as a release of information requested under the FOIA constitutes a release to the general public.

We have determined that the individuals to whom this information pertains have a substantial privacy interest. Additionally, you have not provided information that explains a relevant public

interest under the FOIA in the disclosure of this personal information and we have determined that the disclosure of this information would shed little or no light on the performance of the agency's statutory duties. Because the harm to personal privacy is greater than whatever public interest may be served by disclosure, release of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of these individuals and we are withholding it under Exemption 6.

Exemption 7

Exemption 7 protects from disclosure "records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes" if the records fall within one or more of six specific bases for withholding set forth in subparts (a) through (f). (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(a)-(f)). We are redacting a portion of one email under Exemption 7 because it is protected under the following subpart (7)(E).

We have redacted a portion of one email outlining the number of law enforcement officers located at specific border refuges pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7(E). This exemption protects law enforcement records if their release would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigation or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.

This response to your request was made in consultation with Justin Tade, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Solicitor, and U.S. Department of the Interior. You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal no later than 90 workdays from this letter's date. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday. Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "Freedom of Information Appeal."

You must include an explanation of why you believe the Service's response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and the Service concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and Service's response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and the Service will result in the Department's rejecting your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal. Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional appeal information or clarification. You may contact the Appeals Officer in any of the following ways:

Department of the Interior/ Office of the Solicitor
1849 C Street, N.W., MS-6556 MIB
Washington, D.C. 20240
Telephone: 202-208-5339, Fax: 202-208-6677

Email: FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov

Also, please note the 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive litigation alternative. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation and does not affect appeal filing timing with the Department's FOIA/ Privacy Act Appeals Officer. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov, Web: https://ogis.archives.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770, Fax: 202-741-5769, Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Carrie Hyde-Michaels, at 703-358-2521, or via email at carrie_hyde-michaels@fws.gov.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete law enforcement and national security records categories from FOIA requirements. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to FOIA requirements. This is a standard notification we give all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

This completes the Southwest Region's response. The fees incurred in responding to your request have been waived in accordance with 43 C.F.R. §2.45. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact Government Information Specialist, Lisa Krabbe at 575-425-0033 or via email at lisa_krabbe@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Regional Director

Enclosure: (CD)

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Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Freedom of Information Act Request: Communication with Office of the Secretary , Southwest Region

Ruiz, Melanie <melanie_ruiz@fws.gov> Thu, May 17, 2018 at 11:18 AM
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From: <54027-75963607@requests.muckrock.com>
Date: Thu, May 17, 2018 at 11:13 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Freedom of Information Act Request: Communication with Office of the Secretary, Southwest Region
To: Melanie_Ikenson@fws.gov

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May 17, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Please provide all emails, including attachments, exchanged between Amy Lueders or Joy Nicholopoulos and any Department of Interior employees with emails ending in "@ios.doi.gov".

Please constrain the search between January 20th, 2017 and the processing date of this request.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Charlie Spatz

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For mailed responses, please address (see note):
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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
To: Lueders Amy
Subject: Fwd: USFWS-AESO Letter -- CPB Block 1 Tower Replacement Concurrence Letter
Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 6:37:20 AM
Attachments: Untitled attachment 15737.html
Block 1 Replacement. Tucson AOR.CBP.concurrence.10_31_17.pdf

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Office of the Secretary

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: USFWS-AESO Letter -- CPB Block 1 Tower Replacement Concurrence Letter

Last evening, I received the Section 7 concurrence letter from FWS for the TUS B1RP. Later today we will send out the entire letter along with a Section 7 BMP Compliance list highlighting the areas needing special attention by CBP and our contractors.

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The greatest challenge to any thinker is stating the problem in a way that will allow a solution."
— Bertrand Russell, mathematician, & philosopher (1872 - 1970)
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Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 6:46 PM
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Cc: marlakay.henry@tonation-nsn.gov; Habitat Branch Chief Phoenix AZGFD <pep@azgfd.gov>; John Windes <JWindes@azgfd.gov>; Bill Radke <bill_radke@fws.gov>; kdewberry@fs.fed.us; Scott Richardson <scott_richardson@fws.gov>; Ken McGowan/R2/FWS/DOI <ken_mcgowan@fws.gov>; Phx Admin <FW2AZAdmin@fws.gov>
Subject: USFWS-AESO Letter -- CPB Block 1 Tower Replacement Concurrence Letter

Please review attached e-courtesy copy letter.

Addressee will receive original signed letter by FedEx.

Thank You

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October 31, 2017

Mr. Paul C. Schmidt
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Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Thank you for your correspondence dated October 24, 2017, received in our office on October 24, 2017. This letter documents our review of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Acquisition's proposed Block 1 Tower Replacement Project in the Tucson Border Patrol Station Area of Operation. This project involves the construction of nine IFT sensor towers to replace existing SBInet towers in the general area of the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge (BANWR) and east of the BANWR in Pima County, Arizona. In addition, the BANWR refuge manager and the Coronado National Forest Supervisor have both determined that new special use permits will be issued to authorize this action to construct replacement towers on lands they administer. The special use permit has been issued for the BANWR, but this consultation includes the issuance of the permit by the Coronado National Forest as an element of the proposed action for which CBP is acting as the lead agency for this consultation.

You are requesting informal consultation on the potential effects of this proposed action pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544) (ESA), as amended. You have requested our concurrence with your determination that the proposed project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the endangered Pima pineapple cactus (*Coryphanta scheeri* var. *robustispina*), the threatened Chiricahua leopard frog (*Rana chiricahuaensis*) and designated critical habitat, the threatened northern Mexican gartersnake (*Thamnophis eques megalops*), the threatened yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*), and the endangered jaguar (*Panthera onca*) and designated critical habitat. We concur with your determinations and provide our rationale below. Critical habitat has been proposed for the northern Mexican gartersnake and the yellow-billed cuckoo and proposed critical habitat for both

species occurs in the area of the proposed action. You have determined that the proposed action will not adversely modify proposed critical habitat for either species and we will not address proposed critical habitat in this consultation.

You also determined the propose action would have no effect on the Kearney's Blue-Star (*Amsonia kearneyana*), the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii eximus*), the masked bobwhite quail (*Colinus virginianus ssp. ridgwayi*), the lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptoncyteris curasoae yerbabuenae*), and the ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*). The ESA does not require the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to concur with "no effect" determinations. These species will not be addressed in this consultation. However, we strongly recommend that CBP include their justification for these "no effect" determinations in their administrative record.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

The nine Block 1 sensor towers proposed for replacement in this project are identified as:

1) TCA-TUS-032 M4 occurring on lands owned by Pima County;
2) TCA-TUS-035 Guijas occurring on lands managed by BANWR;
3) TCA-TUS-036 Black Mesa occurring on lands managed by the Coronado NF;
4) TCA-TUS-041 County Line occurring on lands managed by the State of AZ;
5) TCA-TUS-085 Rose occurring on lands managed by BANWR;
6) TCA-TUS-287 De La Osa occurring on lands managed by BANWR;
7) TCA-TUS-290 Spears Property occurring on lands managed by CBP;
8) TCA-TUS-298 Blackberry Hill occurring on lands managed by the Coronado NF; and
9) TCA-TUS-299 Garcia Ranch occurring on lands managed by BANWR (see Figure 1 of the Biological Assessment).

At each of these towers, the entire tower structure and supporting equipment will be replaced. A lattice replacement tower, of similar height and design to the existing tower, with a poured concrete foundation will be constructed within the existing, permanently disturbed tower footprint (typically 50 feet by 50 feet). After construction is completed on the new tower, the above-ground portion of the existing towers will be removed. In order to enable construction of the new tower, the current fence and all support facilities (generator, propane tank, building, and solar panels) will be relocated within the original temporary disturbance footprint. The original 100 foot by 100-foot temporary disturbance footprint will be flagged and no disturbance outside of this area will be allowed. After the existing tower is removed, the grounding system will be rebuilt if and as required. At each of these towers, the existing communication equipment and power generation equipment (solar panels and propane generator) will be replaced. The solar panels will provide the primary power source for operation of the tower. When the IFT system becomes operational, the generator is only anticipated to run for a period of 20 minutes once every seven days, or during infrequent weather events when there is no sunshine for several days. The sound level as measured from the generator is anticipated to be approximately 68 dBA at 28 feet. During construction, the operating time of the generator will increase when the solar panels are removed at the five towers which are not connected to grid power (TCA-35, TCA-36, TCA-41, TCA-85, and TCA-298).

The actual construction activities at each sensor tower are expected last 40 to 60 days, not all consecutively, over the 12- to 18-month duration of the project. During these construction activities, up to an estimated 12 trips by cement trucks for foundation installation, 12 trips by flatbed trucks for delivery of materials, 3 trips for the crane truck and several hundred pick-up truck trips for workers will be required to construct each tower. Construction at towers in the Tucson Border Patrol Station AOR is planned to begin in fall 2017.

The temporary disturbance area will be restored after construction is completed as directed by the land manager. The construction schedule for work at each specific tower has not yet been developed. There will be no night time construction during the period from April 1 to October 1, and nighttime construction during the balance of the construction period is unlikely. There will be no night time operational lighting at the towers.

The Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge Manager and the Coronado National Forest Supervisor have both determined that new special use permits will be issued to authorize this action to construct replacement towers on lands they administer. The special use permit for this project has been issued by the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge Manager. This consultation includes issuance of the permit by the Coronado National Forest Supervisor as an element of the proposed action.

CBP has included a number of conservation measures in their proposed action to avoid and minimize adverse effects to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service trust resources. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

General

1. The government environmental Subject Matter Expert and environmental contract monitor will determine which threatened and endangered species could occur in the vicinity of project activities.

2. To protect individuals of listed species within the project area, suspend work in the immediate vicinity of the individual until it moves out of harm's way on its own, or enlist a qualified specialist (individuals or agency personnel with a permit to handle the species) to relocate the animal to a nearby safe location in accordance with accepted species-handling protocols.

3. CBP will develop (in conjunction with land managers) and implement a training program focusing on Trust Resources for contractor personnel. Training will be provided to all personnel associated with the project before the project begins and before any new personnel begin work on the project. Information presented in the training program will include occurrence of sensitive species in the project area, their general ecology, and sensitivity to human activities; legal protection afforded the species and the penalties for violation of state or Federal laws; implementation of included conservation actions/best management practices; and reporting requirements. Also included in this training program will be color photos of the listed species and maps of federally listed species' habitats. Following the training program, the photos and maps will be posted in the contractor and resident engineer's office, where they will remain through the duration of the project.

4. Check visible space underneath all vehicles and heavy equipment for listed species and other wildlife prior to moving vehicles and equipment at the beginning of each workday and after vehicles have idled for more than 15 minutes.

5. Groundwater or surface water from a treated municipal source will be used when within one-mile habitat for aquatic species.

6. No use of herbicides will be permitted.

7. Contractor shall not drive roads which have become impassable by heavy rains until such roads are repaired.

Migratory Bird BMPs

1. A survey for migratory birds will also be conducted prior to all activities to be implemented during the nesting period in areas where migratory birds might be nesting (February 1 through September 1). If construction is proposed in areas identified by USFWS as suitable breeding habitat for yellow-billed cuckoo, surveys will be conducted using the Halterman et al. (2016) protocol. If an active nest of any migratory bird is found in the Action Area, a buffer zone of 300 feet will be established around the nest and no activities will occur within that zone until nestlings have fledged and abandoned the nest. Confirmation that all young have fledged should be made by qualified personnel.

2. If project activity is scheduled during the migratory bird-nesting season, take steps to prevent migratory birds from establishing nests in the action area. These steps could include covering equipment and structures. Birds can be flushed to prevent them from nesting on the site.

3. If project activities could result in the take (e.g. removal of nest, eggs, and/or fledglings) of a migratory bird; then coordination with the USFWS and/ or the Arizona Game and Fish Department will be required and applicable permits would be obtained prior to project activities.

Species Specific BMPs

<u>Pima Pineapple Cactus</u>

1. No ground disturbance will occur outside the previously disturbed footprint in suitable habitat without further consultation with the USFWS.

2. Within or adjacent to Pima pineapple cactus suitable habitat, to minimize fugitive dust generation, monitor dust during construction, and conduct abatement of fugitive dust when there is a visible plume of dust extending more than 30 feet from the dust source. Abatement would include reducing travel speeds and/or applying dust suppressants, such as water.

<u>Chiricahua Leopard Frog</u>

1. To avoid running over Chiricahua leopard frogs on Highway 286 and Highway 289, construction vehicles will not cross washes when water is flowing along the following portions of these roads: (1) Highway 286 from its junction with Highway 289(Arivaca-Sasabe Road) south for 8.5 miles and (2) Highway 289 from its junction with Highway 286 continuing east for 2.4 miles to the far side of Puertocito Wash.

2. To avoid running over Chiricahua leopard frogs on Tres Boleros and Tres Bellotas Roads, construction vehicles will not travel along designated portions of these roads between July 1st and October 1st, or during rainfall events that occur outside of this time period: Tres Boleros Road within one mile overland distance of Garcia Tank, and Tres Bellotas Road beginning north of TCA-TUS-036 and continuing in a northeast direction to its intersection with Arivaca-Sasabe Road.

3. During the monsoon season, a qualified biologist will monitor the frog-proof fence at tower TCA-TUS-032 and relocate any frogs along this fence to avoid impacts to the species.

4. A site-specific storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) and a spill protection plan will be prepared and regulatory approval sought, as required by regulations. This plan will include, but is not limited to, placing straw bale type sediment traps at the inlet of ponds or stock tanks and upstream of drainages known to be occupied by the species or within critical habitat of the species.

5. To prevent the spread of amphibian diseases among drainages via water or mud on vehicles and equipment, all work within Chiricahua leopard frog Action Area shall conform to amphibian disease prevention protocols as described in the Recovery Plan for the Chiricahua leopard frog (USFWS 2007). Equipment would either be disinfected on-site between uses at different sites or rinsed to remove all dirt and mud and then completely airdried before moving to another site. This measure will not be required for travel along paved routes or portions of Ruby Road that are in the action area, as these routes are heavily traveled by the public and cleaning/sterilization of project vehicles will do little to prevent movement of disease via vehicular travel.

6. Any use or storage of chemicals or fuels will be kept 0.3 miles away from the Chiricahua leopard frog Action Area.

7. Individual animals found in the project area in danger of being harmed will be relocated by a CBP biologist to a nearby safe location in accordance with accepted species handling protocols in Federal and state permits. No animals will be moved to aquatic habitat without prior coordination with the USFWS species lead.

<u>Northern Mexican Gartersnake</u>

1. Within proposed critical habitat for this species, an environmental monitor will be on site during all project activities.

2. Individual animals found in the project area in danger of being harmed will be relocated by a CBP biologist to a nearby safe location in accordance with accepted species handling protocols in Federal and state permits.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

CBP will avoid all construction traffic and activity at the tower sites and access roads which USFWS has identified as the most likely locations for occupancy by yellow-billed cuckoo.

1. CBP will avoid all construction activity at the following towers and associated access roads from June 1 to September 30: TCA-TUS-35, TCA-TUS-290, and TCA-TUS-287.

2. CBP will avoid all construction activity at TCA-TUS-299 from July 1 to September 30.

3. CBP will conduct cuckoo protocol surveys (Halterman et al. 2016) in drainages bordered by trees within 0.25 miles of tower TCA-TUS-299 from June 1 to June 30. If any cuckoos are located within 0.25 miles of this tower, CBP will engage the USFWS in development of measures necessary to minimize and avoid impacts to the species in these locations.

4. CBP will avoid using Tres Bellotas Road along Fresnal Wash between TCA-TUS-298 and TCA-TUS-036 from June 1 to September 30 to avoid disturbance to cuckoos in suitable habitat.

As part of the proposed action for this project, CBP is working in coordination with the USFWS to develop an interagency agreement with USFWS to provide funding to support high priority activities for conservation and recovery of the Chiricahua leopard frog, yellow-billed cuckoo and northern Mexican gartersnake which may be found in the vicinity of the Action Area of this project.

CONCLUSION

Pima Pineapple Cactus

Environmental Baseline

The Pima pineapple cactus is a low-growing hemispherical cactus that may be found as single or multi-stemmed plants. Adults measure 4-18 inches tall and 3-7 inches in diameter. The spines are stout and arranged in clusters with one central hooked spine and 6-15 radial straight spines. Spines are originally straw colored, but become black with age. Flowers are yellow and the fruit is a green ellipsoid (US Fish and Wildlife Service 2017). The Pima pineapple cactus was listed as endangered without critical habitat throughout the species range on September 23, 1993 (58 FR 49875). This cactus species grows in the transition zone between the semi-desert grasslands and Sonora desert scrub on alluvial bajadas (lower slopes of mountains characterized by loose alluvial sediments and poor soil development) and slopes of less than 10 percent grade at elevations between 2,300 and 4,200 feet above sea level. The U.S. range of the Pima pineapple cactus is bordered by the Baboquivari Mountains to the west, and the Santa Rita Mountains to the east, and extends from the U.S./Mexico border north to the vicinity of Tucson. Individual plants are often widely scattered in low density across the suitable habitat (US Fish and Wildlife Service 2016c). The proposed action includes some areas of occupied Pima pineapple cactus habitat.

Effects of the Proposed Action

Because the proposed action is to replace existing SBInet towers, CBP conducted a previous consultation with the USFWS covering the original construction of the SBInet towers. This consultation was completed in 2008. Known occurrences of Pima pineapple cacti are based on results from the 2008 preconstruction surveys, disturbance at tower sites and temporary impact areas during initial tower construction in 2008 and 2009, and additional surveys in 2017. There are six towers in this project located in suitable Pima pineapple cactus habitat (TUS-035, TUS-041, TUS- 085, TUS-290, TUS-298 and TUS-299). There are no cacti at these tower sites within the fenced enclosure. Pima pineapple cactus located outside of the fenced enclosure, and within the 100 foot by 100-foot temporary impact area could be damaged or destroyed by construction activities during the project. However, during preconstruction surveys for the Tucson West project in 2008, a protocol survey for Pima pineapple cactus only identified the species within the potential construction disturbance footprint at the TUS-290 tower site. Informal surveys for Pima pineapple cactus performed at these six tower sites on May 25, 2017 located no Pima pineapple cactus.

Because the construction of the replacement towers will occur within the existing footprint of the original towers, no Pima pineapple cacti or habitat is expected to result from the proposed action. In addition, CBP has determined that the occurrence of Pima pineapple cacti within the temporary disturbance areas of the original construction that have germinated subsequent to the original construction is extremely unlikely. Impacts to individual plants outside of the temporary impact zone could result from fugitive dust. Because construction and travel will be within existing footprints of the original construction and because of the proposed conservation measures included in the proposed action, it is expected that dust effects will be minimal.

Conclusion

The Service concurs with your determination that the proposed action may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the Pima pineapple cactus, based upon the following:

- Because the proposed action will occur within areas disturbed by the original tower construction in 2008 and which continue to be disturbed, there is a very low likelihood that Pima pineapple cacti will be affected by the proposed action. Therefore, effects due to trampling or crushing are discountable.
- Effects on Pima pineapple cacti from fugitive dust would be minimized through the use of BMPs. The numbers of individuals that could be impacted is very small. Therefore, such effects will be insignificant.
- During Section 7 consultation on the Tucson West tower project (Consultation #22410-2008-F-0373), CBP agreed to mitigate for all Pima pineapple cactus habitat loss at towers within suitable habitat through purchase of conservation credits at a USFWS-approved conservation bank. In April 2017, CBP delivered a report to USFWS quantifying the impacts to Pima pineapple cactus during tower construction; and in May 2017, USFWS concurred with the analysis of impacts to Pima pineapple cactus as presented in that report. The construction footprint for the Block 1 Replacement Project at towers within the Pima pineapple cactus range is identical to the construction footprint for the initial tower construction. Therefore, any potential impacts to this species arising from this project have

already been fully mitigated.

Chiricahua Leopard Frog and Critical Habitat

Environmental Baseline

The Chiricahua leopard frog is a leopard frog with a distinctive color pattern of small, raised, cream-colored spots on the thigh against a dark background with relatively rough skin on the back and sides, dorsolateral folds that are interrupted and deflected medially, and often green on the head and back. A distinctive call (a snore of 1 to 2 seconds duration) also separates this species from other leopard frogs (US Fish and Wildlife Service 2017).

The Chiricahua leopard frog was listed as threatened on June 13, 2002 (67 FR 40790). The listing was revised and critical habitat was designated for the species in Arizona and New Mexico on March 20, 2012 (77 FR 16324). The 2012 listing re-states the threats to the Chiricahua leopard frog and its habitat throughout its range that were outlined in the 2007 recovery plan for the species: mining, including mining-related contaminants; other contaminants; dams; diversions; stream channelization; groundwater pumping; woodcutting; urban and agricultural development; road construction; grazing by livestock and elk; climate change; and altered fire regimes (USFWS 2007, 2012). Although these threats are widespread and varied, a threats assessment that was accomplished as part of the recovery plan showed chytridiomycosis and predation by nonnative species as consistently more important threats than these habitat-based factors (USFWS 2007, 2012). The Recovery Plan for the species identifies 8 recovery units in Arizona, New Mexico, and Mexico. Each recovery unit has one or more management areas (MAs) within it where the USFWS believes the potential for successful recovery actions is greatest (USFWS 2007).

The range of the Chiricahua leopard frog includes central and southeastern Arizona; west-central and southwestern New Mexico; and in Mexico, northeastern Sonora, the Sierra Madre Occidental of northwestern and west-central Chihuahua, and possibly as far south as northern Durango (USFWS 2007, 2012).Within its geographical range, the Chiricahua leopard frog historically inhabited a variety of aquatic habitats including montane and river valley cienegas, springs, pools, tanks, lakes, reservoirs, streams, and rivers. It is a habitat generalist that historically, but is now limited to the comparatively few aquatic systems that support few or no non-native predators (e.g. American bullfrogs, fishes, and crayfishes) including livestock tanks and some streams. The species also requires permanent or semi-permanent pools for breeding, water characterized by low levels of contaminants and moderate pH, and may be excluded or exhibit periodic die-offs where a pathogenic chytridiomycete fungus is present.

The project area falls within Recovery Unit 1 for the Chiricahua leopard frog, and includes portions of two of the three MAs identified in the recovery plan for this recovery unit: the Buenos Aires Central Tanks MA and Pajarito Wilderness MA. There are also other occupied sites within project area that fall within Recovery Unit 1 but are east of the Buenos Aires Central Tanks MA and north of the Pajarito Wilderness MA.

The Buenos Aires Central Tanks MA continues to support one of the strongest metapopulations known within the range of the species due to the removal of bullfrogs from Buenos Aires National Wildlife

Refuge (BANWR) (USFWS 2011, C. Crawford, pers. comm. 2017). The number of breeding sites in this metapopulation has ranged from 4 to 8 annually since 2011, although the number of breeding sites on BANWR itself has decreased during this time period (C. Crawford, pers. comm. 2017). Chango Tank is one of the seven sites in the MA where breeding was detected in 2016. Garcia Tank at the southern U.S. end of the MA is considered an isolated population and not part of a metapopulation (USFWS 2012). Breeding has not been verified at Garcia Tank since the mid-2000s but frogs were last seen at this site in 2015 (C. Crawford, pers. comm. 2017). There are also 17 lentic sites on BANWR that do not hold water year round but have had records of Chiricahua leopard frogs during the monsoon season when they hold water (C. Crawford, pers. comm. 2017).

The Pajarito Wilderness MA includes two metapopulations of Chiricahua leopard frogs, one of which is in the project vicinity. Bullfrog eradication efforts have occurred and continue to be monitored throughout this MA. The number of breeding sites in the Bonita, Upper Turner, and Mojonera metapopulation in the MA has ranged from 2 to 3 annually since 2011 (C. Crawford, pers. comm. 2017). In 2016 and 2017, Chiricahua leopard frogs were discovered in 4 lentic sites at the northern end of the MA and an additional 3 lentic sites to the north of the MA that likely dispersed from known breeding sites of this metapopulation or from the Buenos Aires Central Tanks metapopulation described in the previous paragraph (C. Crawford, pers. comm. 2017).

Chiricahua leopard frogs routinely disperse during the monsoon season, and are known to move up to one mile overland, 3 miles along intermittent stream channels, and 5 miles along perennial streams from breeding sites they occupy (USFWS 2012). Recent studies of Chiricahua leopard frogs revealed that these frogs will move further than previously thought based on the 1-3-5 rule described above. For instance, Hinderer et al. (2017) found that radio-telemetered adult frogs moved an average of 97 m a day and up to 1,658 m in a day with a maximum total movement of a frog measured at 9,888 m over 36 days. Such movements are likely aided by permanent or ephemeral waters that serve as stepping stones within the landscape.

The primary constituent elements of the physical or biological features essential to the conservation of the Chiricahua leopard frog included in designated critical habitat for the species (US Fish and Wildlife Service 2012) are:

(i) Aquatic breeding habitat and immediately adjacent uplands exhibiting the following characteristics:

(A) Standing bodies of fresh water (with salinities less than 5 parts per thousand, pH greater than or equal to 5.6, and pollutants absent or minimally present), including natural and manmade (e.g., stock) ponds, slow-moving streams or pools within streams, off-channel pools, and other ephemeral or permanent water bodies that typically hold water or rarely dry for more than a month. During periods of drought, or less than average rainfall, these breeding sites may not hold water long enough for individuals to complete metamorphosis, but they would still be considered essential breeding habitat in non-drought years.

(B) Emergent and or submerged vegetation, root masses, undercut banks, fractured rock substrates, or some combination thereof, but emergent vegetation does not completely cover the surface of water bodies.

(C) Nonnative predators (e.g., crayfish (Orconectes virilis), bullfrogs (Lithobates catesbeianus), nonnative predatory fish) absent or occurring at levels that do not preclude presence of the Chiricahua leopard frog.

(D) Absence of chytridiomycosis, or if present, then environmental, physiological, and genetic conditions are such that allow persistence of Chiricahua leopard frogs.

(E) Upland habitats that provide opportunities for foraging and basking that are immediately adjacent to or surrounding breeding aquatic and riparian habitat.

(ii) Dispersal and nonbreeding habitat, consisting of areas with ephemeral (present for only a short time), intermittent, or perennial water that are generally not suitable for breeding, and associated upland or riparian habitat that provides corridors (overland movement or along wetted drainages) for frogs among breeding sites in a metapopulation with the following characteristics:

(A) Are not more than 1.0 mile (1.6 kilometers) overland, 3.0 miles (4.8 kilometers) along ephemeral or intermittent drainages, 5.0 miles (8.0 kilometers) along perennial drainages, or some combination thereof not to exceed 5.0 miles (8.0 kilometers).

(B) In overland and non-wetted corridors, provide some vegetation cover or structural features (e.g., boulders, rocks, organic debris such as downed trees or logs, small mammal burrows, or leaf litter) for shelter, forage, and protection from predators; in wetted corridors, provide some ephemeral, intermittent, or perennial aquatic habitat.

(C) Are free of barriers that block movement by Chiricahua leopard frogs, including, but not limited to: urban, industrial, or agricultural development; reservoirs that are 50 acres (20 hectares) or more in size and contain predatory nonnative fish, bullfrogs, or crayfish; highways that do not include frog fencing and culverts; and walls, major dams, or other structures that physically block movement.

Two critical habitat units within Recovery Unit 1 are located in the project vicinity (see Figure 3). These critical habitat units are: Garcia Tank and Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge Central Tanks. Together, these two units comprise 1,721 acres or 16 percent of the designated critical habitat. The Garcia Tank critical habitat unit is within the action area. The portions the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge Central Tanks critical habitat unit within the action area include Chango Tank (PCE1) and Las Moras Wash (PCE2).

Chiricahua leopard frogs are found in other sites within the project area outside of critical habitat. CBP has included a number of conservation measures and BMPs to address potential effects to Chiricahua leopard frogs and designated critical habitat in all areas of the proposed action.

Effects of the Proposed Action

The most likely direct impact to Chiricahua leopard frog would be injury or death from construction vehicle traffic along access roads and at tower sites during the monsoon season (July 1 to October 1) when juvenile and adult Chiricahua leopard frogs move out of perennial lentic sites to adjacent terrestrial habitat or disperse to other perennial or intermittent sites. Two of the nine tower sites and four roads

which will be used for access to tower sites during tower construction activities are located within one mile overland from known occupied sites or they cross intermittent drainages within three miles of occupied sites that are likely used for dispersal by Chiricahua leopard frogs (Cat Crawford, USFWS, personal communication, September 25, 2017). The two tower sites are Tower TCA-TUS-032 and TCA-TUS-299 and the four roads are: (1) Highway 286 from the intersection with Highway 289(Arivaca-Sasabe Road) and south for a distance of 8.5 miles, (2) Highway 289 from the junction with Highway 286 and east for a distance of 2.4 miles to the far side of Puertocito Wash, (3)Tres Boleros Road within one mile overland distance of Garcia Tank, and (4) Tres Bellotas Road beginning north of TCA-TUS-036 and continuing in a northeast direction to its intersection with Arivaca Road. CBP will implement conservation measures or BMPS as outlined in the proposed action above, that will effectively address the potential effect of injury or death from construction vehicle traffic.

Transmission of disease vectors and invasive non-native aquatic species can occur if vehicles cross infected or infested streams or other waters and water or mud remains on the vehicle. If these vehicles subsequently cross or enter uninfected or non-infested waters, the disease or invasive species may be introduced to the new area. Because chytridomycosis is known to occur in Chiricahua leopard frog populations in Recovery Unit 1, necessary precautions will be taken to minimize the likelihood of spreading the disease such as avoiding contact with wetted areas. However, if vehicles or other equipment use will occur in wetted areas (including ponds, impoundments, or ephemeral or permanent streams) that equipment will be a) cleaned of mud and debris and then sprayed with a 10% bleach, 70% ethanol, or 1% quaternary ammonium solution, or b) allowed to dry completely, before moving to another wetted area (see Appendix G of the Chiricahua Leopard Frog Recovery Plan for protocols) (USFWS 2007). Treatments as just described, will not be required for travel along paved routes or portions of Ruby Road that are in the action area, as these routes are heavily traveled by the public and cleaning/sterilization of project vehicles will do little to prevent movement of disease via vehicular travel.

There are two Chiricahua leopard frog critical habitat units within the action area. Chango Tank, Garcia Tank are designated critical habitat for the species and contain PCE1. Las Moras Wash downstream of Chango Tank is also included in critical habitat and contains PCE2. Las Moras Wash is a paved low water crossing on Highway 286. Chango Tank is less than 400 feet overland from Highway 286 and Garcia Tank is less than 1,600 feet from Tres Boleros Road.

Conclusion

We concur with your determination that the proposed action is not likely to adversely affect the Chiricahua leopard frog, nor designated critical habitat for the following reasons:

- CBP will implement conservation measures and BMPs as described above. These measures will reduce potential effects to the Chiricahua leopard frog to insignificant or discountable levels.
- Both Garcia Tank and Chango Tank are located upstream and uphill from project activities. For this reason, there is no pathway by which Block 1 Replacement Project construction activities could directly impact these tanks, and the project would not result in effects that would diminish the value of primary constituent elements within either of the critical habitat units. There are also

no potential effects from the proposed action to PCE 2 in Las Moras Wash where it crosses Highway 286.

Jaguar and Critical Habitat

Environmental Baseline

The jaguar is a large, heavy-bodied, big-headed cat. Yellowish to tawny, spotted with black rosettes or rings in horizontal rows along the back and sides; most rings are tan inside, with 1 or 2 black spots. Legs, head, and tail have smaller, solid spots, usually giving way to incomplete bands near the end of the tail (US Fish and Wildlife Service 2017).

The jaguar was listed as endangered throughout the species range in March 28, 1972 as a foreign species (37 CFR 6476). On July 27, 1997, the jaguar was listed as an endangered species in the United States (62 FR 39147). On March 5, 2014, the USFWS published a final rule to designate critical habitat for the jaguar in southeast Arizona and southwest New Mexico (79 FR 12571). The critical habitat totals approximately 764,207 acres in six units in Pima, Santa Cruz, and Cochise Counties, Arizona, and Hidalgo County, New Mexico.

Jaguars are known from a variety of vegetation communities in North and South America. Range-wide, jaguars are mostly found in tropical and subtropical zones. In the southwestern United States, the more open, dry habitat has been suggested as being marginal in terms of water, cover, and prey densities, although historically there was a presumably larger and naturally breeding population. Jaguar populations in northwestern Mexico and the southwestern United States occur in arid areas, especially thornscrub, mesquite grassland, Madrean oak woodland, and pineoak woodland communities. Based on 25 historical (from 1902 to 2001) reliable and spatially accurate jaguar sighting records in Arizona, the majority of jaguars were observed in scrub grasslands (56%) and
Madrean evergreen forests (20%), all were within 6.2 miles of a water source, and most occurred in moderately rugged to extremely rugged terrain. Additionally, river valleys and other drainage features likely "provide travel corridors for jaguars, along with higher prey densities, cooler air, and denser vegetation than surrounding habitats". In the United States–Mexico borderlands, peccaries (javelina [*Tayassu tajacu*]) and deer (white-tailed [*Odocoileus virginianus*] and mule [*O. hemionus*]) are presumably dietary mainstays; range-wide, the list of prey taken by jaguars includes more than 85 species, including numerous species of turtles, birds, fish, and livestock. Other potential prey species in the southwestern United States include white nosed coatis (*Nasua nasua*), skunk (*Mephitis* spp., *Spilogale gracilis*), raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), and jackrabbit (*Lepus* spp.) (USGS 2016).

The southwestern United States lies at the extreme northern limit of the jaguar's range. An estimated that 21% to 30% of Arizona (23,940–34,200 square miles) is potentially suitable jaguar habitat; however, the species currently occurs on an occasional basis in only a small portion of this area (USGS 2016).

The primary constituent elements of jaguar critical habitat are expansive open spaces in the southwestern United States of at least 38.6 square miles in size that:

1. Provide connectivity to Mexico;
2. Contain adequate levels of native prey species;
3. Include surface water sources available within 12.4 miles of each other;
4. Contain 1% to 50% canopy cover within Madrean evergreen woodland or semidesert grassland vegetation communities;
5. Are characterized by rugged terrain;
6. Are characterized by minimal to no human population density, no major roads, or no stable night time lighting over any 0.4-square-mile area; and
7. Are below 6,562 feet amsl in elevation.

With regard to jaguar critical habitat in the project area, the project is bounded on the west by the Baboquivari Critical Habitat Unit, and on the east by the Atascosa Critical Habitat Unit. There are two towers, TUS-085 and TUS-287, located within approximately 0.5 miles of the Baboquivari Critical Habitat Unit. There are also two towers, TUS-036 and TUS-041, located within approximately 0.5 miles of the Atascosa Critical Habitat Unit. In addition, approximately 4.4 miles of Tres Bellotas Road, which will be used by construction traffic, is located within the Atascosa Critical Habitat Unit. CBP is not constructing any additional roads with the Block 1 Replacement Project.

On December 20, 2016, USFWS released a draft recovery plan for the species. This $605 million recovery plan characterizes jaguar habitat within the US as secondary habitat which is not anticipated to support breeding jaguars. The recovery plan contains a discussion of the value of secondary habitat, in terms of species conservation.

Effects of the Proposed Action

Potential direct impacts on jaguar include the risk of direct injury and mortality from construction vehicles accessing towers, and changes in behavior resulting from noise and other disturbances associated with human presence during tower construction activities. Occurrences of jaguar in the project vicinity are extremely rare. Jaguars have not been located in the project vicinity in a number of years, but a male jaguar recently occupied the Santa Rita Mountains (approximately 25 miles to the northeast of the project area) for an extended period of time. In addition, new jaguars, both males, have been documented within the last year in the Huachuca and Chiricahua mountains. While these new detections are many miles east of the project area, they do provide evidence that habitat connectivity for movement of jaguars into the United States still occurs and that jaguars can occur in any areas of suitable habitat in Arizona, even if they have not been documented there previously. However, due to the rarity of jaguar in the project vicinity, the risk of injury or mortality arising from construction vehicles is unlikely.

Project activities would occur in previously disturbed areas, and would result in no degradation, modification, or habitat fragmentation of undisturbed areas where jaguars potentially occur. The presence of construction crews and equipment, and their associated noise, could cause jaguars to move away from an area or otherwise modify their behavior. Because construction activities would be short term in nature, any displacement or other associated adverse effects would be temporary and minor. As described above, jaguars currently occur at such low densities that the potential for individual jaguars to encounter project activities is extremely unlikely to occur.

There are no Block 1 project towers located within jaguar critical habitat. Construction traffic will use approximately 4.4 miles of existing Tres Bellotas Road to access tower sites. However, because Tres Bellotas and other roads proposed for use during this project are all existing roadways, there is a reduced likelihood that the proposed action will adversely affect the PCEs of jaguar critical habitat.

Conclusion

We have analyzed the effects of the proposed action and concur with the determination that the proposed action may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect jaguars or jaguar critical habitat for the following reasons:

- While jaguars are known to currently occupy areas of southern Arizona, there are no recent records of jaguars in the project vicinity. It is very unlikely that jaguars will be killed or injured by construction traffic associated with the proposed action. Therefore, these effects are discountable.
- All project activities will use existing roadways and stay within the previously disturbed footprint of the tower sites. Therefore, effects to jaguar habitat, including jaguar critical habitat will be insignificant.

Northern Mexican Gartersnake

Environmental Baseline

The northern Mexican gartersnake may occur with other native gartersnake species and can be difficult for people without herpetological expertise to identify. With a maximum known length of 44 inches, it ranges in background color from olive to olive-brown to olive-gray with three stripes that run the length of the body. The middle dorsal stripe is yellow and darkens toward the tail. The pale yellow to light-tan lateral stripes distinguish the Mexican gartersnake from other sympatric (co-occurring) gartersnake species because a portion of the lateral stripe is found on the fourth scale row, while it is confined to lower scale rows for other species. Throughout its range wide distribution, the northern Mexican gartersnake occurs at elevations from 130 to 8,497 feet (Rossman et al.1996, p. 172). The northern Mexican gartersnake is considered a riparian obligate (restricted to riparian areas when not engaged in dispersal behavior) (US Fish and Wildlife Service 2017).

On July 8, 2014, the USFWS issued a final rule listing the northern Mexican gartersnake as threatened throughout the species range (79 FR 38677). On July 10, 2013, critical habitat was proposed for 421,423 acres in Arizona and New Mexico (78 FR 41549).

The northern Mexican gartersnake generally occurs at elevations ranging from 3,000 to 5,000 feet within Arizona and New Mexico. Important components of northern Mexican gartersnake habitat include a stable supply of native prey, and dense vegetation when co-occurring with harmful non-native species. The northern Mexican gartersnake occurs chiefly in the following general habitat types: 1) source-area wetlands (e.g., cienegas), or stock tanks (small earthen impoundment); 2) large river riparian woodlands and forests; and 3) streamside gallery forests (as defined by well-developed broadleaf deciduous riparian

forests with limited, if any, herbaceous ground cover or dense grass) (US Fish and Wildlife Service 2017).

This species occurs in central, western, and southeastern Arizona and extreme southwestern New Mexico. Within Arizona, the most-viable populations occur in the middle and upper Verde River drainage (including Bubbling Ponds State Fish Hatchery along Oak Creek), lower Tonto Creek, the Bill Williams watershed, and within the San Rafael Valley.
Since 1970, there have only been two records of the species in the Action Area vicinity, the most recent being in 2001. However, surveys for northern Mexican gartersnakes have not occurred in this area since approximately the year 2000. The status of the population within the Action Area vicinity remains largely undetermined at this time (Jeff Servoss, USFWS, personal communication, September 29, 2017). If the species persists in the Action Area, it most likely occurs at a very low density and is most-closely associated with the Arivaca Cienega, in the location of a 2001 record.

The primary constituent elements of critical habitat for this species (US Fish and Wildlife Service 2013b) consist of the following:

1. Aquatic or riparian habitat that includes:

   a. Perennial or spatially intermittent streams of low to moderate gradient that possess appropriate amounts of in- channel pools, off-channel pools, or backwater habitat, and that possess a natural, unregulated flow regime that allows for periodic flooding or, if flows are modified or regulated, a flow regime that allows for adequate river functions, such as flows capable of processing sediment loads; or

   b. Lentic wetlands such as livestock tanks, springs, and cienegas; and

   c. Shoreline habitat with adequate organic and inorganic structural complexity to allow for thermoregulation, gestation, shelter, protection from predators, and foraging opportunities (e.g., boulders, rocks, organic debris such as downed trees or logs, debris jams, small mammal burrows, or leaf litter); and

   d. Aquatic habitat with characteristics that support a native amphibian prey base, such as salinities less than 5 parts per thousand, pH greater than or equal to 5.6, and pollutants absent or minimally present at levels that do not affect survival of any age class of the northern Mexican gartersnake or the maintenance of prey populations.

2. Adequate terrestrial space (600 feet [183 meters] lateral extent to either side of bankfull stage) adjacent to designated stream systems with sufficient structural characteristics to support life history functions such as gestation, immigration, emigration, and brumation (extended inactivity).

3. A prey base consisting of viable populations of native amphibian and native fish species.

4. An absence of nonnative fish species of the families Centrarchidae and Ictaluridae, bullfrogs, and/or

crayfish, or occurrence of these nonnative species at low enough levels such that recruitment of northern Mexican gartersnakes and maintenance of viable native fish or soft-rayed, nonnative fish populations (prey) is still occurring.

The only proposed critical habitat unit in the Action Area vicinity is Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge (see Figure 4). The entire 117,335-acre refuge has been proposed as critical habitat for the species (US Fish and Wildlife Service 2013b). There are 5 towers located within this critical habitat unit.

Effects of the Proposed Action

Northern Mexican gartersnakes are generally active from March through October in southern Arizona, although they may be active any day of the year when the daily low temperature is above freezing. The species may be active in upland areas (typically within about 600 feet of ephemeral or perennial water sources), but up to one mile or more from a given water body or in and along drainages and depressions during the monsoon season (Jeff Servoss, US Fish and Wildlife Service, personal communication, September 29, 2017). The Block 1 Replacement Project does not involve any actions within 600 feet of perennial water sources. Therefore, any potential direct effects to the species are likely confined to dispersal periods. The most likely direct effect to the species during dispersal periods would be injury or death from construction vehicle traffic along access roads and at tower sites.

The primary constituent elements for northern Mexican gartersnake critical habitat include: aquatic habitat, adequate terrestrial space adjacent to the aquatic habitat to support critical life history functions, an adequate prey base and an absence of invasive species. The Block 1 Replacement Project construction activities are located at least 0.25 miles from any of these primary constituent elements. The construction activities are confined to existing roads and previously disturbed sites. For these reasons, the Block 1 project is unlikely to have any significant effects on primary constituent elements for northern Mexican gartersnake proposed critical habitat.

Conclusion

We have analyzed the effects of the proposed action and concur with your determination that the proposed action may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect, the threatened northern Mexican gartersnake for the following reasons:

- The northern Mexican gartersnake occurs in the action area in very low densities. Potential effects to the gartersnake from road fatalities are discountable.
- CBP will implement conservation measures and BMPs as outlined above. This will reduce other potential effects to an insignificant level.

Yellow-Billed Cuckoo

Environmental Baseline

Yellow-billed cuckoos (or cuckoos) are fairly large, long, and slim birds. The mostly yellow bill is almost

as long as the head, thick and slightly down-curved. Wings appear pointed and swept back in flight. Yellow-billed cuckoos are warm brown above and clean whitish below. Their blackish face mask is accompanied by a yellow eye ring. In flight, the outer part of the wings flash rufous. From below, the tail has wide white bands and narrower black ones.

A western Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of the yellow-billed cuckoo was designated as threatened on October 3, 2014 (USFWS 2013c, 2014c; 78 FR 61622, 79 FR 59992). On August 15, 2014 (79 FR 48547) USFWS proposed 546,335 acres of critical habitat in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas, Utah and Wyoming (USFWS 2014b; 79 FR 48548). Following publication of the draft proposed critical habitat rule, cuckoos have been found in previously unknown locations and habitats in Arizona. The largest remaining breeding areas are in southern and central California, Arizona, along the Rio Grande in New Mexico, and in northwestern Mexico (USFWS 2014c; 79 FR 59992).
In Arizona, the species was a common resident in the (chiefly lower) Sonoran zones of southern, central, and western Arizona (Phillips et al. 1964). The yellow-billed cuckoo now nests primarily in the central and southern parts of the state, as well as at revegetation sites along the lower Colorado River (Corman and Magill 2000, McFarland and Horst 2015, 2017; USFWS 2013c, 2014b, 2014c, McNeil et al. 2013).

The western yellow-billed cuckoo breeds in riparian (hydro- and xero- riparian) woodlands, and in Madrean evergreen woodland drainages and mesquite woodlands of arid areas. Habitat conditions are typically cooler and more humid than in the surrounding environment (USFWS 2014b,c). The vegetation making up the breeding habitat of the western yellow-billed cuckoo varies across the species' range and includes native and nonnative -riparian and upland nonriparian species including cottonwood (*Populus* spp.), willow (*Salix* spp.), mesquite (*Prosopis* spp.), box elder (*Acer negundo*), sycamore (*Platanus* spp.), ash (*Fraxinus* ssp.), walnut (*Juglans* spp.), alder (*Alnus* spp.), hackberry (*Celtis spp.*), soapberry (*Sapindus saponaria*), oak (*Quercus* spp.), acacia (*Acacia* spp.), desert willow (*Chilopsis linearis*), elderberry (*Sambuccus mexicanus*), juniper (*Juniperus* spp.), pine (*Pinus* spp.), Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*), and tamarisk (*Tamarix* spp.) (Gaines 1974, pp. 7–9; Gaines and Laymon 1984, pp. 59–66; Laymon and Halterman 1989, pp. 274–275; Laymon 1980; Corman and Magill 2000; Dettling and Howell 2011, p. 28; MacFarland and Horst 2015).

In most of the DPS, the western yellow-billed cuckoo primarily breeds in large riparian woodlands dominated by willow and cottonwood along low-gradient rivers and streams, and in open riverine valleys that provide wide floodplain conditions (USFWS 2014a,b). In the Southwest, however, cuckoos can also breed in higher gradient drainages, and narrower and drier reaches of riparian habitat (Corman and Magill 2000;WestLand Resources; Inc. 2013a, 2013b, 2013c, 2015a, 2015b, 2015c; Arizona Game and Fish Department 2016; MacFarland and Horst 2015, 2017; Tucson Audubon 2015; Cornell Lab of Ornithology 2017). Large expanses of gallery riparian woodland habitat supports greater densities of cuckoos than less dense reaches of scattered riparian trees or more xero-riparian woodlands. However, these less dense reaches of scattered riparian trees and more xero-riparian woodlands are also important to yellow-billed cuckoos as nesting substrate, foraging habitat, and as a buffer between more hydric sites and the adjacent, xeric uplands (USFWS 2014b, 2014c; Griffin 2015; Groschupf 2015; McFarland and Horst 2015, 2017). To distinguish between the western yellow-billed cuckoo breeding habitat in riparian areas throughout the range and breeding habitat found in more arid areas of the Southwest, we use the terms "Rangewide" and "Southwestern" breeding habitat, respectively. We describe both the Rangewide and Southwestern breeding habitat below:

Southwestern breeding habitat

Southwestern breeding habitat is located in the Southwestern United States (particularly in Arizona) and is comprised of riparian woodlands, mesquite woodlands, or Madrean evergreen woodlands with a variable overstory canopy and understory component within drainages at least 200 ac (81 ha) in size. In addition to cottonwood, willow, and mesquite, occupied riparian habitat in Arizona may also contain a greater proportion of xero-riparian species than in the rest of the DPS. Oak, hackberry, sycamore, walnut, ash, acacia, tamarisk, and juniper are among the most common xero-riparian species in Southwestern breeding habitat (Corman and Magill 2000, Corman and Wise-Gervais 2005, USFWS unpubl. data). Tamarisk may be a component of breeding habitat, but there is usually a native riparian tree component within the occupied habitat (Gaines and Laymon 1984, Johnson et al. 2008, McNeil et al. 2013, Sechrist et al. 2013, Carstensen et al. 2015). Habitat patches in the arid Southwest contain a greater proportion of xero-riparian and nonriparian tree species than elsewhere in the DPS. Habitat patches are often interspersed with large openings and include narrow stands of trees, small groves of trees, or sparsely scattered trees. As such, the canopy closure is variable, and where trees are sparsely scattered, canopy closure may be dense only at the nest tree. Southwestern breeding habitat types are as follows:

- Riparian woodland is more water-limited, contains a greater proportion of xero-riparian species, and is often narrower, patchier, and sparser than where water is more abundant. This more arid riparian woodland occurs in perennial and intermittent drainages and floodplains throughout the Southwest.
- Mesquite-dominated woodland habitat occurs in floodplains, adjacent terraces, and adjacent uplands in perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral drainages throughout the Southwest.

- Madrean evergreen woodland (usually oak-dominated) habitat occurs in intermittent and ephemeral drainages and adjacent hillsides in the foothills and mountains of southeastern Arizona, up to 7000 ft in elevation. The amount of oak varies and may be interspersed with mesquite and other species in Madrean evergreen woodland.

In addition to the dense nesting grove or tree, often referred to as the core area, western yellow-billed cuckoos need adequate foraging areas near the nest. Foraging areas can be less dense or patchy with lower levels of canopy cover and may be a mix of shrubs, ground cover, and scattered trees (Sechrist et al. 2009, 2013; Carstensen et al. 2015; Griffin 2015; USFWS, unpubl. data). Cuckoos often forage in open areas, woodlands, orchards, and adjacent streams (Hughes 1999), which include stands of smaller mesquite trees and even tamarisk (Rosenberg et al. 1991). In Arizona, adjacent habitat is usually more arid than occupied nesting habitat. This adjacent habitat can be used for foraging where large insects are produced.

Proposed Critical Habitat. There is one unit of proposed yellow-billed cuckoo critical habitat within the Action Area. This critical habitat unit is AZ-23, the Arivaca Wash/San Luis Wash Unit. This 5,765-acre

proposed critical habitat unit is made up of two washes that join to form a 17-mi long continuous segment that is comprised of 9 mi of Arivaca Wash and 8 mi of San Luis Wash. Approximately 1,014 ac, or 18 percent, of proposed unit AZ–23 are privately owned; 89 ac, or 2 percent, are in State ownership and managed by the Arizona State Lands Department; and 4,662 ac, or 81 percent, are in Federal ownership located on the Buenos Aires NWR managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This unit represents about one percent of the 546,335 acres of critical habitat which has been proposed for this species (US Fish and Wildlife Service 2014c).

Towers TCA-TUS-035 and TCA-TUS-290. Within the Arivaca Wash/San Luis Wash proposed critical habitat unit, numerous western yellow-billed cuckoo detections, including pairs, from previous years have been documented by Corman and Magill (2000, pp. 42, 43, 47), Griffin (2015, p. 22), and Cornell Lab of Ornithology (2017, eBird data).
Towers TCA-TUS-035 and TCA-TUS-290 are near occupied cuckoo habitat. Towers TCA-TUS-035 and TCA-TUS-290 are within approximately 0.75 miles from the eastern border of the proposed Arivaca Wash/San Luis Wash Critical Habitat Unit. Tower TCA-TUS-035 is also immediately adjacent to an unnamed drainage bordered by large dense mesquite. This ephemeral drainage flows into Arivaca Wash and may be suitable cuckoo breeding habitat. Habitat surrounding TCA-TUS-290 consists of short stature mesquite and ocotillo. Cuckoos may be foraging in the habitat adjacent to these towers. Within the proposed Arivaca Wash/San Luis Wash Critical Habitat Unit, nine western yellow-billed cuckoo use areas at three sites were identified in the 4.1 km (2.5 mi) surveyed in 2015, including eight pairs (Griffin 2015, p. 22). Breeding was confirmed at all three sites in 2015; Arivaca Cienega, Arivaca Creek–Honnas Pond, and Arivaca Creek (Griffin 2015, p. 19, 22).

Griffin (2015, p. 19) detected most western yellow-billed cuckoos in cottonwood and willow riparian forest and woodland vegetation, but sometimes with ash, hackberry, mesquite and a dense shrub understory. Despite the fact that the riparian vegetation changes from more mesic communities upstream to more xeric communities downstream, western yellow-billed cuckoos likely breed along the entire length of Arivaca Creek. Use areas seemed to include more upland woodland of mesquite than riparian forest vegetation. The three western yellow- billed cuckoo use areas within the Arivaca Cienega site differed in vegetative composition and structure (Griffin 2015, p. 23) and included: (1) a large, low-statured mesquite woodland or “bosque” that included open areas of native grassland and cienega marsh, and a patch of mature cottonwood-willow forest; (2) patches of mature Goodding’s willow, velvet ash, and hackberry-mesquite; and (3) a large patch of cottonwood-willow riparian forest with minor upland woodland components of mesquite, hackberry, and open areas. Other sites within the unit (Arivaca Creek–Honnas Pond, Arivaca Creek) had similar habitat and western yellow-billed cuckoo use.

Tower TCA-TUS-41. Cuckoos have been found during the breeding season along Arivaca Lake and tributaries, with suitable breeding habitat within 0.5 miles of TCA-TUS-41. Sparsely scattered mesquite surround this tower on an elevated site next to a paved and well-used road. The nearest cuckoo detections reported were approximately 0.7, 0.9, and 1.3 miles respectively from TCA-TUS-41 (Cornell Lab of Ornithology 2017). Tucson Audubon detected seven occupied territories with repeated detections, including three pairs, where they surveyed the tributaries and lake in 2015 (MacFarland and Horst 2015, pp. 17–18). The seven territories documented is an underestimate, as only a small portion of suitable habitat was surveyed. Western yellow-billed cuckoos were detected at the lake on every visit during 2015 and habitat surrounding the lake and side canyons is considered highly suitable 2015. Additional records

exist from previous years (Cornell Lab of Ornithology 2017). Habitat is composed of riparian and Madrean evergreen woodland. The overstory vegetation is composed of primarily mesquite, with willow, cottonwood, ash, hackberry, and oak (MacFarland and Horst 2015, p.121).

Cuckoo Detections along Tres Boleros Road and Tres Bellotas Road. Cuckoos have been detected from tower TCA-TUS-287 to TCA-TUS-299 and from TCA-TUS 298 on Tres Boleros Road and on Tres Bellotas Road to TCA-TUS-036 during the breeding season (Cornell Lab of Ornithology 2017). Four detections records exist along Fresnal Wash along the Tres Boleros Road (Cornell Lab of Ornithology 2017). Although the drainages that cross the Tres Boleros and Tres Bellotas Road have not been surveyed, they contain suitable cuckoo habitat.

Tower TCA-TUS-287. Foraging habitat consisting primarily of mesquite appears to be suitable surrounding tower TCA-TUS-287, only 0.2 mile from La Osa Wash. La Osa Wash contains large riparian trees, but no surveys have been conducted.

Tower TCA-TUS-299. This tower is near suitable breeding and foraging habitat. Washes with large riparian trees are within 0.25 miles of this tower. Large mesquite, wolfberry, and hackberry trees occupy these washes.

Towers TCA-TUS-298 and TCA-TUS-036. Tres Bellotas Road meanders within and adjacent to Fresnal Wash, with suitable cuckoo habitat and flowing water inthe drainage. Large ash, willow, mesquite, hackberry, wolfberry, acacia, and walnut trees border the drainage between towers TCA-TUS-0298 and TCA-TUS-036. On October 23, 2017 water was flowing in the wash in reaches where the wash becomes the road and where the wash crosses the road. A manmade pond surrounded by riparian trees within 0.25 miles of tower TCA-TUS-036 may also support breeding cuckoos. Towers TCA-TUS-298 and TCA-TUS-036 are far enough away from suitable breeding habitat in Fresnal Wash that construction is not likely to adversely affect cuckoos at these tower sites, as long as construction traffic avoids the Tres Bellotas Road between these towers from June 1 to September 30. Both of these towers are on elevated sites surrounded by sparse mesquite and oak trees; this habitat may be used as foraging habitat but construction activities are not likely to adversely affect cuckoos. Fresnal Wash has not been surveyed between these two towers and is not visited very often by birders due to its remote location and proximity to the border. However, some cuckoo information does exist for this area. Cuckoo were detected on August 26, 2000 and July 8, 2001 during the breeding season (Cornell Lab of Ornithology 2017). Based on past detections, presence of water, and suitable riparian habitat, Fresnal Wash is considered to be occupied cuckoo breeding habitat.

Western yellow-billed cuckoos have been detected incidentally by birders and refuge staff in suitable breeding habitat in mesquite woodland and Madrean evergreen woodland, sometimes far from mesic drainages, in other parts of the refuge (Griffin 2015, pp. 25, 28; Cornell Lab of Ornithology 2017 (eBird data)).

Effects of the Proposed Action

Yellow-billed cuckoo are reported within Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge and the adjacent Coronado National Forest, with recent breeding behavior and nests confirmed (Corman and Magill 2000;

Griffin 2015; MacFarland and Horst 2015, 2017; Cornell Lab of Ornithology 2017). In recent years, cuckoos have been located near the following towers or associated roads: TCA-TUS-035, TCA-TUS-036, TCA-TUS-041, TCA-TUS 290, TCA-TUS 298, and TCA-TUS 299 during the breeding season from June 1 to September 30. In addition, suitable habitat exists near tower TCA-TUS 287.

It is possible that cuckoos could be exposed to noise from Block 1 Replacement Project construction activities. Noise will be generated by both vehicles accessing tower sites and by construction activities at tower sites. Available research indicates that medium and heavy trucks, such as cranes and cement trucks, will generate noise levels in the range of 80 to 85 dBA at speeds less than 35 miles per hour on tower access routes (Minister of Public Works and Government Services, Canada 2001).

As stated in the Section 2.0 of the biological assessment, an estimated 25 to 30 trips by medium to heavy trucks will be required to each tower site. Trips by these medium to heavy trucks will be scattered over the 40 to 60-day construction window at each tower site. The balance of trips along the access roads will be via pick-up truck, which has a noise footprint similar to a majority of the vehicles currently operating in the project vicinity. Cuckoos along these access routes could be exposed to elevated noise levels associated with these medium to heavy trucks for a duration of 30 seconds to 1 minute during each trip to a tower. Therefore, the total exposure of any cuckoos to elevated noise levels along access roads during construction at a tower is estimated to be 30 to 60 minutes. At the tower sites, the medium to heavy vehicles would be in operation for durations ranging from an hour, in the case of delivery of a load of concrete, to several days in the case of tower foundation excavation. Noise levels from operation of these medium to heavy vehicles would be similar to noise levels along access routes. Federal Highway Administration (2006) estimates noise generated by cement trucks at 79 dBA at a distance of 50 feet, and 81 dBA for cranes and excavators at a distance of 50 feet. Operation of these vehicles at tower sites would be scattered over the construction duration. Any cuckoos in the immediate vicinity of towers could be subject to up to several days of elevated noise levels during tower construction. Industrial Noise Control (2017) indicates that 70 decibels is used as a general base of comparison. This level is considered the baseline of normal, everyday activity such as a passenger car driving by or TV/radio music or a vacuum cleaner. Eighty decibels is two times as loud as 70 decibels and 90 decibels is four times as loud as 70 decibels.

The noise generated during the life of the project could result in short term noise exposure to cuckoos along the access roads or in the immediate vicinity of towers. The most commonly recorded response of birds to noise or other human disturbance is flushing. However, researchers have also reported no flushing response from Mexican spotted owls and bald eagles exposed to noise levels twice as loud (92 dBA) as noise levels predicted from the proposed action (Delaney et al. 1999 and Brown et al.1999). Significantly, even when flushing has occurred, researchers have reported no change in either reproductive success or number of young fledged in birds exposed to short term noise events (Delaney et al. 1999 and Delaney et al. 2002). Other authors have reported that exposure to short term noise events does not lead to chronic physiological stress in birds (Bisson et al. 2009 and Tempel 2003). In another study, researchers reported that infrequent and unpredictable vehicle operations in the immediate vicinity of nests was not correlated with the number of young fledged (Hayden et al. 2002).

Towers TCA-TUS-035 and TCA-TUS-290. These two towers are located near proposed yellow-billed cuckoo critical habitat and approximately 2 miles of roads partially located within the proposed yellow-

billed cuckoo critical habitat unit AZ31. Both towers are on elevated locations outside the riparian corridor. Tower TCA-TUS-035 is immediately adjacent to a drainage bordered by large dense mesquite and breeding cuckoos may be affected by construction activity during the breeding season. Construction activity during the breeding season (June 1 through September 30) will be avoided at tower TCA-TUS-035. Tower TCA-TUS-290 is on a hill on the opposite side of a well-used paved road from Aravaipa Creek. This tower is elevated and far enough away from breeding habitat so that construction activity at the tower will likely not adversely affect breeding and foraging cuckoos. However, the access road starts near occupied habitat along Aravaipa Creek and the hundreds of vehicle trips may cause disturbance to breeding and foraging cuckoos.
Tower TCA-TUS-41. Although the nearest cuckoo detections reported were approximately 0.7, 0.9, and 1.3 miles respectively from TCA-TUS-41 (Cornell Lab of Ornithology 2017), this tower is on an elevated site along a paved road that already receives some traffic and construction is not likely to adversely affect cuckoos.

Tower TCA-TUS-287. This tower is only 0.2 mile from La Osa Wash, which contains large riparian trees that may be breeding habitat. Construction activity may adversely affect breeding and foraging cuckoos. Construction activity during the breeding season (June 1 through September 30) will be avoided at this tower.

Tower TCA-TUS-299. This tower is near suitable breeding and foraging habitat and construction activities may advserely affect breeding cuckoos. Construction activities will be avoided during part of the breeding season (July 1 through September 30) and protocol surveys will be conducted from June 1 through June 30 at this tower.

Towers TCA-TUS-298 and TCA-TUS-036. These towers are far enough away from suitable breeding habitat in Fresnal Wash that construction is not likely to affect cuckoos at these tower sites, but the Tres Bellotas Road between these towers is in and adjacent to suitable cuckoo habitat. The hundreds of additional vehicles traveling between these two towers during the breeding season would create additional noise and visual disturbance that would likely adversely affect cuckoos using habitat along the Tres Bellotas Road and in Fresnal Wash. CBP will avoid using Tres Bellotas Road along Fresnal Wash between TCA-TUS-298 and TCA-TUS-036 from June 1 to September 30 to avoid disturbance to cuckoos in suitable habitat.

Conclusion

We have analyzed the effects of the proposed action and concur with your determination that the proposed action may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect, the western yellow-billed cuckoo for the following reasons:

- The tower sites where construction of replacement towers will generally occur are in areas of raised topography and not within drainages where western yellow-billed cuckoos typically breed. In addition, although cuckoo upland foraging habitat is adjacent to some tower sites, the tower site footprints do not contain upland foraging habitat. In addition, as discussed above, CBP has proposed conservation measures and best management practices to avoid or reduce disturbance

effects to cuckoos in suitable breeding habitat and adjacent foraging habitat within 0.25 miles of the tower sites. Therefore, effects to yellow billed cuckoos from disturbance associated with tower construction will be insignificant.

- A number of roadways proposed for use during this project do occur along drainages or in other areas that support suitable western yellow-billed cuckoo habitat. CBP has proposed conservation measures and BMPs to avoid and minimize disturbance of cuckoos in these areas. Therefore, these effects will be insignificant.

Thank you for your continued coordination related to this consultation. No further section 7 consultation is required for this project at this time. Should project plans change, or if additional information on the distribution or abundance of listed species or critical habitat becomes available, this determination may need to be reconsidered. Additionally, we encourage you to coordinate the review of this project with the Arizona Fish and Game Department and the appropriate land management agencies and private landowners.

For further information please contact Scott Richardson (520) 670-6150(x242). Please refer to the consultation number, 02EAAZ00-2018-I-0091 in future correspondence concerning this project.

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Good morning Scott:

We at CBP Office of Acquisition ENV are ready to answer and clarify any information in the Block 1 Replacement Project Tucson Station Area of Responsibility (TUS-1) Section 7 Consultation BA sent to FWS 10/10/2017.

As we all recognize the time crunch coming at the end of October, CBP staff is ready to get on the phone with you and your staff anytime to clarify and answer questions on information in the Final BA.

Thank you again for the effort and agency cooperation shown by you and your staff. Again please call me if you need anything to assist in your review and concurrence by the end of the month.

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Hi (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Wanted to update you on where we are with this consultation. I am still waiting to get a response from a couple of staff members on the final BA. I have a few comments and questions as I looked it over. Cat should be forwarding you her comments today. I should be forwarding any remaining comments by Friday. If you all can respond or give us the thumbs up on the information and comments we provide you, we will start working on this next week. if everyone is on the same page by early next week, I think we can have this wrapped up by Monday, the 30th. There are a number of projects ahead of this, but the most pressing of these should be wrapped up this week or early next week, giving us time to work on this.

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2017 at 4:41 AM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) > wrote:

> Good morning Scott:
> I just wanted to let you know that while we have not received additional comments from Cat on the CLF we have instituted BMPs for the frog that should provide safeguards for the species during the Block 1 Replacement Project that was discussed in our meetings with your staff September 26 and 27, 2017.

Based on our meetings and discussed in CBP's October 10, 2017 Block 1 Replacement Project BA for the Tucson Station AoR we have proposed the following BMPs for the CLF:

"Towers TUS-032 and TUS-300 are located approximately 0.5 miles north of Chango Tank. Available information indicates that although Chango Tank does not contain a resident population of frogs, because it is not a perennial water source, it may be seasonally occupied by the species. In order to prevent any frogs at Chango Tank from moving into the construction areas around towers TUS-032 and TUS-300, a frog-proof fence will be installed to prevent access into this tower construction area. This fence will be installed prior to construction and removed after construction activities are complete. During construction at this tower site, a biological monitor will be present to ensure the fence remains effectively in place, and to relocate any frogs from the fence perimeter, if required.

Garcia Tank is located approximately 0.25 miles north of Tres Boleros Road Between towers TUS-298 and TUS-299. Available information indicates that successful reproduction has occurred at this tank in the past. During the monsoon season, frogs could move down the drainage and cross Tres Boleros Road.

In addition, USFWS reports that frogs also occupy perennial waters outside of critical habitat extending along Tres Boleros Road from Garcia Tank and along Tres Bellotas Road all the way to its intersection with paved Ruby Road. In order to ensure there is no impact of Block 1 construction traffic on any frogs along Tres Boleros Road, there will be no construction traffic on the section of Tres Boleros and Tres Bellotas Roads extending from TUS-298 northeast to Ruby Road during the monsoon season from July 1 to October 1."

Because of the tight time frame CBP has for initiating the Block 1 Replacement Project in Tucson AoR beginning November 1, 2017 if FWS has additional information on the CLF that CBP needs to consider please contact me as soon as possible.

Thanks again for your consideration and assistance with this critical border security project.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Environmental Planning & Real Estate Section
Office of Acquisition
U.S. Customs & Border Protection

Office: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cell: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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The greatest challenge to any thinker is stating the problem in a way that will allow a solution."
— Bertrand Russell, mathematician, & philosopher (1872 - 1970)
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From: Richardson, Scott [mailto:scott_richardson@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 11:56 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: US Customs and Border Protection - Block 1 Replacement Project Tucson Station Area of Responsibility (TUS-1) Section 7 Consultation

Thanks for the follow-up call and email. Playing catch-up after having been out of the office for over a week, so not sure yet when we will jump into this. I will at least have us take a look at what you have provided and make sure we have what we need to get started and let you know sooner rather than later if we still need anything. Just based on current workload issues, I am thinking we will need the full 30 days that statute allows us, but we will shoot for sooner. I will let you know in more detail early next week what things look like on our end.

Thanks (b)(6), (b)(7)(C),

Scott

On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 8:27 AM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) > wrote:

> Scott:
> To follow-up on CBP submittal of the Block 1 Replacement Project TUS-1 Biological Assessment I am providing you with other information to include in your review on this consultation.
>
> 1. Comment/Response matrix: to help you with what changes were made in out BA submittal this week attached in the responses to FWS comments on the Draft BA. This way you do not have to shift through other files to determine the CBP response and changes resulting in the Final BA.
>
> 2. Technology Difference in SBInet and current IFT:
> As explained in the biological assessment, the primary reason for this project is to reduce operational costs and increase tower capacity. CBP estimates that annual operation costs could be reduced by as much as 80-90% when the IFT technology is deployed. A number of the sensor towers are nearing capacity, and CBP wants the flexibility to deploy additional technology to defeat evolving border security threats.
>
> The technology on these towers is constantly evolving. For example, the IFT provides a constant 360 degree radar vs the current sweep radar in SBInet. The cameras in IFT will be upgraded to HD. The HD cameras will add pixels which will improve image quality. That said, because cameras and radar operate on line-of-sight, there will be no change in area or range of coverage by IFT technology. For this reason, CBP does not anticipate IFT deployment will lead to any measurable change in border patrol operations.
>
> Scott, as stated in the BA cover letter CBP appreciates a priority review of

the BA. All avoidance measures discussed with staff in our face to face meetings 9/26 and 27 and in subsequent follow-up emails have been incorporated.
Please contact me if we need to discuss.

Sincerely,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Environmental Planning & Real Estate Section
Office of Acquisition
U.S. Customs & Border Protection

Office: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 11:09 AM
To: 'incomingazcorr@fws.gov' <incomingazcorr@fws.gov>
Cc: 'Richardson, Scott' <scott_richardson@fws.gov>
Subject: US Customs and Border Protection - Block 1 Replacement Project Tucson Station Area of Responsibility (TUS-1) Section 7 Consultation

Good Morning;
Attached for FWS review under Section 7 of the ESA is CBP's Block 1 Replacement Project, Tucson Station Area of Responsibility (TUS-1) Biological Assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Environmental Planning & Real Estate Section
Office of Acquisition
U.S. Customs & Border Protection

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From: Nicholopoulos, Joy
To: FW2 RDT; Adams, Keenan
Subject: Fwd: AD Meeting Notes 09.18.17
Date: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:50:59 PM
Attachments: AD Meeting Notes 09.18.17.docx

FYI
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From: **Gale, Michael** <michael_gale@fws.gov>
Date: Mon, Sep 18, 2017 at 4:40 PM
Subject: AD Meeting Notes 09.18.17
To: FWS Directorate & Deputies <fwsdirectanddep@fws.gov>
Cc: Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov>, "Foster, Maureen" <maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov>

Hello,

Attached are the notes from the AD Staff Meeting for Monday, September 18, 2017.

The following item was added after the meeting from the Chief of Staff:

The Department has developed a rack card that lists the Secretary's priorities, which are:

1. Create a conservation stewardship legacy, second only to Teddy Roosevelt
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3. Restore trust & be a good neighbor
4. Ensure Tribal sovereignty means something
5. Increase revenues to support DOI and national interests
6. Protect our people and the border
7. Strike a regulatory balance
8. Modernize our infrastructure
9. Reorganize DOI for the next 100 years
10. Achieving our goals, leading our team forward

cheers,

Michael

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Michael Gale

Deputy Chief of Staff (Acting), Director's Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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571.982.2158 (cell)

AD Meeting Notes
09.18.17

Introductions: Benjamin Tuggle, Assistant Director for Science Applications, is in town to meet with staff and Greg Sheehan. John Klavitter on an ALDP detail is here representing WSFR. Paul Rauch is in a Departmental meeting on grants with Greg Sheehan. Steve Delahanty is acting Deputy Assistant Director for Science Applications as part of the ALDP program. Deb Rocque is the Deputy Regional Director for the Northeast Region, who is hear opening up the Project Leaders meeting. Eleanora Babij, Branch Chief in International Affairs, is acting for Gloria.

Director's Office

The ADs have received the new DOI Strategic Plan, which requires surname from the ADs affected. Gary Frazer is working on the Agency Priority Goals related to ESA.

The Secretary's Top 10 Priorities list is being incorporated into a new format. Feedback from DOI involved implementation of ESA. Assignment is due Wednesday.

Secretarial Order 3355 on Hunting and Fishing has been released, which has a list of tasks for FWS.

On the new Secretarial Order on NEPA, there's a team working on the FWS vision for EA streamlining.

Migratory Birds

Last week, the 2017 Duck Stamp Contest was hosted in Wisconsin at Stevens Point. Bob Hopman was the prize with a picture of a mallard.

Jerome's son did good in football.

International Affairs

This morning, there was an interagency meeting for Ramsar (i.e., wetlands of international importance).

Refuge System

Working on OMB briefs. We need to firm up Greg's schedule in the morning for the walk-about in Refuges and the Region 5 Project Leader meeting.

External Affairs

Banner on the FWS.gov home page is themed around hunting. We will be working with the Regions to solicit stories. There's an event today on the Hill for an estuary expo. There's a follow up meeting with Senator McConnell's staff that has been scheduled.

Fisheries & Aquatic Conservation

Two OMB briefings this week, and a meeting FWP on the Atlantic Menhaden catch issue.

Office of Law Enforcement

Also have OMB briefings and a meeting with contractors related to the Wildlife Inspector staffing model.

IRTM and BPHC

Nothing to report on the IT front. There is a meeting this afternoon regarding E-Perform. Charisa will follow up with Ken on the need for follow-up meetings. There are 260 outstanding IT trainings, but likely a DOI Learn issue.

WSFR

Paul Rauch is attending a Departmental meeting about grants management today, where new guidance for FY18 grants management will be discussed.

WSFR has provided feedback to an exercise from DOI to incorporate Secretarial priorities into grants.

Ecological Services

They are working with the Solicitor's Office on a declaration related court ordered deadlines. Gary gave an update on wolf recovery issues.

Science Applications

There's a meeting this afternoon with Greg Sheehan, and an OMB briefing later this week on the Science Applications program. There's a discussion with USGS later this week on joint science activities.

Business and Management Operations

Closing out end of fiscal year issues. Also meeting with the Directorates for the 1616 reductions. There is a proposal where DOI would ask a safety review of supplemental hazards, but there's likely a price tag associated with it.

Chief of Staff

Reminder: there is a Directorate VTC on Tuesday at at 2:00p.m.

International travel has to be approved by FWP.

An in-person Directorate meeting is planned for the week after Thanksgiving at Headquarters.

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From: Amy Lueders
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: Border Strategic Plan (FWS DRLE Project)
Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 2:16:33 PM

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> > **Subject: Fwd: Border Strategic Plan (FWS DRLE Project)**
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Date: Wed, Mar 14, 2018 at 12:25 PM
Subject: Border Strategic Plan (FWS DRLE Project)
To: Bill Radke <bill_radke@fws.gov>, Sid Slone <sid_slone@fws.gov>, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Kyle Todd <kyle_todd@fws.gov>
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) >, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) >, "(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

All,

I've been asked by FWS DRLE HQ to be a co-project leader for Border Strategic Plan the other co-project leader, Gary Krauss, will be traveling to the Tucson area the 1st week of April for an orientation of FWS border tracts in the Tucson AOR. We are looking at the 3,4, and 5th to visit San Bernardino/Leslie Canyon, Buenos Aires, and Cabeza Prieta NWR's in no particular order.

Part of the project is to look at communication gaps, intelligence gaps, inter-agency agreements, local agreements, working relationships with outside agencies etc...

I am hoping that, if your schedule permits, that you would be available to meet with us to discuss these issues.

The project will be focused solely on law enforcement and not environmental impacts and concerns.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Senior Special Agent
Border and Drug Coordinator
Department of the Interior - Office of the Secretary
Office of Law Enforcement and Security
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) cell

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From: Hyde-Michaels, Carrie
To: Downey Magallanes; Gareth Rees; Scott Angelle; Michael Argo; Joseph Balash; Caroline Boulton; wesley_bullock@ios.doi.gov; Brenda Burman; Scott Cameron; Susan Combs; Douglas Domenech; Jason Funes; Russell Newell; Timothy Petty; Sheehan, Greg; Zachariah Gambill; Aurelia Skipwith; Paul (Dan) Smith; Brian Steed; John Tahsuda; Todd Willens; Todd Wynn
Cc: Rachel Kent; Morris, Charisa; Kashyap Patel
Subject: FOIA Awareness Review - FWS-2018-00830
Date: Sunday, July 8, 2018 7:25:53 PM
Attachments: 18-00830_Request_(5-17-18).pdf
18-00830_Combined records for Awareness review_Redacted.pdf

This is the required awareness notification for a FOIA response to be issued to Charlie Spatz of MuckRock News concerning emails exchanged between the Southwest's Regional Director, Amy Lueders, and anyone with an email address ending in "@ios.doi.gov" for a time span of January 20, 2017 to June 4, 2018.

The following individuals' names appear in 73 pages of records:

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Office of the Secretary of the Interior	Zinke	Ryan K	Secretary of the Interior	1, 2, 7, 24, 26, 38, 44, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67

Attached are the incoming FOIA request and a combined file of responsive records. This package has been reviewed by Rachel Kent in the Office of the Solicitor, cc'd here.

This information is scheduled to be released Thursday, July 12th.

Thank you,
Carrie Hyde-Michaels
FWS FOIA Officer
Chief, Branch of FOIA, Records, Privacy
US Fish & Wildlife Service Headquarters
703-358-2291 (direct)

FOIA, FW2 <fw2foia@fws.gov>

Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Freedom of Information Act Request: Communication with Office of the Secretary , Southwest Region

Ruiz, Melanie <melanie_ruiz@fws.gov> Thu, May 17, 2018 at 11:18 AM
To: FW2 FOIA <fw2foia@fws.gov>

Melanie Ruiz
Chief, Branch of Litigation/FOIA
USFWS-Southwest Region
Division of Ecological Services
Office: 505-248-6284
Cell: 505-259-0335

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From: <54027-75963607@requests.muckrock.com>
Date: Thu, May 17, 2018 at 11:13 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Freedom of Information Act Request: Communication with Office of the Secretary, Southwest Region
To: Melanie_Ikenson@fws.gov

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 2
FOIA Office
500 Gold Avenue SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

May 17, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Please provide all emails, including attachments, exchanged between Amy Lueders or Joy Nicholopoulos and any Department of Interior employees with emails ending in "@ios.doi.gov".

Please constrain the search between January 20th, 2017 and the processing date of this request.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Charlie Spatz

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From: Interior, Secretary
To: doi_all_employees@doi.gov
Subject: 9/11
Date: Monday, September 11, 2017 8:35:49 AM

Dear Team:

Most everyone remembers where they were on 9/11. I was in Coronado, California, as a BUD/S Instructor, training future Navy SEALs. As the news showed pictures of the horror and devastation, it became clear to me that the world as we all knew it would change. I immediately knew those young men I was training would have very different careers in the SEALs than I had.

That day, terrorists flew two planes into the World Trade Center in New York City and another into the Pentagon in Washington, DC. Their collective actions killed almost 3,000 people.

A fourth flight, Flight 93 from New York to San Francisco, crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Instead of letting the terrorists reach their destination, likely our Nation's Capital, the crew and passengers fought back. In the direst of circumstances, they summoned
the courage to rush the cockpit and change the course of history. Today, I am with Vice President Mike Pence to attend a remembrance ceremony for those 40 heroes from Flight 93 and all the victims of 9/11.

One of those heroes from Flight 93 was a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) employee, Richard Guadagno. After the crash, it was impossible to recover almost anything that was on the plane. A month later, however, investigators were searching the crash site, and there it was—Mr. Guadagno's FWS badge, fully intact and resting in a nearby tree. Yesterday, I saw his badge on display at the Memorial's Visitor Center.

It reminded me of the service and sacrifice made by thousands of Department of the Interior employees to this day. From first responders to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, to firefighters across the West and everyone in between, let me say that your bravery and dedication is awe-inspiring. The whole Nation is grateful for your lifesaving work. Unfortunately, our job is not over. We will continue to be asked to serve the citizens of our great Nation as we recover from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, fight wildfires across the West, and prepare for more hurricanes on the way.

When tragedy strikes, Americans mourn as one people, under one flag. An attack on one of us is an attack on us all. Today, we come together to grieve with those who lost loved ones that fateful day, and to pledge never to forget September 11, 2001. Let our constant vigilance in the face of our enemies serve as a testament to the unshakable resolve of our great Nation.

Secretary Ryan K. Zinke

From: Interior, Secretary
Bcc: doi_all_employees@doi.gov
Subject: 2018 National Police Week: Honoring Interior"s Law Enforcement Officers
Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 12:32:12 PM
Attachments: DOI email header.png

Quality law enforcement is the backbone of a Nation of laws. Our great law enforcement officers deserve our deepest appreciation. In 1962, May 15 was designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day and that entire week as National Police Week—a time to recognize all law enforcement officers. This year National Police Week will be May 13-19. The week is an opportunity to honor our Nation's law enforcement officers and express our gratitude for their service.

Since the Department of the Interior's (Department) founding in 1849, we have lost 139 law enforcement officers in the line of duty. While we were fortunate to have not experienced the loss of any of our officers this past year, we stand in solidarity with our Tribal counterparts of the Navajo Nation and the Yakama Nation, who memorialized Officer Houston Largo and Game Warden Nelson Onepennee this year on the Indian Country Law Enforcement Memorial in Artesia, New Mexico. It is important that we do not forget their names, lives, families, or ultimate sacrifice.

Please join me in honoring our Department's brave officers during our annual Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Ceremony. The event is:

- Monday, May 14, 2018 at 11 a.m.
- Sidney R. Yates Auditorium, Main Interior Building
- For those unable to attend, watch the event at http://www.doi.gov/live

Everywhere I travel on lands managed by the Department, I am impressed by the breadth of the activities carried out by our law enforcement officers. Our far-reaching and unique mission means our law enforcement officers must possess a wide range of knowledge and skills that often extend far beyond typical law enforcement duties. As police officers, rangers, wildlife refuge officers, and special agents, they may frequently work alone, patrolling vast lands. They may be called on to render emergency medical care, investigate complex resource crimes, perform harrowing technical rescues, and engage in proactive community policing. They work alongside their Federal, State, local, and Tribal counterparts, who collectively support efforts to protect our lands and to keep our communities safe.

I am honored to recognize the Department's thousands of permanent and seasonal law enforcement officers, who tirelessly protect our treasured lands and keep the public safe. Their commitment to the mission and to the American people is deeply appreciated.

To all of our law enforcement officers, thank you for the difficult and courageous work you do every day.

Sincerely,
Secretary Zinke

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Subject:	Accountability in the Work Place
Date:	Monday, May 14, 2018 2:13:06 PM

PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS IN YOUR REGION/PROGRAM.

Memorandum

May 14, 2018

To: All Managers and Supervisors, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

From: Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Exercising the Authority of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

/s/ Susan Combs

Subject: Accountability in the Work Place

The Department administered a work environment survey in 2017. Unfortunately, the results of the survey of FWS employees showed that many employees reported experiencing harassment in the workplace. The survey results also indicated that many employees did not trust management to address incidents of workplace harassment. This is unacceptable. We owe our employees a safe and civil place to work. Effectively leading and managing people is key to the health of any organization and FWS cannot create effective change without your leadership. I wanted to take this opportunity to communicate my expectations of you as leaders, managers, supervisors and change agents.

Accountability in an organization is essential. Accountability ensures that employees answer to their supervisors for their actions and that supervisors behave responsibly as well. I expect you to hold your employees accountable for both poor performance and misconduct. When you observe, or are notified of, allegations of misconduct, you must act promptly to investigate those allegations in a neutral, thorough and fair manner that is consistent with agency policies and guidance. When misconduct is supported by the facts, you must appropriately discipline the wrong-doer. You also must keep your upper-level managers apprised of your actions. A manager or supervisor performing at the "Fully Successful" level does not allow friendships with subordinate staff to influence decision-making when holding employees accountable for misconduct. Employees notice when issues are ignored which, in

turn, breeds mistrust in the workforce. We must gain the respect and trust of our employees by taking decisive, yet appropriate, action.

With respect to performance, you must ensure that the standards of performance are aligned with the Service's mission and goals. When performance deficiencies are observed, you must not delay in taking appropriate action. I expect you to utilize the resources of the Office of Human Resources and the Office of the Solicitor when taking disciplinary and performance-based actions to ensure that policy and regulations are followed and your actions are defensible.

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From: Interior, Secretary
Bcc: doi_all_employees@doi.gov
Subject: Don"t forget to take the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey
Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 10:33:36 AM
Attachments: DOI email header.png

Interior Team,

One of my highest priorities is ensuring that you are empowered in your positions to best serve the American people. To achieve this mission, I strongly encourage you to complete the 2018 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) so Department leadership can ensure that we are meeting your needs.

The FEVS data informs the Government-wide Best Places to Work rankings. In 2017, among large Agencies, the Department of the Interior was ranked ninth. I want the Department to be number one!

The Office of Personnel Management administers the survey, which began May 2, 2018, and concludes June 15, 2018. All career permanent employees who were on board as of October 31, 2017, are eligible to participate in the survey. You should have received an email invitation to take the confidential survey.

Please take the time to provide your feedback. We are listening to your voices. By completing the survey, all of us can come together to make the Department the best place to work in the Federal Government. The results from the survey will be available this fall.

Thank you for your dedication and passion in carrying out the Department's vital missions. I appreciate all that you do.

Sincerely,
Secretary Zinke

Visit doi.gov/employees for employee news, resources and events.

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From: Moses-Nedd, IEA Cynthia
To: Amy Lueders
Subject: Follow-up to meeting with AZ Secretary of Agriculture and NV Director of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:10:15 AM

Hello Amy,
Hope all is well and life is good! So glad to have a great contact at FWS!!

Secretary Mark Killian (AZ) and Director Witte (NV) were in DC recently and met with me and my Director of Intergov & External Todd Wynn. He wants to set up a meeting to address the following:

Director Witte from New Mexico and I would like to set up a time to schedule a wolf meeting in either Apache County or Catron County with your boss in the next few months. We would like to have this be a private meeting with the ranchers and citizens that have been impacted by the Mexican Wolf program.

Leatta McLaughlin of his office exploring dates in late March and early April for the meeting in Apache County. They would also like to engage the FS along with FWS & BLM.

Could you please give me a call (202) 821-9410 at your earliest convenience to discuss?

Thanks much!!
Cynthia
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From:	Broska, James
To:	FW2 RDT
Subject:	Fwd: Accountability in the Work Place
Date:	Tuesday, May 15, 2018 2:22:59 PM

Folks,

Please make sure you send this out to your supervisors!

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From: **Charisa Morris** <charisa_morris@fws.gov>
Date: Tue, May 15, 2018 at 2:15 PM
Subject: Fwd: Accountability in the Work Place
To: fwsdirectanddep@fws.gov

Good afternoon-

Susan Combs made a special request today to ensure this email was DEFINITELY distributed to all supervisors. Please aggressively disseminate.

Thanks!
Charisa

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "ASFWP, DOI" <asfwp@ios.doi.gov>
> **Date:** May 14, 2018 at 4:13:57 PM EDT
> **To:** Greg Sheehan <greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov>, Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov>
> **Subject: Fwd: Accountability in the Work Place**
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> Please help us to ensure that this memo is forwarded to all managers and supervisors.
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> Thanks.
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PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS IN YOUR REGION/PROGRAM.

Memorandum

May 14, 2018

To: All Managers and Supervisors, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

From: Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Exercising the Authority of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

/s/ Susan Combs

Subject: Accountability in the Work Place

The Department administered a work environment survey in 2017. Unfortunately, the results of the survey of FWS employees showed that many

employees reported experiencing harassment in the workplace. The survey results also indicated that many employees did not trust management to address incidents of workplace harassment. This is unacceptable. We owe our employees a safe and civil place to work. Effectively leading and managing people is key to the health of any organization and FWS cannot create effective change without your leadership. I wanted to take this opportunity to communicate my expectations of you as leaders, managers, supervisors and change agents.

Accountability in an organization is essential. Accountability ensures that employees answer to their supervisors for their actions and that supervisors behave responsibly as well. I expect you to hold your employees accountable for both poor performance and misconduct. When you observe, or are notified of, allegations of misconduct, you must act promptly to investigate those allegations in a neutral, thorough and fair manner that is consistent with agency policies and guidance. When misconduct is supported by the facts, you must appropriately discipline the wrong-doer. You also must keep your upper-level managers apprised of your actions. A manager or supervisor performing at the "Fully Successful" level does not allow friendships with subordinate staff to influence decision-making when holding employees accountable for misconduct. Employees notice when issues are ignored which, in turn, breeds mistrust in the workforce. We must gain the respect and trust of our employees by taking decisive, yet appropriate, action.

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From: Nicholopoulos, Joy
To: FW2 RDT; Adams, Keenan
Subject: Fwd: AD Meeting Notes 09.18.17
Date: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:50:59 PM
Attachments: AD Meeting Notes 09.18.17.docx

FYI
---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Gale, Michael** <michael_gale@fws.gov>
Date: Mon, Sep 18, 2017 at 4:40 PM
Subject: AD Meeting Notes 09.18.17
To: FWS Directorate & Deputies <fwsdirectanddep@fws.gov>
Cc: Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov>, "Foster, Maureen" <maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov>

Hello,

Attached are the notes from the AD Staff Meeting for Monday, September 18, 2017.

The following item was added after the meeting from the Chief of Staff:

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cheers,

Michael

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Michael Gale

Deputy Chief of Staff (Acting), Director's Office
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AD Meeting Notes
09.18.17

Introductions: Benjamin Tuggle, Assistant Director for Science Applications, is in town to meet with staff and Greg Sheehan. John Klavitter on an ALDP detail is here representing WSFR. Paul Rauch is in a Departmental meeting on grants with Greg Sheehan. Steve Delahanty is acting Deputy Assistant Director for Science Applications as part of the ALDP program. Deb Rocque is the Deputy Regional Director for the Northeast Region, who is hear opening up the Project Leaders meeting. Eleanora Babij, Branch Chief in International Affairs, is acting for Gloria.

Director's Office

The ADs have received the new DOI Strategic Plan, which requires surname from the ADs affected. Gary Frazer is working on the Agency Priority Goals related to ESA.

The Secretary's Top 10 Priorities list is being incorporated into a new format. Feedback from DOI involved implementation of ESA. Assignment is due Wednesday.

Secretarial Order 3355 on Hunting and Fishing has been released, which has a list of tasks for FWS.

On the new Secretarial Order on NEPA, there's a team working on the FWS vision for EA streamlining.

Migratory Birds

Last week, the 2017 Duck Stamp Contest was hosted in Wisconsin at Stevens Point. Bob Hopman was the prize with a picture of a mallard.

Jerome's son did good in football.

International Affairs

This morning, there was an interagency meeting for Ramsar (i.e., wetlands of international importance).

Refuge System

Working on OMB briefs. We need to firm up Greg's schedule in the morning for the walk-about in Refuges and the Region 5 Project Leader meeting.

External Affairs

Banner on the FWS.gov home page is themed around hunting. We will be working with the Regions to solicit stories. There's an event today on the Hill for an estuary expo. There's a follow up meeting with Senator McConnell's staff that has been scheduled.

Fisheries & Aquatic Conservation

Two OMB briefings this week, and a meeting FWP on the Atlantic Menhaden catch issue.

Office of Law Enforcement

Also have OMB briefings and a meeting with contractors related to the Wildlife Inspector staffing model.

IRTM and BPHC

Nothing to report on the IT front. There is a meeting this afternoon regarding E-Perform. Charisa will follow up with Ken on the need for follow-up meetings. There are 260 outstanding IT trainings, but likely a DOI Learn issue.

WSFR

Paul Rauch is attending a Departmental meeting about grants management today, where new guidance for FY18 grants management will be discussed.

WSFR has provided feedback to an exercise from DOI to incorporate Secretarial priorities into grants.

Ecological Services

They are working with the Solicitor's Office on a declaration related court ordered deadlines. Gary gave an update on wolf recovery issues.

Science Applications

There's a meeting this afternoon with Greg Sheehan, and an OMB briefing later this week on the Science Applications program. There's a discussion with USGS later this week on joint science activities.

Business and Management Operations

Closing out end of fiscal year issues. Also meeting with the Directorates for the 1616 reductions. There is a proposal where DOI would ask a safety review of supplemental hazards, but there's likely a price tag associated with it.

Chief of Staff

Reminder: there is a Directorate VTC on Tuesday at at 2:00p.m.

International travel has to be approved by FWP.

An in-person Directorate meeting is planned for the week after Thanksgiving at Headquarters.

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From:	Willens, Todd
To:	Gary Frazer; Amy Lueders
Cc:	Maureen Foster
Subject:	Fwd: calculation of acreage under Texas Conservation Plan for the dunes sagebrush lizard
Date:	Wednesday, February 7, 2018 8:14:52 AM
Attachments:	Screen Shot 2017-10-27 at 5.26.58 PM[1].png Bio-West July 2017 DSL Report[3].pdf

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Gary and/or Amy,

Can you send me a copy of the answers to the two questions I assume you provided in response to the email below. Thank you.

> 1) USFWS' opinion on whether Bio-West's July 2017, Report applies the correct standard for calculating impacted acreage under the TCP.
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> 2) ...in the event frac-sand mining operations are admitted under the TCP, is impacted acreage calculated under the TCP based upon actual disturbed area on an annual basis or based upon the total acreage controlled by a sand mining operation?

Todd Willens
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NOTE: *Every email I send or receive is subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act.*

> **From:** Robert Henneke <rhenneke@texaspolicy.com>
> **Date:** Monday, October 30, 2017 at 4:10 PM
> **To:** Greg Sheehan <gregory_sheehan@fws.gov>
> **Cc:** "Gary_Frazer@fws.gov" <Gary_Frazer@fws.gov>, "Amy_Lueders@fws.gov" <Amy_Lueders@fws.gov>
> **Subject:** calculation of acreage under Texas Conservation Plan for the dunes sagebrush lizard
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> Mr. Sheehan,
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> We spoke a few months ago about the dunes sagebrush lizard (DSL) and its history of

attempted regulation under the Endangered Species Act. As we discussed, I serve as the General Counsel at the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF). TPPF is a non-profit, non-partisan research institute based in Austin, Texas. The Foundation's mission is to promote and defend liberty, personal responsibility, and free enterprise in Texas and the nation by educating and affecting policymakers and the Texas public policy debate with academically sound research and outreach. One of our research centers focuses on energy and environmental regulatory policymaking, including the Endangered Species Act (ESA). In 2012, TPPF was active as an advocate for limited government, Tenth Amendment principles in support of the creation of the Texas Conservation Plan (TCP) in lieu of ESA listing of the DSL.

As you are aware, considerable attention has been focused recently on both the DSL and TCP due to the growth of the frac-sand mining industry in the Permian Basin area. Part of the recent public discussion has involved debate over the amount of acreage currently and potentially impacted and the correct methodology to calculate impacted acreage under the Texas Conservation Plan. As you undoubtedly know, the TCP is the agreed upon document supported by USFWS, the participants, and the Texas Comptroller and has been subsequently twice upheld by the D.C. Circuit Court (September 30, 2014) and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (March 1, 2016).

In its July 2017, Report, Bio-West reported 2,378 acres of surface disturbances occurring in DSL habitat by oil and gas development (attached, p. 11-12). Bio-West is the TCP administrator contracted by the Texas Comptroller, the permit holder for the TCP. As reported by Texas State University, this calculation appears based upon extension of the New Mexico lizard habitat model. http://www.txstate.edu/news/news_releases/news_archive/2017/February-2017/SagebrushLizard022117.html. However, the TCP does not follow the New Mexico DSL habitat model approach. Instead as set forth in the TCP section 12.2 (page 76), the TCP calculates impacted acreage under the “Tiered Buffer Approach.” “Because of the scientific uncertainty and lack of research specifically related to what buffer distances would benefit the DSL, the stakeholders determined that a tiered buffer coupled with tiered mitigation would maximize mitigation in a practical and flexible approach.” (TCP Section 12.2, p. 76). The TCP Tiered Buffer Approach accounts for decreasing indirect effects on the DSL with increasing distance from DLS habitat. If the impact is outside of DSL habitat but within 200 meters of habitat, the acreage of impact is multiplied by the appropriate equivalence factor. Under the TCP, these impacts are quantified during an on-site Impact Assessment on a case-by-case basis (*see* TCP, Appendix F). However, page 3 of Bio-West’s July Report references utilization of a 200 meter buffer of the Habitat Management Units that treat all area within the buffer as impacted. This is the New Mexico model, not the Tiered Buffer Approach. Based on our calculations, accounting for the TCP Tiered Buffer Approach, instead of the New Mexico model, would reduce Bio-West’s estimate in its July 2017, Report of surface disturbances caused by oil and gas from 2,378 acres to 1,775 acres. Our concern is that Bio-West’s use of the improper metric will result in faulty data relied upon as true, which may undermine future defense of the TCP. I would appreciate USFWS’ opinion on whether Bio-West’s July 2017, Report applies the correct standard for calculating impacted acreage under the TCP.

On a related issue, the Texas Comptroller's office in June 2017, published a presentation on *Recent Developments in the Texas Conservation Plan*. In describing the potential impact of frac-sand mining operations, the Texas Comptroller's office published the following chart (attached) that approximates impacted area apparently as the total acreage utilized over the lifetime of the mining operation and excludes any reclaimed area. These totals have been reported as allegedly showing that sand mining operations would exceed the acreage allowed under the TCP. However, the actual impacted area will only grow over the next years and decades if the projections are correct (also depending upon application of the correct model). I would also appreciate USFWS's opinion on: in the event frac-sand mining operations are admitted under the TCP, is impacted acreage calculated under the TCP based upon actual disturbed area on an annual basis or based upon the total acreage controlled by a sand mining operation?

As you can see, the correct application of the TCP assessment of impacted DSL habitat will significantly influence the correct calculation of utilized and available acreage available under the TCP. The Foundation desires to see the TCP correctly administered. To the extent that any ambiguities exist, it may be proper for USFWS to address the proper interpretation and methodology under the TCP. I appreciate your consideration and would welcome the opportunity to discuss further if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rob Henneke

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From: Nicholopoulos, Joy
To: Amy Lueders; Stacey Garcia
Subject: Fwd: Information about Next Week"s Reorganization Listening Sessions
Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:27:41 PM

Here is the info . . .

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From: **Combs, Susan** <susan_combs@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 4:24 PM
Subject: Information about Next Week's Reorganization Listening Sessions
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Good Afternoon,

Please forward this information to your employees in Colorado New Mexico and Wyoming.

Thanks,

Susan

Susan Combs, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior Exercising the Authority of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks and lead for DOI Reorganization, will hold all-employee listening sessions in CO, NM, and WY to discuss the proposed DOI reorganization. Here are the dates, times, and locations for each session.

Denver, CO: **Monday April 30, 2018, 9:00 am**

Interior Business Center Campus, Building 7401, Durango/Telluride Room, 7401 W Mansfield Ave, Lakewood, CO 80235

Albuquerque, NM: Tuesday May 1, 2018, 11:30 am

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) Auditorium, 9169 Coors Boulevard NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120

Cheyenne, WY: Thursday May 3, 2018, 12:30 pm

BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, WY 82009

You are encouraged to attend a session near you to hear about the Department of the Interior's proposed reorganization and ask questions. Information about DOI's reorganization effort can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/employees/reorg.

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Susan Combs
U.S. Department of the Interior
1-202-208-4482

From:	Velasco, Janine
To:	Noreen Walsh; Matt Hogan; Clint Riley; Lueders, Amy; Anne Hammond
Cc:	Stephen Guertin
Subject:	Fwd: Listening Sessions
Date:	Friday, April 20, 2018 9:30:02 AM

Noreen and Matt -- There will be more to come on this, but I just want to alert you to this event that will be likely occurring in Lakewood (at the IBC facility) for all employees to share info/feedback to Susan on Monday April 30th. She may have an SES meeting as well on Monday or a different day that week.

Also, she needs someone to drive her to Cheyenne on Thursday for another meeting she is having there with BLM and other DOI bureaus. Would we have someone who could do that and possibly able to bend her ear during that ride?

Amy/Anne -- For Abq, that session is tentatively planned for Tuesday and BIA is hosting it.

Joy is working on some of the logistics and I will share them as we hear more.

Thanks,
Janine

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From: **Nicholopoulos, Joy** <joy_nicholopoulos@fws.gov>
Date: Fri, Apr 20, 2018 at 11:20 AM
Subject: Fwd: Listening Sessions
To: Janine Velasco <janine_velasco@fws.gov>

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individual e-mails to hosts of the listening session.
IBC host for Denver
BIA host for Albq and
BLM host from Cheyenne

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From: **Combs, Susan** <susan_combs@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Thu, Apr 19, 2018 at 9:42 AM
Subject: Listening Sessions
To: Brian Steed <bsteed@blm.gov>, Joy Nicholopoulos <joy_nicholopoulos@fws.gov>, Tasha Robbins <tasha_robbins@ios.doi.gov>

Dear Mr. Steed:

I have been asked to serve as the Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Exercising the Authority of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. I am still serving as the lead for the Department of the Interior (DOI) reorganization. In that role, I am planning a listening session tour of the west the first week of May where I will meet with DOI employees in

Denver/Lakewood, CO; Albuquerque, NM; and Cheyenne, WY, to discuss reorganization.

I am requesting your assistance to host a meeting in Cheyenne, Wyoming on Thursday, May 3 for DOI employees in the area. I request that each listening session for employees begin at 1pm-3:30pm local time and last approximately 2 ½ hours. At these meetings, I will present information on the reorganization for about 20 minutes, and then begin a Q&A session with employees for no more than an hour. I ask that you make available 2 employees to take notes of all of the questions asked at the meeting. I will post those questions and answers on the DOI Reorganization web page after I conclude the May listening tour. Please note that I will remain at the meeting locations to informally interact with DOI employees for 30 minutes – 1 hour after the formal Q&A session.

If you have questions or need additional information about the listening sessions, please contact Joy Nicholopoulos (Joy_Nicholopoulos@fws.gov). Please respond to this e-mail message and copy Tasha Robbins (Tasha_Robbins @ios.doi.gov) to provide me with a local point of contact (the person who will be assisting with the logistics for the local listening session) by close of business April 23, 2018.

Thank you in advance,

Susan

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From: Announcement, DOI
Bcc: doi_all_employees@doi.gov
Subject: Happy 159th birthday Theodore Roosevelt
Date: Friday, October 27, 2017 8:50:50 AM

Mail from the U.S. Department of the Interior

In Happy birthday, President Theodore Roosevelt! In the 159 years since Roosevelt was born, his name has become symbolic of our deep commitment to our public lands and a belief in the American conservation ethic.

Often called a "force of nature," his legendary courage and powerful conservation legacy continue to influence lawmakers and provide an example for all nations. His felt passionately about the outdoors and advocated for our national treasures to be managed "for the benefit and enjoyment of the people." As Roosevelt once said, “It is not what we have that will make us a great nation; it is the way in which we use it.”

Join Secretary Zinke and all of Interior as we celebrate the life of a great man who enshrined an appreciation of our nation’s greatest treasures: our public lands.

Thanks for watching!

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Subject: Have a happy Thanksgiving!
Date: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 8:38:37 AM
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The tradition of Thanksgiving is deeply woven into the fabric of our American heritage. With rich history, great people and stunning landscapes, we have a lot to be grateful for.

I'm thankful for each and every one of you, the great public servants at the Department of the Interior. I couldn't be prouder to be your Secretary. May God bless you and your families, and may God bless the United States of America. Happy Thanksgiving!

Best Wishes,
Secretary Zinke

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Subject: Inspector General Semi-Annual Report
Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 1:27:21 PM
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Interior Team,

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Thank you,
Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt

From: Pletcher, Mary
To: DOI_Career_SES; DOI NON-Career SES
Subject: memo on SES management
Date: Monday, December 4, 2017 1:02:57 PM
Attachments: DS Memo SES.pdf
CSRA.pdf

Dear Senior Executives,

Attached is a memorandum from the Deputy Secretary on Senior Executive Service management. The text of the Civil Service Reform Act (CSRA) is included as an enclosure to the memorandum.

Best,
Mary

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Department of the Interior
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Capital and Diversity
Chief Human Capital Officer
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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

DEC 04 2017

Memorandum

To: All Senior Executives

From: Deputy Secretary

Subject: Senior Executive Service Management

One of my responsibilities as Deputy Secretary is to serve as Chair of the Executive Resources Board (ERB). As I have examined our processes, consulted with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), and requested that the Secretary reconstitute the membership of the ERB to adopt best practices, I thought it would be useful to share my understanding of the role the Senior Executive Service (SES) plays in leading the Department.

As many of you no doubt know, the SES was established by Title IV of the Civil Service Reform Act (CSRA) of 1978 (P.L. 95-454, October 13, 1978). In CSRA, Congress stated that

> a Senior Executive Service should be established to provide the flexibility needed by agencies to recruit and retain the highly competent and qualified executives needed to provide more effective management of agencies and their functions, and the more expeditious administration of the public business.

The purpose of the SES is "to ensure that the executive management of the Government of the United States is responsive to the needs, policies, and goals of the Nation and otherwise is of the highest quality."

Specifically, CSRA explained that the SES shall be administered so as to:

> "(1) provide for a compensation system, including salaries, benefits, and incentives, and for other conditions of employment, designed to attract and retain highly competent senior executives;
> "(2) ensure that compensation, retention, and tenure are contingent on executive success which is measured on the basis of individual and organizational performance (including such factors as improvements in efficiency, productivity, quality of work or service, cost efficiency, and timeliness of performance and success in meeting equal employment opportunity goals);
> "(3) assure that senior executives are accountable and responsible for the effectiveness and productivity of employees under them;
> "(4) recognize exceptional accomplishment;
> "(5) enable the head of an agency to reassign senior executives to best accomplish the agency's mission;

"(6) provide for severance pay, early retirement, and placement assistance for senior executives who are removed from the Senior Executive Service for nondisciplinary reasons;
"(7) protect senior executives from arbitrary or capricious actions;
"(8) provide for program continuity and policy advocacy in the management of public programs;
"(9) maintain a merit personnel system free of prohibited personnel practices;
"(10) ensure accountability for honest, economical, and efficient Government;
"(11) ensure compliance with all applicable civil service laws, rules, and regulations, including those related to equal employment opportunity, political activity, and conflicts of interest;
"(12) provide for the initial and continuing systematic development of highly competent senior executives;
"(13) provide for an executive system which is guided by the public interest and free from improper political interference; and
"(14) appoint career executives to fill Senior Executive Service positions to the extent practicable, consistent with the effective and efficient implementation of agency policies and responsibilities.

(Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-454, § 402, 92 Stat. 111 (1978)). I have attached the CSRA to this memo for your own review.

These are the principles Congress gave the Secretary to manage SES employees within the Department, and they are the factors that will serve as the basis for the decisions made by the ERB during my tenure as Chair.

As I have spent time visiting with experts within OPM, it is clear that talent management and succession planning are crucial to the development of an effective SES corps. Managing talent within the SES ranks ensures an agency has a qualified pool of executives who have the leadership and managerial expertise to occupy any number of different executive positions based on the needs of the organization. Developing the best leadership talent is essential, not just to support agency strategic planning, but to contribute to a thriving, sustained performance culture in the Federal workforce.

The rotation of the SES corps through a variety of leadership positions has been recognized as an effective method of strengthening leadership and executive skills. Indeed, the Obama Administration issued Executive Order (EO) 13714 on December 25, 2015, on "Strengthening the Senior Executive Service." The EO required agencies to develop plans to increase the number of SES members who are rotated to different assignments "to improve talent development, mission delivery, and collaboration." The EO acknowledged the Federal Government's interest in "cultivating generalist executives with broad and diverse experiences who can lead a variety of organizations." The EO established an annual Government-wide goal, beginning in Fiscal Year 2017, of rotating at least 15 percent of SES members to different departments, agencies, subcomponents, functional areas, sectors, and non-Federal partners. In its 2016 guidance to implementing the SES rotations requirement, OPM identified executive reassignment and transfers as two options for implementing SES rotations.

I have been informed that during the Obama Administration, there were 140 SES reassignments at the Department, albeit with very modest mobility of the SES across bureaus. From my perspective, the lack of mobility can contribute to a siloed, bureau-centric approach to management. Although a long length of service in one position can be a management strength as it allows for the development of technical expertise and continuity, it can also inhibit the transfer of fresh management concepts among bureaus and offices.

It is my view that potentially greater cross-bureau collaboration and innovation can be achieved by bringing new leadership perspectives to our operations by rotating SES members from bureaus to headquarters, from headquarters to the field, and across different functional areas and disciplines. Going forward, I will seek to strike a balance between leadership continuity and achieving fresh perspective by reassigning SES employees across bureaus and offices.

I also intend to focus on strengthening executive accountability to ensure the growth and health of our organization. I was recently informed that 98 percent of our SES members within the Department received either an outstanding (Level 5 rating) or exceeds fully successful (Level 4 rating) performance rating for the prior year's rating. Each of you should be proud of your membership in the SES and your accomplishments as executives.

I look forward to working with each of you. Thank you for your service.

Attachment

cc: Members, Executive Resources Board
Assistant Secretaries

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Meeting rescheduled, per Todd Willens via Cathy Gulac. Coordination made via Rosyln Sellars and Thomas Garcia phone conversation*//

Please forward any briefing materials (if applicable).

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To: All Department of the Interior Employees

From: David L. Bernhardt, Deputy Secretary

Subject: Month Two Message

A little over a month ago, I wrote to all of you on my first day as Deputy Secretary. Shortly thereafter we established an electronic "ideas" box, and the comments, ideas, and suggestions came rolling in. I want to thank you for your willingness to be thoughtful and candid with your input. Some of the ideas have already served to trigger action.

Many of your comments have educated me on particular issues that I might not have fully appreciated without them. For example, I was a couple steps behind the Secretary in recognizing that it is time for the uniforms to be updated. Your comments have reinforced the very real need of doing so. In addition, I am working to find a realistic means to raise the purchase card limits. I am undeterred, but I expect that we will need to rely on help from Congress. Consequently, that will require more steps to accomplish than I initially hoped.

In my first message to you, I reiterated the basic principle that public service is a public trust and to remind everyone of the basic premise of our Federal service and to confirm my expectation that employees abide by it.

After my first month as Deputy Secretary, and after reading certain comments I am troubled that there is not a universal sense in the Department of the Interior (Department) that those few employees who have failed to uphold these standards are appropriately being held accountable. Please be assured, that I am committed to ensuring that leaders at all levels of the Department are, themselves, ensuring that legally sound, measured, and decisive action is being taken. I want this message to be clear: it is the duty of managers to promptly and effectively take the necessary steps to resolve such issues when they arise.

I also want to convey that we can only take action when we are aware of misconduct. Such awareness often ultimately depends on an employee's willingness to come forward. Despite the official duty articulated in the principles of ethical conduct that "[e]mployees shall disclose waste, fraud, abuse, and corruption to appropriate authorities," many might find it difficult to report misconduct because of a belief that nothing will be done or perhaps due to a fear of retaliation.

Therefore, it is important for you to know that reports of misconduct are taken seriously and that action is taken in a timely manner when appropriate. To that end, I will share the results of two Inspector General investigations that began with a report of employee misconduct and

which resulted in accountability. In one case, the allegations concerned former Bureau of Land Management Office of Law Enforcement Supervisory Agent Dan Love's misuse of his position for personal gain, securing privileges for both himself and family members, and misuse of Government equipment for personal purposes. The Department recently removed Mr. Love from Federal service. In the other, the allegations involved reports that former National Park Service Chief Ranger at Canaveral National Seashore, Edwin Correa, made unwanted sexual advances and inappropriate comments towards subordinates. The Department removed Mr. Correa as well.

I share these examples because you need to know that your leadership is listening. We will hold people accountable when we are informed that they have failed in their duties and obligations.

Although the law in large part prevents dissemination of the details of actions taken, I am sharing these examples because you need to know that the Department has taken concrete disciplinary action in cases of serious misconduct, including those involving senior officials. This message is part of our commitment to be vigilant and tireless in its pursuit of an environment in which employees treat each other in a manner that is consistent with the law and in which there are consequences for failing to do so.

Finally, as it is vitally important for the health of the Department that employees disclose misconduct they witness or experience, the Department is committed to protecting those who step forward from retaliation. Therefore, I will also make this clear: the Department must be free from any retaliation or reprisal for reports of misconduct and I expect every leader to ensure this.

Moreover, it goes without saying that we must remember to treat each other, as well as members of the public, with dignity and fairness. Supervisors should recognize the contributions of deserving employees and have the courage to address the failings of those that fall short of meeting expectations.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of you to further improve the Department and fulfill its important missions. Please keep sending me "ideas;" I will continue to review them.

Sincerely,
Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt

From: Interior, Secretary
Bcc: doi_all_employees@doi.gov
Subject: New Anti-Harassment Policy
Date: Monday, April 23, 2018 1:32:25 PM
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Interior Team,

In December, I told you that, during my tenure as Secretary, we had begun taking a more aggressive stance against employees who engage in misconduct, including taking action against senior leaders for harassment or other inappropriate misconduct. I have made it clear to my management team that we have to take decisive action to hold employees accountable for misconduct. That decisive action includes removing employees when necessary. Since last December, agency management has been following my lead by aggressively tackling the harassment problem through discipline. My management team has also encouraged the Office of the Inspector General to open investigations into other claims that were brought to our attention. I want you to know that discrimination, harassment, and intimidation will find no quarter under my command.

Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt and I also directed that each Bureau develop an action plan to address its own specific harassment-related issues. Since that time, we have worked with Bureaus to achieve this goal and have finalized a new, comprehensive anti-harassment policy for the Department.

The policy enshrines our commitment to providing a work environment free from harassment by ensuring that appropriate officials are notified of, and can properly stop, harassing conduct. It also holds employees accountable at the earliest possible stage, before the conduct rises to the level of illegal harassment. The requirements laid out in the policy for both employee conduct and manager responsibilities take strong steps toward rooting out harassment at all levels of the Department.

Overall, my philosophy has been that “one-size-fits-all” ends up working for no one. Instead of a top-down approach, we solicited individual Bureau plans; we took this approach because we recognize that different Bureaus face different challenges. Employee feedback was critical in developing our final product.

To ensure that we effect real, lasting change, we will continue to monitor each Bureau’s efforts, so we can hold everyone, from senior leaders on down, accountable. This is a long-overdue culture change at Interior.

It is not enough to simply say that we want things to change. Past leaders have done that, only to watch as the problem persisted. By contrast, we have already taken a number of actions to back up our words on this topic. These include training nearly 100 employee relations and employment law practitioners on best practices for investigations of misconduct; issuing a guide on administrative investigations; and creating and updating an employee webpage with dedicated resources. You can visit that webpage at https://www.doi.gov/employees/anti-harassment/personnel-bulletin-18-01.

Management has a duty to act. If you report harassment, your voice will be heard. You should not

have to suffer silently—afraid of retaliation or isolation—when you are just trying to do your job.

How we implement our new policy will have a direct effect on the quality of our work environment here at the Department. That is why the Deputy Secretary and I are deeply committed to this effort. As I have said before, I want Interior to be the best possible place to work in the Government. Today is a major step toward making that vision a reality.

Thank you for your cooperation throughout this process,
Secretary Zinke

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Memorandum

To: All Department of the Interior Employees

From: Deputy Secretary

Subject: Office of the Inspector General

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To:	Bullock Luke
Cc:	Scott Cameron; Michael Argo; Russell Roddy; Caroline Boulton; Russell Newell
Bcc:	amy_lueders@fws.gov
Subject:	Planning for the Next 100 Years Summit
Date:	Thursday, December 21, 2017 4:05:37 PM
Attachments:	2018 Draft Agenda 100 Year Summit.pdf

All,

Thank you for being so patient and understanding with our office regarding the planning and logistical aspects of next month's summit. Once again, if you are receiving this email the Secretary has officially invited you to attend the Planning for the Next 100 Years.

Your attendance at the summit is assumed and this invitation is not transferable. However, there may be situations where an individual cannot attend , for example, if an individual is retiring or has an unexpected emergency. In such a case their replacement or acting SES official is expected to attend in their place. Please forward the name, title and contact information of the acting employee.

Attached you will find a copy of the tentative agenda. Please note that as this is a draft copy, the details are subject to change. Each of you will receive a final summit agenda upon check-in at the summit. All additional documents and information relating to the agenda will also be included in the welcome packet.

Please note that the summit begins at 8:30AM on Wednesday, January 10th and concludes the following day, Thursday, January 11th at 11:30AM. Please ensure that all travel arrangements booked to meet the timeline above. Each summit attendee is responsible for the coordination of all necessary travel needs.

Please contact myself at the information below or Caroline Boulton at Caroline_Boulton@ios.doi.gov regarding any of the information listed above. The Secretary looks forward to seeing you all next month and hopes that each of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you next year!

Thank you,

Wesley Bullock

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Planning for the Next 100 Years Summit Agenda

Wednesday, January 10 – Thursday, January 11, 2018
Main Interior Building | Washington, DC

– AGENDA –

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

08:30 – 08:45 a.m.	**ARRIVAL & CHECK IN**	*C Street Lobby* *1849 C Street, NW*
09:00 – 11:15 a.m.	**PLENARY SESSION**	*Auditorium*
11:15 – 11:30 a.m.	**BREAK**	
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSION #1: COMMON REGION ORGANIZATION**	*MIB Conference Rooms*
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	**LUNCH**	*Bison Bistro*
01:30 – 02:30 p.m.	**REPORT OUT ON BREAKOUT SESSION #1**	*Auditorium*
02:30 – 02:45 p.m.	**BREAK**	
02:45 – 03:45 p.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSION #2: REGIONAL & LOCAL CHALLENGES**	*MIB Conference Rooms*
03:45 – 04:45 p.m.	**REPORT OUT ON BREAKOUT SESSION #2**	*Auditorium*
04:45 – 05:00p.m.	**DAY WRAP UP**	*Auditorium*
05:30 – 07:00p.m.	**RECEPTION & PHOTO LINE WITH THE SECRETARY**	*Interior Library*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

09:00 – 11:30 a.m.	**PLENARY SESSION**	*Auditorium*
12:30 – 01:00 p.m.	**DAY WRAP UP & SUMMIT CONCLUSION** Ryan Zinke, *Secretary* David Bernhardt, *Deputy Secretary*	*Auditorium*
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	**LUNCH**	*Bison Bistro*

DRAFT

From: Willens, Todd
To: Lueders, Amy
Subject: Re: call
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:39:40 AM

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thanks. I am at b6

Todd Willens
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On Tue, Feb 13, 2018 at 12:05 PM, Lueders, Amy <amy_lueders@fws.gov> wrote:

> yes. I have time between now and 1:30 eastern time or between 3-4 eastern
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> On Tue, Feb 13, 2018 at 9:51 AM, Willens, Todd <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> > Amy,
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> > Do you have time for a call today?
> >
> > **Todd Willens**
> > **Assistant Deputy Secretary**
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From: Leatta McLaughlin
To: "Moses-Nedd, IEA_Cynthia"
Cc: Amy Lueders; Aurelia Skipwith
Subject: RE: FW: following up
Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 3:15:35 PM
Attachments: image003.png
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In might be best to have the NM County Commissioners contact the NM Department of Agriculture Secretary Jeff Witte

From: Moses-Nedd, IEA_Cynthia [mailto:iea-cynthia_moses-nedd@ios doi gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 2:48 PM
To: Leatta McLaughlin <lmclaughlin@azda gov>
Cc: Amy Lueders <amy_lueders@fws gov>; Aurelia Skipwith <aurelia_skipwith@ios doi gov>
Subject: Re: FW: following up

No worries! Hope you were in a delightful place having loads of fun!!!!

Wonderful to hear this is scheduled.! Looping in Dep. Asst. Secretary Aurelia Skipwith for awareness.

Also, we met with a number of NM County Commissioners this morning and the Mexican Gray Wolf issue came up again. I mentioned this meeting was in he works and they were very interested. Should I point them in your direction for fur her information?

Best,
Cynthia

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On Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 4:25 PM, Leatta McLaughlin <lmclaughlin@azda gov> wrote:

> Thanks for the follow up, and sorry it s taken me so long to get back to you I ve been out of the country The meeting has been confirmed for 1:00 – 2:30pm (AZ time) on Monday, April 23 The meeting will be held at the Round Valley Annex building located at 309 S Mountain Ave , Springerville, Arizona Please let me know if you need anything else from me
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> **From:** Moses-Nedd, IEA_Cynthia [mailto iea-cynthia_moses-nedd@ios doi gov]
> **Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2018 12:28 PM
> **To:** Leatta McLaughlin <lmclaughlin@azda gov>; Amy Lueders <amy_lueders@fws gov>
> **Subject:** Re: FW: following up
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> Hello Leatta and Amy,
> Hope all is well Just following up on this meeting to see if you require anything further from our office
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> Thanks!
> Cynthia
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To: Leatta McLaughlin <lmclaughlin@azda gov>
Cc: Agnew, Rebecca <ragnew@nmda nmsu edu>
Subject: Re: FW: following up

Good Morning Leatta,

Please advise will you be in Washington, DC to attend this meeting with Todd Wynn

Thank you

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> **Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2018 3:10 PM
> **To:** Leatta McLaughlin <lmclaughlin@azda gov>
> **Subject:** FW: following up
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> Thank you,
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Date: Friday, February 16, 2018 5:23:01 PM
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Amy – Can you please give me the contact information of your staff person? Arizona Department of Ag Director Mark Killian and New Mexico Department of Ag Secretary Jeff Witte will be hosting a meeting in Apache County, Arizona about the Mexican gray wolf. They will both be available on March 26 and April 23. I'm hoping your staff person will be able to tell me if either of these dates work for your staff. Thanks.

Leatta McLaughlin
Associate Director, Animal Services Division
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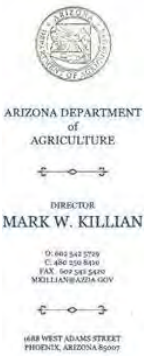

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From: Scott Cameron
To: Sheehan, Gregory
Cc: Lueders, Amy; Jason Larrabee; Aurelia Skipwith; Hilary Smith
Subject: Re: FWS participation at Lake Mead site visit?
Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 7:22:04 PM

Hi Amy,
I look forward to meeting your colleague at Lake Mead NRA on 12-6. Hilary will help with the logistics.

Thanks,
Scott
Scott J. Cameron
Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget
Department of the Interior

Desk: 202.208.4242
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Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2017, at 7:28 PM, Sheehan, Gregory <greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov> wrote:

> On the last email I added Amy Lueder to the email string but that was a past email for her. I have corrected.
>
> Thanks
> Greg
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> On Tue, Nov 21, 2017 at 7:25 PM, Sheehan, Gregory <greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov> wrote:
>> Hi Scott,
>>
>> I talked to Amy Lueders on the phone this evening and she will have the appropriate person attend your meeting. I have cc'd her on this reply email so that she may work with you and Hillary to get more details. Amy is the Regional Director from Region 2.
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>> Thanks
>> Greg
>>
>> On Tue, Nov 21, 2017 at 2:14 PM, Cameron, Scott <scott_cameron@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
>>> Greg,
>>> Given the FWS role in quagga mussel control in the Lower Colorado, I'd like to invite the appropriate person from FWS Region 2 to join me at Lake Mead on December 6. Can you please share that opportunity with the RD, assuming you are OK with the idea?
>>> Thanks,
>>> Scott

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---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Smith, Hilary** <hilary_smith@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Mon, Nov 20, 2017 at 8:56 AM
Subject: FWS participation at Lake Mead site visit?
To: Scott Cameron <scott_cameron@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Shawn Buckner <shawn_buckner@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Scott,

Karen Vargas, NV AIS Coordinator, inquired whether FWS will attend the Lake Mead meeting.

FWS handles the Quagga/Zebra Action Plan (QZAP) funding for NV's Lake Mead aquatic invasive species program. At least a majority of the funding and the rest is provided by NPS at Lake Mead. One of the issues that states and FWS raised is that FWS is helping to annually offset costs of the NPS program on Lake Mead, via the state of NV. Those QZAP dollars could be going to another priority in the West, if NPS was able to make additional investments in its program.

Stewart Jacks, Region 2 Assistant Regional Director, or Barak Shemai, Region 2, AIS Coordinator may be good to invite.

Would you like to reach out to Aurelia and Greg and see if they would like FWS-Region 2 representation at this meeting?

I previously emailed Aurelia about FWP participation, but wasn't explicit about FWS representation.

Hilary

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
To: Lueders, Amy
Subject: Re: Invitation: Border Barrier Briefing w/FWS @ Thu Oct 26, 2017 1:30pm - 2pm (amy_lueders@fws.gov)
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 12:29:23 PM

What's the agenda?

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Inter-agency Borderland Coordinator
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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

On Mon, Oct 16, 2017 at 2:26 PM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) > wrote:

> I don't know about this. Who is giving the briefing? Should I be on the call?
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> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
> Inter-agency Borderland Coordinator
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> Office of the Secretary
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> > Subject: Invitation: Border Barrier Briefing w/FWS @ Thu Oct 26, 2017 1:30pm - 2pm (amy_lueders@fws.gov)
> > To: amy_lueders@fws.gov, jason_larrabee@ios.doi.gov, alueders@blm.gov, shaun_sanchez@fws.gov, greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov, "Gina_Shultz@fws.gov" <gina_shultz@fws.gov>, paul_souza@fws.gov, gary_frazer@fws.gov, tasha_l_robbins@ios.doi.gov, cynthia_martinez@fws.gov, maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov
> > Cc: thomas_irwin@fws.gov, xiomara_labiosa@fws.gov

Border Barrier Briefing w/FWS

more details »

Amy Lueders
Paul Souza

When Thu Oct 26, 2017 1:30pm – 2pm Mountain Time

Where TBD - b5 conf

Video call https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/jason-larrabee

Calendar amy_lueders@fws.gov

Who
- tasha_l_robbins@ios.doi.gov - organizer
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Going? **Yes** - **Maybe** - **No** more options »

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From: Hammond, Anne
To: Funes, Jason
Cc: Morris, Charisa; Amy Lueders; Stacey Garcia; Jane Hendron
Subject: Re: NPS & FWS event booths
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:28:29 AM

Jason,
Amy is traveling. You can reach me at 505-248-6283.
Anne

Anne Hammond
Assistant Regional Director, Budget and Administration
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Southwest Region
Phone: (505) 248-6857
Fax: (505) 248-6856
Email: Anne_hammond@fws.gov

On Thu, Apr 12, 2018 at 10:19 AM, Funes, Jason <jason_funes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Thank you Charisa!
>
> Amy and Anne, it sounds like you both are all geared up for this event, very cool.
>
> What is the best number to reach you? I wanted to ask a few questions and make sure everything is squared away for the event.
>
> Thank you,
>
> Jason Funes
> **Special Assistant**
> **Intergovernmental and External Affairs**
> **Office of the Secretary**
> **Department of the Interior**
> **Office: (202) 208-5541**
>
> On Thu, Apr 12, 2018 at 11:23 AM, Morris, Charisa <charisa_morris@fws.gov> wrote:
>
> > Good morning, Jason-
> >
> > Apologies for the tardy reply - the region (copied) responded early last week and I neglected to follow up. FWS has several booths at Earth X, and a Refuge Trailer will also be at the event. Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery, several representatives/staff from R2 refuges, and Arlington Field Office staff will all be helping staff the booths. Please let us know if you need anything else.
> >
> > Thanks!
> > Charisa
> >
> > On Tue, Apr 3, 2018 at 11:40 AM, Morris, Charisa <charisa_morris@fws.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > We are working on getting a regional POC...info coming shortly...

On Tue, Apr 3, 2018 at 10:43 AM, Funes, Jason <jason_funes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Any updates on a POC for the NPS & FWS booths?

We appreciate your help with this!

Jason Funes
Special Assistant
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Office of the Secretary
Department of the Interior
Office: (202) 208-5541

On Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 12:16 PM, Funes, Jason <jason_funes@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

We really appreciate everyone's assistance with this!

If we could identify a good POC for the respective booths, we would like to have them speak to the event organizers.

Thank you in advance for all your help!

Jason Funes
Special Assistant
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Office: (202) 208-5541

On Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 10:42 AM, Morris, Charisa <charisa_morris@fws.gov> wrote:

Will do!

On Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 9:41 AM, Skipwith, Aurelia <aurelia_skipwith@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Good morning Charisa and Randy,

Earth X is having an exhibition on April 20-22 in Dallas, TX. There will be senior level DOI officials participating at this event and an expected 100,000+ people, over 900 exhibitions, and 260 speakers throughout the weekend. Jason Funes, DOI's Intergovernmental and External Affairs, is coordinating DOI's participation and looking to have NPS and FWS represented at the Event with booths and displays.

Event: Earth X
Location: Fair Park in Dallas, Texas
Date: April 20-22
Space: Each exhibition space (NPS & FWS) for this event would be 10ft x 10ft.
https://earthx.org/about-us/

Could you please provide a point of contact within NPS & FWS that could help coordinate setting up booths at this event - by April 3rd? I greatly appreciate your assistance.

Aurelia Skipwith
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C Street, NW, Room 3148
Washington, DC 20240
(202) 208-5837

NOTE: *Every email I send or receive is subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act.*

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From: Todd Willens
To: Amy Lueders
Subject: Re: Quick question
Date: Friday, May 4, 2018 7:33:50 PM

Thanks for getting back. My question is no longer needed. Have a great weekend.

Todd Willens
Assistant Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW - MIB Room 6116
Washington, DC 20240

> On May 4, 2018, at 7:38 PM, Amy Lueders <amy_lueders@fws.gov> wrote:
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> Sorry. Didn't see your message til now. Em Route to las cruces so
> feel free to call me on my cell. b6 .
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On May 4, 2018, at 3:39 PM, Todd Willens <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Are you available for a quick call?
>>
>> Todd Willens
>> Assistant Deputy Secretary
>> U.S. Department of the Interior
>> 1849 C Street, NW - MIB Room 6116
>> Washington, DC 20240

From: Google Calendar on behalf of Tasha Robbins
To: amy_lueders@fws.gov; greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov; gary_frazer@fws.gov; maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov; paul_souza@fws.gov; cynthia_martinez@fws.gov; gina_shultz@fws.gov; shaun_sanchez@fws.gov; jason_larrabee@ios.doi.gov
Cc: thomas_irwin@fws.gov; xiomara_labiosa@fws.gov; roslyn_sellars@fws.gov
Subject: RESCHEDULED FROM 11/2 - Border Barrier Brief ng w/FWS
Start: Friday, November 3, 2017 11:00:00 AM
End: Friday, November 3, 2017 11:30:00 AM
Location: TBD - b5 conf
Attachments: b5-conf

This event has been changed.

more details » b5 conf

Changed: RESCHEDULED FROM 11/2 - Border Barrier Briefing w/FWS

Amy Lueders
Paul Souza
When
Changed: Fri Nov 3, 2017 11am – 11:30am Mountain Time
Where
TBD b5 conf
Video call
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Calendar
amy_lueders@fws.gov
Who
• tasha_l_robbins@ios.doi.gov
- organizer
• greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov
• gary_frazer@fws.gov
• maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov
• paul_souza@fws.gov
• cynthia_martinez@fws.gov
• Gina_Shultz@fws.gov
• amy_lueders@fws.gov
• shaun_sanchez@fws.gov
• jason_larrabee@ios.doi.gov
• thomas_irwin@fws.gov
- optional
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• roslyn_sellars@fws.gov
- optional

Going?
Yes b5 conf

Maybe b5 conf
-
No b5 conf

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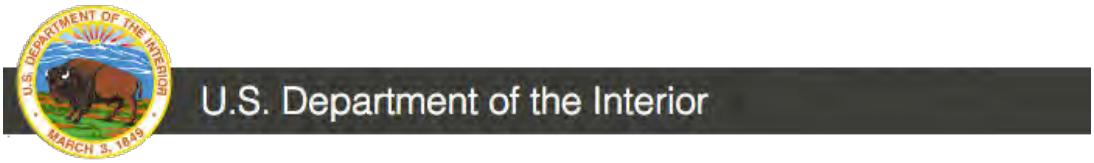
From: Interior, Secretary
Bcc: amy_lueders@fws.gov
Subject: Save the Date for Interior"s Leadership Summit
Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 2:29:20 PM
Attachments: DOI email header.png



SAVE THE DATE

Department of the Interior Leadership Summit: Planning for the Next 100 Years

January 10 & 11, 2018

-AT THE-

U.S. Department of the Interior

Stewart L. Udall Building

1849 C St. NW

Washington DC 20240

-AND FOR OUR-

Pre-Summit Attendee Tele-Town Hall with Secretary Zinke ---

December 6, 2017

2:30 PM EST - 3:00 PM EST

More Details to Follow

From: Announcement, DOI
Bcc: doi_all_employees@doi.gov
Subject: Secretary Zinke Honors Veterans
Date: Monday, November 13, 2017 11:58:13 AM

Mail from the U.S. Department of the Interior

This weekend, at battlefields, cemeteries and memorials across the country, Americans paid tribute to our nation's veterans. Secretary Zinke began the weekend with a visit to Manassas National Battlefield Park in Virginia on Friday, where he toured the battlefield and helped local Boy Scouts rebuild a historic fence.

Secretary Zinke posing with Boy Scouts at Manassas National Battlefield Park.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., is one of the most famous and moving memorials ever built to honor veterans. Early in the morning on Veterans Day, Vice President Pence, Second Lady Karen Pence, and Secretary Zinke joined volunteers and National Park Service staff to wash the Wall.

Vice President Pence, Secretary Zinke, and Second Lady Karen Pence cleaning the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Later, Secretary Zinke participated in events at Arlington National Cemetery and the World War II Memorial.

Secretary Zinke observes Vice President Pence and Veterans Affairs Secretary Shulkin

laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Secretary Zinke lays a wreath at the World War II Memorial.

He also spoke at the Veterans Day event at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, thanking fellow veterans for their service and sacrifice and recognizing a recent $40,000 donation by American Legion Riders from Butler County, Pennsylvania. Read the Secretary's Op-Ed in the Philadelphia Inquirer thanking the veterans who gave their time and money to maintain the Wall.

Secretary Zinke at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Veterans Day.

The last event of the emotional day was at the Korean War Veterans Memorial, where Secretary Zinke spoke about the lasting friendship between American and South Korean service members forged on the battlefields of what many refer to as the "forgotten war."

Secretary Zinke speaking at the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

Thanks for supporting our veterans.

Visit doi.gov/employees for employee news, resources and events.

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From: Secretary, Deputy
Bcc: doi_all_employees@doi.gov
Subject: Strengthening and Expanding the Department of the Interior's Ethics Program
Date: Monday, April 9, 2018 10:53:57 AM
Attachments: DOI email header.png

On my first day in office, I sent a message to all of you emphasizing my belief that each of us who chooses to work at the Department of the Interior does so because we believe in serving the American people, love the Department's mission, and want to make it better. Since that time, the correctness of my view has been demonstrated over and over by our employees' actions.

At the same time, since I arrived to serve as Chief Operating Officer of the Department, I have also seen far too many reports from the Office of Inspector General of specific instances where employees have made decisions that were unethical and in some cases illegal. As I said on my day of arrival, such conduct reflects on all who work at the Department, whether we like that this is the case or not.

In addition, we currently operate in a world where hyperbole and false allegations now can pass for fact in public discourse. Such comments denigrate even lawful and appropriate conduct that is mischaracterized outside of the Department as unlawful or unethical.

Therefore, when confronted with a moment that creates a questionable issue, we can—and should—remember the ethical principles I have previously shared with you AND consult with the appropriate ethics official. Contact information for Bureau ethics officials can be found at https://www.doi.gov/ethics/bem and for the Departmental Ethics Office at https://www.doi.gov/ethics/contact-information.

It is important to remember that, in terms of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch, you are operating in safe harbor if: you communicate with your ethics official, you provide them with the totality of the circumstances you are aware of, and they provide you guidance that you follow. No one else in the Department can give you a safe harbor–not your supervisor, not a lawyer in the Office of the Solicitor, not me.

One way the Secretary and I can assist you in this effort to foster ethical conduct is to help ensure that we have more people in place to address questions and develop sound ethical practices throughout the Department. That is why I am extremely pleased to announce two major additions to the Departmental Ethics Office: Scott de la Vega and Heather Gottry.

Scott de la Vega will serve as both Director of the Departmental Ethics Office and Designated Agency Ethics Official. Heather Gottry will serve as a Deputy Director of

the Departmental Ethics Office. Both of these individuals bring decades of subject-matter expertise and real-world experience in establishing and implementing robust ethics programs fully compliant with all laws, rules, and regulations. Both Scott and Heather start on April 16.

Prior to joining the Department, Scott de la Vega served for several years in various senior legal positions at the White House, including as Ethics Counsel to the Vice President and in the Office of the White House Counsel as well as Managing Counsel for Operations in the Executive Office of the President. In these roles, he oversaw the ethics review and financial disclosure clearance process for all White House officials; directly counseled senior White House staff, Cabinet officials, and nominees seeking Senate confirmation; formulated Administration policy on ethics issues; and recruited the best ethics lawyers from across the Government while increasing diversity. In his White House role, he also worked directly with senior leadership across the Executive Branch, including the Office of Government Ethics and the Office of Special Counsel. Prior to the White House, Scott served in leadership positions at other Federal agencies, as Vice President and Senior Counsel at two Fortune 500 corporations, and as both a trial and appellate criminal litigator in the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Immediately prior to joining the Department, Heather Gottry held senior ethics roles at the
U.S. International Trade Commission and the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission. From 2009 through 2012, she worked in the Office of White House Counsel as Associate Counsel to the President and as an ethics advisor. In her White House roles, she created highly regarded trainings for White House officials on a wide variety of ethics-related issues, including misuse of Government position, travel, gifts, entertainment, political activities, outside employment, and post-Government employment; successfully resolved difficult, complex, and novel ethics issues for Cabinet Secretaries; and developed innovative public-private partnerships that were also completely compliant with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

In addition, Ed McDonnell will continue to serve as a Deputy Director of the Departmental Ethics Office and as Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official. The Executive Resources Board recently elevated this role to the rank of Senior Level, and I greatly appreciate Ed's willingness to continue advancing the highest ethical standards throughout the Department. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ed for serving honorably in an acting capacity as Designated Agency Ethics Official since the retirement of former Director and former Designated Agency Ethics Official Melinda Loftin.

From my perspective, each of these individuals embody the best and brightest in ethics. Hiring and promoting them to their respective new roles is part of our real commitment to make a meaningful contribution to incorporating the highest ethical standards into the Department's practices.

Let's never forget that public service is a public trust and that the 14 basic principles of ethical conduct bind us all. You can find these principles at the website of the Departmental Ethics Office: https://www.doi.gov/ethics/basic-obligations-of-public-service.

Thank you,
Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt

From: Lueders, Amy
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: Invitation: Border Barrier Briefing w/FWS @ Thu Oct 26, 2017 1:30pm - 2pm (amy_lueders@fws.gov)
Date: Monday, October 16, 2017 1:48:20 PM

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thanks!

On Mon, Oct 16, 2017 at 12:44 PM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) > wrote:

I'll look into and let you know

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Inter-agency Borderland Coordinator
Department of the Interior
Office of the Secretary

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

On Mon, Oct 16, 2017 at 2:36 PM, Lueders, Amy <amy_lueders@fws.gov> wrote:

i have no idea and was hoping you would know. Jason Larrabee is the new principal deputy assistant secretary for fish wildlife and parks

On Mon, Oct 16, 2017 at 12:26 PM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) > wrote:

I don't know about this. Who is giving the briefing? Should I be on the call?

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Inter-agency Borderland Coordinator
Department of the Interior
Office of the Secretary

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2017 at 2:17 PM, Lueders, Amy <amy_lueders@fws.gov> wrote:

Know anything about this? Want to get yourself invited?
---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Roslyn Sellars** <roslyn_sellars@fws.gov>
Date: Mon, Oct 16, 2017 at 12:14 PM

Subject: Invitation: Border Barrier Briefing w/FWS @ Thu Oct 26, 2017 1:30pm - 2pm (amy_lueders@fws.gov)
To: amy_lueders@fws.gov, jason_larrabee@ios.doi.gov, alueders@blm.gov, shaun_sanchez@fws.gov, greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov, "Gina_Shultz@fws.gov" <gina_shultz@fws.gov>, paul_souza@fws.gov, gary_frazer@fws.gov, tasha_l_robbins@ios.doi.gov, cynthia_martinez@fws.gov, maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov
Cc: thomas_irwin@fws.gov, xiomara_labiosa@fws.gov

Border Barrier Briefing w/FWS

more details »

Amy Lueders
Paul Souza

When Thu Oct 26, 2017 1:30pm – 2pm Mountain Time

Where TBD - 8b5 (conf) passcode - b5 (conf)

Video call b5 (conf)

Calendar amy_lueders@fws.gov

Who
- tasha_l_robbins@ios.doi.gov - organizer
- jason_larrabee@ios.doi.gov
- alueders@blm.gov
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- roslyn_sellars@fws.gov - optional

Going? **Yes** - **Maybe** - **No** more options »

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From:	Hyde-Michaels, Carrie
To:	Downey Magallanes; Gareth Rees; Sheehan, Greg; Zachariah Gambill; Michael Argo; Joseph Balash; kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov; Caroline Boulton; Leila Getto; katharine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov; Katie Mills; Todd Willens; Scott Hommel; Paul (Dan) Smith; Gary Lawkowski
Cc:	Kline, Philip; Morris, Charisa; Kashyap Patel
Subject:	Re: FOIA Awareness Review - M Opinion/incidental take - (litigation)
Date:	Thursday, August 9, 2018 12:44:36 PM
Attachments:	FWS-2018-00431 Emails_Redacted.pdf FWS-2018-00431 Attachments_Redacted.pdf

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Apologies, here are the records.

Carrie Hyde-Michaels
FWS FOIA Officer
Chief, Branch of FOIA, Records, Privacy
US Fish & Wildlife Service Headquarters
703-358-2291 (direct)

On Thu, Aug 9, 2018 at 3:33 PM, Hyde-Michaels, Carrie <carrie_hyde-michaels@fws.gov> wrote:

> This is the required awareness notification for a FOIA response to be issued to three requesters: NRDC, Defenders of Wildlife, and the American Bird Conservancy. These requests are currently the subject of litigation.
>
> This information is scheduled to be released Monday, August 13th.
>
> Attached are the incoming FOIA requests (FWS-2018-00424, -00430, -00431) and two pdf's containing the responsive records.
>
> This package has been reviewed by Philip Kline in the Office of the Solicitor, cc'd here.
>
> The following individuals' names appear in the records:
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> Emails pdf:
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> Michael Argo - pg. 37, 40, 42
> Joseph Balesh - pg. 1
> Kathleen Benedetto - pg. 1
> Caroline Boulton - pg. 34-35
> Leila Getto - pg. 34, 37, 39-40, 42
> Gary Lawkowski - p.g 11, 13
> Downey Magallanes - pg. 37-38, 40-44
> Kate McGregor - pg. 1
> Katie Mills - pg. 11, 13
> Greg Sheehan - many
> Todd Willens - pg. 22
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> Attachments pdf:
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> Secretary Zinke - pg. 24, 26
> David Bernhardt - pg. 49
> Scott Hommel - pg. 49
> Downey Magallanes - pg. 24, 26, 49
> Greg Sheehan - pg. 1, 24, 26, 49
> Paul (Dan) Smith - pg. 49
> Todd Willens - pg. 49

Thanks,
Carrie Hyde-Michaels
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M-Opinion Guidance Memo now available

Attachments:

/1. M-Opinion Guidance Memo now available/1.1 m-opinion memo.pdf
/1. M-Opinion Guidance Memo now available/2.1 m-opinion memo.pdf

"Morris, Charisa" <charisa_morris@fws.gov>

From:	"Morris, Charisa" <charisa_morris@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Apr 11 2018 11:46:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"FWS Directorate & Deputies" <fwsdirectanddep@fws.gov>
CC:	Kashyap Patel <kashyap_patel@fws.gov>, Zachariah Gambill <zachariah_gambill@fws.gov>
Subject:	M-Opinion Guidance Memo now available
Attachments:	m-opinion memo.pdf

Good afternoon-

Please note that the attached M-opinion guidance memo was just released to the Directorate via DTS today. Please distribute appropriately.

Many thanks,
Charisa

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"Cribley, Bud" <bud_cribley@fws.gov>

From:	"Cribley, Bud" <bud_cribley@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu May 03 2018 12:27:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Kristin Bail <kbail@blm.gov>, Steve Tryon <stryon@blm.gov>, Kristy Swartz <kswartz@blm.gov>, Brian Steed <bsteed@blm.gov>, Michael D Nedd <mnedd@blm.gov>, Timothy Spisak <tim_spisak@blm.gov>, Steven Wells <s1wells@blm.gov>, Katharine Macgregor <kate_macgregor@ios.doi.gov>, Kathleen Benedetto <kathleen_benedetto@ios.doi.gov>, Joseph Seidlitz <gseidlit@blm.gov>, Joseph Balash <joseph_balash@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	Jerome Ford <jerome_ford@fws.gov>, Greg Sheehan <[redacted]>, Jim Kurth <jim_kurth@fws.gov>,

	Stephen Guertin <stephen_guertin@fws.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: M-Opinion Guidance Memo now available
Attachments:	m-opinion memo.pdf

Good afternoon,

I wanted to officially share with you FWS's latest guidance on the application of the new M-Opinion on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. By now I'm sure you all have seen this memo. If you have question please give me a holler. I probably won't know the answer, but do know people who do.

We are currently having discussions about holding a short meeting here in DC on this M-Opinion and answer questions for the land managing agencies. I will let you know if we get something set up. If you all would be interested let me know.

Thanks,

Bud

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Morris, Charisa** <charisa_morris@fws.gov>
Date: Wed, Apr 11, 2018 at 1:46 PM
Subject: M-Opinion Guidance Memo now available
To: FWS Directorate & Deputies <fwsdirectanddep@fws.gov>
Cc: Kashyap Patel <kashyap_patel@fws.gov>, Zachariah Gambill <zachariah_gambill@fws.gov>

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Many thanks,
Charisa

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Bud C Cribley
Senior Advisor for Energy with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
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Office # MIB 3341
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30 Apr AD Meeting Notes

Attachments:

/2. 30 Apr AD Meeting Notes/1.1 20180430 AD Meeting.docx

"Patel, Kashyap" <kashyap_patel@fws.gov>

From:	"Patel, Kashyap" <kashyap_patel@fws.gov>
Sent:	Tue May 01 2018 14:11:29 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"FWS Directorate & Deputies" <fwsdirectanddep@fws.gov>
Subject:	30 Apr AD Meeting Notes
Attachments:	20180430 AD Meeting.docx

Good afternoon!

Please find attached this week's AD Meeting notes.

Thanks!
Kashyap

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Kashyap_Patel@fws.gov | acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Director | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service | 1849 C Street NW, Room 3348 | Washington, DC 20240 | (202) 208-4923 | Txt/Cell: 703-638-4640

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Fwd: Guidance Memo on the M-Opinion regarding take under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act

"Ford, Jerome" <jerome_ford@fws.gov>

From:	"Ford, Jerome" <jerome_ford@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Apr 12 2018 12:58:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"FWS Directorate & Deputies" <fwsdirectanddep@fws.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: Guidance Memo on the M-Opinion regarding take under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Team,

Please alert your regional staff to keep the M-Opinion guidance close until we have had a chance to brief folks on the Hill. I am hopeful that meetings can be scheduled next week and we get the approval to start sharing externally.

Thank you for your anticipated understanding and cooperation.

Jerome

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From: **Patterson, Dan** <dan_patterson@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, Apr 12, 2018 at 2:49 PM
Subject: Re: Guidance Memo on the M-Opinion regarding take under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act
To: Jerome Ford <jerome_ford@fws.gov>, Mike Johnson <mike_j_johnson@fws.gov>, Ken Richkus <Ken_Richkus@fws.gov>, Eric Kershner <Eric_Kershner@fws.gov>

FYI - Just heard from Dana that both authorizing and appropriations staff are interested in having a briefing on the M-Opinion. No dates or times yet--just a heads-up.

On Wed, Apr 11, 2018 at 2:37 PM, Johnson, Mike <mike_j_johnson@fws.gov> wrote:

> Folks,
>
> Attached for your use is the guidance memo on how we will handle take of birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act based on the Solicitor's December 22, 2017 memo.
>
> Please feel free to talk to Jerome, Ken Richkus or me if you have any questions.
>
> Thanks,
> Mike
> **Michael J. Johnson**
> **Deputy Assistant Director**
> **Migratory Bird Program**
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Greg's edits

Attachments:

/4. Greg's edits/1.1 USFWS Accomplishments GS edits (1).docx
/4. Greg's edits/2.1 USFWS Accomplishments v2 - Gregs Edits.docx

"Wainman, Barbara" <barbara_wainman@fws.gov>

From:	"Wainman, Barbara" <barbara_wainman@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Apr 11 2018 16:01:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Huggler, Matthew" <matthew_huggler@fws.gov>, Jim Kurth <jim_kurth@fws.gov>
Subject:	Greg's edits
Attachments:	USFWS Accomplishments GS edits (1).docx

I tried to highlight the changes I could tell he made may have missed some as you can see he nuanced things some which were not in our original version.

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"Huggler, Matthew" <matthew_huggler@fws.gov>

From:	"Huggler, Matthew" <matthew_huggler@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Apr 12 2018 07:09:59 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Wainman, Barbara" <barbara_wainman@fws.gov>
CC:	Jim Kurth <jim_kurth@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: Greg's edits
Attachments:	USFWS Accomplishments v2 - Gregs Edits.docx

All Greg's edits in track changes attached.

- Matt

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On Wed, Apr 11, 2018 at 6:01 PM, Wainman, Barbara <barbara_wainman@fws.gov> wrote:

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FWS Accomplishments

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/5. FWS Accomplishments/1.1 USFWS Accomplishments v2.docx

"Wainman, Barbara" <barbara_wainman@fws.gov>

From:	"Wainman, Barbara" <barbara_wainman@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Apr 11 2018 15:10:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov>, Greg Sheehan <[redacted] Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov>, Jim Kurth <jim_kurth@fws.gov>
Subject:	FWS Accomplishments
Attachments:	USFWS Accomplishments v2.docx

Attached please find our accomplishments feel free to edit, delete or otherwise. I need to get this to Eli tonight as well so per Charisa's phone message Maureen I am sending to him but I am happy to give him any changes you wish tomorrow. Very sorry for the rushed job on this.

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"Foster, Maureen" <maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov>

From:	"Foster, Maureen" <maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov>
Sent:	Wed Apr 11 2018 15:38:37 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Wainman, Barbara" <barbara_wainman@fws.gov>
CC:	Greg Sheehan <[redacted] Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov>, Jim Kurth <jim_kurth@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: FWS Accomplishments

Thanks. Your VM was the first I heard of this assignment. I will share with Susan. Please send to Eli but let him know that Susan is still reviewing.

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On Wed, Apr 11, 2018 at 5:10 PM, Wainman, Barbara <barbara_wainman@fws.gov> wrote:

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From:	"Wainman, Barbara" <barbara_wainman@fws.gov>
Sent:	Wed Apr 11 2018 15:40:05 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Foster, Maureen" <maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	Greg Sheehan <(b) (6) Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov>, Jim Kurth <jim_kurth@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: FWS Accomplishments

I will and again apologies for any confusion.

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On Wed, Apr 11, 2018 at 5:38 PM, Foster, Maureen <maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Fwd: Good Samaritan Policy, Eagle Feather Rule and Office of LE Chief's Directive

Attachments:

/6. Fwd: Good Samaritan Policy, Eagle Feather Rule and Office of LE Chief's Directive/1.1 Briefing Memo on Nest Revision and Samaritan.final.4.9.18.docx

"Morris, Charisa" <charisa_morris@fws.gov>

From:	"Morris, Charisa" <charisa_morris@fws.gov>
Sent:	Tue Apr 10 2018 08:15:01 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Greg Sheehan <[redacted] Jim Kurth <jim_kurth@fws.gov>, Stephen Guertin <stephen_guertin@fws.gov>
CC:	Kashyap Patel <kashyap_patel@fws.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: Good Samaritan Policy, Eagle Feather Rule and Office of LE Chief's Directive
Attachments:	Briefing Memo on Nest Revision and Samaritan.final.4.9.18.docx

Good morning-

Please see attached bp, which Jerome provided to the attendees of the 4/5 3pm bird issues meeting this am.

Thanks!
Charisa

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Ford, Jerome** <jerome_ford@fws.gov>
Date: Tue, Apr 10, 2018 at 7:11 AM
Subject: Good Samaritan Policy, Eagle Feather Rule and Office of LE Chief's Directive
To: Gary Lawkowski <gary_lawkowski@ios.doi.gov>, Richard Goeken <richard.goeken@sol.doi.gov>, Katie Mills <katie_mills@ios.doi.gov>, Peg Romanik <peg.romanik@sol.doi.gov>
Cc: "Johnson, Mike J" <Mike_J_Johnson@fws.gov>, Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov>, Kashyap Patel <kashyap_patel@fws.gov>

Team,

Attached you will find the subject documents for your edification.

If you have any questions, then please let me know so that my staff and I can assist you with any questions or comments that you may have.

Sincerely,

P.S. - I thought I sent this yesterday, but did not see it last night in my sent folder. Unfortunately, it was in my drafts. Sorry for the delay.

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Fwd: Lots of Work Ahead via BPs

"Ford, Jerome" <jerome_ford@fws.gov>

From:	"Ford, Jerome" <jerome_ford@fws.gov>
Sent:	Fri Apr 06 2018 10:44:45 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Greg Sheehan <[redacted]>
CC:	"Kurth, Jim" <jim_kurth@fws.gov>, Stephen Guertin <stephen_guertin@fws.gov>, "Johnson, Mike J" <Mike_J_Johnson@fws.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: Lots of Work Ahead via BPs

Greg,

Charisa and I met with DOI Solicitors (Gary Lawkowski, Katie Mills, Richard Goeken, Peg Romanik) yesterday to discuss 3 major topics:

As you will see below, there were a couple of either eagle related items mentioned towards the end of the meeting. We set some deadlines for products and are working on having those now. It was a good meeting and we will continue to gather information to help inform the Deputy Secretary's staff regarding these topics.

If you have any questions, then please let me know.

Jerome

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Jerome Ford** <jerome_ford@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, Apr 5, 2018 at 4:34 PM
Subject: Lots of Work Ahead via BPs
To: Ken Richkus <Ken_Richkus@fws.gov>, Scott Carleton <scott_carleton@fws.gov>, Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov>, Mike J Johnson <Mike_J_Johnson@fws.gov>, edward_grace@fws.gov

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I will discuss in greater detail tomorrow.

Did I miss anything Charisa?

Have a good rest of the day.

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Final M-opinion memo

Attachments:

/9. Final M-opinion memo/1.1 M-Opinion Memo to Directorate Final 4.4.18 V2.doc

"Morris, Charisa" <charisa_morris@fws.gov>

From:	"Morris, Charisa" <charisa_morris@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Apr 05 2018 12:44:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Jerome Ford <Jerome_ford@fws.gov>, Mike Johnson <mike_j_johnson@fws.gov>, Greg Sheehan <[redacted] Gary Frazer <Gary_Frazer@fws.gov>, Gina Shultz <Gina_Shultz@fws.gov>, Jim Kurth <jim_kurth@fws.gov>, Stephen Guertin <stephen_guertin@fws.gov>, "Foster, Maureen" <maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov>
Subject:	Final M-opinion memo
Attachments:	M-Opinion Memo to Directorate Final 4.4.18 V2.doc

FYI - final version approved by Bernhardt is attached. This will also be uploaded to DTS for signature.

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Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Migratory Bird Treaty with Canada

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/10. Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Migratory Bird Treaty with Canada/2.1 08-07-02. Migratory Birds Diplomatic Note (1).pdf
/10. Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Migratory Bird Treaty with Canada/2.2 08-07-08 Response to Canadian Migratory Birds Diplomatic Note (1).PDF

Jerome Ford <jerome_ford@fws.gov>

From:	Jerome Ford <jerome_ford@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 29 2018 10:23:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Greg Sheehan <[redacted]>
CC:	jim_kurth@fws.gov, stephen_guertin@fws.gov
Subject:	Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Migratory Bird Treaty with Canada
Attachments:	IB_WSHDC-#38849-v1-08-07-10_ U_S_ Response Dip Note on Incidental Intake.._.pdf

Greg,

We will reach out to Canada to see what type of pre-Trilateral discussion they would like to haveZ. As you may recall, there are plans to have the breakout at the Trilateral as Sue and you agreed to.

I will keep you posted.

Jerome E. Ford
Assistant Director
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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Jesup, Benjamin" <benjamin.jesup@sol.doi.gov>
> **Date:** March 29, 2018 at 11:28:10 AM EDT
> **To:** Eric Kershner <Eric_Kershner@fws.gov>, Ken Richkus <Ken_Richkus@fws.gov>, Jerome Ford <jerome_ford@fws.gov>, Mike Johnson <mike_j_johnson@fws.gov>
> **Cc:** Philip Kline <Phillip.Kline@sol.doi.gov>
> **Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Migratory Bird Treaty with Canada**
>
> FYI, debriefing from State on their call with the Canadian embassy.
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> Ben

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"Ford, Jerome" <jerome_ford@fws.gov>

From:	"Ford, Jerome" <jerome_ford@fws.gov>
Sent:	Mon Apr 02 2018 10:04:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Sheehan, Greg" <[redacted]
CC:	Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov>, "Kurth, Jim" <jim_kurth@fws.gov>, Stephen Guertin <stephen_guertin@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: [EXTERNAL] Migratory Bird Treaty with Canada
Attachments:	08-07-02. Migratory Birds Diplomatic Note (1).pdf 08-07-08 Response to Canadian Migratory Birds Diplomatic Note (1).PDF

Greg,

Attached you will find the Diplomatic Note from Canada which speaks to their understanding that our 2 countries had a similar view about incidental take. The second document is a what appears to be a draft since there is since no one can find the text on State Department letterhead.

We will follow-up with the State Department as they requested within the next 2 days to see if they have some guidance for us during the Trilateral meeting.

I will keep you posted.

Jerome

On Sun, Apr 1, 2018 at 8:54 PM, Sheehan, Greg <[redacted] wrote:

> Jerome,
>
> What are the ITP provisions that Canada ended up with based on their discussions in the letter. Did they have the same framework as the US prior to the Solicitors M-Opinion being issued. This appears to be a topic of discussion with Canada in the next couple weeks.

Thanks
Greg

On Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 12:23 PM, Jerome Ford <jerome_ford@fws.gov> wrote:

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M-opinion guidance

Attachments:

/11. M-opinion guidance/1.1 M-Opinion Memo to Directorate V8 3.20.18.pdf

"Patel, Kashyap" <kashyap_patel@fws.gov>

From:	"Patel, Kashyap" <kashyap_patel@fws.gov>
Sent:	Fri Mar 23 2018 06:29:12 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Todd Willens <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	Greg Sheehan <(b) (6) [redacted] Jim Kurth <jim_kurth@fws.gov>, Stephen Guertin <stephen_guertin@fws.gov>, "Morris, Charisa" <charisa_morris@fws.gov>
Subject:	M-opinion guidance
Attachments:	M-Opinion Memo to Directorate V8 3.20.18.pdf

Good morning, Todd!

Please find attached a copy of our M-opinion guidance. Let me know if I can get you anything else.

Thanks,
Kashyap

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North American Talking Points

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/12. North American Talking Points/2.1 Schedule at a Glance.pdf

"Morris, Charisa" <charisa_morris@fws.gov>

From:	"Morris, Charisa" <charisa_morris@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 22 2018 10:51:12 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"FWS Directorate & Deputies" <fwsdirectanddep@fws.gov>
CC:	FWS Directorate Secretaries <fws_directorate_secretaries@fws.gov>
Subject:	North American Talking Points
Attachments:	Directorate TPs on Hot Issues v6.docx

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To:	"FWS Directorate & Deputies" <fwsdirectanddep@fws.gov>
CC:	FWS Directorate Secretaries <fws_directorate_secretaries@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: North American Talking Points
Attachments:	Schedule at a Glance.pdf

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"Curry, Robert" <robert_curry@fws.gov>

From:	"Curry, Robert" <robert_curry@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Mar 22 2018 12:02:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Morris, Charisa" <charisa_morris@fws.gov>
CC:	"FWS Directorate & Deputies" <fwsdirectanddep@fws.gov>, FWS Directorate Secretaries <fws_directorate_secretaries@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: North American Talking Points

All,

Thanks Charisa. The document was actually produced by Delaney Meeting & Event Management staff at my request. Wanted to make sure credit was given where credit is due. If you find this document to be useful, you might want to thank Cindy Delaney if you cross paths with her at the conference.

bob

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On Thu, Mar 22, 2018 at 1:50 PM, Morris, Charisa <charisa_morris@fws.gov> wrote:

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Re: MBTA guidance

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/13. Re: MBTA guidance/3.2 M-Opinion Memo to SOL 3.01.18 - SOL Response 3.08.18 March 15 (RWG redline) (2).pdf

"Sheehan, Greg" <[redacted]>

From:	"Sheehan, Greg" <[redacted]>
Sent:	Sun Mar 18 2018 11:22:40 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Jerome Ford <jerome_ford@fws.gov>
CC:	"Frazer, Gary" <gary_frazer@fws.gov>, Gina Shultz <Gina_Shultz@fws.gov>, Craig Aubrey <craig_aubrey@fws.gov>, "Patel, Kashyap" <kashyap_patel@fws.gov>, Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov>, Jim Kurth <Jim_Kurth@fws.gov>, Steve Guertin <Stephen_Guertin@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: MBTA guidance

The Dep Sec hallway is expecting a memo crafted with this information to go out to employees by this Wednesday and they would like to review it first. Please work rapidly to get this put together on Monday for review and surnaming by myself and Jason before going upstairs.

Thanks
Greg

On Fri, Mar 16, 2018 at 6:55 PM, Jerome Ford <jerome_ford@fws.gov> wrote:

> That is correct Gary.
>
> Thanks.
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Sent:	Sun Mar 18 2018 14:36:14 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	"Sheehan, Greg" <[redacted]>
CC:	"Frazer, Gary" <gary_frazer@fws.gov>, Gina Shultz <Gina_Shultz@fws.gov>, Craig Aubrey <craig_aubrey@fws.gov>, "Patel, Kashyap" <kashyap_patel@fws.gov>, Charisa Morris <charisa_morris@fws.gov>, Jim Kurth <Jim_Kurth@fws.gov>, Steve Guertin <Stephen_Guertin@fws.gov>
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Sent:	Tue Mar 20 2018 09:46:35 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To:	Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
CC:	Greg Sheehan <(b) (6) [redacted] Jim Kurth <jim_kurth@fws.gov>, Stephen Guertin <stephen_guertin@fws.gov>, "Morris, Charisa" <charisa_morris@fws.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen_foster@ios.doi.gov>, "Getto, Leila" <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov>
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Would have been helpful if I had actually attached it. Here it is!

Caroline

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Pursuant to prior discussions, I would appreciate assistance in scheduling a meeting for David Yarnold, the president and chief executive officer of the National Audubon Society, with Secretary Zinke. The purpose of the meeting would be to allow these two leaders to get to know each other and to discuss major policy issues where there is a nexus between current initiatives of the Department and central tenets of birding conservation as represented by the over one million members of Audubon. Yarnold comes to DC on a regular basis and it would be my hope the Office of the Secretary could accommodate such a meeting during one of the upcoming visits. Currently, Yarnold's schedule for DC includes the following dates and time slots:

February 14th: He arrives at 1pm on 14th at DCA. Free remainder of the day.

February 16th: 10:15 am to 1 pm. We have Hill meetings scheduled but could be flexible. Departs to NYC at 2pm

February 27th: 1 pm to 6 pm.

February 28th: Flexible during the day.

Your consideration and attention to this request is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Gregg

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There's been a lot of discussions about guidance or amends to regs for MBTA & BGEPA as they pertain to M-opinion changes for energy & industry. Those should be vetted and discussed regarding status and a timeline for recommendations. Adding Jerome since I know how much he loves to talk with me about this issue.... :)

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Energy Coordination Opportunites

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Subject:	Energy Coordination Opportunites

Good Morning Michael!

I was wondering if you could give me any updates on the status of the beginning of the NEPA work for the leasing of the 1002 in Alaska. Based on all of the press it appears that he NOI is coming out soon and the FWS Directors office has not seen or hear anything. It would be good if I could update him on what the schedule looks like and we would like to see the package especially the outreach.

Also I heard Friday that you are having a ELT meeting Tuesday and Wednesday here in DC. If you see any topics that relate to FWS that would be good for me to help coordinate on I am available to sit in a listen. We would also be available to provide updates the impact to permitting from the M opinion on Migratory Birds and our proposed revisions to ESA.

Thanks,

Bud

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Per your request Greg attached is a few draft TPs for the Directorate in preparation for the North American meeting. You wanted to discuss these at the Wednesday VTC call. I wanted you to see them before distributing so let me know any changes tomorrow and then I can share them out.

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Attached is an updated version based on Barbara's feedback.

A few notes:

-- I added in the NEPA section but would still like ES (Gina) to review. I will see if she is around.
-- I am still waiting for comments on the grant stuff from WSFR.
-- I made a new sport-hunted trophy section; however I think Greg explicitly said he did not want

the Directorate talking about that issue (which is why I did not include it originally).
-- I did not accept Barbara's comment about ESA bills we've testified on. I don't think the state folks will care.
-- I do not think we should speak to the timing of the ANWR lease sale. I doubt Arctic will come up at all, much less to that specificity.

Barbara - Once we get a "final" draft to you later, how do you want to share it with Directorate members for feedback and/or discussion during the Wednesday VTC?

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Thanks for sharing the highlights of your meeting.

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M-Opinion Reg (Greg, Steve, Jim, Gary, Ed Grace, Peg Romanik, Ben Jesup, Jerome Ford) more details »

When Wed Feb 28, 2018 9:30am – 10am Eastern Time

Video call [redacted]

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Hi Jim,

Attached is the final agenda for the Deputies meeting next week. Glad you're joining us!

Shaun
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To: FWS Deputies <fws_deputies@fws.gov>
Cc: Shaun Sanchez <shaun_sanchez@fws.gov>, "Gale, Michael" <michael_gale@fws.gov>

Fellow Deputies,

Attached is the final agenda for our meeting next week. For those not attending please forward on to your representative. Michael Gale has loaded the agenda and will load briefing materials on the Google Drive as soon as possible.

See you all next week.

Shaun

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Subject:	Fwd: ACTION please - COB 24 Jan - RIN request re: M-opinion

Sent from my iPhone

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> **Date:** January 17, 2018 at 11:46:15 AM EST
> **To:** Jerome Ford <Jerome_Ford@fws.gov>, Mike Johnson <mike_j_johnson@fws.gov>
> **Cc:** Jim Kurth <jim_kurth@fws.gov>, Stephen Guertin <stephen_guertin@fws.gov>, "Morris, Charisa" <charisa_morris@fws.gov>
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Jerome Ford <jerome_ford@fws.gov>

From:	Jerome Ford <jerome_ford@fws.gov>
Sent:	Fri Jan 12 2018 07:33:01 GMT-0700 (MST)
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FYI- (b) (5) DPP [redacted]

Thanks and see y'all on the 22nd.

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> Here you are.
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Subject: Fwd: Briefing Paper and timelines for MBTA regulation in support of Friday's meeting

Charisa,

Please make sure Greg gets this. Mike sent yesterday, but did not cc: you guys.

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> **Cc:** Ken Richkus <Ken_Richkus@fws.gov>, Eric Kershner <Eric_Kershner@fws.gov>, Noah Matson <noah_matson@fws.gov>
> **Subject: Briefing Paper and timelines for MBTA regulation in support of Friday's meeting**
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> Jerome, Steve, Greg,
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> Attached are two files. The first is a briefing paper that describes our intent to create a regulation codifying the M-Opinion regarding incidental take and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
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> [redacted]
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> Please let me know if you have any questions.
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> Thanks,
> Mike
> **Michael J. Johnson**
> **Deputy Assistant Director**
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Subject:	Migratory Bird Treaty Act M-Opinion

Team,

I am sure that you have heard about the M-Opinion (https://www.doi.gov/solicitor/opinions) regarding the MBTA. All we have and know at the moment is what is included in the note from Greg Sheehan. I urge you to remain vigilant and direct all inquiries as Greg's note indicated. Please do not extend yourselves beyond the instructions within the note. If you have immediate questions, then please do not hesitate to give me a call. We will discuss further during our next Migratory Birds Leadership Team call.

I hope that you all are having a happy holiday season.

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Subject: Returning the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to Its Original Intent
To:

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Assistant Director (AD) Meeting Notes

4.30.2018

Principal Deputy Director Sheehan

- Deputy Assistant Secretary Skipwith will be attending our Monday AD meetings.
- A Budget meeting with the Deputy Secretary is coming up next week.
- Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey starts this week. An all-employee e-mail will be released inviting employees to participate.

Deputy Director for Programs and Policy

- The Hurricane Supplemental was submitted.
- Emerging guidance for the FY2020 budget is coming out, current projections are forecasted to continue, we anticipate a 5% decrement off the FY19PB.
- Thank you to those who have submitted your draft SES performance commitments.

ES

- Meeting with the Deputy Secretary, Assistant Deputy Secretary & NOAA on ESA regulations went well.

NWRS

- The 2018 Hunt-Fish rule is in the Director's office and on track for July deadline. We need to track it closely in DTS.
- EA office has started conversations about the rollout.
- An implementation plan on Secretary Order 3366 is coming together and a recreation coordinator is being assigned.

SA

- There is a Science Awards meeting with DAS Skipwith which will also cover adaptive science and initiatives.

BPHC

- About 70 kids attended bring your kid to work day.
- The Senior Executive Association is working with OMB on tax rules related to PCS moves.
- There is a JAO listening session via WebEx for all budget & admin personnel nationwide; Alex Pitts from R8 is the moderator.

LE

- There was an Indian Arts and Crafts Board counterfeit jewelry case resulting in an arrest on Friday.
- There is a Border Patrol meeting this afternoon, we are sending LE people to the Border starting on May 13th for 30 day details.
    - We may need to look at other allocations to cover service TDY costs to support those details.

WFSR

- There is a meeting Friday regarding the AFWA meeting schedule.

BMO

- The acting AS/FWP is touring the prospective R8, and doing an executive session this morning about collaboration.
- Another session is planned for the June/July timeframe.
- The current focus is on the part of the re-org that does not require re-programming.

EA

- Talking points will be sent to the Directorate regarding the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey.
- We're ready to roll-out our Anti-harassment plan that was approved by DOI

MB

- (b) (5) DPP [redacted] is finished and in routing. It should be ready for the Principal Deputy Director's review by the end of the week.
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- A notice of intent from a couple of years ago on how to do incidental take is being rescinded to align with the new M-opinion.
    - Our implementation is going well, but industry may have questions.
    - A one-day or half-day workshop where we host other agencies and share implementation guidance may be the way ahead. The principal deputy director would like to be at that workshop.

DAS Skipwith

- DAS Skipwith will be visiting Biloxi, Mississippi in mid-May.

United States Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240
INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

DATE: April 9, 2018
FROM: Principal Deputy Director, USFWS
SUBJECT: Revision of USFWS Nest Destruction and Relocation Policy under MBTA

I. INTRODUCTION

The revised Nest Destruction and Relocation policy clarifies options for nest destruction or relocation, in light of the recent Interior Solicitor's M-Opinion 37050. This revised policy replaces the Service's 2003 Nest Destruction Memorandum (MBPM-2) and extends the "Good Samaritan provision", found within the rehabilitation regulations (50 C.F.R. § 21.3(a)), to nest contents in imminent danger of destruction.

II. ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. § 703; MBTA) prohibits the killing, possession, import, export, transport, sale, purchase, barter, or offer for sale, any migratory birds, or the parts, nests, or eggs of such birds, except as may be permitted under the terms of a valid permit. There is no prohibition on the destruction of inactive nests, as long as the nests are not possessed. Consistent with the December 22, 2017 Interior Solicitor's M-Opinion 37050, the incidental destruction of migratory bird eggs and chicks occurring as the result of an otherwise lawful activity, is not prohibited by the MBTA. As provided in the rehabilitation regulations the "Good Samaritan provision" allows any person that finds a sick, injured, or orphaned migratory bird, without a permit, to possess and immediately transport the bird to a permitted rehabilitator (50 C.F.R. § 21.31(a)). The revised nest destruction memo would extend this provision to eggs and chicks in imminent danger to be collected and transported without a permit.

III. ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY

Review and approve the nest memorandum revision and ensure alignment with the M-Opinion.

IV. ANALYSIS AND POSITIONS OF INTERESTED PARTIES

The draft revision of the Service's Nest Destruction and Relocation Policy underdoing internal review, and the Service is seeking review and approval from the Principal Deputy Director. Once the revised policy is approved and finalized, the Service will distribute it to its Regional and Field Offices and to affected stakeholders. It will replace the policy currently posted here: https://www.fws.gov/policy/m0208.pdf.

Update from Fish & Wildlife Service:
Review of the Department of the Interior Actions
That Potentially Burden Domestic Energy

i. Streamline Rights-of-way (ROW) for pipelines and electricity transmission.

FWS anticipates revising its right-of-way regulations (50 CFR 29.21) to streamline its process for granting rights-of-way for pipelines and electricity transmission in 2019.

ii. Review Incidental Take Regulations for oil and gas activities in the Southern Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea, under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)

The Service has have not received an application for new Incidental Take Regulations for the Chukchi Sea. We assume the lack of an application means the industry is not planning activities in the near future that would have the potential to incidentally take marine mammals. We have, however, reminded industry of the time it takes to process an application and issue ITRs so that they consider that in their planning.

The Service is discussing with BLM whether there is a need for marine mammal incidental take coverage related to industry activities in the 1002 area, including the possible need for revision of the existing Southern Beaufort Sea ITRs to include the 1002 area or the need to issue new ITRs specific to the 1002 area.

iii. Modernize Guidance and regulations governing interagency consultation pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act

The Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service have drafted proposed revisions to our regulations governing consultation under Section 7(a)(2) and expect those revised regulations to be submitted to OMB within the next 30 days for interagency review and clearance.

iv. Build Upon the Efforts of the Western Governors' Association and Others to Improve the Application of the Endangered Species Act, Reduce Unnecessary Burdens on the Energy Industry, and Facilitate Conservation Stewardship

The Service has issued new policy requiring state participation in Species Status Assessments informing petition findings, listing determinations, recovery plans, 5 year reviews, and other ESA related decisions and has reflected that policy direction on state involvement into an agency priority goal in the Department's Strategic Plan.

v. Re-Evaluate Whether the MBTA Imposes Incidental Take Liability and Clarify Regulatory Authorities.

On December 22, 2017, the solicitor issued a new M-opinion (M-Opinion 37050) interpreting that the MBTA does not prohibit the incidental or accidental take of migratory birds. The Service is working with solicitors to develop policy guidance to implement this legal opinion.

vi. Evaluate the Merits of a General Permit for Incidental Take Under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act

The Service's revised eagle incidental take regulations (81 FR 91494) were designed to achieve many of the perceived benefits of a general permit approach to eagle take authorization and to address industry concerns with the previous regulations. Key changes in the revised regulations include lengthening the maximum permit term from five to 30 years; broadening available options for compensatory mitigation; eliminating compensatory mitigation for bald eagle take permits in healthy populations; standardizing data collection; and analyzing the effects of the rule in a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement that allows for tiering of individual permit decisions, reducing project-level analysis and associated processing time. The Service is currently developing implementation guidance to further streamline the permitting process. The Service has sought comments three separate times on how to develop a "low risk" approach to eagle take management. Upon review of these comments, no substantive approach has been proposed by stakeholders. The Service remains open to such an approach through policy or regulatory changes to reduce the burden on industry and Service staff in processing permits while complying with the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

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Hot Issue Talking Points

Hunting/Fishing/Access

- Implementing Secretarial Orders to expand access and support for hunting, angling and outdoor recreation.
- 12 FWS employees across the country working full time on hunting and fishing access issues, with the goal of opening another 250,000 acres by the end of this year.
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    - State & Tribal Wildlife Grants down significantly to $31.3M (down approximately $30M).
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    - Partners for Fish and Wildlife program down significantly to $35.8M (down approximately $15M).
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- On December 28, 2017, DOI issued a memorandum with additional guidance on discretionary grants and cooperative agreements to ensure they better align with the Secretary's priorities.
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    - Will provide advice about integrating hunting/shooting sports considerations into our operations.
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- Bipartisan legislation was introduced in early March to address NPS infrastructure needs. The Secretary supports adding refuges to the legislation in line with the FY 2019 budget request. Support for adding refuges was also included in congressional testimony.

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Status of PR/DJ Funding

- In FY 2018, over $797 million (2.2% increase over 2017) will be apportioned to State fish and wildlife agencies for the Wildlife Restoration and Hunter Education programs, and over $351 million (1% increase over 2017) will be apportioned to State fish and wildlife agencies for the Sport Fish Restoration (SFR), Recreational Boating Access, and the Aquatic Resources Education grants (over $1.1 billion).
- Wildlife Restoration annual apportionments doubled since 2012 from about $400 million to nearly $800 million; seems to be leveling off at around $800 million.
- SFR annual apportionments have been fairly flat over the past 9 years at around $350 million annually.
- Since 1937 over $20.2 billion has been apportioned to States for PR/DJ, with over $6.7 billion in matching funds.

Grant Review Process

- All discretionary Notices of Funding Opportunities must be reviewed by DOI prior to posting on Grants.gov to ensure alignment with new Departmental priorities for financial assistance.
- All discretionary awards must be reviewed prior to award by a highest level reviewer based on recipient type (i.e. nonprofit) and funding amount.
- FWS anticipates needing to submit ~3,000 discretionary financial assistance actions for review in FY18.
- The following WSFR programs are nondiscretionary and not subject to the review:
  - Sport Fish and Restoration;
  - Wildlife Restoration and Basic Hunter Education;
  - Enhanced Hunter Education and Safety; and,

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Cormorant Depredation

- In November 2017, a final NEPA EA was published that found No Significant Impact for the lethal take of up to 51,571 birds per year in 37 states and the District of Columbia.
- This EA allows FWS to issue individual permits for managing cormorants at aquaculture facilities, alleviating human health and safety concerns, protecting threatened and endangered species, and reducing damage to properties caused by this species.
- FWS is working with state fish and wildlife agencies to review the science and available data to better understand the impacts cormorants have on free-swimming fish populations and recreational and commercial fishing. This process is expected to take approximately one year.
- After evaluation of the relevant scientific data, FWS will initiate a NEPA review, which may result in which may include options for free swimming fish, depending on what the science says.

Black Vultures

- Like double-crested cormorants, black vultures are protected under the MBTA. Though they feed primarily on carrion, this species sometimes preys upon newborn or downed livestock.
- As with depredation by other protected species, FWS works with Wildlife Services to manage depredating black vultures through non-lethal approaches as well as through lethal take permits.

Ravens

- Ravens are also protected by the MBTA, and this species is also known to prey upon newborn and downed livestock, primarily in western states. Ravens are among wild predators of desert tortoise and sage grouse eggs and young.
- We have been have asked for increased lethal take through increased depredation permits, a depredation order, or a hunting season for ravens.
- A FWS team has been assembled to being working through it to develop a long-term management approach to raven depredation.

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Workforce Planning

- Regardless of how the 2018 and 2019 budgets end up, we will be hard pressed to meet all our mandates and obligations with available resources.
- Our buying power has eroded nearly $500 million from where it was sixteen years ago, as appropriations haven't kept pace with increases in fixed costs.
- We're currently engaged in a Workforce Planning Imitative designed to maximize our ability to provide resources to the field.
- As part of this restructuring effort, we've offered a voluntary early retirement option to all eligible employees, as well as Voluntary Early Separation Incentive Payments to employees in certain series and programs.
- These authorities will help us lower payroll costs and provide additional career advancement opportunities for lower-graded employees.
- Pending Congressional budget approval, in FY2019 we will realign our Budget and Administration (BA) operations nationwide under a single chain of command, known as Joint Administrative Operations (JAO).
- This reorganization is expected to save FWS significant funding, reduce duplication, enhance customer service, and result in increased efficiency.
- While this restructuring initiative is independent of the Secretary's vision for reorganizing the Interior Department, as an agency we plan to design our Joint Administrative Operations (JAO) in a manner that supports that vision.

Meeting Dates: February 20 - 22, 2018

Meeting Location: Best Western Plus, Hacienda Hotel – Prado Conference Room / Harney St, San Diego, CA 92110

Invitees:

Regions
- Terry Rabot (R1)
- Anne Hammond (R2)
- Charles Wooley (R3)
- Bill Uihlein (R4)
- Deb Rocque (R5)
- Matt Hogan (R6)
- Karen Clark (R7)
- Jody Holzworth (R8)

Programs
- Shaun Sanchez (Chair / NWRS)
- Rebekah Giddings (BPHC)
- Kristin Young (BMO)
- Matt Huggler (EA)
- Gina Shultz (ES)
- John Schmerfeld (FAC)
- Carole Greeley (IA)
- Shelley Hartmann (IRTM)
- Mike Johnson (MB)
- Jim Willis (NCTC)
- Jim Hale (OLE)
- Seth Mott (SA)
- Bob Curry (WSFR)

Guests
- Brian Bloodsworth (JAO)
- Lin Phu (NWRS)
- Kevin Bumatay (R1)
- Leslie Hartsell (ES)
- Julie Henning (ES)

Logistics

- **Hotel:** Best Western Plus, Hacienda Hotel, Old Town * San Diego, 4041 Harney St, San Diego, CA 92110, Phone: (619) 298-4707
- **GSA Per Diem:** $167 max lodging (rate does not include 10.5% tax and 2% tourism fee) / $64 M&IE
- **Airport:** San Diego International Airport (SAN)

Agenda

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

Start Time	Topic	Discussion Lead(s)
8:30 am *30 min*	**Meeting Kick-off -** Opening remarks, introductions, and logistics.	Shaun Sanchez
9:00 am *60 min*	**Role of the Deputies Group:** Discuss roles of the Deputies Group in terms of purpose, enterprise approaches, authorities, and how/where the Deputies Group is heading into the future. This includes a discussion around communications in a changing time. *Desired outcome is a shared understanding for the Deputies Group of our role and action moving forward to clarify and implement that role moving forward.*	Shaun Sanchez
10:00 am *30 min*	**Break**	All
10:30 am *90 min*	**Role of the Deputies Group:** Continued	Shaun Sanchez

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12:00 pm *60 min*	**Lunch**	All
1:00 pm *90 min*	**Secretarial Orders (S.O.) 3347, 3356** – Update on implementation of these S.O.s supporting hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation (3347 and 3356). Includes a presentation "Mapping FWS Response Strategy and Progress Report" and a discussion (60 minutes) that addresses deliverables; working with state, tribal, and local partners; and reporting. *Desired outcome is to inform the Deputies Group about these two SOs including HQ engagement to date, progress on implementing the SOs, and to link Regional efforts to this work and discuss agency coordination.*	Shaun Sanchez / John Schmerfeld / Mike Johnson / Bob Curry / Lin Phu
2:30 pm *30 min*	**Break**	All
3:00 pm *120 min*	**Joint Administration Operations (JAO) Initiative** **First Half** • Define the project schedule and deliverables. • Discuss any outstanding issues with project scope. • Secure support for the proposed project governance model. **Second Half** • Define and collect input on the proposed change management strategy. • Collect strengths and weaknesses of current state administrative operations, as well as perceived opportunities and threats posed by the JAO transition. • Solicit needs/concerns related to customer service. • Collect feedback on the communications /outreach strategy; including how best to engage the regional leadership chiefs. *Desired outcome is to provide an update on JAO project management and engage the Deputies in a meaningful dialogue about their needs and expectations regarding this transformation initiative.*	Brian Bloodsworth / Kevin Bumatay
5:00 pm	**Adjourn**	All

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

Start Time	Topic	Discussion Lead
8:30 am *30 min*	**Reconvene** – Recap the previous day's discussion and revisit select topics, if necessary.	Shaun Sanchez

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9:00 am *45 min*	**Secretarial Order (S.O.) 3355** – Update on implementation of this S.O. regarding the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (3355). *Desired outcome is to inform the Deputies Group about how the Department is implementing the S.O., USFWS commitments and status, and Regional / Field Office workload related to the S.O. Includes 15 minutes for questions and discussions.*	Gina Schultz
9:45 pm *15 min*	**Environmental Conservation Online System (ECOS)** – Update on the independent audit, current status, and vision for ECOS. *Desired outcome is a shared understanding for the Deputies Group on this topic.*	Gina Schultz
10:00 am *30 min*	**Break**	All
10:30 am *30 min*	**IT Efforts and Standardizations** – Provide a high-level overview of recent effort to standardize IT policies and approaches across the agency. *Desired outcome is a shared understanding for the Deputies Group on these IT efforts.*	Shelley Hartmann
11:00 am *60 min*	**Solicitor's Opinion on Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)** – Update the Deputies Group on plans to issue policy guidance in light of the recent M-opinion issued on the MBTA. *Desired outcome is a shared understanding for the Deputies Group of messaging and guidance to provide to staff, partners, and the general public on this issue.*	Mike Johnson / Jim Hale (OLE Deputy Acting)
12:00 pm *60 min*	**Lunch**	All

1:00 pm to 4:00pm	**Field Trip:** Visit with field staff of the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Staff from the refuge will pick the group up at the hotel in two vans at 1:00p.m. and will return to the hotel at 4:30p.m. The tour will be focused on the Urban Refuge program and will include some walking along the beach and trail along the Bay.	All

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

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8:30 am *15 min*	**Reconvene** – Recap the previous day's discussion and revisit select topics, if necessary.	Shaun Sanchez

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8:45 am *90 min*	**Workforce Planning -** Discuss impacts of retirement projections and difficulties managing for priority positions given budgetary constraints and hiring controls. Discuss potential impacts of the VERA and VSIP authorities for this year and how best to manage our workforce corporately as an agency. *Desired outcome is an opportunity for the Deputies Group to learn about current conditions of the agency workforce and develop strategies for managing workforce challenges.*	Shaun Sanchez, Deb Rocque, Rebekah Giddings
10:15 am *15 min*	**Break**	All
10:30 am *30 min*	**NOFO and DOI Grant Oversight** – Provide an update on the current status of publishing NOFOs and describe the financial review guidelines for FY18. *Desired outcome is to inform the Deputies Group about these processes, address questions, and identify issues or "road bumps" that have arisen since implementing the process.*	Bob Curry
11:00 am *60 min*	**Military Partnerships and Sikes Act** – Discuss coordination of Sikes Act activities in the agency and the potential of increased work and partnerships with the military. *Desired outcome is an opportunity for the Deputies Group to provide feedback on activities and plans for the agency's Sikes Act work.*	John Schmerfeld / Leslie Hartsell / Julie Henning
12:00 pm	**Adjourn**	All

Additional Topics (time permitting or will cover in future conference call)

15 min	**Travel Ceiling** – Open discussion on how Regions are handling restrictions on travel and if/when this will roll up into national accounting and/or policy. *Desired outcome is a shared understanding for the Deputies Group on this topic.*	Deb Rocque / Brian Bloodsworth

11:00 am *30 min*	**Reorganization Efforts at the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC)** – Update on recent changes in the organization of NCTC. *Desired outcome is a shared understanding for the Deputies Group on these changes and impacts to agency Programs and Regions.*	Jim Willis

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

DATE: **February 12, 2018**

FROM: **Assistant Director for Migratory Birds**

SUBJECT: **Interim Guidance Regarding M-Opinion 37050**

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Since the publication of M-Opinion 37050, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received numerous questions regarding how to apply the Opinion to our actions under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and migratory bird conservation in general. Guidance is needed to provide clarity to Service staff, other Federal Agencies, project proponents, and the general public.

II. BACKGROUND

Implementation of this M-Opinion will require changes to practices across the Service. The Migratory Bird Program is working with other Service programs and the Department to develop more comprehensive guidance to clarify how this opinion affects existing policies and procedures. More detailed guidance will be needed. In the meantime, the Migratory Bird Program, in consultation with Ecological Services, has developed interim guidance and talking points (attached) to provide an initial overview of how the Service plans to integrate the M-Opinion into day-to-day activities.

III. POSITIONS OF AFFECTED STAKEHOLDERS

Federal agencies, States and other stakeholders are seeking clarification on the M-Opinion and how it will impact the Service's implementation of the MBTA. A clear definition of what constitutes purposeful take and what activities are prohibited under the MBTA is needed.

IV. NEXT STEPS

- Coordinate with Office of the Solicitor to clarify the definition of purposeful take – including how "intent", "knowingly", "illegal actions" all relate to purposeful take and determine if existing migratory bird settlement agreements are affected.
- Coordinate with Office of Law Enforcement, Ecological Services, and Refuges on more comprehensive Service-wide guidance disseminated by the Principle Deputy Director.

V. RECOMMENDATION

If the desire is to codify the M-Opinion and associated definitions in order to provide implementation certainty and consistency, then a regulatory approach would be the **recommendation**.

ATTACHMENTS

Interim Guidance Pertaining to Implementing Migratory Bird Conservation Actions under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. Migratory bird conservation remains an integral part of our mission. The Service will work to integrate the M-Opinion 37050 into our day-to-day activities while continuing to deliver quality bird conservation across the United States. In the interim, we offer the following information to serve until further guidance is developed.

1. The incidental take of migratory birds (i.e., the unintentional take of birds as a result of an activity but not the purpose of the activity) is not an enforceable action under MBTA.
2. The Migratory Bird Program working with the Office of the Solicitor will develop additional guidance on the definition of "purposeful take" including how "intent", "knowingly", and "illegal actions" all relate to purposeful take. This guidance will address what actions are considered purposeful take and require authorization or a permit under the MBTA (50 CFR Part 21), and will be made available to all Service offices, partners and the general public.
3. The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 35 § 1531 et seq.) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. § 668-668c), as well as some State laws and regulations are not affected by M-Opinion 37050.
4. Currently, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds* and all Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) developed between Federal Agencies and the Service are still valid. These MOUs describe how the Service and the partnering agency will collaboratively and voluntarily address migratory bird issues when the agency missions and activities intersect. The MBTA, Executive Order, or the subsequent MOUs do not provide the Service the authority to compel another federal agency to require mitigation from a permittee to offset their project impacts to migratory birds or their habitats.
5. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) provides a process under which federal actions must evaluate impacts on the human environment [to include the natural and physical environment and the relationship of people with that environment (40 C.F.R. § 1508.14)] and provide transparency to the American public. Birds are part of the human environment, and should be included in any environmental review process as directed by NEPA.
6. The Service will continue work with any partner that is interested in voluntarily reducing impacts to migratory birds and their habitats. We will continue to develop best management practices (BMPs) to protect migratory birds and their habitats in partnership with any industry, federal, state, and tribal entity as interest dictates In the course of project review, the Service will continue to provide comments and recommendations regarding the conservation of migratory birds through our advisory role under other authorities, including NEPA and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-

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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

DATE: 10 January 2018

FROM: Assistant Director for Migratory Birds

SUBJECT: Migratory Bird Treaty Act Regulation

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Service proposes to develop a regulation providing clarity to actions that are prohibited under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). This regulation would define purposeful take of migratory birds in accordance with the definitions of prohibited actions as described in the MBTA. The regulation would also define unintentional take as acts that are not prohibited under the MBTA.

II. BACKGROUND

On 22 December 2017, the Department of Interior released a legal opinion (M-37050) on the incidental take of migratory birds under the MBTA. That opinion concluded that the MBTA's prohibition on pursuing, hunting, taking, capturing, killing, or attempting to do the same applies only to direct and affirmative purposeful actions that reduce migratory birds, their eggs, or their nests, by killing or capturing, to human control. The Service proposes to implement this opinion via a regulation to ensure there is clarity on what actions are and are not prohibited under the MBTA.

III. DISCUSSION

The Service proposes to move forward with the development of a regulation and the accompanying environmental review as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This regulation will define what actions are purposeful take and prohibited under the MBTA and those that are incidental to a lawful activity and thus not prohibited. Such a regulation would provide legal clarity for both the Service's Office of Law Enforcement and Industry; something that has been lacking under previous interpretations of the MBTA.

The promulgation of a regulation would necessitate compliance with NEPA, and a determination of what level of NEPA is required must be made (e.g., a Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, or Environmental Impact Statement). [redacted]

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Washington, D.C. 20240
MEETING MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

DATE: March 19, 2018
TIME: March 21, 2018 at 2:15pm
FROM: Greg Sheehan, Principal Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
SUBJECT: Secretary Meeting with David Yarnold, President & CEO, Audubod Society

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III. BACKGROUND

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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In Reply Refer To:
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Memorandum

To: Service Directorate

From: Principal Deputy Director

Subject: Guidance on the recent M-Opinion affecting the Migratory Bird Treaty Act

To ensure consistency with the recently issued M Opinion, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is modifying some policies and practices within its programs. This memorandum provides guidance to clarify what constitutes prohibited take, what actions must be taken when conducting lawful intentional take (e.g., obtain a permit via 50 C.F.R. Part 21), and what changes to prior practice should be made in light of the M-Opinion.

The M-Opinion concludes that the take of birds resulting from an activity is not prohibited by the MBTA when the underlying purpose of that activity is not to take birds. We interpret the M-Opinion to mean that the MBTA's prohibitions on take apply when the *purpose* of an action is to take migratory birds, their eggs, or their nests. Conversely, the take of birds, eggs or nests occurring as the result of an activity, the purpose of which is not to take birds, eggs or nests, is not prohibited by the MBTA.

The mission of the Service is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. Migratory bird conservation remains an integral part of our mission. Further:

1. The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 35 § 1531 et seq.; ESA) and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 668-668c; Eagle Act), as well as some State laws and regulations are not affected by the M-Opinion.

2. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) provides a process under which federal agencies must evaluate the impacts of their actions on the human environment [including the natural and physical environment and relationship of people with that environment (40 C.F.R. § 1508.14)] and provide transparency to the American public. Birds are part of the human environment, and should be included in relevant environmental review processes as directed by NEPA.

The Service will continue to work with any partner that is interested in voluntarily reducing impacts to migratory birds and their habitats. We will continue to develop best management practices to protect migratory birds and their habitats in partnership with any industry, federal, state, and tribal entity as interest dictates, and in the course of project review, will continue to

provide recommendations through our advisory role under other authorities, including NEPA and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 661-667e). The Service will clearly communicate relevant authorities under which we make our recommendations. The Service will ensure that our comments, recommendations, or requirements are not based on, nor imply, authority under the MBTA to regulate incidental take of migratory birds. Furthermore, the Service will not withhold a permit, request, or require mitigation based upon incidental take concerns under the MBTA. Attached is a set of questions and answers that serve to clarify the effect of the M-Opinion.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Migratory Bird Program, 202-208-1050.

Attachment

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE M-OPINION

1. **Clarity on the distinction between *intent* to take a bird versus *knowing* a bird will be taken. Does the underlying legality of an activity that takes birds affect that distinction and does *reducing a bird to possession* have any bearing on the situation? The following examples are real situations the Service may face under the new M-Opinion:**

    a. **A State Department of Transportation wants to paint a bridge. Prior to painting the bridge, all Barn Swallow nests are pressure washed off the bridge, which would result in destruction of eggs and death of nestlings. Is the intentional removal of nests prior to painting the bridge intentional take and does it require a permit prior to the action?**

    Answer: Yes. The intentional removal of active barn swallow nests, killing eggs and nestlings, is an affirmative act that has the taking of active nests and contents as its purpose. Because this example stipulates that the removal of nests prior to painting was purposeful, a permit would be required to legally authorize this activity. If the intent was to simply paint the bridge and the nests were accidentally destroyed incidental to that process, that destruction would not violate the MBTA.

    b. **A homeowner knows that Chimney Swifts are nesting in their chimney. If the homeowner lights a fire and destroys the nests, is this considered intentional take or incidental take under the M-Opinion?**

    Answer: Possibly either, but more information is needed to determine whether the homeowner lit the fire to intentionally destroy swift nests or simply lit the fire to heat the house. The difference between this activity and the previous example is the subjective purpose of the activity. The intentional destruction of chimney swift nests by lighting a fire would constitute an intentional act, the purpose of which is to destroy nests. Whether lighting the fire violates the MBTA in that scenario would also depend on whether nests are active and contain eggs, young, or adult birds that could not escape quickly enough. A permit would be required to legally authorize this activity if the purpose is to destroy nests and they are active. A permit would not be needed if the homeowner lit the fire for the purpose of heating the house regardless of whether they were aware of swift nests in the chimney. Note that although knowledge of the presence of a nest or nests before lighting a fire would not be enough by itself to constitute a violation of the Act, it could be used as evidence to show the homeowner did in fact light the fire with the purpose of destroying the nests.

c. **Is removing a structure (e.g., dilapidated barn) with known nesting owls in the barn, which will die with the destruction of the barn, a violation of MBTA? How does knowledge or reasonable foreseeability that that an activity will kill birds affect whether that action violates the MBTA?**

Answer: This would not be a violation of the MBTA. Removing or destroying the structure would rarely if ever be an act that has killing owl nestlings as its purpose. Again, the purpose of the activity determines whether this is an MBTA violation. Unless the purpose of removing the structure was in fact to kill the owls, their deaths would be incidental to the activity of removing the barn. The landowner's knowledge, or whether it was reasonably foreseeable, that destroying the barn would kill the owls is not relevant. All that is relevant is that the landowner undertook an action that did not have the killing of barn owls as its purpose.

This same analysis would apply to other structures, such as bridges.

d. **A rancher shoots Black Vultures on his property without obtaining a depredation permit (50 C.F.R. § 21.41 – Depredation Permits). The rancher leaves the dead birds without subsequently collecting (possessing) them. Does the desire to, or failure to reduce a bird to possession affect whether that action violates the MBTA?**

Answer: Shooting Black Vultures without a permit violates the MBTA because it is an affirmative action that has killing birds as its purpose. The traditional definition of the term "take" includes reducing wildlife to human control, as noted in the M-Opinion. However, purposeful killing does not necessarily require any desire or affirmative action to gain possession of the birds. Shooting and killing migratory birds renders them subject to human control whether or not the shooter physically takes possession of the bodies. In fact, this issue was expressly addressed in footnote 132 of the M-Opinion: "We note that this language makes clear that the sort of 'human control' referred to by Justice Scalia includes the act of intentionally killing even in the absence of further intent to reduce the particular animal to human possession. Thus, intentional killing is itself a form of 'human control'." Note that shooting at and missing a black vulture would also be a violation (attempt), which obviously could not result in reducing the bird to possession.

2. **How does the legality of an activity affect the determination of whether it is an MBTA violation or not? For example, if an illegal activity kills birds, but that was not the intent of the activity (e.g., using a banned pesticide, or without following application labels in violation of Federal Insecticide Fungicide Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)) is this still considered an incidental taking that is not a violation of the MBTA?**

Answer: The legality of an activity does not affect the determination of whether it results in an MBTA violation. Thus, if the landowner in the example used the pesticide with specific intent to kill birds, it would violate the MBTA. However, if the landowner used a pesticide to purposely kill something other than migratory birds, it would not be a violation if birds die as

a result because the purpose of the act was not taking of birds. If the landowner used a pesticide with the general intent of killing wildlife, and the pesticide killed protected bird species, that could be a violation of the MBTA but liability would likely turn on the facts of the specific case. Note, applying a pesticide illegally in a way that ends up killing birds when they are not the intended target may not be an MBTA violation, but the fact that birds died may still provide additional evidence for prosecuting the FIFRA violation.

3. **How does the M-Opinion affect existing statutory amendments to the MBTA that specifically address incidental take, such as P.L. 107-314, Sec. 315 and subsequent regulation (50 C.F.R. § 21.15 – Authorization of take incidental to military readiness activities) or P.L. 114-94, Sec. 1439 (the FAST Act)?**

   Answer: The M-Opinion does not affect the military-readiness rule at 50 C.F.R. § 21.15, which was the result of Congress's direction to the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe regulations authorizing incidental take of migratory birds during military-readiness activities. Thus, the Secretary could only withdraw the rule if directed to do so through subsequent legislation. As the M-Opinion explains, "Congress was acting in a limited fashion to preempt a specific and immediate impediment to military-readiness activities." M-Opinion, p. 31. FWS and the Department of Defense (DOD) should continue to follow the requirements of the military-readiness rule. Nonetheless, incidental take of migratory birds by DOD does not violate the MBTA, regardless of whether DOD is complying with the terms of the military-readiness rule.

   The FAST Act authorizes take of nesting swallows that interfere with bridge construction in certain circumstances. In most circumstances, such take would be considered purposeful and thus prohibited by the MBTA. Accordingly, the M-Opinion should not affect authorization of the take of active swallow nests. To the extent the FAST Act was intended to authorize incidental take, the terms of that statute should still be complied with for the same reasons discussed above for the military-readiness rule legislation.

4. **What effect does the M-Opinion have on current settlement agreement negotiations to address incidental take of migratory birds or court-mandated permits resulting from past settlement agreements?**

   Answer: Current settlement agreement negotiations should not address incidental take of migratory birds for purposes of enforcing the MBTA, but may still include measures necessary to comply with other relevant statutes when appropriate (for example statutes implemented by the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration program (NRDAR, as explained below). The Department is currently reviewing the Service's position on current negotiations to address incidental take of bald and golden eagles under the Eagle Act. These species are also covered under the MBTA. The Service has brought seven enforcement actions against companies for incidental take of eagles since 2015, which included both MBTA and Eagle Act charges. Only one of these remains unresolved; the other six were resolved through settlement agreements. The Service will no longer pursue MBTA charges against projects that cause eagle deaths, but the M-Opinion does not affect the Service's ability to bring Eagle Act claims in these cases.

We are not aware of any court-authorized settlement agreements that mandate obtaining a permit to cover future incidental take of migratory birds under the MBTA. Since 2013, the Department of Justice has brought two prosecutions for take of eagles and species protected only by the MBTA. These prosecutions were resolved at the request of defendants based on MBTA violations only, although the conduct could also have been charged under the Eagle Act with regard to the eagle deaths. These plea agreements provided that companies must implement plans aimed at preventing bird deaths at eight commercial wind projects and apply for eagle permits to cover incidental take of eagles under the Eagle Act. The Service Chief of Law Enforcement's Directive applying to civil administrative enforcement of avian take at wind projects includes a limited option for settlements to resolve violations of the MBTA. However, that option is no longer operable after issuance of the M-Opinion. We are currently determining whether the M-Opinion will require the Service to revisit past settlement agreements that require ongoing implementation of best management practices to avoid or reduce incidental take of migratory birds by wind-energy facilities and other industrial activities.

5. **How does the M-Opinion affect the Natural Resources Damage Assessment program (i.e., specifically related to oil spills)?**

   Answer: The M-Opinion does not directly affect the NRDAR program because statutory authorities that provide the basis for the program do not include the MBTA. Pursuant to Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, Oil Pollution Act, and Clean Water Act, the Department is authorized to assess injury to natural resources caused by releases of hazardous substances and discharges of oil to compensate the public for lost natural resources and their services. The Department's assessment of natural resource injuries under the NRDAR program include any injury to migratory birds, which in many cases could otherwise be classified as incidental take.

   In practice, however, the M-Opinion will have an effect on future claims seeking fines or penalties for violations of the MBTA from companies responsible for oil spills and hazardous releases. In addition to pursuing damage claims under the NRDAR program, the Department has pursued MBTA claims against companies responsible for oil spills that incidentally killed or injured migratory birds. That avenue is no longer available.

6. **How does the M-Opinion affect consultations or habitat conservation plans under sections 7 and 10 of the ESA?**

   Answer: When processing Habitat Conservation Plans under Section 10 or consulting on Section 7 of the ESA, incidental take coverage should only include listed species listed under the ESA. As concluded in the M-Opinion, incidental take of migratory birds is not prohibited so no restrictions, minimization measures, or mitigation should be part of an incidental take permit or an incidental take statement for purposes of the MBTA (rather than the ESA). An applicant or federal government action agency can take voluntary measures related to migratory birds but it must be made clear that no such actions are required by the MBTA.

7. How does the M-Opinion affect technical assistance under the Avian and Bat Conservation Plans?

Answer: Technical assistance can still be given in development of Avian and Bat Conservation Plans. However, any suggestions or guidance related to migratory birds must be relayed as completely voluntary actions. Part of the technical assistance should include the statement that incidental take of migratory birds is not prohibited by the MBTA.

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USFWS Accomplishments – CY 2018 (4/11/2018)

Create a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt.

- FWS is implementing the several Secretarial Orders designed to expand access and information for hunting, angling and outdoor recreation, including Secretarial Order 3356 on hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting. Accomplishments include:
    - Reassigning 12 FWS employees across the country to work full time on hunting and fishing access issues and regulatory assessments with the goal of better aligning with state regulations and opening another 186,500 acres by this fall, and identifying more than 250,000 total new acres by the end of the calendar year.
    - Focusing on making information on hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation on public lands more accessible to the public, while supporting state's recruiting, retention, and reactivation efforts.
    - Planning to propose elimination of over 1,400 lines of unnecessary and overly restrictive hunting and fishing regulations, and simplify another 700 in the next 60 days.
    - Working with state and federal partners to help implement the recent (February) Secretarial Order 3362 – emphasizes identifying key migration habitat for big-game species; and facilitating migration across federal, state and private lands.

- Endangered Species Act
    - Final delisting: Eureka Valley evening-primrose https://www.doi.gov/blog/eureka-rare-wildflower-pulled-brink-extinction
    - Final downlisting: Eureka dune grass
    - Proposed delisting:
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        - Kirtland's Warbler https://www.doi.gov/blog/michigans-bird-fire-rises-ashes
        - Black-Capped Vireo
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        - Nene (Hawaiian Goose) http://usfwspacific.tumblr.com/post/172417973280/hawaiis-state-bird-is-on-the-road-to-recovery

- Final Rule revision to the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Regulations to more prominently feature the contribution of hunters to conservation https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=federal-duck-stamp-theme-will-celebrate-the-conservation-achievement-of--&_ID=36234

- Announced more than $1.1 billion in grants to state wildlife agencies from revenues generated by the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration (PRDJ) acts. https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-announces-more-that-11-billion-sportsmen-conservation

- Hosted the first meeting of the Secretary's International Wildlife Conservation Commission (IWCC) on March 16, 2018.

- Hosted the meeting of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council Meeting with new guidance under the priorities of Secretary Zinke.

Restore trust and be a good neighbor.

- Under a new and far-reaching state-federal partnership, the health and well-being of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker is tied to the U.S. Marine Corps mission at Camp Lejeune. An agreement between FWS, the military, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the state of North Carolina allows Lejeune to expand training through prime woodpecker territory. In return, the so-called Recovery and Sustainment Program, or RASP, should boost the woodpecker population across eastern North Carolina. https://www.fws.gov/southeast/articles/marines-and-woodpeckers-share-the-high-ground/

- While proposing to list the Louisiana pine snake as a threatened species under the ESA, FWS also proposed a special rule under section 4(d) of the law that will allow protections to be tailored to those that provide the greatest benefit to the snake and limits the regulatory burden on the forestry community, allowing most traditional management practices to remain in place.

- Announced a $60 million cooperative agreement with the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) to help retain and recruit recreational anglers and boaters. https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-announces-more-that-11-billion-sportsmen-conservation

- Announced $14 million in Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG) which support water-related outdoor recreation and tourism by improving facilities for large transient recreational boats across the country. https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-announces-more-that-11-billion-sportsmen-conservation

- Launched the *Nature's Good Neighbors campaign,* a series of stories showcasing public partners who are acting as conservationists across the country. www.fws.gov/natures-good-neighbors/

Strike a regulatory balance.

- Submitted to OMB proposed revisions to Sections 4 and 7 regulations of the ESA. These changes are part of the FWS' ongoing efforts to improve implementation of the ESA so that it is clear, consistent and flexible to the greatest extent possible, and encourages collaborative conservation from a broad range of partners.

- Reversed the previous administration's M-Opinion on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and modified policies to ensure consistency with the new Opinion. The M-Opinion concludes

that the take of birds resulting from an activity is not prohibited by the MBTA when the underlying purpose of that activity is not to take birds.

- Secretarial Order 3355 on streamlining National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews and implementation of EO 13807 was signed August 31, 2017. FWS issued a memo in December recommending actions to streamline the NEPA process in accordance with SO 3355, including development of additional guidance and training, as well as streamlining internal review processes. FWS has stood up a team to implement the EO.

Modernize our infrastructure.

- The FY19 budget included a legislative proposal to establish a new Public Lands Infrastructure Fund to help pay for repairs and improvements in national parks, national wildlife refuges and BIE schools. FWS maintenance backlogs exceeding $1.4 billion will now be addressed by this administration after lacking appropriate consideration under the prior administration.

- Congress passed hurricane supplemental included $210 million for FWS to repair and restore hurricane damaged infrastructure following Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria

Reorganize DOI for the next 100 years.

- FWS is realigning our Budget and Administration (BA) operations nationwide under a single chain of command, known as Joint Administrative Operations (JAO). This realignment will improve customer service and save American taxpayers $8 million annually beginning in FY 2018.

Achieve our goals and lead our team forward.

- FWS presented last year's Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) results to employees and developed internal strategy to increase response rate and highlight actions we are taking to increase scores. FWS was among the highest scoring in DOI and in upper tiers of US government.

- The FWS Anti-Harassment Action Plan was approved by the Department and in April we will begin present the plan to employees in mid-April with the launch of a new hotline and other tools to combat unacceptable harassment in the workplace.

USFWS Accomplishments – CY 2018 (4/11/2018)

Create a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt.

- FWS is implementing the several Secretarial Orders designed to expand access and information for hunting, angling and outdoor recreation, including Secretarial Order 3356 on hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting. Accomplishments include:
    - Reassigning 12 FWS employees across the country to work full time on hunting and fishing access issues and regulatory assessments with the goal of better aligning with state regulations and opening another 200,000 acres by the end of this year.
    - Focusing on making information on hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation on public lands more accessible to the public, while supporting state's recruiting, retention, and reactivation efforts.
    - Reviewing refuge-specific hunting and sport fishing regulations in 50 CFR Part 32 for approximately 8,000 lines of regulations and provided recommendations to keep, modify or delete each regulation.
    - We are working with state and federal partners to help implement the recent (February) Secretarial Order 3362 – emphasizes identifying key migration habitat for big-game species; and facilitating migration across federal, state and private lands.

- Endangered Species Act
    - Final delisting: Eureka Valley evening-primrose https://www.doi.gov/blog/eureka-rare-wildflower-pulled-brink-extinction
    - Final downlisting: Eureka dune grass
    - Proposed delisting:
        - Monito gecko
        - Kirtland's Warbler https://www.doi.gov/blog/michigans-bird-fire-rises-ashes
        - Black-Capped Vireo
        - Foskett Speckled Dace
    - Proposed downlising:
        - Humpback chub
        - Nene (Hawaiian Goose) http://usfwspacific.tumblr.com/post/172417973280/hawaiis-state-bird-is-on-the-road-to-recovery

- Final Rule to revise the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Regulations to more prominently feature the contribution of hunters to conservation https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=federal-duck-stamp-theme-will-celebrate-the-conservation-achievement-of--&_ID=36234

- Announced more than $1.1 billion in grants to state wildlife agencies from revenues generated by the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration (PRDJ) acts. https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-announces-more-that-11-billion-sportsmen-conservation

- Hosted the first meeting of the Secretary's International Wildlife Conservation Commission (IWCC) on March 16, 2018.

- Hosted the first meeting of the new Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council Meeting

Restore trust and be a good neighbor.

- Under a new and far-reaching state-federal partnership, the health and well-being of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker is tied to the U.S. Marine Corps mission at Camp Lejeune. An agreement between FWS, the military, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the state of North Carolina allows Lejeune to expand training through prime woodpecker territory. In return, the so-called Recovery and Sustainment Program, or RASP, should boost the woodpecker population across eastern North Carolina. https://www.fws.gov/southeast/articles/marines-and-woodpeckers-share-the-high-ground/

- While proposing to list the Louisiana pine snake as a threatened species under the ESA, FWS also proposed a special rule under section 4(d) of the law that will allow protections to be tailored to those that provide the greatest benefit to the snake and limits the regulatory burden on the forestry community.

- Announced a $60 million cooperative agreement with the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) to help retain and recruit recreational anglers and boaters. https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-announces-more-that-11-billion-sportsmen-conservation

- Announced $14 million in Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG) which support water-related outdoor recreation and tourism by improving facilities for large transient recreational boats across the country. https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-announces-more-that-11-billion-sportsmen-conservation

- Launched the *Nature's Good Neighbors campaign,* a series of stories showcasing public partners who are acting as conservationists across the country. www.fws.gov/natures-good-neighbors/

Strike a regulatory balance.

- Submitted to OMB proposed revisions to Sections 4 and 7 regulations of the ESA. These changes are part of the FWS' ongoing efforts to improve implementation of the ESA so that it is clear, consistent and flexible to the greatest extent possible, and encourages collaborative conservation from a broad range of partners.

- Reversed the previous administration's M-Opinion on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and modified policies to ensure consistency with the new Opinion. The M-Opinion concludes that the take of birds resulting from an activity is not prohibited by the MBTA when the underlying purpose of that activity is not to take birds.

- Secretarial Order 3355 on streamlining National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews and implementation of EO 13807 was signed August 31, 2017. FWS issued a memo in December recommending actions to streamline the NEPA process in accordance with SO 3355, including development of additional guidance and training, as well as streamlining internal review processes. FWS has stood up a team to implement the EO.

Modernize our infrastructure.

- The FY19 budget included a legislative proposal to establish a new Public Lands Infrastructure Fund to help pay for repairs and improvements in national parks, national wildlife refuges and BIE schools

- Congress passed hurricane supplemental included $210 million for FWS to repair and restore hurricane damaged infrastructure following Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria

Reorganize DOI for the next 100 years.

- FWS is realigning our Budget and Administration (BA) operations nationwide under a single chain of command, known as Joint Administrative Operations (JAO). This realignment will improve customer service and decrease costs.

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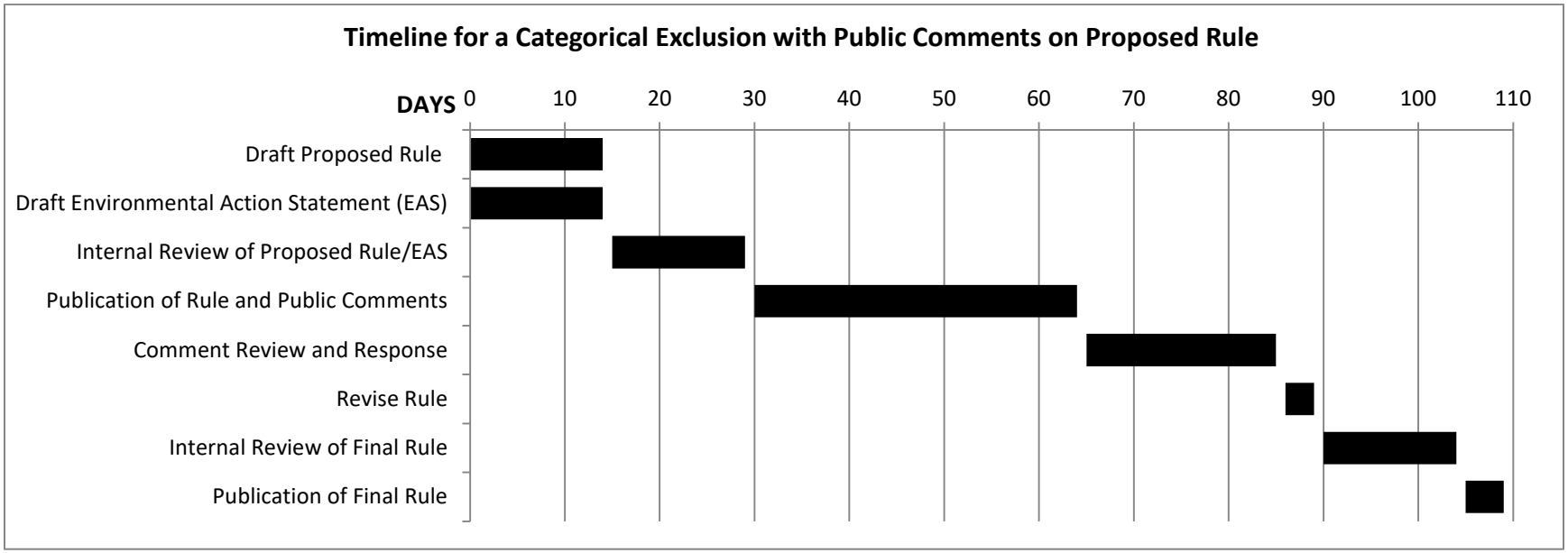
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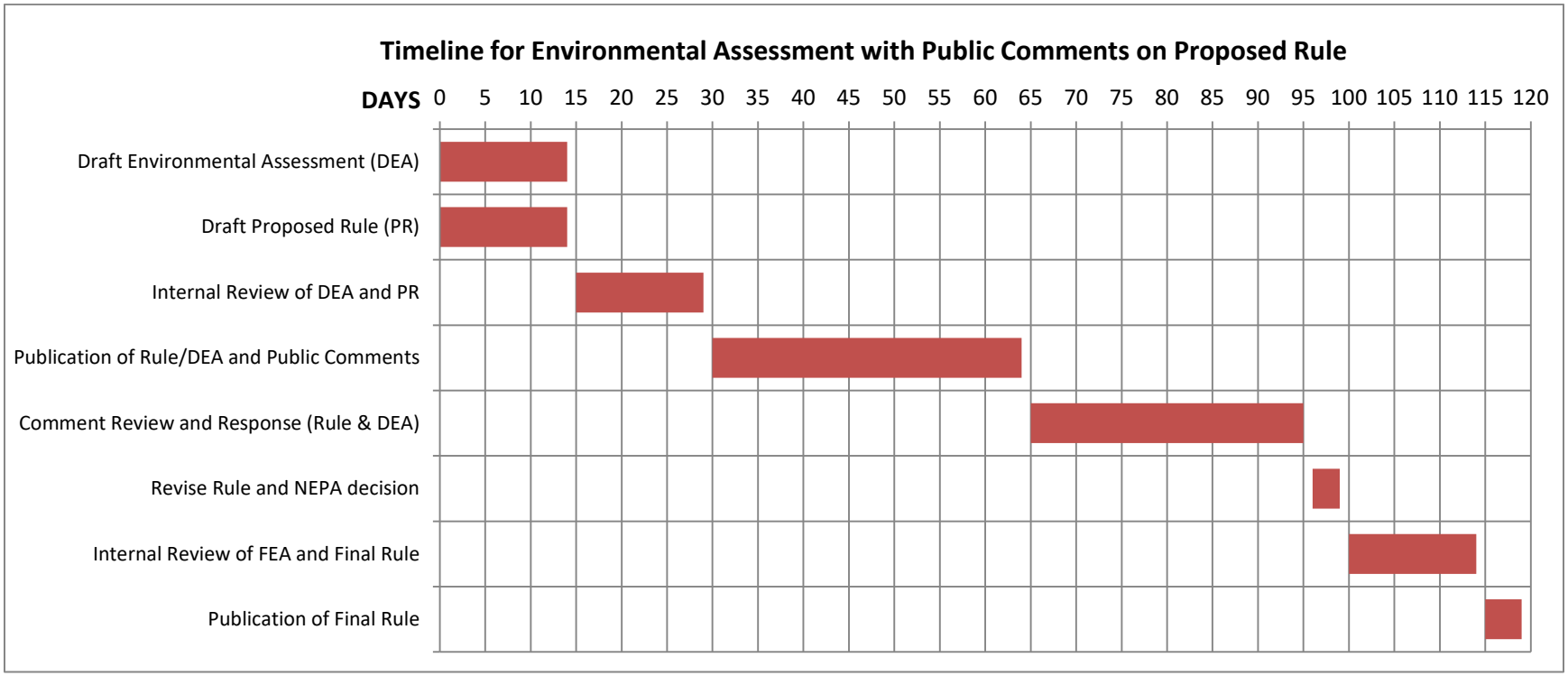
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Publication of Final Rule

United States Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240
SISTANT SECRETARY MONTHLY MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY

DATE: March 21, 2018 **TIME:** 4:00 p.m.
FROM: Jason Larrabee, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks
SUBJECT: Monthly Meeting
DOI Staff Participating: David Bernhardt, Todd Willens, Scott Hommel, Downey Magallanes, Dan Smith, Greg Sheehan

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I. OFFICE OF EVERGLADES RESTORATION INITIATIVES AND ED

Discussion

a. ISSUE BACKGROUND

b. ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY

c. RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

d. ACTION ITEM FOR SECRETARY (if applicable)

II. NCR GOLF COURSE/TENNIS ACTION

Discussion

a. ISSUE BACKGROUND

b. ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY

c. RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY
N/A

d. ACTION ITEM FOR SECRETARY (if applicable)

III. ELWHA

Discussion

a. ISSUE BACKGROUND

b. ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY

c. RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

d. ACTION ITEM FOR SECRETARY (if applicable)

IV. BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON PARKWAY

Interest from the State of Maryland and private companies for several different proposals to use the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to improve transportation along the Northeast Corridor.

a. ISSUE BACKGROUND

One proposal calls for transfer of the parkway to the State of Maryland for expanded lanes, including tolling capacity. Another proposal is for a maglev rail line primarily on private land, partially underground, along the parkway corridor. Another proposal is by The Boring Company to construct two parallel 14-ft wide tunnels below the parkway for a future transit system. That system would also require branch tunnels every mile for egress and ventilation. All of the proposals have substantial environmental and historical implications. Changes in legislation may be necessary for some of these proposals.

b. ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY

There has been no significant action on the transfer proposal. The NPS is a cooperating agency on a federal railroad EIS for the maglev proposal, a draft of which will not be released until early 2019. DOI and NPS are meeting bi-weekly and have met several times with The Boring Company. DOI/NPS have also met with DOT officials (Federal Highway Administration and Federal Railway Administration) and it was determined that DOT would be the lead agency for NEPA cooperation and that the NPS would be a cooperating agency on the Boring Company proposal.

c. RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

Supports.

d. ACTION ITEM FOR SECRETARY (if applicable)

N/A

V. NPS PROPOSED REGULATION TIME, PLACE, MANNER

a. ISSUE BACKGROUND

b. ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY

c. RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

d. ACTION ITEM FOR SECRETARY (if applicable)

VI. SUPERINTENDENT CAREER PATH

The NPS was asked to prepare a proposal to address a lack of clarity around superintendent career paths.

a. ISSUE BACKGROUND

Many employees across the NPS aspire to serve in a position of leadership in a park, program, or technical area. The ultimate goal for some is to become a superintendent of a park. When asking current superintendents about their career paths, an employee will receive a wide-array of answers, as the path to superintendency is as varied as the parks. The Secretary and Deputy Secretary have shared their interest in a more robust career development pathway for superintendent positions in the NPS. The NPS has developed a proposed plan and is seeking concurrence.

b. ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY

The NPS prepared a decision briefing memo outlining options for a plan to create a more robust career development pathway for superintendent positions. The memo is currently under review in the Deputy Secretary's office.

c. RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

Awaiting response from the Deputy Secretary's office.

d. ACTION ITEM FOR SECRETARY (if applicable)

N/A

VII. ANTI-HARASSMENT EFFORTS

The NPS is taking a comprehensive and multi-pronged approach to prevent and respond to harassing conduct. Strategic interventions, based on the Work Environment Survey (WES) results, are summarize in the NPS action plan.

a. ISSUE BACKGROUND

Since November 2016, the Office of Inspector General has issued several reports related to sexual harassment and retaliation in the NPS. WES indicated that 38.7 percent of NPS employees experienced harassment or discrimination in the twelve months preceding the survey.

b. ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY

Major actions already taken by the NPS include creating the Ombuds office, launching the Women's Employee Resource Group, twice issuing the WES, widely sharing survey results with employees and stakeholders, and revising and strengthening Director's Order 16E: Anti-harassment Policy (DO). The NPS action plan for 2018 focuses on three major initiatives: listen and learn, support and develop, and monitor and improve. A top priority is to issue Reference Manual 16E which will provide step-by-step instructions to enforce the new DO and improve accountability. The NPS will also offer relevant trainings to empower and educate employees and supervisors and hire 10

Employee Relations staff to ensure all allegations of harassing conduct are addressed promptly, professionally, and consistently. A harassing conduct tracking system will also be developed so trends can be monitored and adjustments made as needed.

c. RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

Awaiting response.

d. ACTION ITEM FOR SECRETARY (if applicable)

N/A

VIII. FEES

In October 2017, the NPS proposed peak season entrance fee increases at 17 highly visited parks to generate revenue for improvements to ageing infrastructure and other visitor services.

a. ISSUE BACKGROUND

FLREA authorizes the NPS to collect entrance fees to be used at the unit earned for services that directly impact visitors. The top fee collecting parks bring in 90% of the NPS fee revenue. NPS revenue in FY 2017 was $287 million. In October 2017, the NPS announced a proposal to implement seasonal pricing in 17 high-revenue, high-visitation parks.

b. ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY

The NPS is required by law to conduct civic engagement prior to raising fees. A 30-day public comment period was opened and later extended an additional 30 days due to public demand. The combined comment periods yielded 109,000 comments. The contractor's analysis of the comments is due to NPS by February 19, 2018. The NPS is preparing several alternatives to the seasonal fee proposal announced in October, should the Department decide to explore other options for implementation. The Acting Director has asked the NPS to provide analysis on four options. Analysis is complete on two of those options. We anticipate completing the last two shortly.

c. RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

d. ACTION ITEM FOR SECRETARY (if applicable)

Awaiting further direction by the Secretary.

IX. VISITOR EXPERIENCE IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORITY (VEIA)

a. ISSUE BACKGROUND

b. ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY

c. RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

d. ACTION ITEM FOR SECRETARY (if applicable)

IX. LISTINGS

National Wolf Delisting

a. ISSUE BACKGROUND

b. ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY

c. RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

d. ACTION ITEM FOR SECRETARY (if applicable)

Grizzly litigations

a. ISSUE BACKGROUND

b. ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY

c. RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

d. ACTION ITEM FOR SECRETARY (if applicable)

X. MBTA GUIDANCE ON M-OPINION FOR INTENT

a. ISSUE BACKGROUND

b. ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY

c. RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

d. ACTION ITEM FOR SECRETARY (if applicable)

XI. MBTA/BGEPA

Discussion

a. **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

b. **ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY**

c. **RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY**

d. **ACTION ITEM FOR SECRETARY (if applicable)**

XII. MITIGATION

Discussion

a. **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

b. **ACTIONS TAKEN BY HALLWAY**

c. **RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY**

d. **ACTION ITEM FOR SECRETARY (if applicable)**

Update from Fish & Wildlife Service:
Review of the Department of the Interior Actions
That Potentially Burden Domestic Energy

i. Streamline Rights-of-way (ROW) for pipelines and electricity transmission.

FWS anticipates revising its right-of-way regulations (50 CFR 29.21) to streamline its process for granting rights-of-way for pipelines and electricity transmission in 2019.

ii. Review Incidental Take Regulations for oil and gas activities in the Southern Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea, under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)

The Service has not received an application for new Incidental Take Regulations for the Chukchi Sea. We assume the lack of an application means the industry is not planning activities in the near future that would have the potential to incidentally take marine mammals. We have, however, reminded industry of the time it takes to process an application and issue ITRs so that they consider that in their planning.

The Service is discussing with BLM whether there is a need for marine mammal incidental take coverage related to industry activities in the 1002 area, including the possible need for revision of the existing Southern Beaufort Sea ITRs to include the 1002 area or the need to issue new ITRs specific to the 1002 area.

iii. Modernize Guidance and regulations governing interagency consultation pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act

The Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service have drafted proposed revisions to our regulations governing consultation under Section 7(a)(2) and expect those revised regulations to be submitted to OMB within the next 30 days for interagency review and clearance.

iv. Build Upon the Efforts of the Western Governors' Association and Others to Improve the Application of the Endangered Species Act, Reduce Unnecessary Burdens on the Energy Industry, and Facilitate Conservation Stewardship

The Service has issued new policy requiring state participation in Species Status Assessments informing petition findings, listing determinations, recovery plans, 5 year reviews, and other ESA related decisions and has reflected that policy direction on state involvement into an agency priority goal in the Department's Strategic Plan.

v. Re-Evaluate Whether the MBTA Imposes Incidental Take Liability and Clarify Regulatory Authorities.

On December 22, 2017, the solicitor issued a new M-opinion (M-Opinion 37050) interpreting that the MBTA does not prohibit the incidental or accidental take of migratory birds. The Service is working with solicitors to develop policy guidance to implement this legal opinion.

vi. (b) (5) DPP [redacted]

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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

DATE: **February 12, 2018**

FROM: **Assistant Director for Migratory Birds**

SUBJECT: **Interim Guidance Regarding M-Opinion 37050**

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Since the publication of M-Opinion 37050, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received numerous questions regarding how to apply the Opinion to our actions under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and migratory bird conservation in general. Guidance is needed to provide clarity to Service staff, other Federal Agencies, project proponents, and the general public.

II. BACKGROUND

Implementation of this M-Opinion will require changes to practices across the Service. The Migratory Bird Program is working with other Service programs and the Department to develop more comprehensive guidance to clarify how this opinion affects existing policies and procedures. More detailed guidance will be needed. In the meantime, the Migratory Bird Program, in consultation with Ecological Services, has developed interim guidance and talking points (attached) to provide an initial overview of how the Service plans to integrate the M-Opinion into day-to-day activities.

III. POSITIONS OF AFFECTED STAKEHOLDERS

Federal agencies, States and other stakeholders are seeking clarification on the M-Opinion and how it will impact the Service's implementation of the MBTA. A clear definition of what constitutes purposeful take and what activities are prohibited under the MBTA is needed.

IV. NEXT STEPS

- Coordinate with Office of the Solicitor to clarify the definition of purposeful take – including how "intent", "knowingly", "illegal actions" all relate to purposeful take and determine if existing migratory bird settlement agreements are affected.
- Coordinate with Office of Law Enforcement, Ecological Services, and Refuges on more comprehensive Service-wide guidance disseminated by the Principle Deputy Director.

V. RECOMMENDATION

If the desire is to codify the M-Opinion and associated definitions in order to provide implementation certainty and consistency, then a regulatory approach would be the **recommendation**.

ATTACHMENTS

Interim Guidance Pertaining to Implementing Migratory Bird Conservation Actions under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. Migratory bird conservation remains an integral part of our mission. The Service will work to integrate the M-Opinion 37050 into our day-to-day activities while continuing to deliver quality bird conservation across the United States. In the interim, we offer the following information to serve until further guidance is developed.

1. The incidental take of migratory birds (i.e., the unintentional take of birds as a result of an activity but not the purpose of the activity) is not an enforceable action under MBTA.
2. The Migratory Bird Program working with the Office of the Solicitor will develop additional guidance on the definition of "purposeful take" including how "intent", "knowingly", and "illegal actions" all relate to purposeful take. This guidance will address what actions are considered purposeful take and require authorization or a permit under the MBTA (50 CFR Part 21), and will be made available to all Service offices, partners and the general public.
3. The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 35 § 1531 et seq.) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. § 668-668c), as well as some State laws and regulations are not affected by M-Opinion 37050.
4. Currently, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds* and all Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) developed between Federal Agencies and the Service are still valid. These MOUs describe how the Service and the partnering agency will collaboratively and voluntarily address migratory bird issues when the agency missions and activities intersect. The MBTA, Executive Order, or the subsequent MOUs do not provide the Service the authority to compel another federal agency to require mitigation from a permittee to offset their project impacts to migratory birds or their habitats.
5. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) provides a process under which federal actions must evaluate impacts on the human environment [to include the natural and physical environment and the relationship of people with that environment (40 C.F.R. § 1508.14)] and provide transparency to the American public. Birds are part of the human environment, and should be included in any environmental review process as directed by NEPA.
6. The Service will continue work with any partner that is interested in voluntarily reducing impacts to migratory birds and their habitats. We will continue to develop best management practices (BMPs) to protect migratory birds and their habitats in partnership with any industry, federal, state, and tribal entity as interest dictates In the course of project review, the Service will continue to provide comments and recommendations regarding the conservation of migratory birds through our advisory role under other authorities, including NEPA and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-

667e) and through use of voluntary guidance such as the Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines. The Service will ensure that our comments, recommendations, or requirements are not based on, nor imply, authority under the MBTA to regulate the incidental take of migratory birds. The Service will clearly communicate the relevant authorities under which we make our recommendations.

United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Washington, D.C. 20240

In Reply Refer To:
FWS/AMB/067711

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Memorandum

To: Service Directorate

From: Principal Deputy Director

Subject: Guidance on the recent M-Opinion affecting the Migratory Bird Treaty Act

To ensure consistency with the recently issued M Opinion, the U.S.Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is modifying some policies and practices within its programs. This memorandum provides guidance to clarify what constitutes prohibited take, what actions must be taken when conducting lawful intentional take (e.g., obtain a permit via 50 C.F.R. Part 21), and what changes to prior practice should be made in light of the M-Opinion.

The M-Opinion concludes that the take of birds resulting from an activity is not prohibited by the MBTA when the underlying purpose of that activity is not to take birds. We interpret the M-Opinion to mean that the MBTA's prohibitions on take apply when the *purpose* of an action is to take migratory birds, their eggs, or their nests. Conversely, the take of birds, eggs or nests occurring as the result of an activity, the purpose of which is not to take birds, eggs or nests, is not prohibited by the MBTA.

The mission of the Service is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. Migratory bird conservation remains an integral part of our mission. Further:

1. The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 35 § 1531 et seq.; ESA) and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 668-668c; Eagle Act), as well as some State laws and regulations are not affected by the M-Opinion.

2. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) provides a process under which federal agencies must evaluate the impacts of their actions on the human environment [including the natural and physical environment and relationship of people with that environment (40 C.F.R. § 1508.14)] and provide transparency to the American public. Birds are part of the human environment, and should be included in relevant environmental review processes as directed by NEPA.

The Service will continue to work with any partner that is interested in voluntarily reducing impacts to migratory birds and their habitats. We will continue to develop best management practices to protect migratory birds and their habitats in partnership with any industry, federal, state, and tribal entity as interest dictates, and in the course of project review, will continue to

provide recommendations through our advisory role under other authorities, including NEPA and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 661-667e). The Service will clearly communicate relevant authorities under which we make our recommendations. The Service will ensure that our comments, recommendations, or requirements are not based on, nor imply, authority under the MBTA to regulate incidental take of migratory birds. Furthermore, the Service will not withhold a permit, request, or require mitigation based upon incidental take concerns under the MBTA. Attached is a set of questions and answers that serve to clarify the effect of the M-Opinion.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Migratory Bird Program, 202-208-1050.

Attachment

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE M-OPINION

1. **Clarity on the distinction between *intent* to take a bird versus *knowing* a bird will be taken. Does the underlying legality of an activity that takes birds affect that distinction and does *reducing a bird to possession* have any bearing on the situation? The following examples are real situations the Service may face under the new M-Opinion:**

    a. **A State Department of Transportation wants to paint a bridge. Prior to painting the bridge, all Barn Swallow nests are pressure washed off the bridge, which would result in destruction of eggs and death of nestlings. Is the intentional removal of nests prior to painting the bridge intentional take and does it require a permit prior to the action?**

    Answer: Yes. The intentional removal of active barn swallow nests, killing eggs and nestlings, is an affirmative act that has the taking of active nests and contents as its purpose. Because this example stipulates that the removal of nests prior to painting was purposeful, a permit would be required to legally authorize this activity. If the intent was to simply paint the bridge and the nests were accidentally destroyed incidental to that process, that destruction would not violate the MBTA.

    b. **A homeowner knows that Chimney Swifts are nesting in their chimney. If the homeowner lights a fire and destroys the nests, is this considered intentional take or incidental take under the M-Opinion?**

    Answer: Possibly either, but more information is needed to determine whether the homeowner lit the fire to intentionally destroy swift nests or simply lit the fire to heat the house. The difference between this activity and the previous example is the subjective purpose of the activity. The intentional destruction of chimney swift nests by lighting a fire would constitute an intentional act, the purpose of which is to destroy nests. Whether lighting the fire violates the MBTA in that scenario would also depend on whether nests are active and contain eggs, young, or adult birds that could not escape quickly enough. A permit would be required to legally authorize this activity if the purpose is to destroy nests and they are active. A permit would not be needed if the homeowner lit the fire for the purpose of heating the house regardless of whether they were aware of swift nests in the chimney. Note that although knowledge of the presence of a nest or nests before lighting a fire would not be enough by itself to constitute a violation of the Act, it could be used as evidence to show the homeowner did in fact light the fire with the purpose of destroying the nests.

c. **Is removing a structure (e.g., dilapidated barn) with known nesting owls in the barn, which will die with the destruction of the barn, a violation of MBTA? How does knowledge or reasonable foreseeability that that an activity will kill birds affect whether that action violates the MBTA?**

Answer: This would not be a violation of the MBTA. Removing or destroying the structure would rarely if ever be an act that has killing owl nestlings as its purpose. Again, the purpose of the activity determines whether this is an MBTA violation. Unless the purpose of removing the structure was in fact to kill the owls, their deaths would be incidental to the activity of removing the barn. The landowner's knowledge, or whether it was reasonably foreseeable, that destroying the barn would kill the owls is not relevant. All that is relevant is that the landowner undertook an action that did not have the killing of barn owls as its purpose.

This same analysis would apply to other structures, such as bridges.

d. **A rancher shoots Black Vultures on his property without obtaining a depredation permit (50 C.F.R. § 21.41 – Depredation Permits). The rancher leaves the dead birds without subsequently collecting (possessing) them. Does the desire to, or failure to reduce a bird to possession affect whether that action violates the MBTA?**

Answer: Shooting Black Vultures without a permit violates the MBTA because it is an affirmative action that has killing birds as its purpose. The traditional definition of the term "take" includes reducing wildlife to human control, as noted in the M-Opinion. However, purposeful killing does not necessarily require any desire or affirmative action to gain possession of the birds. Shooting and killing migratory birds renders them subject to human control whether or not the shooter physically takes possession of the bodies. In fact, this issue was expressly addressed in footnote 132 of the M-Opinion: "We note that this language makes clear that the sort of 'human control' referred to by Justice Scalia includes the act of intentionally killing even in the absence of further intent to reduce the particular animal to human possession. Thus, intentional killing is itself a form of 'human control'." Note that shooting at and missing a black vulture would also be a violation (attempt), which obviously could not result in reducing the bird to possession.

2. **How does the legality of an activity affect the determination of whether it is an MBTA violation or not? For example, if an illegal activity kills birds, but that was not the intent of the activity (e.g., using a banned pesticide, or without following application labels in violation of Federal Insecticide Fungicide Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)) is this still considered an incidental taking that is not a violation of the MBTA?**

Answer: The legality of an activity does not affect the determination of whether it results in an MBTA violation. Thus, if the landowner in the example used the pesticide with specific intent to kill birds, it would violate the MBTA. However, if the landowner used a pesticide to purposely kill something other than migratory birds, it would not be a violation if birds die as

a result because the purpose of the act was not taking of birds. If the landowner used a pesticide with the general intent of killing wildlife, and the pesticide killed protected bird species, that could be a violation of the MBTA but liability would likely turn on the facts of the specific case. Note, applying a pesticide illegally in a way that ends up killing birds when they are not the intended target may not be an MBTA violation, but the fact that birds died may still provide additional evidence for prosecuting the FIFRA violation.

3. **How does the M-Opinion affect existing statutory amendments to the MBTA that specifically address incidental take, such as P.L. 107-314, Sec. 315 and subsequent regulation (50 C.F.R. § 21.15 – Authorization of take incidental to military readiness activities) or P.L. 114-94, Sec. 1439 (the FAST Act)?**

   Answer: The M-Opinion does not affect the military-readiness rule at 50 C.F.R. § 21.15, which was the result of Congress's direction to the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe regulations authorizing incidental take of migratory birds during military-readiness activities. Thus, the Secretary could only withdraw the rule if directed to do so through subsequent legislation. As the M-Opinion explains, "Congress was acting in a limited fashion to preempt a specific and immediate impediment to military-readiness activities." M-Opinion, p. 31. FWS and the Department of Defense (DOD) should continue to follow the requirements of the military-readiness rule. Nonetheless, incidental take of migratory birds by DOD does not violate the MBTA, regardless of whether DOD is complying with the terms of the military-readiness rule.

   The FAST Act authorizes take of nesting swallows that interfere with bridge construction in certain circumstances. In most circumstances, such take would be considered purposeful and thus prohibited by the MBTA. Accordingly, the M-Opinion should not affect authorization of the take of active swallow nests. To the extent the FAST Act was intended to authorize incidental take, the terms of that statute should still be complied with for the same reasons discussed above for the military-readiness rule legislation.

4. **What effect does the M-Opinion have on current settlement agreement negotiations to address incidental take of migratory birds or court-mandated permits resulting from past settlement agreements?**

   Answer: Current settlement agreement negotiations should not address incidental take of migratory birds for purposes of enforcing the MBTA, but may still include measures necessary to comply with other relevant statutes when appropriate (for example statutes implemented by the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration program (NRDAR, as explained below). The Department is currently reviewing the Service's position on current negotiations to address incidental take of bald and golden eagles under the Eagle Act. These species are also covered under the MBTA. The Service has brought seven enforcement actions against companies for incidental take of eagles since 2015, which included both MBTA and Eagle Act charges. Only one of these remains unresolved; the other six were resolved through settlement agreements. The Service will no longer pursue MBTA charges against projects that cause eagle deaths, but the M-Opinion does not affect the Service's ability to bring Eagle Act claims in these cases.

We are not aware of any court-authorized settlement agreements that mandate obtaining a permit to cover future incidental take of migratory birds under the MBTA. Since 2013, the Department of Justice has brought two prosecutions for take of eagles and species protected only by the MBTA. These prosecutions were resolved at the request of defendants based on MBTA violations only, although the conduct could also have been charged under the Eagle Act with regard to the eagle deaths. These plea agreements provided that companies must implement plans aimed at preventing bird deaths at eight commercial wind projects and apply for eagle permits to cover incidental take of eagles under the Eagle Act. The Service Chief of Law Enforcement's Directive applying to civil administrative enforcement of avian take at wind projects includes a limited option for settlements to resolve violations of the MBTA. However, that option is no longer operable after issuance of the M-Opinion. We are currently determining whether the M-Opinion will require the Service to revisit past settlement agreements that require ongoing implementation of best management practices to avoid or reduce incidental take of migratory birds by wind-energy facilities and other industrial activities.

5. **How does the M-Opinion affect the Natural Resources Damage Assessment program (i.e., specifically related to oil spills)?**

Answer: The M-Opinion does not directly affect the NRDAR program because statutory authorities that provide the basis for the program do not include the MBTA. Pursuant to Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, Oil Pollution Act, and Clean Water Act, the Department is authorized to assess injury to natural resources caused by releases of hazardous substances and discharges of oil to compensate the public for lost natural resources and their services. The Department's assessment of natural resource injuries under the NRDAR program include any injury to migratory birds, which in many cases could otherwise be classified as incidental take.

In practice, however, the M-Opinion will have an effect on future claims seeking fines or penalties for violations of the MBTA from companies responsible for oil spills and hazardous releases. In addition to pursuing damage claims under the NRDAR program, the Department has pursued MBTA claims against companies responsible for oil spills that incidentally killed or injured migratory birds. That avenue is no longer available.

6. **How does the M-Opinion affect consultations or habitat conservation plans under sections 7 and 10 of the ESA?**

Answer: When processing Habitat Conservation Plans under Section 10 or consulting on Section 7 of the ESA, incidental take coverage should only include listed species listed under the ESA. As concluded in the M-Opinion, incidental take of migratory birds is not prohibited so no restrictions, minimization measures, or mitigation should be part of an incidental take permit or an incidental take statement for purposes of the MBTA (rather than the ESA). An applicant or federal government action agency can take voluntary measures related to migratory birds but it must be made clear that no such actions are required by the MBTA.

7. **How does the M-Opinion affect technical assistance under the Avian and Bat Conservation Plans?**

Answer: Technical assistance can still be given in development of Avian and Bat Conservation Plans. However, any suggestions or guidance related to migratory birds must be relayed as completely voluntary actions. Part of the technical assistance should include the statement that incidental take of migratory birds is not prohibited by the MBTA.

83rd North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference

Sunday, March 25th – Friday, March 30th, 2018
Hilton Norfolk the Main ◆ Norfolk, VA

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE {AS OF 3/22/18; SUBJECT TO CHANGE}

AFWA = Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Meetings
NMFWA = National Military Fish & Wildlife Association

✉ = Invitation Only ☆ = Social Event

SUNDAY ◆ MARCH 25

TIME	TITLE	ROOM ASSIGNMENT
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	**Conference Registration Desk Open**	**Level Three Registration**

MONDAY ◆ MARCH 26

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	**Conference Registration Desk Open**	**Level Three Registration**
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Sagebrush Executive Oversight Committee	Salon A
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**NMFWA:** ESA Training Session #1	Granby ABC
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**NMFWA:** BASH Training	Salon D
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	National Association of University Fisheries and Wildlife Programs	Salon A
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**WORKSHOP:** What Works for Women: Prove It Again – pre-registration required	Granby E
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**NMFWA:** ESA Training Session #2	Granby ABC
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	WAFWA Directors Meeting ✉	Fusion
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	National Pheasant Plan Management Board Meeting	Energy 2
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**AFWA:** National Cooperators' Coalition Steering Committee	Salon B
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**NMFWA:** Marine Resources Group Gathering	Salon F
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Women in Wildlife Conservation Networking Reception - all invited to attend	Granby D
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	National Flyway Council	Paul D. Fraim Center for Excellence

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	University of Montana Alumni & Friends Reception	Energy 1
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Colorado State University Alumni Reception	Imagination
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	**NMFWA:** 2017 – 2018 Board of Directors Meeting	Salon F
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	NCLI Alumni Event ✉	Blue Moon Tap House

TUESDAY ◆ MARCH 27

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**Conference Registration Desk Open**	**Level Three Registration**
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Sponsored by the National Rifle Association ✉	Salon D
8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	**NMFWA:** Welcome and DoD Policy Update	Salon AB
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	**AFWA:** Subcommittee on Water	Ghent
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Joint Flyway Council Meeting ✉	Paul D. Fraim Center for Excellence
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	National Outreach Conservation Plan	Salon E
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	American Wildlife Conservation Partners ✉	Granby E
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	PARC Joint National Steering Committee Meeting	Granby AB
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Workshop: Improving Species Status Assessments Through Partner Expert Input	Salon F
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Monarch Conservation Planning and Status	Salon C
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Black Footed Ferret Advisory Team	Granby C
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**AFWA**: National Survey 2016 Evaluation Update	Salon G
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	National Fish and Wildlife Health Initiative Steering Committee	Xchange 3
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**NMFWA:** Annual Members Meeting	Salon AB
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Atlantic Flyway Council	Fusion
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Central Flyway Council	1783
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Mississippi Flyway Council	Paul D. Fraim Center for Excellence
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Pacific Flyway Council	Adrenaline

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**AFWA:** Annual Meeting/Awards	Ghent
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Mid-American Monarch Conservation Strategy Board Meeting	Salon C
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation ✉	Salon D
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	**AFWA**: Finance Committee Meeting	Xchange 3
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	AFWA Directors Forum ✉	Granby D
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Forest Service Partners Meeting	Salon H
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	AFS Fisheries Administration Section	Imagination
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**WORKSHOP**: Bridging Science and Management: Institutionalizing the Transformation to Ensure Survival	Salon F
1:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	**NMFWA Break Out Sessions**:	
	Air Force	Momentum 1
	Army	Energy 2
	Marines	Momentum 2/3
	National Guard	Energy 1
	Navy	Salon A
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Set up	Granby Ballroom Foyer
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Joint State Directors – FWS Directorate Meeting ✉	Granby D
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	BLM Partners Meeting	Salon H
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	BLM and Partners Awards	Salon H
4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	**NMFWA:** TWS Military Lands Working Group	Salon G
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	**AFWA:** Harvest Information Program Task Force	Salon C
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	**AFWA:** Directors' Meet & Greet Reception ✉	Grain (Backside)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	**NMFWA:** Ice Cream Social for 1st & 2nd Time NMFWA Attendees	Granby C
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	☆ ***Welcome Reception!*** *ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND*	Salon DE
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	**NMFWA:** Welcome Mixer	OFFSITE

WEDNESDAY ◆ MARCH 28

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**Conference Registration Desk Open**	**Level Three Registration**
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation ✉	Granby E
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open	Granby Ballroom Foyer
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	**83rd North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference Plenary Session**	Salon DE
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break Sponsored by the Izaak Walton League of America	Granby Ballroom Foyer
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**WMI 2018 Special Sessions**	
	The Chicken or the Egg: Broader Support or Broader Significance	Salon A
	Conservation Built to Last: Advancing Engagement, Inclusion, and Shared Purpose to Address the Challenges of the Future	Salon B
	Fish and Wildlife Conservation in the 21st Century: How Poaching, Trafficking, and Illegal Trade are Endangering the North American Model for Wildlife Management	Salon C
	The Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy: A Model for Collaborative Conservation	Salon F
12:00 p.m.– 1:00 p.m.	Wildlife Management Institute's Conservation Administrator's Luncheon *ticket required; non-transferable* ✉	Granby E
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative Council Meeting ✉	Salon G
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**AFWA Meetings:**	
	Angler & Boating Participation (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)	Salon C
	Bird Conservation Part 1	Salon D
	Conservation Reserve Program Working Group	Salon B
	Education Outreach & Diversity Committee (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.)	Momentum 2/3
	Executive Committee (1:30 – 5:00 p.m.)	Salon H
	Human Wildlife Conflict (3:00 – 5:00 p.m.)	Energy 1/2
	Invasive Species	Salon E
	Lead and Fish & Wildlife Working Group (3:00 – 5:00 p.m.)	Momentum 1
	Legal Committee Working Group	Fusion
	Outreach Subcommittee (3:30 -5:30 p.m.)	Momentum 2/3
	Science and Research (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.)	Momentum 1
	Woodcock Task Force (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.)	Energy 1/2
1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	**NMFWA Sessions:**	
	Climate Change (1:00 – 2:00 p.m.)	Salon F
	DoD PARC (4:30 – 5:30 p.m.)	Salon F
	DoD PIF (2:15 – 3:15 p.m.)	Salon F
	Fish and Wildlife Recreation Technical Session (1:00 – 2:45 p.m.)	Salon A
	Fish and Wildlife Recreation Working Group (3:00 – 4:00 p.m.)	Salon A

	Herpetology Working Group (3:30 – 4:30 p.m.)	Salon F
	Population Monitoring Techniques Session (4:15 – 5:15 p.m.)	Salon A
1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Prairie Pothole Joint Venture Management Board	Ghent
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Lesser Prairie-Chicken Program Update	Salon G
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Joint Special Session: Your Active Role in Building a Collaborative Conservation Future	Salon C
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	APHIS WS & Forest Service Coordination Meeting ✉	1783
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Alliance for America's Fish & Wildlife ✉	Fusion
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	National Flyway Council	Paul D. Fraim Center for Excellence
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	☆ BLM Partners Reception *ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND*	Granby ABCD
6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	**NMFWA:** Awards Banquet & Hall of Fame Induction	OFFSITE
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Boone & Crockett Club Reception and Dinner ✉	Granby E

THURSDAY ◆ MARCH 29

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**Conference Registration Desk Open**	**Level Three Registration**
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Sponsored by Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever ✉	Granby E
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open	Granby Ballroom Foyer
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Summary of WSFR Program Management Analysis	Granby AB
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	NBCI Management Board	Momentum 2/3
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**AFWA Meetings:**	
	Education Subcommittee (8:00 – 10:00 a.m.)	Granby D
	EQIP and CSP Working Group (9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	Salon E
	Federal & Tribal Relations Committee (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	Salon D
	Feral and Free Ranging Cat Working Group (8:00 – 10:00 a.m.)	Fusion
	Fisheries & Water Resources Policy	Salon C
	Forestry Working Group (8:00 – 9:30 a.m.)	Salon E
	International Relations Committee (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	Adrenaline
	Legal Committee Business Meeting	Energy 1/2
	National Grants Committee (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	Momentum 3/4
	PIF Shorebird Waterbird Working Group (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	Fusion
	Project WILD Subcommittee (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.)	Granby AB
	Sustainable Wildlife Use	Salon G
	Waterfowl Working Group	Salon H
	Wildlife Diversity Conservation and Funding Committee (formerly Teaming with	Salon F

	Wildlife)	
	Wildlife Viewing & Nature Tourism Working Group (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	Granby AB
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**NMFWA Sessions:**	
	BASH Working Group (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	Paul D. Fraim Center for Excellence
	Bird Conservation Working Group (9:30 – 10:45 a.m.)	Paul D. Fraim Center for Excellence
	Contemporary Research for NR Managers (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	Salon A
	Marine Resources and Coastal Zones Technical Session (8:00 – 10:00 a.m.)	Salon A
	Pollinators Working Group (8:00 – 9:15 a.m.)	Paul D. Fraim Center for Excellence
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	**AFWA:** Regional Coordinators Meeting	Ghent
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Coffee Break Sponsored by the Ruffed Grouse Society and American Woodcock Society	Granby Ballroom Foyer
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	CWD Alliance Meeting	Momentum 1
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Sponsored by the National Shooting Sports Foundation ✉	Granby E
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Partners in Flight Leadership Forum	Xchange 3
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Whitenose Syndrome Executive and Steering Committee Meeting	Momentum 2/3
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	**NMFWA Sessions:**	
	Adaptive and Integrative Management: A Model Program for DoD Lands (3:15 – 4:30 p.m.)	Salon A
	Bat Working Group (1:00 – 2:00 p.m.)	Paul D. Fraim Center for Excellence
	Conservation Law Enforcement Working Group (2:15 – 3:15 p.m.)	Paul D. Fraim Center for Excellence
	Invasive Species Working Group (3:30 – 4:30 p.m.)	Paul D. Fraim Center for Excellence
	USFWS and Sikes Act Coordination (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.)	Salon A
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**AFWA Meetings:**	
	2018 Farm Bill Working Group (3:00 – 5:00 p.m.) ✉	Salon E
	Bird Conservation Committee Grassland Work Group (2:30 – 3:30 p.m.)	Energy 1/2
	Diversity & Inclusion Working Group (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)	Momentum 2/3
	Energy & Wildlife Policy	Salon C
	Executive Committee (1:30 – 5:00 p.m.)	Salon H
	Farm Bill Easements Working Group (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.)	Salon E
	Fish and Wildlife Health (2:00 – 5:00 p.m.)	Salon D

	Hunting and Shooting Sports Participation	Salon F
	Legislative Federal Budget (1:00 – 3:00 p.m.)	Granby AB
	Migratory Shore & Upland Game Bird Working Group (1:00 – 2:30 p.m.)	Energy 1/2
	Resident Game Bird Working Group (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)	Energy 1/2
4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	**NMFWA:** 2018 – 2019 Board of Directors Meeting	Ghent
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership and National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative Reception ✉	Salon G
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Reception – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Awards Presentation	Granby E
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	**NMFWA:** Show and Tell	Granby ABCD

FRIDAY ◆ MARCH 30

7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	**Conference Registration Desk Open**	**Level Three Registration**
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Sponsored by Ducks Unlimited ✉	Granby DE
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open	Granby Ballroom Foyer
8: 00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**AFWA Meetings:**	
	Agriculture Conservation	Salon B
	Amphibian & Reptile Subcommittee	Momentum 2/3
	Bird Conservation Committee Part 2 (8:30 – 10:30 a.m.)	Salon A
	Climate Change (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	Salon C
	Fish and Wildlife Trust Funds	Fusion
	Leadership & Professional Development	Granby A
	Ocean Resources Policy Committee (8:00 – 10:00 a.m.)	Salon F
	Panel Discussion on Marine Protected Areas (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.)	Salon F
	Technology & Data Committee (8:00 – 10:00 a.m.)	Ghent
	Threatened & Endangered Species Policy	Granby BC
	Wildlife Resources Policy Committee (8:00 - 10:00 a.m.)	Salon C
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**NMFWA:** Climate Change Training Session	Energy 1
10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	Midwest Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Executive Committee Meeting	Ghent
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Sponsored by American Sportfishing Association ✉	Granby E
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**AFWA** Business Meeting	Salon D
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	☆ WMI Pub Night Sponsored by Brandt Information Services, Inc. ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND	Blue Moon Tap House located at the Waterside District on the Harbor (3 blocks from the Hilton)

USFWS Accomplishments – CY 2018 (4/11/2018)

Create a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt.

- FWS is implementing the several Secretarial Orders designed to expand access and information for hunting, angling and outdoor recreation, including Secretarial Order 3356 on hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting. Accomplishments include:
  - Reassigning 12 FWS employees across the country to work full time on hunting and fishing access issues and regulatory assessments with the goal of better aligning with state regulations and opening 186,500 acres by this fall, and identifying more than 250,000 total new acres by the end of the calendar year~~another 200,000 acres by the end of this year~~.
  - Focusing on making information on hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation on public lands more accessible to the public, while supporting state's recruiting, retention, and reactivation efforts
  - Planning to propose elimination of over 1,400 lines of unnecessary and overly restrictive hunting and fishing regulations, and simplify another 700 in the next 60 days.
  - ~~Reviewing refuge-specific hunting and sport fishing regulations in 50 CFR Part 32 for approximately 8,000 lines of regulations and provided recommendations to keep, modify or delete each regulation.~~
  - ~~We are~~ Wworking with state and federal partners to help implement the recent ~~(February)~~ Secretarial Order 3362 – emphasizes identifying key migration habitat for big-game species; and facilitating migration across federal, state and private lands.

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- Endangered Species Act
  - Final delisting: Eureka Valley evening-primrose https://www.doi.gov/blog/eureka-rare-wildflower-pulled-brink-extinction
  - Final downlisting: Eureka dune grass
  - Proposed delisting:
    - Monito gecko
    - Kirtland's Warbler https://www.doi.gov/blog/michigans-bird-fire-rises-ashes
    - Black-Capped Vireo
    - Foskett Speckled Dace
  - Proposed downlising:
    - Humpback chub
    - Nene (Hawaiian Goose) http://usfwspacific.tumblr.com/post/172417973280/hawaiis-state-bird-is-on-the-road-to-recovery

- Final Rule to revise the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Regulations to more prominently feature the contribution of hunters to conservation https://www fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=federal-duck-stamp-theme-will-celebrate-the-conservation-achievement-of--&_ID=36234

- Announced more than $1.1 billion in grants to state wildlife agencies from revenues generated by the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration (PRDJ) acts. https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-announces-more-that-11-billion-sportsmen-conservation

- Hosted the first meeting of the Secretary's International Wildlife Conservation Commission (IWCC) on March 16, 2018.

- Hosted the first meeting of the new Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council Meeting with new guidance under the priorities of Secretary Zinke.

Restore trust and be a good neighbor.

- Under a new and far-reaching state-federal partnership, the health and well-being of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker is tied to the U.S. Marine Corps mission at Camp Lejeune. An agreement between FWS, the military, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the state of North Carolina allows Lejeune to expand training through prime woodpecker territory. In return, the so-called Recovery and Sustainment Program, or RASP, should boost the woodpecker population across eastern North Carolina. https://www fws.gov/southeast/articles/marines-and-woodpeckers-share-the-high-ground/

- While proposing to list the Louisiana pine snake as a threatened species under the ESA, FWS also proposed a special rule under section 4(d) of the law that will allow protections to be tailored to those that provide the greatest benefit to the snake and limits the regulatory burden on the forestry community, allowing most traditional management practices to remain in place.

- Announced a $60 million cooperative agreement with the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) to help retain and recruit recreational anglers and boaters. https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-announces-more-that-11-billion-sportsmen-conservation

- Announced $14 million in Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG) which support water-related outdoor recreation and tourism by improving facilities for large transient recreational boats across the country. https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-announces-more-that-11-billion-sportsmen-conservation

- Launched the *Nature's Good Neighbors campaign,* a series of stories showcasing public partners who are acting as conservationists across the country. www.fws.gov/natures-good-neighbors/

Strike a regulatory balance.

- Submitted to OMB proposed revisions to Sections 4 and 7 regulations of the ESA. These changes are part of the FWS' ongoing efforts to improve implementation of the ESA so that

it is clear, consistent and flexible to the greatest extent possible, and encourages collaborative conservation from a broad range of partners.

- Reversed the previous administration's M-Opinion on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and modified policies to ensure consistency with the new Opinion. The M-Opinion concludes that the take of birds resulting from an activity is not prohibited by the MBTA when the underlying purpose of that activity is not to take birds.

- Secretarial Order 3355 on streamlining National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews and implementation of EO 13807 was signed August 31, 2017. FWS issued a memo in December recommending actions to streamline the NEPA process in accordance with SO 3355, including development of additional guidance and training, as well as streamlining internal review processes. FWS has stood up a team to implement the EO.

Modernize our infrastructure.

- The FY19 budget included a legislative proposal to establish a new Public Lands Infrastructure Fund to help pay for repairs and improvements in national parks, national wildlife refuges and BIE schools. FWS maintenance backlogs exceeding $1.4 billion will now be addressed by this administration after lacking appropriate consideration under the prior administration.

- Congress passed hurricane supplemental included $210 million for FWS to repair and restore hurricane damaged infrastructure following Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria

Reorganize DOI for the next 100 years.

- FWS is realigning our Budget and Administration ~~(BA)~~ operations nationwide under a single chain of command, known as Joint Administrative Operations (JAO). This realignment will improve customer service and ~~decrease costs~~save American taxpayers $8 million annually beginning in FY 2018.

Achieve our goals and lead our team forward.

- FWS presented last year's Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) results to employees and developed an internal strategy to increase response rate and highlight actions we are taking to increase scores. FWS was among the highest scoring in the Department and in the upper tier of the U.S. government

- The FWS Anti-Harassment Action Plan was approved by the Department, and in April we will begin presenting the plan to employees ~~in mid-April~~ with the launch of a new hotline and other tools to combat harassment in the workplace.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR

DATE: 27 February 2018

FROM: Assistant Director for Migratory Birds

SUBJECT: Request for Clarification of Questions Related to M-Opinion 37050

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I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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II. BACKGROUND

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III. QUESTIONS NEEDING CLARIFICATION

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IV. NEXT STEPS

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From:	Wainman, Barbara
To:	Maureen Foster; Charisa Morris
Subject:	Fwd: FOIA Release - Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR Border Wall - FWS-2018-01119
Date:	Tuesday, December 18, 2018 1:31:14 PM
Attachments:	18-01119_Request_8-9-18).pdf 18-01119_Response-Draft.docx Updated Border Wall TPs.pdf Response to BP on Hildalgo Portion of Border wall.pdf Fwd__Request for Geotechnical borings on Las Ruina...pdf 57_FW__Environmental waiver - SD REVISED.pdf

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border wall FOIA

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Region 2 is ready to release records related to the Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR Border Wall. The records produced for this FOIA response will also be used to provide a final response to a similar FOIA request from the Sierra Club (18-00840).

Attached are the incoming FOIA request, our draft response letter, and a small sample of material to be released. Below is Google Drive link to all the records to be released.

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1VrABdK5NUM6fPb8qjhbAZlLV2RP3YjOb

Thanks,
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request for Records Relating to Border Barrier Activities On and/or Impacting the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Ms. Ruiz:

On behalf of Defenders of Wildlife (Defenders), I respectfully submit the following request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and its implementing regulations, 43 C.F.R. §§ 2.1–2.34, seeking records generated, obtained or received by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) related to any activities regarding any existing, planned, or potential border wall, levee, fence, or other barrier (in aggregate, "border barrier activities") on and/or impacting the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge (LRGV NWR), as described in detail below.

On January 25, 2017, the President issued Executive Order 13,767 – Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements. 82 Fed. Reg. 8,793 (2017). The policies presented in the Executive Order included "secur[ing] the southern border of the United States through the immediate construction of a physical wall on the southern border…" Exec. Order 13,767 § 2(a). In addition, the Order directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to, amongst other things, "take all appropriate steps to immediately plan, design, and construct a physical wall along the southern border… [and i]dentify and, to the extent permitted by law, allocate all sources of Federal funds for the planning, designing, and constructing of a physical wall along the southern border." *Id.* at § 4(a), (b). The Executive Order, moreover,

> permit[s] all officers and employees of the United States, as well as all State and local officers as authorized by the Secretary, to have access to all Federal lands as necessary and appropriate to implement this order; and … enable[s] those officers

> and employees of the United States … to perform such actions on Federal lands as the Secretary deems necessary and appropriate to implement this order.

Id. at § 12(a), (b). Additionally, the United States Congress is now moving forward with appropriating money for the Department of Homeland Security to construct 33 miles of new border barriers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, including on or near the LRGV NWR. *See, e.g.* Eliza Barclay, *Congress is Quietly Letting Trump Bulldoze a Butterfly Refuge to Build a Border Wall*, Vox, https://www.vox.com/2018/3/28/17152644/trump-border-wall-texas-environment-refuge-butterflies (Mar. 29, 2018).

REQUESTED RECORDS

Defenders respectfully requests all records related to all border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR. Examples of such records include, but are not limited to:

1. All records related to any impacts that any border barrier activities may have on LRGV NWR;

2. All records related to any communications within the Service about any border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR;

3. All records related to any communications between the Service and any other federal bureau, department, or agency about any border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR;

4. All records related to any communications between the Service and any unit of state, local, tribal, or foreign government about any border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR;

5. All records related to any communications between the Service and any stakeholders or members of the public about any border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR;

6. All records related to any communications between the Service and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), or Army Corps of Engineers regarding LRGV NWR;

7. All records in the Service's possession related to any special use permit (SUP) or right-of-way issued to DHS and/or CBP and/or the Army Corps of Engineers for activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR;

8. All records related to any compatibility determination, or other finding concerning compatibility, regarding border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR, including but not limited to those made pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, 16 U.S.C. § 668dd-668ee, and its implementing regulations, 50 C.F.R. pts. 25-35;

9. All records related to any information or activities, including but not limited to analysis, documentation, decisions, and discussions, conducted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. § 4321 *et seq.* for border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR; and

10. All records related to any information or activities conducted pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), 16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq.*, for border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR.

This request is not intended to exclude any other records that, although not specifically requested, are reasonably related to the subject matter of this request.

For purposes of this request, "records" is consistent with the meaning of the term under FOIA. This includes, but is not limited to, documents of any type, including both electronic and paper documents, electronic mail, writings (handwritten, typed, electronic or otherwise produced, reproduced or stored), correspondence, letters, memoranda, reports, consultations, papers, studies, notes, field notes, recordings, telephone conversation recordings, voice mails, telephone logs, messages, instant messages, G-chats, text messages, chats, telefaxes, data, databases, drawings, surveys, graphs, charts, photographs, videos, meeting notes or minutes, electronic and magnetic recordings of meetings, maps, Geographic Information System data, GPS, UTM, LiDAR, CDs, and any other compilations of data from which information can be obtained.

This request is being sent to Service headquarters with the understanding that it will be forwarded to any other agency offices where responsive records may be located.

WITHHELD DOCUMENTS

These records related to any border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR are not subject to any FOIA exemption and must be disclosed. *See Pub. Citizen, Inc. v. Office of Mgmt. & Budget*, 598 F.3d 865, 875–76 (D.C. Cir. 2010).

In regard to the other requested records, under the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, agencies are prohibited from denying requests for information pursuant to FOIA unless prohibited by law or the agency reasonably believes release of the information will harm an interest that is protected by a FOIA exemption. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A). Should you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption, please include in your response a description of which responsive documents are withheld with sufficient information for us to assess the basis for the exemption, including any interest(s) that would be harmed by their release. Please include a detailed index identifying:

1. Basic factual material about each withheld record, including the originator, date, length, general subject matter, and location of each item; and

2. Complete explanation and justification for withholding each record, including the specific exemption(s) under which the record (or portion thereof) is withheld and a full explanation of how each exemption applies to the withheld material. Such statements will be helpful in deciding whether to appeal an adverse determination and/or may help to avoid unnecessary litigation.

If you determine that portions of responsive records are exempt from disclosure, please segregate or redact the exempt portions and provide the non-exempt portions within the statutory time limit. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).

FORMAT OF REQUESTED RECORDS

Defenders prefers receiving electronic copies of all responsive documents. Under FOIA, you are obligated to provide records in a readily accessible electronic format, if possible, and as requested here. *See, e.g.,* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(B) ("In making any record available to a person under this paragraph, an agency shall provide the record in any form or format requested by the person if the record is readily reproducible by the agency in that form or format."). As used here, "readily reproducible" electronic documents should include text-searchable and OCR-formatted.

Additionally, please provide the records in .pdf file format, without any "portfolios" or "embedded files" Portfolios and embedded files are not readily accessible. Please do not provide the records in a single, or "batched," .pdf file. We also appreciate the inclusion of an index of responsive records.

RECORD DELIVERY

We appreciate your assistance in expeditiously responding to this request. As mandated under FOIA, we anticipate a response within 20 working days. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i); 43 C.F.R. § 2.16(a). We respectfully urge you to post responses to this and parallel FOIA requests online in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(2)(D)(ii)(II). Defenders is pleased to receive records on a rolling basis if it facilitates the agency's response.

You may email or mail copies of the requested records to:

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If you find that this request is unclear, or if responsive records are voluminous, please call me at (202) 772-3234 to discuss the scope of this request.

REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER

Pursuant to FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), and the Department of the Interior's implementing regulations, 43 C.F.R. §§ 2.45–2.48, Defenders requests a waiver of all charges (*i.e.*, search, review, and duplication fees) incurred in connection with this request.

FOIA was designed to provide citizens a broad right to access government records. FOIA's basic purpose is to "open agency action to the light of public scrutiny," with a focus on the public's "right to be informed about what their government is up to." *U.S. Dep't of Justice v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of Press*, 489 U.S. 749, 773-74 (1989) (internal quotation and citations omitted). To provide public access to this information, FOIA's fee waiver provision requires that "[d]ocuments shall be

furnished without any charge or at a [reduced] charge" if the request satisfies the standard. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). FOIA's fee waiver requirement is "liberally construed in favor of waivers for noncommercial requesters." *McClellan Ecological Seepage Situation v. Carlucci*, 835 F.2d 1282, 1284 (9th Cir. 1987); *accord Forest Guardians v. U.S. Dep't of the Interior*, 416 F.3d 1173, 1177–78 (10th Cir. 2005); *Judicial Watch v. Rossotti*, 326 F.3d 1309, 1312 (D.C. Cir. 2003); *Community Legal Servs. v. U.S. Dep't of Hous. and Urban Dev.*, 405 F. Supp. 2d 553, 555 (E.D. Pa. 2005).

Congress specifically designed FOIA's 1986 fee waiver amendments to provide non-profit organizations such as Defenders access to government records without payment of fees. Indeed, the fee waiver provision was intended to "explicitly recognize[] the importance and the difficulty of access to governmental documents for such typically under-funded organizations and individuals," including nonprofit public interest groups. *Better Gov't Ass'n v. Dep't of State*, 780 F.2d 86, 94 (D.C. Cir. 1986). FOIA "should not be interpreted to allow federal agencies to set up roadblocks to prevent noncommercial entities from receiving a fee waiver." *W. Watersheds Project v. Brown*, 318 F. Supp. 2d 1036, 1039 (D. Idaho 2004).

Defenders Satisfies the Qualifications for a Fee Waiver

Under FOIA, a requester is entitled to a fee waiver when "disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the [federal] government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii); *see also* 43 C.F.R. § 2.45(a)(1). The Department of the Interior's (DOI) implementing regulations at 43 C.F.R. § 2.48 establish the same standard, setting forth four factors to consider in determining whether a request meets the FOIA requirement.

Consequently, the Service must consider the following factors to determine whether a request is in the public interest: (1) "[h]ow the requested records concern the operations or activities of the Federal government," (2) "[h]ow disclosure is likely to contribute to public understanding of those operations or activities," (3) "[h]ow disclosure is likely to significantly contribute to the understanding of a reasonably broad audience of persons interested in the subject," and (4) [h]ow the public's understanding of the subject in question will be enhanced to a significant extent by the disclosure." 43 C.F. R. § 2.48. As presented below, Defenders satisfies each of these four criteria.

Defenders therefore qualifies for a fee waiver. Disclosure of the requested records is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, particularly as they relate to border barrier activities on federal public lands and waters. In addition, release of the documents is not for commercial use. Founded in 1947, Defenders is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit conservation organization with 1.8 million members and supporters dedicated to the protection of all native animals and plants in their natural communities. Access to government records through FOIA requests is essential to Defenders' role of educating the general public about government activities related to wildlife conservation. We have no commercial interest in and will realize no commercial benefit from the release of the requested records.

Please note that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service have previously granted requests for fee waivers in their provision of documents to Defenders.

A. The Requested Records Concern Operations or Activities of the Federal Government

In accordance with 43 C.F. R. § 2.48(a)(1), the requested records concern the operations and activities of the federal government, namely an executive branch agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The requested records describe the agency's views and actions related to rules, policies, plans and other federal activities concerning border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR. *See Judicial Watch*, 326 F.3d at 1313 ("[R]easonable specificity is all that FOIA requires with regard to this factor") (internal quotations omitted).

B. Disclosure of the Requested Records is Likely to Contribute to Public Understanding of Government Operations or Activities

In accordance with 43 C.F. R. § 2.48(a)(2), the requested records are meaningfully informative about government operations or activities, there is a logical connection between their contents and those operations or activities, and disclosure will contribute to an increased public understanding of the subject matter because Defenders has the expertise to analyze and publicize the information in a manner that is useful to a broad audience of persons interested in border barrier activities.

The information about government operations and activities contained in the requested records will meaningfully inform public understanding of the border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR. It will also aid public understanding of department actions that affect wildlife that depend on this public land. This information is highly relevant to Defenders and our members because we are deeply concerned about these issues. Our review and analysis of responsive records will provide the public with critical information about current and future border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR.

Once the information is made available, we will share it with our 1.8 million members, supporters, activists, partners and the general public in a manner that will contribute to their understanding of government activities. Defenders' record of active participation in oversight of governmental activities and decision-making, and our consistent contribution to the public's understanding of those activities is well established.

Defenders is a national non-profit organization focused on wildlife and habitat conservation and the safeguarding of biodiversity. We inform, educate and counsel the public regarding environmental issues, policies and laws relating to wildlife protection and public lands. We represent our members' interests in ensuring that imperiled species and their habitat receive the full protections due under federal law. We frequently communicate with our members, supporters, partner organizations, and the interested public on news and information relevant to border barrier activities and their impacts on species.

Defenders will rely on its own legal and scientific experts, as well as outside experts, to analyze the information contained in records produced in response to this FOIA request. We have used, and will continue to use, a full array of tools to ensure our members' interests are vindicated and the general public is informed through our synthesis of the information gleaned from the requested records.

Defenders will ensure that the information produced in response to this request, and our analysis thereof, is disseminated to a reasonably broad audience of persons interested in federal lands

management and wildlife conservation. In disseminating the information, Defenders will assure that it is made available for the benefit of the interested persons beyond our membership, such as members of other conservation advocacy organizations, the media, the academic community, and the general public.

Defenders has the ability to disseminate information obtained from the requested records in a number of ways to a broad audience. We actively communicate with our members, supporters and the general public through direct mail and email campaigns. We broadcast action alerts notifying the public of opportunities to comment on agency proposals; publish information on and frequently update our website (797,055+ visitors per month) and blog (21,000+ monthly readership) to educate the public on wildlife conservation issues; distribute a quarterly print magazine with a circulation of approximately 350,000; communicate with partner organizations both nationally and internationally; maintain an active online presence through Facebook (652,000+ followers), Twitter (109,000+ followers), and YouTube (6900+ subscribers); distribute press releases directly to media contacts and through our website and RSS feed; and educate lawmakers and advocates on conservation law at the federal, state and local level.

C. Disclosure of the Requested Records is Likely to Significantly Contribute to the Understanding of a Reasonably Broad Audience of Persons Interested in the Subject

In accordance with 43 C.F. R. § 2.48(a)(3), the requested information is new, not already publicly available, and its disclosure will increase the level of public understanding that existed prior to disclosure. Through Defenders analysis and dissemination, disclosure of the information contained in the requested records will contribute to the understanding of a broad audience of persons that are interested in border barrier activities, as stated above.

The requested records will enable Defenders to provide information to the public at large regarding the current agency views and activities related to rules, policies, plans and other department actions concerning border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR. This information is essential to inform the public about potential changes to this national wildlife refuge. Indeed, the public does not currently have an ability to easily evaluate the requested records, which are new and not currently in the public domain. *See Cmty. Legal Servs. V. HUD,* 405 F.Supp.2d 553, 560 (D. Pa. 2005) (because requested records "clarify important facts" about agency policy, the request "would likely shed light on information that is new to the interested public.").

Disclosing the requested records to Defenders is not only "likely to contribute," but is certain to contribute, to public understanding of border barrier activities on and/or impacting federal public lands and waters and the potential impacts to imperiled species and their habitat. At present, the public has insufficient information about the border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR. Defenders' dissemination of this information will therefore provide new insight to a broad audience of interested persons as to how any border barrier activities are or will impact wildlife and public lands, namely, on LRGV NWR. *See id.* at § 2.48(a)(3).

D. The Public's Understanding of the Subject in Question will be Significantly Enhanced by the Disclosure of Requested Records.

In accordance with 43 C.F.R. § 2.48(a)(4), the public's understanding of the subject of this FOIA request will be enhanced to a *significant extent* by disclosure of the requested records. FOIA's

legislative history makes clear that the 'significance' test is met where, as here, the information requested will support "public oversight of agency operations":

> A requester is likely to contribute significantly to the public understanding if the information disclosed is new; supports public oversight of agency operations; or otherwise confirms or clarifies data on past or present operations of the government.

132 Cong. Rec. H9464 (Reps. English and Kindness); *see also McClellan Ecological Seepage Situation*, 835 F.2d at 1284–86.

Disclosure of the requested records will significantly enhance the public's understanding of the agency's management of border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR, as compared to the level of understanding that exists prior to disclosure. Disclosure will provide the public with information about activities that have garnered a staggering amount of public interest yet whose details have remained significantly shielded from public scrutiny. The requested records would contain new information that has not previously been disclosed, and disclosing them will support public oversight of agency operations regarding federal management of public lands, wildlife, and LRGV NWR, specifically.

The conservation of federal public lands and waters and the wildlife that depend on them are an ongoing concern for Defenders' members, supporters, partner organizations, and the interested public. The requested records are essential to Defenders' efforts to educate our members and the general public about conservation of imperiled species and their habitat. Our analysis of the records and broad dissemination of the synthesized information will support public participation in government, and help ensure that the public has an understanding of the impacts of border barrier activities on the LRGV NWR.

CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, Defenders of Wildlife satisfies the statutory and regulatory requirements for a fee waiver under FOIA and DOI's implementing regulations. We hope that you will immediately grant this request and tender responsive records.

However, if a fee waiver is denied, Defenders is willing to pay up to $100.00 in reasonable search time and/or duplication costs exceeding two hours and 100 pages, or equivalent volume. Please contact me to discuss any costs prior to fulfilling this FOIA request.

If you determine that this FOIA request will require longer than ten business days to process, please notify me of the request's individualized tracking number and how to obtain status updates via telephone, email or on the Internet. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(7). If you anticipate needing more than the 20 working days allotted under FOIA to fully process this request, please also notify me of the expected delay. I appreciate the opportunity to work with the Service to limit our request to expedite your response.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Dear Ms. Dubin:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 9, 2018, in which you requested the following:

> "1. All records related to any impacts that any border barrier activities may have on LRGV NWR;
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> 2. All records related to any communications within the Service about any border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR;
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10. All records related to any information or activities conducted pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), 16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq*., for border barrier activities on and/or impacting LRGV NWR."

Your request was assigned tracking number FWS-2018-01119 and forwarded to the Southwest Region National Wildlife Refuge System for processing. Staff located 134 records responsive to your request. From these records, we are withholding in part (via redaction) or in full, 50 records in accordance with FOIA exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6), as described below. The redacted and full release documents are provided to you on the enclosed compact disc.

Exemption 5 allows an agency to withhold "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party… in litigation with the agency." (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5)). Exemption 5 therefore incorporates the privileges that protect materials from discovery in litigation, including the deliberative process, attorney work-product, attorney-client, and commercial information privileges.

We are withholding 10 documents in full in accordance with the attorney-client privilege of Exemption 5. The attorney-client privilege protects confidential communications between an attorney and his client relating to a legal matter for which the client has sought professional advice and is not limited to the context of litigation. Moreover, although it fundamentally applies to confidential facts divulged by a client to his/her attorney, this privilege also encompasses any opinions given by an attorney to his/her client based upon, and thus reflecting, those facts, as well as communications between attorneys that reflect confidential client-supplied information.

The information that has been withheld under the attorney-client privilege of Exemption 5 constitutes confidential communications between Federal attorneys and agency clients, related to legal matters for which the client sought professional legal assistance and services. It also encompasses opinions given by attorneys to their clients based on client-supplied facts. Additionally, the Federal employees who communicated with the attorneys regarding this information were clients of the attorneys at the time the information was generated and the

attorneys were acting in their capacities as lawyers at the time they communicated legal advice. Finally, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has held this information confidential and has not waived the attorney-client privilege.

The deliberative process privilege protects the decision-making process of government agencies and encourages the frank exchange of ideas on legal or policy matters by ensuring agencies are not forced to operate in a fish bowl. A number of policy purposes have been attributed to the deliberative process privilege. Among the most important are to: (1) assure that subordinates will feel free to provide the decision maker with their uninhibited opinions and recommendations; (2) protect against premature disclosure of proposed policies; and (3) protect against confusing the issues and misleading the public.

The deliberative process privilege protects materials that are both predecisional and deliberative. The privilege covers records that reflect the give-and-take of the consultative process and may include recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions, and other subjective documents which reflect the personal opinions of the writer rather than the policy of the agency.

Twenty-eight records have been withheld under the deliberative process privilege of Exemption 5 that are both predecisional and deliberative. They do not contain or represent formal or informal agency policies or decisions. They are the result of frank and open discussions among employees of the Department of the Interior. Their contents have been held confidential by all parties and public dissemination of these drafts would have a chilling effect on the agency's deliberative processes; expose the agency's decision-making process in such a way as to discourage candid discussion within the agency, and thereby undermine its ability to perform its mandated functions.

Pursuant to the Commercial Information Privilege of Exemption (b)(5), we redacted a portion of one document. The information withheld under this privilege consists of active conference call telephone numbers and access codes, which could be used to conduct conference calls by parties outside the government or used to call in to monitor internal government conversations. We are withholding it because disclosure to the public would chill communications between federal employees and harm the government's ability to exchange information. When the government enters the marketplace as an ordinary commercial buyer or seller, the government's information is protected under the commercial information privilege if it is sensitive information not otherwise available, and disclosure would significantly harm the government's monetary functions or commercial interests. The theory behind the privilege is that the government may be placed at a competitive disadvantage or the consummation of a contract may be endangered if confidential information generated by the government is disclosed.

Portions of 11 records have been redacted pursuant to Exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA. Under Exemption 6, agencies may withhold information or records on individuals contained in "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" (5 U.S.C.§552(b)(6)). The withheld material includes personal contact information (e.g. personal cell and home phone numbers, and home addresses).

The phrase "similar files" covers any agency records containing information about a particular individual that can be identified as applying to that individual. To determine whether releasing records containing information about a particular individual would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, we are required to balance the privacy interest that would be affected by disclosure against any public interest in the information. Under the FOIA, the only relevant public interest to consider under the exemption is the extent to which the information sought would shed light on an agency's performance of its statutory duties or otherwise let citizens 'know what their government is up to.' (*See DOD v. FLRA, 510 U.S. 487, 497 (1994) (quoting Reporters Comm., 489 U.S. at 773*)). The burden is on the requester to establish that disclosure would serve the public interest. When the privacy interest at stake and the public interest in disclosure have been determined, the two competing interests must be weighed against one another to determine which is the greater result of disclosure: the harm to personal privacy or the benefit to the public. The purposes for which the request for information is made do not impact this balancing test, as a release of information requested under the FOIA constitutes a release to the general public.

The information that has been withheld under Exemption 6 consists of personal information, as described above, and we have determined that the individuals to whom this information pertains have a substantial privacy interest in withholding it. Additionally, we have determined that the disclosure of this information would shed little or no light on the performance of the agency's statutory duties. Because the harm to personal privacy is greater than whatever public interest may be served by disclosure, release of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of these individuals and we are withholding it under Exemption 6.

Lastly, in our compilation and review of responsive records, we identified records that originated from or substantially concern another federal agency. Twenty-five records are being referred to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for a release determination. CBP will issue a response directly to you. You do not have to contact the agency at this time, but should you need to do so in the future, you may do so at:

FOIA Officer
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
90 K Street, NW
9th Floor, Mail Stop 1181
Washington, D.C. 20229

This response to your FOIA request was made in consultation with **XXXX**, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Solicitor, Southwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior (Department). You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal no later than 90 workdays from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM

OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe the Service's response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and the Service concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and the Service's response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and the Service will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

DOI FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office
Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor
1849 C Street, N.W.
MS-6556 MIB
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Also, please note the 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation and does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov, Web: https://ogis.archives.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770 / Fax: 202-741-5769 / Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Carrie Hyde-Michaels at 703-358-2521 or via email at carrie hyde-michaels@fws.gov.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

This completes the Southwest Region's response. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact Assistant Refuge Supervisor, Monica Kimbrough, at 505-

248-7419 or by email at monica_kimbrough@fws.gov or Government Information Specialist, David Tischer, at 505-248-6658 or by email at fw2foia@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Region 2 FOIA Coordinator

Enclosure (CD)

Conversation Contents

Updated Border Wall TPs

Attachments:

/13. Updated Border Wall TPs/1.1 FWS TPs_RGV Border Wall_100517.docx

"Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

From:	"Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
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To:	Jeff Humphrey <jeff_humphrey@fws.gov>, "Gray, Lesli" <lesli_gray@fws.gov>, "Ullenberg, Beth" <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov>, Chris Tincher <chris_tincher@fws.gov>
CC:	Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>
Subject:	Updated Border Wall TPs
Attachments:	FWS TPs_RGV Border Wall_100517.docx

Good morning all,

We heard back from HQ and DOI that these are approved to use moving forward. The text highlighted in yellow is what was newly ok'd.

Thanks,
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Subject:	Re: Updated Border Wall TPs

Thank you, Aislinn.

Also, once we hear back with confirmation on the Oct. 21 Mayors media event at Santa Ana NWR, please let me know. Matt Trott submitted it to the Final Secretarial Report and heard back from the Department that there is interest in learning as much as possible about the event in advance. I have indicated while it is proposed to occur near or on the Refuge, our agency does not have an active role beyond awareness.

Chris

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On Thu, Oct 5, 2017 at 9:54 AM, Maestas, Aislinn <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov> wrote:

> Good morning all,
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Rio Grande Valley
Proposed Border Wall
Talking Points
Updated September 29, 2017

USFWS Talking Points Regarding the Proposed Border Wall

On the record:

"The Department of the Interior (DOI) is one of several federal agencies that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has engaged with to implement the President's Executive Order (EO) 13767 - Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements. CBP has included DOI in initial discussions regarding the implementation of the EO in south Texas. For all border specific inquiries, please contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Public Affairs at cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov.

The Service will continue to work with CBP on any proposed activities, through formal and informal processes, to minimize impacts to the region's national wildlife refuges and natural resources."

On background:

- From our informal conversations with CBP, we understand that construction of the wall is still in the ***planning*** stages. More information will be released (by DHS/CBP) as it becomes available. Please contact CBP for all border-related inquiries.
- We are aware that the Rio Grande Valley Border Patrol has been meeting with local stakeholders, governmental organizations (including FWS) and non-governmental organizations to provide available information regarding the proposed levee wall.
    - DOI and its constituent bureaus have been working very closely with DHS to facilitate planning associated with the replacement of existing infrastructure and construction of new border security infrastructure in an environmentally responsible manner.
- We have been notified of wall-related work being done in the Rio Grande Valley. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contract allows for geotechnical studies and the collection of soil samples in the Rio Grande Valley obtained within the limits of the permanent levee easements owned by the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission. Taking aerial photos and markings for geotech borings is happening on the levee road and ramps. This area is within the IBWC managed lands and is not happening on land managed by the refuge.
- We have been coordinating with CBP to provide input on the replacement of existing infrastructure and construction of new border security infrastructure. In general, our areas

of interests are similar to those discussed during initial border wall/fence construction in 2008.

- At this time, we have yet to receive an explicit construction proposal from CBP. Once there such a proposal, CBP can request formal consultation with the Service under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Nation Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Additional On-the-Record Talking Point Regarding the FOIA Process:

"It is the policy of the Service to make records available to the public to the greatest extent possible. In response to a recent FOIA request, the Service released a packet of information, which included documents and email discussions relating to the proposed border wall in south Texas."

Note: The following from CBP is for reference only

- FY 2017 Funded Activities
  - Planning for border wall system in RGV is underway (via reprogramming funds that were received on 2/15)
    - Approximately 28 miles of levee wall and enforcement zone and approximately 32 miles of border wall (bollard fence) and enforcement zone in the U.S. Border Patrol Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Sector
    - The 28 miles of levee wall and 32 miles of bollard wall in RGV are prioritized in the current Fiscal Year 2018 proposed budget
  - **Key points:**
    - Meetings to date have taken place include:
      - April 20th meeting with CBP and IBWC
      - April 26th meeting with CBP, USACE, DOI and Santa Ana Refuge
      - April 27th meeting with CBP, USACE, DOI and Santa Ana Refuge
      - July 6th meeting with CBP, USACE, DOI, and Santa Ana Refuge
      - Design concept meeting with CBP, USACE and Santa Ana Refuge
    - Purpose was to provide project background, project overview, and project coordination.
    - No landowner engagement will take place until funding is received - initial planning only & federal partner stakeholder scoping.
  - **Waivers**: Environmental Waiver is an option moving forward, but no decision will be made regarding Waiver until funding is received. This will be at the Secretary's discretion. **Note**: The Department of Homeland Security has issued a waiver to waive certain laws, regulations and other legal requirements to ensure the expeditious construction of barriers and roads in the vicinity of the international border near San Diego. (DOI statement on waiver available on request)
- Recent Media
  - Wall construction to begin November
    FACT: Currently, construction is not scheduled to begin until January 2018, pending receipt of funds
  - 35 Gate project authorized
    FACT: Project is funded and currently ongoing with real estate efforts underway.
  - Wall cutting through refuge
    FACT: The wall is set to follow the current levee structure and will serve a dual purpose border security and flood control by armoring the levee on the south side.
  - DHS can waive environmental regulations
    FACT: Environmental Waiver is an option moving forward, but no decision will be made regarding Waiver until funding is received. This will be at the Secretary's discretion.
  - Reported core samples being taken on USFWS Refuge property

FACT: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contract allows for geotechnical studies and the collection of soil samples in the Rio Grande Valley obtained within the limits of the permanent levee easements owned by the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission.

- USACE/A-E Work: Taking aerial photos and markings for geotech borings was on the levee road and ramps. This area is within the IBWC managed lands. Access to the levee was via public roads.

Conversation Contents

Response to BP on Hildalgo Portion of Border wall

Attachments:

/9. Response to BP on Hildalgo Portion of Border wall/1.1 Signed DTS 066633 (1).pdf

"McDowell, Kelly" <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>

From:	"McDowell, Kelly" <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>
Sent:	Thu Jan 25 2018 14:50:09 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	Doi Borderland liason (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject:	Response to BP on Hildalgo Portion of Border wall
Attachments:	Signed DTS 066633 (1).pdf

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As requested, here is response prepared for BP on proposal for Border Wall. It went to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). This does not include the other ideas I shared with you today that we have discussed with CBP at various meetings.

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Kelly McDowell
Refuge Supervisor Texas Gulf Coast
956-566-3664

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent:	Thu Jan 25 2018 15:11:40 GMT-0700 (MST)
To:	"McDowell, Kelly" <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Re: Response to BP on Hildalgo Portion of Border wall

Copy thank you. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Interagency Borderland Coordinator Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) rivileged and Confidential Sent from my iPhone > On Jan 25, 2018, at 4:50 PM, McDowell, Kelly <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov> wrote: > > (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) > > As requested, here is response prepared for BP on proposal for Border Wall. It went to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). This does not include the other ideas I shared with you today that we have discussed with CBP at various meetings. > > -- > Kelly McDowell > Refuge Supervisor Texas Gulf Coast > 956-566-3664 >

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In Reply Refer To:
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OCT 13 2017

Mr. Paul Enriquez
Real Estate and Environmental Branch Chief
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20229

Dear Mr. Enriquez:

Thank you for your letter dated August 25, 2017, regarding U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) proposed border infrastructure in South Texas which includes the installation of 35 gates in existing border fence gaps, 32 miles of bollard wall, and 28 miles of levee wall. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) reviewed your letter and is providing our initial concerns related to Federally listed species, other Federal trust resources, and Santa Ana and Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuges (NWR). Once there is a spatially explicit proposed action, assuming no waiver is issued by Department of Homeland Security, we can provide a formal response and coordination under applicable Federal laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act, National Wildlife Refuge System (Refuge System) Improvement Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and Endangered Species Act.

Over the past several years, there has been a substantial increase in coordination between the Service, CBP, and the U.S. Border Patrol Rio Grande Valley Sector along the Texas border. The Service appreciates the excellent communication and information sharing that has occurred and looks forward to maintaining this relationship into the future.

The Refuge System lands in the Lower Rio Grande Valley are considered to be one of the most biodiverse in the continental United States. In general, our concerns are similar to those discussed during initial border wall/fence construction in 2008. The Service will continue to work with CBP on the proposed activities, with a focus on ensuring impacts to Santa Ana and Lower Rio Grande Valley NWRs are analyzed and minimized, to the extent possible.

Socio-economic & Visitor Impacts
The Service is specifically concerned with potential tourism and visitor impacts on the affected NWRs. Ongoing efforts by the Service, the state of Texas, private landowners, and non-profit organizations have helped create a wildlife corridor linking numerous isolated habitat fragments in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. These efforts have helped produce habitats that are harboring unique species of plants and animals, making the area a destination for ecotourists.

The economics of Lower Rio Grande Valley wildlife and habitat diversity are important to the international border region, as over 150,000 tourists contribute approximately $10.8 million annually to the regional economy. The Santa Ana NWR is the most accessible public land for residents of Hidalgo County and approximately 70 percent of visitors come from outside of the local area. Visitors participating in outdoor recreational activities economically benefit the local community.

Construction of the border wall, as proposed, will likely affect visitation and the quality of visitor experience to the affected NWRs. Construction of the border wall along the levee will separate the Santa Ana NWR visitor center and all administrative facilities (equipment storage, residences, parking lots, etc.) from the rest of the refuge (99 percent of refuge lands). The proposal could result in visitors entering and exiting Santa Ana NWR through a large gate, similar to going through a security checkpoint. This could result in a reduction in visitation due to a perceived unsafe and unwelcoming atmosphere, which in turn could impact local economies.

Enforcement Zones
Construction of a 150-foot enforcement zone will directly remove habitat used by threatened and/or endangered species and other wildlife in the area. The enforcement zone will also create barriers and restrict wildlife movement, especially for species such as ocelots, which require dense brush to travel through. The Service recommends minimizing this zone, as operations allow, especially in and near thick thornscrub and walking trails. We also recommend calculating the direct habitat loss of the 150-foot enforcement zone based on a vegetation and endangered species survey. The proposed cleared enforcement zone in Hidalgo County will directly remove approximately 170 acres of habitat from Lower Rio Grande Valley and Santa Ana NWRs reducing the ability to meet refuge purposes and impacting the visitor experience. The Service recommends leaving vegetated areas near entrances and exits to public use areas to mitigate the potential impacts to the visiting public and quality of their experience.

Lighting
Increased lighting at night, along the wall, will likely have negative impacts on ocelot, jaguarundi and other nocturnal species by making them more susceptible to predation. The Service recommends down shielding lights to focus away from thornscrub habitat and shining lights only within the enforcement zone. The Service recommends CBP continue to analyze the effects of lighting to nocturnal wildlife and work with the Service to minimize impacts.

All Weather Roads
The Service recommends the width of all roads created or maintained by CBP be measured and recorded using Geographic Information System (GPS) coordinates and integrated into the CBP

GPS database. The Service suggests maintenance actions not increase the width of the roadbed or the amount of disturbed area beyond the roadbed. The all-weather road within the enforcement zone is capable of high speed use, causing concern for public safety and increased wildlife mortality. The Service requests coordination to address speeding issues, especially near high visitor use areas.

The Service's comments in this letter are based upon general information we have been given to date. The Service may change these comments and opinions depending on more specific information regarding the border wall that we expect will be provided by CBP in the future. We appreciate the opportunity to provide informal comments and look forward to continued coordination on the proposed project. Please feel free to contact me at 505-248-6282 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Regional Director

cc: Field Supervisor, Texas Coastal Ecological Services Field Office, Houston, Texas
Refuge Manager, South Texas National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Alamo, Texas
Inter-agency Borderlands Coordinator, Department of Interior Washington, D.C.
EA-ARD

Conversation Contents

Fwd: Request for Geotechnical borings on Las Ruinas and Arroyo Ramirez Tracts, LRGV NWR

Aaron Archibeque <aaron_archibeque@fws.gov>

From:	Aaron Archibeque <aaron_archibeque@fws.gov>
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To:	Kelly McDowell <Kelly_McDowell@fws.gov>
Subject:	Fwd: Request for Geotechnical borings on Las Ruinas and Arroyo Ramirez Tracts, LRGV NWR

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Amy Lueders <amy_lueders@fws.gov>
Date: January 9, 2018 at 12:59:26 PM MST
To: aaron_archibeque@fws.gov
Subject: Fwd: Request for Geotechnical borings on Las Ruinas and Arroyo Ramirez Tracts, LRGV NWR

Maybe u and Cynthia and I can do a call on this this week

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Date: January 9, 2018 at 2:40:21 PM EST
To: Amy Lueders <amy_lueders@fws.gov>, "Martinez, Cynthia" <cynthia_martinez@fws.gov>
Cc: Tade Justin <justin.tade@sol.doi.gov>, Lance Wenger <lance.wenger@sol.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FW: Request for Geotechnical borings on Las Ruinas and Arroyo Ramirez Tracts, LRGV NWR

FYI

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Inter-agency Borderland Coordinator
Department of the Interior
Office of the Secretary

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From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) >
Date: Tue, Jan 9, 2018 at 2:34 PM
Subject: FW: Request for Geotechnical borings on Las Ruinas and Arroyo Ramirez Tracts, LRGV NWR
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

FYI

From: Winton, Bryan
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 9:58:17 AM
To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: Re: Request for Geotechnical borings on Las Ruinas and Arroyo Ramirez Tracts, LRGV NWR

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

I was able to visit with both Rob and Ernesto this morning about your (the CBP contractor request) to access our two properties west of Roma for conducting geotechnical borings on refuge lands (in endangered species critical habitat). We also visited via conference call with our Refuge Supervisor in Albuquerque this morning who advised us that we cannot allow geotechnical borings on fee-owned refuge lands since this is a directly connected action to border wall (as we found in 2007 during first round of border wall/fence), which at this time, given our policy and procedures, we would likely not find compatible, even if CBP was to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. We are aware of several NGO's prepared or preparing to sue the Service if we do not follow policy and procedure and insure the NEPA process is properly followed. Therefore, Rob Jess will be in touch with you regarding elevating your request to our leadership within the US Fish & Wildlife Service. We are aware you have spoken with (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), DOI about this issue and our leadership is in communication with him as well.

Regarding access to these sites, or any other sites, please be advised that all requests for access to any and all LRGV NWR sites requires a specific Special Use Permit for that particular request/activity. Only the Refuge Manager or Project Leader can make exceptions to this protocol. With respect to CBP, the only exception I am aware of to date is for routine access for RGV Sector agents to conduct normal operations on the refuge, no SUP has been required. For Special Ops, Military operations, etc. a SUP has been issued for those special

projects. With that, we have issued nearly a dozen SUP's for various activities to the RGV Sector. These include SUP's for boat ramps, aerostat deployment, RAID towers, tree trimming, Horse Patrol Unit, Santa Ana Storefront -CBP office, road repair, and probably several other issues/actions I'm forgetting.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we our truly proud of the relationships that have been built with the RGV Sector of CBP and our agency personnel. We hope your project doesn't jeopardize all that investment. We understand the pressure you have to proceed with your project planning on refuge lands but we have strict orders to abide by policy and procedures unless instructed otherwise by our agency leadership. Please let me know if you have other requests/needs on refuge lands.

Sincerely,

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FW: Environmental waiver - SD REVISED

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To: "(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

CC: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) aislinn_maestas@fws.gov" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

Subject: FW: Environmental waiver - SD REVISED

ALCON: This is a slightly revised message to the one sent moments ago. Re: Environmental Waiver (San Diego) We need you to share strategic communication plans and PAG(s). While CBP remains the sole public voice any environmental waiver signed, we need to have a unitary message internally that reflect Environmental Stewardship Plan requirements. We want to ensure that the spirit of the NEPA process that ESPs represent will be part of everything we do within USACE. Thanks. Jim Frisinger U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District Phones: 817-886-1481; cell: 817-901-9644 -----Original Message----- From: Frisinger, James C CIV USARMY CESWF (US) Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 9:23 AM To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) 'aislinn_maestas@fws.gov' <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov> Subject: Environmental waiver - SD Good morning from Fort Worth: Re: Environmental Waiver We need you to send the USACE Border Infrastructure PMO information detailing: 1. Your strategic communication plans and PAG(s) 2. Details of your Environmental Stewardship Plan (ESPs). While CBP remains the sole public voice on environmental waiver matters, we need to have a unitary message internally for ESP requirements. We want to ensure that the spirit of the NEPA process that ESPs represent will be part of the legally binding construction contract language we write over the coming months. Thanks. Jim Frisinger, Public Affairs Specialist, Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Phone (817) 886-1481; BlackBerry: (817) 901-9644

From:	Hyde-Michaels, Carrie
To:	Barbara Wainman; Charisa Morris; Gavin Shire; Jim Kurth; Laury Parramore; Margaret Everson; Matthew Huggler; Maureen Foster; Melissa Beaumont; Paul Gibson; Shelley Hartmann; Stephen Guertin
Subject:	FOIA Release - Calendars (Kurth, Guertin, Winchell) - FWS-2018-00691
Date:	Tuesday, February 19, 2019 7:56:53 AM
Attachments:	FOIA Request.pdf FWS-2018-00691_Markham_Final Release.pdf JW calendar Jan 2017 thru Dec 2018_Redacted.pdf 20181203 Stephen Guertin Calendar 1-1-17 to 6-30-18_Redacted.pdf 20181203 Jim Kurth Calendar 1-1-17 to 6-30-18_Redacted.pdf

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We are ready to release Jim, Steve, and Joshua Winchell's calendars. The requester is Damien Markham with Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington .

Attached are the incoming request, outgoing release letter, and the responsive records in three pdfs.

Thanks,
Carrie Hyde-Michaels
FWS FOIA Officer
Chief, Branch of FOIA, Records, Privacy
US Fish & Wildlife Service Headquarters
703-358-2291 (direct)

April 16, 2018

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL: os_foia@ios.doi.gov

Carrie Hyde-Michaels
FWS FOIA Officer
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
MS:IRTM
5275 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22041

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Hyde-Michaels:

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") makes this request for records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and U.S. Department of the Interior ("DOI") regulations.

Specifically, CREW requests the copies of all calendars and/or other records reflecting meetings, full schedules, and phone records, from January 2017 to the present, of:

(1) Former Acting Director and current Deputy Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Jim Kurth;

(2) Deputy Director and current Principal Deputy Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Greg Sheehan;

(3) Deputy Director Steve Guertin; and

(4) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Council Designated Federal Officer Joshua Winchell.

Please search for responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. We seek records of any kind, including paper records, electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, photographs, data, and graphical material. Our request includes without limitation all correspondence, letters, emails, text messages, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages, and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations, or discussions. Our request also includes any attachments to emails and other records, as well as emails to which the subjects of this request were cc'ed or bcc'ed.

If it is your position any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure, CREW requests that you provide it with an index of those documents as required under *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973). If some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the

requested records. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). If it is your position that a document contains non-exempt segments, but that those non-exempt segments are so dispersed throughout the document as to make segregation impossible, please state what portion of the document is non-exempt, and how the material is dispersed throughout the document. *See Mead Data Central v. U.S. Dep't of the Air Force*, 566 F.2d 242, 261 (D.C. Cir. 1977).

Fee Waiver Request

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A) and DOI regulations, CREW requests a waiver of fees associated with processing this request for records. The subject of this request concerns the operations of the federal government, and the disclosures likely will contribute to a better understanding of relevant government procedures by CREW and the general public in a significant way. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Moreover, the request primarily and fundamentally is for non-commercial purposes. *See, e.g.*, *McClellan Ecological v. Carlucci*, 835 F.2d 1282, 1285 (9th Cir. 1987).

On November 14, 2017, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (U.S. FWS) abruptly announced that it would be allowing the remains of elephants legally hunted in Zimbabwe and Zambia to be imported into the United States, a reversal of the position taken by the previous administration.[1] Three days later, President Donald Trump announced that he would be putting the "big game trophy decision on hold," to review pertinent conservations facts.[2] On November 19 the President announced that he expects a decision on the ban "next week".[3] Because the U.S. FWS originally announced the reversal of this ban at a Safari Club International (hunting advocacy group) event in Tanzania, it can be reasonably expected that advocates of trophy hunting have had and will continue to have input on the decisions of the U.S. FWS concerning policy that affects their interests, especially considering the creation of an International Wildlife Conservation Council in 2018, staffed by alleged trophy hunters.[4]

The President's sons, Donald Trump, Jr. and Eric Trump, are known trophy hunters who have in the past hunted elephants, among other animals, in Zimbabwe – one of the countries affected by any policy decision of the U.S. FWS and the President regarding trophy hunting.[5] According to a Cable News Network source, members of the Trump family discussed a desire to change the U.S. FWS's rules on trophy hunting; Donald Trump, Jr. purportedly made this issue a priority "early on" in the Trump campaign.[6] It has also been reported that Donald Trump, Jr. is a

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[1] Rand Gibbs, U.S. Now Allows Elephants From Zimbabwe, Zambia To Be Imported, *Safari Club*, Nov. 14, 2017, *available at* https://www.safariclub.org/detail/news/2017/11/14/u.s.-now-allows-elephants-from-zimbabwe-zambia-to-be-imported.

[2] *See* https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/931685146415255552

[3] *See* https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/932397369655808001

[4] Gibbs, *Safari Club*, Nov. 14, 2017. *Associated Press*, Trump wildlife board stuffed with trophy hunters, *USA Today*, March 15, 2018, *available* at https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/03/15/trump-wildlife-board-stuffed-trophy-hunters/430376002/

[5] John Del Signore, Photos: Donald Trump's Sons Awesome At Killing Elephants And Other Wildlife, *Gothamist*, March 13, 2012, *available at* http://gothamist.com/2012/03/13/photos_donald_trump_sons_awesome_at.php#photo-2.

[6] Miranda Green, Trump's elephant trophy reversal comes as a surprise to administration employees, interest groups, *CNN Politics*, Nov. 19, 2017, *available at* http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/18/politics/elephant-trophy-reversal-reactions/index.html.

member of the hunting and conservation organization the Boone and Crockett Club, and participated heavily in the search for an Interior Secretary during his father's presidential transition.[7] It has also been reported that Donald Trump, Jr. and Eric Trump maintain connections to members appointed to Secretary Ryan Zinke's International Wildlife Conservation Council.[8]

Because Donald Trump, Jr. and Eric Trump are private citizens, whose primary connection to the federal government is through their father, the public has a significant interest in learning whether and to what extent they influenced the U.S. FWS's decision making on this issue to advance their own personal interests. The requested records would also allow the public to understand how and why the U.S. FWS came to its sudden decision to reverse previous trophy hunting import bans. Because a previously submitted FOIA did not yield any results searching for direct communications with the Trump sons or their representatives, this FOIA has been submitted to cover previously un-sought records for the sake of transparency.

CREW is a non-profit corporation, organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. CREW is committed to protecting the public's right to be aware of the activities of government officials, to ensuring the integrity of those officials, and to highlighting and working to reduce the influence of money on politics. CREW uses a combination of research, litigation, and advocacy to advance its mission. CREW intends to analyze the information responsive to this request and to share its analysis with the public through reports, press releases, or other means. In addition, CREW will disseminate any documents it acquires from this request to the public through its website, www.citizensforethics.org. The release of information obtained through this request is not in CREW's financial interest.

CREW further requests that it not be charged search or review fees for this request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II) because CREW qualifies as a member of the news media. *See Nat'l Sec. Archive v. U.S. Dep't of Defense*, 880 F.2d 1381, 1386 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (holding non-profit a "representative of the news media" and broadly interpreting the term to include "any person or organization which regularly publishes or disseminates information to the public").

CREW routinely and systematically disseminates information to the public in several ways. CREW's website receives tens of thousands of page views every month. The website includes blogposts that report on and analyze newsworthy developments regarding government ethics, corruption, and money in politics, as well as numerous reports CREW has published to educate the public about these issues. In addition, CREW posts all documents it receives under the FOIA its website, www.citizensforethics.org, and those documents have been visited hundreds of thousands of times.

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[7] Tal Kopan, How Trump's son's passion for hunting is shaping search for Interior secretary, *CNN Politics*, Dec. 9, 2016, *available at* http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/09/politics/donald-trump-jr-siblings-hunting-interior-secretary/index.html.

[8] *Associated Press*, Trump wildlife board stuffed with tropby hunters, *USA Today*, March 15, 2018, *available at* https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/03/15/trump-wildlife-board-stuffed-trophy-hunters/430376002/

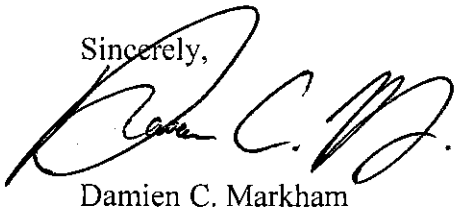
Under these circumstances, CREW satisfies fully the criteria for a fee waiver.

Conclusion

If you have any questions about this request or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records, please contact me at (202) 408-5565 or dmarkham@citizensforethics.org. Also, if CREW's request for a fee waiver is not granted in full, please contact our office immediately upon making such a determination.

Where possible, please produce records in electronic format. Please send the requested records to me either at dmarkham@citizensforethics.org or at Damien Markham, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, 455 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. , Washington, D.C. 20001. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Damien C. Markham

Research Associate

United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: IRTM
Falls Church, VA 22041

IN REPLY REFER TO:
FWS-2018-00691

February 20, 2019

Damien Markham
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW)
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Washington, D.C. 20005
dmarkhan@citizensforthics.org

Dear Mr. Markham:

This is a final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 16, 2018 and assigned control number FWS-2018-00691. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

You requested the following: "*All calendars and/or other records reflecting meetings, full schedules, and phone records, from January 2017 to the present, of:*

1. *Former Acting Director and current Deputy Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Jim Kurth;*
2. *Deputy Director and current Principal Deputy Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Greg Sheehan;*
3. *Deputy Director Steve Guertin; and*
4. *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Council Designated Federal Officer Joshua Winchell"*

We have enclosed three files in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) consisting of 690 pages. Six hundred and ninety pages are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5 and FOIA Exemption 6. Forty-seven pages are withheld in part pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7 (c). The rest of the material is being released in its entirety.

Exemption 5

Exemption 5 allows an agency to withhold "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party... in litigation with the agency." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).Exemption 5 therefore incorporates the privileges that protect materials from discovery in litigation, including the deliberative process, attorney work-product, attorney-client, and commercial information privileges. We are withholding material in part under Exemption 5 because it qualifies to be withheld under the following privileges:

Commercial Information Privilege

When the government enters the marketplace as an ordinary commercial buyer or seller, the government's information is protected under the commercial information privilege if it is sensitive information not otherwise available, and disclosure would significantly harm the government's monetary functions or commercial interests. The theory behind the privilege is that the government may be placed at a competitive disadvantage or the consummation of a contract may be endangered if confidential information generated by the government is disclosed.

The information withheld under this privilege consists of active conference call telephone numbers and access codes, which could be used to conduct conference calls by parties outside the government or used to call in to monitor internal government conversations. We are withholding it because disclosure to the public would chill communications between federal employees and harm the government's ability to exchange information.

Exemption 6

Exemption 6 allows an agency to withhold "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). The phrase "similar files" covers any agency records containing information about a particular individual that can be identified as applying to that individual. To determine whether releasing records containing information about a particular individual would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, we are required to balance the privacy interest that would be affected by disclosure against any public interest in the information.

Under the FOIA, the only relevant public interest to consider under the exemption is the extent to which the information sought would shed light on an agency's performance of its statutory duties or otherwise let citizens 'know what their government is up to. The burden is on the requester to establish that disclosure would serve the public interest. When the privacy interest at stake and the public interest in disclosure have been determined, the two competing interests must be weighed against one another to determine which is the greater result of disclosure: the harm to personal privacy or the benefit to the public. The purposes for which the request for information is made do not impact this balancing test, as a release of information requested under the FOIA constitutes a release to the general public.

The information that has been withheld under Exemption 6 consists of personal information in the form of email addresses of members of the public, phone numbers, google hangouts links and names of law enforcement personnel and we have determined that the individuals to whom this information pertains have a substantial privacy interest in withholding it. Additionally, we have determined that the disclosure of this information would shed little or no light on the performance of the agency's statutory duties. Because the harm to personal privacy is greater than whatever public interest may be served by disclosure, release of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of these individuals and we are withholding it under Exemption 6.

Exemption 7

Exemption 7 protects from disclosure "records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes" if the records fall within one or more of six specific bases for withholding set forth in subparts (a) through (f). 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(a)-(f). We are withholding material in part under Exemption 7 because they are protected under the following subpart:

7(C)

Exemption 7(C) protects law enforcement records if their release could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. It is regularly applied to withhold references to individuals in law enforcement files. For the materials that have been withheld under 7(C), we have determined that releasing them would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy because they identify individuals referenced in law enforcement records and the release of this information would not shed light on an agency's performance of its statutory duties.

We reasonably foresee that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one or more of the nine exemptions to the FOIA's general rule of disclosure.

The decision to withhold this information was made by Carrie Hyde-Michaels, FWS FOIA Officer, Division of Information Resources & Technology Management (IRTM). Larry Mellinger, Attorney-Advisor, in the Office of the Solicitor was consulted.

You may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Carrie Hyde-Michaels by phone at 703-358-2291; by email at carrie_hyde-michaels@fws.gov; or by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Attention: Carrie Hyde-Michaels, FOIA Public Liaison; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041.

You may also seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The 2007 FOIA amendments created OGIS to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001

E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: https://ogis.archives.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

You may also file an appeal with the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal **no later than 90 workdays** from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe the FWS's response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between

you and FWS concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and FWS's response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and FWS will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

DOI FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office Contact Information
Department of the Interior
Office of the Solicitor
1849 C Street, N.W.
MS-6556 MIB
Washington, DC 20240

Attn: FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office

Telephone: (202) 208-5339
Fax: (202) 208-6677
Email: FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov

For more information on FOIA Administrative Appeals, you may review the Department's FOIA regulations at *43 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart H.*

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

This letter completes our response to your request. If you have any questions, you may contact me by phone at 703-358-2291; by e-mail at fwhq_foia@fws.gov; or by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters; Attention: Carrie Hyde-Michaels, FOIA Officer; 5275 Leesburg Pike; MS:IRTM; Falls Church, VA, 22041.

Sincerely,

Carrie Hyde-Michaels
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
FOIA Officer

Enclosures

Joshua Winchell

Sun Jan 1, 2017

All day [redacted]

Thu Dec 22, 2016 - Mon Jan 2, 2017

Video call:

[redacted]

All day JW - AL

Thu Dec 22, 2016 - Mon Jan 2, 2017

Video call:

[redacted]

Mon Jan 2, 2017

All day [redacted]

Thu Dec 22, 2016 - Mon Jan 2, 2017

Video call:

[redacted]

All day JW - AL

Thu Dec 22, 2016 - Mon Jan 2, 2017

Video call:

[redacted]

Wed Jan 4, 2017

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Jan 5, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Jan 5, 2017

Video call:

[redacted]

4pm - 4:30pm Shasta's Going Green -- Send Off

Video call:

[redacted]

Where:
BLM-WO MST RM5005 Lowlands Conference Rm, BLM-WO MST RM5005 Lowlands Conference Rm Capacity 20 Phone 202 912 7612
Calendar: Hal Hallett
Who:
BLM_WO_200_All, kekovacs@blm.gov, smacdoug@blm.gov, Hal Hallett, Joshua Winchell, Cynthia Moses-Nedd, Charles Yudson, Adrienne DiCerbo, Leah Baker, BLM-WO MST RM5005 Lowlands Conference Rm Capacity 20 Phone 202 912 7612

Joshua Winchell

4pm - 4:30pm Shasta's Going Green -- Send Off

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where:
BLM-WO MST RM5005 Lowlands Conference Rm, BLM-WO MST RM5005 Lowlands Conference Rm Capacity 20 Phone 202 912 7612
Calendar: Hal Hallett
Who:
BLM-WO MST RM5005 Lowlands Conference Rm Capacity 20 Phone 202 912 7612, Cynthia Moses-Nedd, BLM_WO_200_All, Adrienne DiCerbo, Joshua Winchell, Hal Hallett, smacdoug@blm.gov, kekovacs@blm.gov, Leah Baker, Charles Yudson

Fri Jan 6, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Jan 6, 2017

11am - 2pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed Jan 11, 2017

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Jan 12, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Jan 12, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

11am - 12pm Impromptu DVSC All-Hands meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: TBD - will send update when I figure out how to reserve a room
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Michael Carlo, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Joanna Webb, Deborah Moore, Phil LePelch, Mara Lopez, Beverly Robinson, Angelina Yost, Kristen Gilbert, Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell, Susan Morse, Martha Nudel, Eugene Marino, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Bill OBrian, Mary Powers
Going? Yes

Fri Jan 13, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Jan 13, 2017

Joshua Winchell

Tue Jan 17, 2017

2pm - 2:15pm Call - Josh Winchell re: Grizzly presentation at WHHC Meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: 202-208-4646
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman
Who: Joshua Winchell, Gary Frazer
Going? Yes

Wed Jan 18, 2017

All day JW - Telework

Wed Jan 18, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Jan 19, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Jan 19, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Fri Jan 20, 2017

All day Holiday - Inauguration Day

Fri Jan 20, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW telework

Fri Jan 20, 2017

Tue Jan 24, 2017

10am - 10:30am WHHCC Briefing

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Bluestem 3N004C
Calendar: Cynthia Martinez
Created by: Azuredee Perkins
Who: Cynthia Martinez, Kevin Kilcullen, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

1pm - 2pm

Community of Practice Meeting - Handbooks vs. Service Manual Chapters

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: 1W112 - Mollie Beattie Conference Room
Calendar: Division of Policy, Performance and Management Programs
Created by: Krista Bibb
Who:
Anissa Craghead, laurie_shaffer@fws.gov, Jeff Newman, Karen Anderson, Kelly Hornaday, Debby Crouse, John Blitch, Meghan Sadlowski, Jerry Thompson, peter_barlow@fws.gov, Katherine Korte, Jessica Evans, Kim Fondren, Jason Miller, Aaron Mize, Carey Galst, Bridget Fahey, Thomas Barnes, Diane Bowen, Eileen Harke, Stacy Sanchez, Leona Laniawe, Sara Prigan, Lisa Van Alstyne, Susan Wilkinson, Scott Covington, Caitlin Snyder, Kimberly Washington, Jeffrey Lucas, Don Maclean, Hallison Putnam, Lynn Long, Andy Devolder, January Johnson, janine_vannorman@fws.gov, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted], cheryl_amrani@fws.gov, Ben Thatcher, Ron Begin, Carl Millegan, Mary Gruber, Andrea McLaughlin, Amy Brisendine, John Stremple, Suzanne Fellows, Robert Miller, Craig Hoover, Natchanon Ketram, robyn_gray@fws.gov, Susan Jewell, ron_vandervort@fws.gov, Berkeley Chatot, Jim Serfis, Patrice Ashfield, Virginia Takang, Dana Hartley, Lisa Ellis, Joshua Winchell, Eliza Savage, Jean Kvasnicka, tim_vannorman@fws.gov, Laura Noguchi, lewis_gorman@fws.gov, Collette Thogerson, Christy JohnsonHughes, kimberly_hintz@fws.gov, Ronald Kokel, Nada Teshome, Gina Shultz, Mark Phillips, Teresa Fish, Cade London, deborah_mead@fws.gov, Ross Alliston, deb_carter@fws.gov, Julie Jackson, St. Clai Thompson, Craig Aubrey, Trish Adams, Kerry Lyons, Jillian Cohen, Kari Duncan, Jason Goldberg, Beth Forbus, Clifton Horton, Colleen Fahey, Brian Salem, michael_franz@fws.gov, Tina Campbell, Katie Niemi, Janet Bruner

Wed Jan 25, 2017

8:30am - 10am Mtg with Tomke

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Jan 26, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Jan 26, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Fri Jan 27, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Jan 27, 2017

Tue Jan 31, 2017

1:30pm - 2:30pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

Wed Feb 1, 2017

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Feb 2, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Feb 2, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

8:30am - 10am Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Murie Room
Calendar: Beverly Robinson
Who:
kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Bill OBrian, Susan Morse, Kristen Gilbert, Deborah Moore, Michael Carlo, Angelina Yost, Beverly Robinson, Mary Powers, Mara Lopez, Eugene Marino, Joshua Winchell, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Martha Nudel, Phil LePelch, Joanna Webb, Linda Walke
Going? Yes

Fri Feb 3, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Feb 3, 2017

Tue Feb 7, 2017

10:30am - 11am (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Laury Parramore
Who: Laury Parramore, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

10:30am - 11am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Who: Laury Parramore, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

5:30pm - 7:30pm CSF Welcome to Congress Reception

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: 2168 Rayburn House Office Bldg (Gold Room)

Wed Feb 8, 2017

3pm - 4:30pm Mtg with Tomke

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: 444 North Capitol St NW #745, Washington, DC 20001

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Thu Feb 9, 2017

All day JW Telework
Thu Feb 9, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Fri Feb 10, 2017

All day JW telework
Fri Feb 10, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]
Fri Feb 10, 2017 - Sun Feb 12, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Sat Feb 11, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]
Fri Feb 10, 2017 - Sun Feb 12, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Sun Feb 12, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]
Fri Feb 10, 2017 - Sun Feb 12, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed Feb 15, 2017

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Feb 16, 2017

All day JW Telework
Thu Feb 16, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Angelina Yost, Eugene Marino, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Martha Nudel, Kristen Gilbert, Phil LePelch, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Michael Carlo, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Deborah Moore, Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker, Alice Garrett, Mary Powers, Joanna Webb, Beverly Robinson, Bill OBrian, Sue McDonald, Susan Morse
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

9:30am - 11:30am Friendly Reminder: WO200 Budget Training

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Rm. 4011-Training room
Calendar: Hal Hallett
Who:
Catherine (Cathy) Humphrey, Katlyn Yancho, Erinn Shirley, Michael Thomas, Cynthia Moses-Nedd, Tonya Jackson, BLM_WO_280, Leah Baker, Paul (Doug) Curtis, Dorothea Boothe, Narida Thorne, lmermejo@blm.gov, Brian Nickel, Dianna Junius, McKinley Ben Miller, Linda Smith, Heather Bernier, Jeff Krauss, Stacey Crowe, David Hu, BLM_WO_240, BLM_WO_200_M_ST_AND_MIB, mburnett@blm.gov, Stephanie Miller, mbechdol@blm.gov, swyman@blm.gov, Scott Foss, James Bowmer, BLM_WO_200 Business_Meeting, Byron Loosle, rperrin@blm.gov, Tabitha Anderson, Ronald McCormick, Georgette Fogle, rwinthro@blm.gov, Maria Ulloa Bustos, Lisa Ross, Deena Lentz, Martha Malik, Brian Novosak, James (Jeb) Beck, Joseph Stratton, BLM_WO_250_Field_Personnel, Brett Young, Crystal Cowan, Andrew Tkach, mstith@blm.gov, Andrea Nelson, drbrown@blm.gov, BLM_WO_260_Wild_Horse_Burro_Futuring_Team, Jeremy Kruger, BLM_WO_200_Weekly_Staff_Meeting, Tara Thissell, Kristin Bail, BLM_WO_220, Karen Prentice, BLM_WO_200_Program_Leads, Michael (Jared) Lundell, Lakita Whitener, Chandra Little, Gordon Toevs, Sandra Brewer, Arthur Ferraro, Lindsey Riibe, Jessica Gardetto, Thomas Bartholomew, BLM_WO_260, Dominika Lepak, Ryan Hathaway, Patricia (Patti) Klein, Theresa Alexander, Peter (PJ) Roberson, Hilary Zarin, Rebecca Moore, Karlee Yurek, James Goodbar, BLM_WO_200_Chiefs_DDCs_and_BCs, Linda Cardenas, John Neill, Jason Lutterman, Angela West, Sabria Mathis, Alan Shepherd, BLM_WO_200_All, Timothy Shannon, Shiva Achet, Sherri Lisius, BLM_WO_200_Emp_Guest, BLM_WO_260 Calendar Group, Beatrice Wade, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Lisa Reid, Jacky Anderson, Melvin (Joe) Tague, Kathie Cheney Jewell, Cynthia Wertz, Kenneth (Alan) Peck, Angela Falwell, David Boyd, Wade Salverson, Elena Fink, Vicki Herren, Zane Fulbright, BLM_WO_200_AD, Georges (Buck) Damone III, Dorothy Morgan, croegner@blm.gov, Dennis Byrd, fhamedani@blm.gov, Margaret (Peggy) Olwell, Jeanette Gaston, Yvonne Stewart, Russell Slatton, Gregory Liggett, Elizabeth Meyer-Shields, Amy Ruhs, BLM_WO_260 WHB Communications, Kim Tripp, Tonya Harris, Holle Waddell, Karen Glascoe, Karen Kelleher, Frank Quamen, Laura Van Riper, Hal Hallett, Michael Jackson, rhuntfoster@blm.gov, John McCarty, Cameron Liggett, Deborah Collins, BLM_WO_200_Mgmt_Guest, Heather Tiel-Nelson, mahaidet@blm.gov, Patricia (Ranel) Capron, tgorey@blm.gov, Steven Smith, Joseph Fontana, Leonard Gore, Stephen Small, Michael Reiland, Kimberly Hackett, William Mack Jr, Kit Muller, Anthony Bobo Jr, BLM_WO_210, Udom Hong, Anne (Annie) Ebbers, David Jeppesen, Nathan Morris, Pamela Irvine, Jamie Sellar-Baker, Emily Palus, Geoffrey Walsh, Louis Brueggeman, Peggi Brooks, Sarah McElroy, Andrew Strasfogel, BLM_WO_200_Staff_Assistants, rdelorme@blm.gov, BLM_WO_250, Shayne Banks, Noreen Battle, Edward Kender, Gloria Tibbetts, Steve Tryon, Jared Bybee, Deborah Mead, David Ballenger, Salina Hall, Paul McGuire, BLM_WO_230, Carol Connolly, Paul Krabacher, Michael Pellant, Gina Ramos, Richard Mayberry, Joshua Winchell, dbolstad@blm.gov, Stephanie Carman, Patrick Mahoney

Fri Feb 17, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Feb 17, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Fri Feb 17, 2017

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

Wed Feb 22, 2017

2pm - 2:30pm WHHCC "10 Year Plan" Evaluation - Briefing

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Linda's Office???
Who: kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Feb 23, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Feb 23, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

10am - 11am Business Meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Hal Hallett
Who:
Tonya Harris, Hal Hallett, BLM_WO_200_Mgmt_Guest, Joshua Winchell, BLM-WO MST RM5005 Lowlands Conference Rm Capacity 20 Phone 202 912 7612, BLM_WO_200_M_ST_AND_MIB, BLM_WO_200_Emp_Guest, BLM_WO_200_Chiefs_DDCs_and_BCs, BLM_WO-200_All

Fri Feb 24, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Feb 24, 2017

Tue Feb 28, 2017

All day Forest System Land Management Planning Rule Committee

Tue Feb 28, 2017 - Thu Mar 2, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: USDA Forest Service Yates Building, 201 14th Street SW, Washington, DC, 20250-1104

Wed Mar 1, 2017

All day Forest System Land Management Planning Rule Committee

Tue Feb 28, 2017 - Thu Mar 2, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: USDA Forest Service Yates Building, 201 14th Street SW, Washington, DC, 20250-1104

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Thu Mar 2, 2017

All day Forest System Land Management Planning Rule Committee

Tue Feb 28, 2017 - Thu Mar 2, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: USDA Forest Service Yates Building, 201 14th Street SW, Washington, DC, 20250-1104

All day JW Telework

Thu Mar 2, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Kristen Gilbert, Sue McDonald, Deborah Moore, Alice Garrett, Beverly Robinson, Mary Powers, Linda Walker, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Angelina Yost, Joshua Winchell, Phil LePelch, Martha Nudel, Bill OBrian, Susan Morse, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Joanna Webb, Michae Carlo, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Eugene Marino
Going? Yes

Fri Mar 3, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Mar 3, 2017

All day (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Fri Mar 3, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Sun Mar 5, 2017

All day NA Wildlife Conference - Spokane

Sun Mar 5, 2017 - Fri Mar 10, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Mon Mar 6, 2017

All day NA Wildlife Conference - Spokane

Sun Mar 5, 2017 - Fri Mar 10, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Joshua Winchell

8:45am - 4:15pm
Flight# DL2063 from DCA -> MSP (2 hours and 54 mins.)
Layover of 1 hour and 11 mins. Flight# 1484 from MSP -> GEG (3 hours and 25 mins.)
Calendar: unknownorganizer@calendar.google.com
Created by: Joshua Winchell
Who: Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Tue Mar 7, 2017

All day NA Wildlife Conference - Spokane
Sun Mar 5, 2017 - Fri Mar 10, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

7am - 8am NRA breakfast @ NA
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed Mar 8, 2017

All day NA Wildlife Conference - Spokane
Sun Mar 5, 2017 - Fri Mar 10, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

11am - 12pm
Planning for SO 3347 (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Anya Rushing, Casey Hammond, Joshua Winchell, Stephen Guertin, Matthew Huggler, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Robert Curry, Doug Hobbs, Charisa Morris, John Schmerfeld, Scott Knight, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Charles Blair

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Mar 9, 2017

All day NA Wildlife Conference - Spokane
Sun Mar 5, 2017 - Fri Mar 10, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

7am - 8am Pheasants Forever breakfast @ NA
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

12pm - 1pm State Agency Directors lunch @ NA

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Fri Mar 10, 2017

All day NA Wildlife Conference - Spokane

Sun Mar 5, 2017 - Fri Mar 10, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

7am - 8am DU breakfast @ NA

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

3:30pm - 10:59pm

Flight# DL1442 from GEG -> SLC (1 hour and 40 mins.)
Layover of 1 hour and 45 mins. Flight# 2360 from SLC -> DCA (4 hours and 4 mins.)
Calendar: unknownorganizer@calendar.google.com
Created by: Joshua Winchell
Who: Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Mon Mar 13, 2017

10am - 11am S.O. 3347 Response Prep

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Murie Conference Room #3N057
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Jerome Ford, Robert Williams, Mara Lopez, Georgia Basso, Susan Pasko, John Schmerfeld, Shannon Smith, Noah Matson, Brett Hunter, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Scott Knight, leslie_neu@fws.gov, Don Maclean, Michael Gale, Linda Walker, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Peter Dratch, Doug Hobbs, Scott Covington, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Katherine Spomer, Cynthia Martinez, Aaron Mize
Going? Yes

2pm - 3pm SO 3347 check in - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Matthew Huggler, Aaron Mize, Shannon Smith, Charisa Morris, Cynthia Martinez, John Schmerfeld, Mike Johnson, Noah Matson, Scott Knight, Robert Curry, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Linda Walker, Charles Blair, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell, Doug Hobbs

Wed Mar 15, 2017

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Thu Mar 16, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Mar 16, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Mary Powers, Phil LePelch, Alice Garrett, Bill OBrian, Martha Nudel, Michael Carlo, Kristen Gilbert, Eugene Marino, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Linda Walker, Joanna Webb, Joshua Winchell, Angelina Yost, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Deborah Moore, Sue McDonald, Susan Morse, Beverly Robinson, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov
Going? Yes

Fri Mar 17, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Mar 17, 2017

1pm - 2pm SO 3347 check in - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Elaine Leslie, Robert Curry, Stephen Guertin, Matthew Huggler, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, rick_kahn@nps.gov, Mike Johnson, John Wullschleger, Joshua Winchell, Aaron Mize, Doug Hobbs, Noah Matson, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Shannon Smith, Linda Walker, Scott Knight, Charles Blair, Cynthia Martinez, Charisa Morris, Linda Friar, John Schmerfeld, jeff_rupert@fws.gov
Going? Yes

Mon Mar 20, 2017

10am - 11am call with Tomke & Thomas

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

1:30pm - 2:30pm lunch with Kristen W.

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed Mar 22, 2017

12pm - 1pm Lunch with Alice

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Who: Alice Hudson, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

2pm - 2:20pm Adobe Connect Webinar

Where:
https://events-na3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/701803480/en/events/event/shared/default_template/event_registration.html?sco-id=1899181538&_charset_=utf-8
Calendar: SHumpton@emergent360.com
Who:
steven_s_wimmer@blm.gov, swilson@osmre.gov, jeffrey_worthley@fws.gov, Christine Williams, rwoodward@usgs.gov, Ana Zapata, Megan Young, dwilliam@blm.gov, Felecia Winstead, Don Woodrow, Ian Williamson, rwolf@usgs.gov, Christi Young, Melanie Wilson Gore, Robert Wyland, Florence Wong, Lori Wood, Mark Wiltermuth, LaRoy Williams, Kevin Woolums, Jara Woodard, Mychal Yellowman, Tamara Williams, Patrick Wilkinson, ecwild@usgs.gov, Charles Wooley, Bryan Wolla, Beth Wilson, Paulette Zamora, rwinthro@blm.gov, byoung@blm.gov, zirbes@usgs.gov, dwink@osmre.gov, BLM_NV ELDOLongCanyonMine, Gregory Wieting, Scott Wilson, joshua_d_yocum@nps.gov, Richard Woodley, Christina Williams, russ_wilson@nps.gov, NPS FOIA, Michael Willis, Alvin WindyBoy, Nathanial Wills, Sharon Willingham, LaVonne Zibrida, Anne Vawser, Stephen Wilson, malcolm_wilbur@nps.gov, leonard.wines@bia.gov, Matthew Williams, Ted Woronka, SHumpton@emergent360.com, James Zeiger, Tracy Yager, steven.yonkaitis@ws.gov, czwang@blm.gov, Christopher Wilson, susan.zeller@brooklynmuseum.org, judy_o_williams@nbc.gov, swilliams@usbr.gov, BLM_WO FOIA, Tamia Williams, Linda Williamson, Yuehua Zeng, Nathan Zorich, Zhiliang Zhu, jim_willis@fws.gov, rzelenka@usbr.gov, Robert Zuellig, Samantha Zhang, John Williams, Michelle Yates, Annie Yang, Linda Zeigenfuss, Niki Wintzer, cwippich@usgs.gov, june_zastrow@nps.gov, Mike Yard, Earle Williams, geraldine.williams@bia.gov, Alan Wiser, cwilliams@usgs.gov, edwina.yahnozha@bie.edu, Charles Yudson, Jeffery Wiles, tzeisig@blm.gov, ryork@usbr.gov, Nick Young, tamia.true@aqd.nbc.gov, Jeffrey Wormer, Ivy Yates, awilliamson@usbr.gov, Gary Wilson, Limei Zhang, Anna Wilson, ec_helpdesk@nbc.gov, cwright@usbr.gov, Brian Workman, Kathy Williams, bonnie_winslow@blm.gov, eyazzie@leuppschools.org, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Shannon Young, Debra Wulff, Cory Williams, Kurt Wille, Joshua Winchell, Janelle Wrigley, jzajicek@usgs.gov, Michelle (Shelly) Wood, Tina Young, Jeremiah Workman, jwilkins@blm.gov, szelczak@blm.gov, Dale Wilkerson, Cedric Wood, Richard Yarde, louise.j.williams@onrr.gov, Chandler Worley, Thomas C Wood, David Yancey, nelson@usgs.gov, Douglas Wilder, Linda Wilson, nwilliams@blm gov, Freida Williams-Chapman, Charmaine Williams-James, Douglas Yager, cynthia_williams@nps.gov, Amy Yackel, swoodka@osmre.gov, joseph_wingfield@contractor.nps.gov, jwoods@blm.gov, LC Williams, Rachel Williams, Chiketta Wilson, Mark Wildhaber, Kimberly Zietz, A. Wayne Wiltz, Lisa Kool, Michael Willis, gloria.yepa@bie.edu, susan_woods@nps.gov, Peter DeWitt, jzingo@osmre.gov, jwomack@blm.gov, bwilliams@usbr.gov, Robert Wolf, clientservices@fedbid.com, Raymond Woodruff, jwright@usbr.gov, Christine Williamson

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Mar 23, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Mar 23, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: 3W103 Mig Bird AD Conference Room
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Sue McDonald, Mary Powers, Martha Nudel, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Kristen Gilbert, Bill OBrian, Susan Morse, Angelina Yost, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Beverly Robinson, Alice Garrett, Deborah Moore, Joanna Webb, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Eugene Marino, Phil LePelch, Michael Carlo

Joshua Winchell

Fri Mar 24, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Mar 24, 2017

Mon Mar 27, 2017

2:30pm - 3:30pm NWRS Storytelling Brainstorm- School's Out!

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Paul Kroegel Conference Room or VTC (b) (5) C P , code (b) (5) C P
Calendar: Kristen Gilbert
Who:
Katherine Spomer, Joanna Webb, Linda Walker, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) , Robert Miller, Deborah Moore, Aaron Mize, Martha Nudel, Bill OBrian, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) , Karen Miranda, Mara Lopez, Joshua Winchell, Shannon Smith, Angelina Yost, Anna Harris, Susan Morse, Phil LePelch, Mary Powers, Robert Williams, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Chris Darnell, Michael Gale, Janet Bruner, Michael Carlo, Robert Eaton, Chris Eng, Georgia Basso, Kristen Gilbert, jacob_connor@fws.gov, Eugene Marino

Tue Mar 28, 2017

11am - 12pm

SO 3347 check in - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Stephen Guertin, John Schmerfeld, Joshua Winchell, Matthew Huggler, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Shannon Smith, Linda Friar, Elaine Leslie, Linda Walker, Cynthia Martinez, Mike Johnson, Aaron Mize, Scott Knight, rick_kahn@nps.gov, glenn_plumb@nps.gov, Charisa Morris, Alan Ellsworth, Casey Hammond, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Robert Curry, Charles Blair, Noah Matson, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Doug Hobbs, John Wullschleger
Going? Yes

Wed Mar 29, 2017

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Mar 30, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Mar 30, 2017

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Joshua Winchell

8:30am - 10:30am All-Staff Training Webinar

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Location and call-in info to be provided
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Joanna Webb, Sue McDonald, Eugene Marino, Susan Morse, Angelina Yost, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Linda Walker, Mara Lopez, Mary Powers, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Phil LePelch, Deborah Moore, Bill OBrian, Beverly Robinson, Martha Nudel, Kristen Gilbert
Going? Yes

Fri Mar 31, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Mar 31, 2017

11am - 12pm

SO 3347 finalize report - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Call: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Mike Johnson, Charles Blair, Stephen Guertin, Matthew Huggler, Cynthia Martinez, Alan Ellsworth, John Schmerfeld, Casey Hammond, Linda Walker, John Wullschleger, rick_kahn@nps.gov, Linda Friar, glenn_plumb@nps.gov, Elaine Leslie, Scott Knight, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Shannon Smith, Robert Curry, Noah Matson, Joshua Winchell, Charisa Morris, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Doug Hobbs, Aaron Mize, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov
Going? Yes

Tue Apr 4, 2017

10am - 11am NWRS All Hands

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed Apr 5, 2017

10am - 11am FRC Working Group Call

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Leader: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Lauren Meredith
Who:
chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, tbustam@fs.fed.us, jmeade@fs.fed.us, Robert Ratcliffe, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Lauren Meredith, Krista Sherwood, agehrke@fs.fed.us, Maggie OConnell, Joshua Winchell, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, marylee.haughwout@noaa.gov, Jerome Jackson

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Thu Apr 6, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Apr 6, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Fri Apr 7, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Apr 7, 2017

Wed Apr 12, 2017

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Apr 13, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Apr 13, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Eugene Marino, Linda Walker, Angelina Yost, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Joanna Webb, Bill OBrian, Michael Carlo, Deborah Moore, Joshua Winchell, Sue McDonald, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Susan Morse, Mary Powers, Martha Nudel, Beverly Robinson, Alice Garrett, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Kristen Gilbert, Phil LePelch, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov
Going? Yes

9am - 12pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Fri Apr 14, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Apr 14, 2017

1pm - 1:30pm Uniform Committee Survey Discussion

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Who: Maggie OConnell, Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Mon Apr 17, 2017

All day JW - AL

Mon Apr 17, 2017 - Wed Apr 19, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Apr 17, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Tue Apr 18, 2017

All day JW - AL

Mon Apr 17, 2017 - Wed Apr 19, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Apr 17, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed Apr 19, 2017

All day JW - AL

Mon Apr 17, 2017 - Wed Apr 19, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Apr 17, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Apr 20, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Apr 17, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

All day DVSC Training - Leading at the Speed of Trust

Thu Apr 20, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017
Where:
Homewood Suites by Hilton Alexandria/Pentagon South, VA, 4850 Leesburg Pike, Alexandria, VA 22302, USA
Calendar: Joanna Webb
Who:
Mara Lopez, Linda Walker, Angelina Yost, Kristen Gilbert, Mary Powers, Sue McDonald, Maggie OConnell, Joanna Webb, Vicki McCoy, Beverly Robinson, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Susan Morse, Eugene Marino, Phil LePelch, Deborah Moore, Martha Nudel, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Bill OBrian
Going? Yes

Fri Apr 21, 2017

All day [redacted]

Mon Apr 17, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

All day DVSC Training - Leading at the Speed of Trust

Thu Apr 20, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017
Where:
Homewood Suites by Hilton Alexandria/Pentagon South, VA, 4850 Leesburg Pike, Alexandria, VA 22302, USA
Calendar: Joanna Webb
Who:
Mara Lopez, Linda Walker, Angelina Yost, Kristen Gilbert, Mary Powers, Sue McDonald, Maggie OConnell, Joanna Webb, Vicki McCoy, Beverly Robinson, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Susan Morse, Eugene Marino, Phil LePelch, Deborah Moore, Martha Nudel, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Bill OBrian
Going? Yes

Wed Apr 26, 2017

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

4:30pm - 6pm

Happy Hour - Farewell to Maggie O'Connell (Acting VS Branch Chief)

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Buffalo Wild Wings, 5275 Leesburg Pike B, Bailey's Crossroads, VA 22041, USA
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Angelina Yost, Linda Walker, Eugene Marino, Bill OBrian, Susan Morse, Beverly Robinson, Martha Nudel, Deborah Moore, Michael Carlo, FWHQ CNWR Division Chiefs and Deputies, Phil LePelch, Mara Lopez, Joshua Winchell, Joanna Webb, Kristen Gilbert

Thu Apr 27, 2017

All day JW telework

Thu Apr 27, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

Joshua Winchell

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Michael Carlo, Martha Nudel, Beverly Robinson, Kristen Gilbert, Joanna Webb, Linda Walker, Deborah Moore, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Sue McDonald, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Alice Garrett, Phil LePelch, Angelina Yost, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Susan Morse, Mary Powers, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell, Bill OBrian, Eugene Marino
Going? Yes

10am - 11am Business Meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Hal Hallett
Who:
Hal Hallett, BLM_WO_200_Emp_Guest, BLM_WO-200_All, BLM_WO_200_Chiefs_DDCs_and_BCs, BLM_WO_200_M_ST_AND_MIB, Tonya Harris, BLM-WO MST RM5005 Lowlands Conference Rm Capacity 20 Phone 202 912 7612, BLM_WO_200_Mgmt_Guest Joshua Winchell

Fri Apr 28, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Apr 28, 2017

Tue May 2, 2017

All day DU CapHill Reception (evening)

Tue May 2, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed May 3, 2017

10am - 11am FRC Working Group Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Leader: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Lauren Meredith
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Lauren Meredith, Maggie OConnell, Krista Sherwood, jmeade@fs.fed.us, Jerome Jackson, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Carl (Andy) Tenney, marylee.haughwout@noaa.gov, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Robert Ratcliffe, agehrke@fs.fed.us

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Thu May 4, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu May 4, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Fri May 5, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri May 5, 2017

Mon May 8, 2017

2:30pm - 3:30pm IPW Call/Meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Indigo Room
Calendar: Ken Garrahan
Who: Kristen Gilbert, Joshua Winchell, Angela West, Angelina Yost, Linda Walker, Ken Garrahan
Going? Yes

Tue May 9, 2017

11am - 2:30pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

2pm - 7pm Mig Birds Legislative Briefing

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Kennedy Caucus Room, 325 Russell Senate Office Building

Wed May 10, 2017

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu May 11, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu May 11, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Phil LePelch, Joshua Winchell, Susan Morse, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Kristen Gilbert, Deborah Moore, Angelina Yost, Linda Walker, Michael Carlo, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Sue McDonald, Martha Nudel, Mary Powers, Alice Garrett, Joanna Webb, Eugene Marino, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Beverly Robinson, Bill OBrian
Going? Yes

Fri May 12, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri May 12, 2017

Mon May 15, 2017

All day NMMA DC Fly In

Mon May 15, 2017 - Wed May 17, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Tue May 16, 2017

All day NMMA DC Fly In

Mon May 15, 2017 - Wed May 17, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

11:30am - 1pm Lunch for Ken G.

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Bati Ethopian Cuisine 3815 S George Mason Dr, Falls Church, VA 22041 Located in: Build America Plaza
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Ken Garrahan, Susan Morse, Bill OBrian, Angelina Yost, Phil LePelch, Eugene Marino, Kristen Gilbert, Linda Walker, Martha Nudel, Joshua Winchell, Deborah Moore, Michael Carlo, Joanna Webb
Going? Yes

2:30pm - 3pm WHHCC update

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Who: Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Wed May 17, 2017

All day NMMA DC Fly In

Mon May 15, 2017 - Wed May 17, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day [redacted]

Wed May 17, 2017 - Sun May 21, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

10am - 11am FRC Working Group Call

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Leader: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Lauren Meredith
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Lauren Meredith, Maggie OConnell, Krista Sherwood, jmeade@fs.fed.us, Jerome Jackson, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Carl (Andy) Tenney, marylee.haughwout@noaa.gov, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Robert Ratcliffe, agehrke@fs.fed.us

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu May 18, 2017

All day HOLD FOR Santa Fe

Wed May 17, 2017 - Sun May 21, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW - AL

Thu May 18, 2017 - Sat May 20, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW Telework

Thu May 18, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

1pm - 2pm IPW AGO Booth

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Angela West
Who:
blippitt@fs.fed.us, Peter DeWitt, Joshua Winchell, Angelina Yost, elizabeth.moore@noaa.gov, leblancc@si.edu, Angela West, aawonohopay@aianta.org, tobylbloom@fs.fed.us, mcdonaldj@si.edu, Barbara Keleher, namban@si.edu, ferragamoa@si.edu, Shayne Banks, chiara zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, (b) (6) [redacted] @yahoo.com, sarah.marquis@noaa.gov

Joshua Winchell

Fri May 19, 2017

All day HOLD FOR Santa Fe

Wed May 17, 2017 - Sun May 21, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW - AL

Thu May 18, 2017 - Sat May 20, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW telework

Fri May 19, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Fri May 19, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Sat May 20, 2017

All day HOLD FOR Santa Fe

Wed May 17, 2017 - Sun May 21, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW - AL

Thu May 18, 2017 - Sat May 20, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Sun May 21, 2017

All day HOLD FOR Santa Fe

Wed May 17, 2017 - Sun May 21, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Mon May 22, 2017

All day JW acting VS branch chief

Mon May 22, 2017 - Fri May 26, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

1:30pm - 2pm mtg with Linda

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

Tue May 23, 2017

All day JW acting VS branch chief

Mon May 22, 2017 - Fri May 26, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

1pm - 2pm Final IPW Great Outdoors USA All-Team Meeting

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], passcode: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: janellesmith@fs.fed.us
Created by: Joshua Winchell
Who:
'Stacy Brown', Drew Alberti, Terry MacRae, 'Dixon', Angela West, 'Larry Horwitz', 'FerragamoA@si.edu', 'Steven Redlinger', 'Curt Cottle', Angelina Yost, 'CHRISSI GUTH', Edward Hall, Camille Ferguson, 'Heather Taylor', Susan Heisey, 'Erin Ross', 'Meredith Wadeson', Joshua Winchell, 'Rachel Cromer', Bloom, Toby L -FS, Derrickcrandall, Peter DeWitt, 'Malia French', 'Anastasia Xenias', janellesmith@fs.fed.us, Toni Westland, 'Robert Stackpole', 'Chiara Zuccarino-Crowe - NOAA Affiliate', Linda Walker, 'Christine D Parker', 'Sarah Marquis - NOAA Affiliate', 'Glenn Roberts', 'Dewhirst, Mary', Rick Delappe, 'Isabel Hill', Lisa McCaslin, 'elizabeth.moore@noaa.gov', E Hall, 'Adam Benz', Donald Leadbetter, Bray, Kristi A -FS, Lippitt, Bonnie -FS, 'Claire C Kelly', 'Aimee Awonohopay', Shayne Banks, 'Ron Erdmann', 'Stephanie Calhoun', Sally Pearce, Barbara Keleher, 'Julie Heizer', kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov

1pm - 2pm Final IPW Great Outdoors USA All-Team Meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], passcode: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Michael Carlo
Who: Joshua Winchell, Bill OBrian, Terrina Harford, Michael Carlo, Deborah Moore

1:30pm - 2:30pm Please join me on May 23, 2017 to discuss the FY2018 Budget

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

3:30pm - 4:30pm ANRS VTC today, May 23rd at 3:30 p.m. EDT

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed May 24, 2017

All day JW acting VS branch chief

Mon May 22, 2017 - Fri May 26, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

11am - 11:30am IPW FWS participant briefing: Wed May 24:11-11:30am

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Who:
Angela West, Bill OBrian, Angelina Yost, Deborah Moore, Rebecca Bulls, Ivan Vicente, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu May 25, 2017

All day JW acting VS branch chief

Mon May 22, 2017 - Fri May 26, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW Telework

Thu May 25, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Mary Powers, Sue McDonald, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Alice Garrett, Susan Morse, Joshua Winchell, Martha Nudel, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Michael Carlo, Angelina Yost, Linda Walker, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Bill OBrian, Kristen Gilbert, Joanna Webb, Beverly Robinson, Deborah Moore, Phil LePelch, Eugene Marino
Going? Yes

10am - 11am Business Meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Hal Hallett
Who:
BLM-WO MST RM5005 Lowlands Conference Rm Capacity 20 Phone 202 912 7612, BLM_WO_200_Chiefs_DDCs_and_BCs, Hal Hallett, BLM_WO-200_All, BLM_WO_200_Mgmt_Guest, Tonya Harris, Joshua Winchell, BLM_WO_200_Emp_Guest, BLM_WO_200_M_ST_AND_MIB

Fri May 26, 2017

All day JW acting VS branch chief

Mon May 22, 2017 - Fri May 26, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW telework

Fri May 26, 2017

Mon May 29, 2017

All day JW acting VS branch chief

Mon May 29, 2017 - Fri Jun 2, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

Tue May 30, 2017

All day JW acting VS branch chief

Mon May 29, 2017 - Fri Jun 2, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed May 31, 2017

All day JW acting VS branch chief

Mon May 29, 2017 - Fri Jun 2, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day Partner Outdoors Conference

Wed May 31, 2017 - Thu Jun 1, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: U.S. Department of Interior-South Building

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Jun 1, 2017

All day JW acting VS branch chief

Mon May 29, 2017 - Fri Jun 2, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day Partner Outdoors Conference

Wed May 31, 2017 - Thu Jun 1, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: U.S. Department of Interior-South Building

All day JW Telework

Thu Jun 1, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Fri Jun 2, 2017

All day JW acting VS branch chief

Mon May 29, 2017 - Fri Jun 2, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW telework

Fri Jun 2, 2017

Joshua Winchell

8am - 12:30pm Recreation.Gov Contract Kick Off Mtg

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Sat Jun 3, 2017

All day Wayne's Fish and Mall Event

Sat Jun 3, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Mon Jun 5, 2017

All day Winchell @ NSSF Industry Summit - Austin TX

Mon Jun 5, 2017 - Wed Jun 7, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Tue Jun 6, 2017

All day Winchell @ NSSF Industry Summit - Austin TX

Mon Jun 5, 2017 - Wed Jun 7, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed Jun 7, 2017

All day Winchell @ NSSF Industry Summit - Austin TX

Mon Jun 5, 2017 - Wed Jun 7, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Jun 8, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Jun 8, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Joanna Webb, Martha Nudel, Joshua Winchell, Deborah Moore, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Angelina Yost, Eugene Marino, Linda Walker, Sue McDonald, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Bill OBrian, Alice Garrett, Susan Morse, Mary Powers, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Beverly Robinson, Phil LePelch, Michael Carlo, Kristen Gilbert
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Fri Jun 9, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Jun 9, 2017

9:15am - 10:45am (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Mon Jun 12, 2017

9am - 9:30am send in ticket scheduling computer set-up for Carolyn

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: ticket scheduling computer set-up for Carolyn

Tue Jun 13, 2017

10am - 10:30am VS Branch Meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Kroegel Meeting Room
Who:
Deborah Moore, Joanna Webb, Phil LePelch, Eugene Marino, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Beverly Robinson
Going? Yes

Wed Jun 14, 2017

10am - 11am SHARE Act hearing

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

12pm - 1pm @MIB for Diversity Joint Venture

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Jun 15, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Jun 15, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

8:15am - 10:15am (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Joshua Winchell

Fri Jun 16, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Jun 16, 2017

Mon Jun 19, 2017

9:30am - 10am Passing VS Baton to Carolyn Meeting!

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: VS Branch Chief Office - 3N077
Who: Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker, Carolyn Swed
Going? Yes

Tue Jun 20, 2017

12:30pm - 1:30pm Carolyn/Josh meet

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Carolyn Swed
Who: Carolyn Swed, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

5pm - 7pm Southeast Tourism Society Congressional Reception

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed Jun 21, 2017

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Jun 22, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Jun 22, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

8am - 8:30am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Deborah Moore, Susan Morse, Kristen Gilbert, Bill OBrian, Martha Nudel, Sue McDonald, Linda Walker, Eugene Marino, Joshua Winchell, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Mary Powers, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Angelina Yost, Phil LePelch, Beverly Robinson, Alice Garrett, Michael Carlo, Joanna Webb
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Fri Jun 23, 2017

All day JW telework
Fri Jun 23, 2017

Tue Jun 27, 2017

All day HOLD (light hold) [redacted]
Tue Jun 27, 2017 - Fri Jun 30, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

Wed Jun 28, 2017

All day HOLD (light hold) - [redacted]
Tue Jun 27, 2017 - Fri Jun 30, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

All day JW Telework
Wed Jun 28, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

8am - 9am CSF Capitol Hill Breakfast Briefing - Farm Bill
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: 2168 Rayburn House Office Building (Gold Room)

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Call #: [redacted] Participants Code: [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Carl (Andy) Tenney, Robin Hawks, Patricia Aaron, Joshua Winchell, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Krista Sherwood, [redacted]usace.army.mil, Robert Ratcliffe, Woodsy Owl, Linda Walker, [redacted]gmail.com, Ronnie Baca, Adam Milnor, Michael Carlo, Jerome Jackson, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, [redacted]usace.army.mil, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us, tbustam@fs.fed.us
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Jun 29, 2017

All day HOLD (light hold) - [redacted]
Tue Jun 27, 2017 - Fri Jun 30, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

Joshua Winchell

All day JW - AL

Thu Jun 29, 2017 - Fri Jun 30, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Thu Jun 29, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Fri Jun 30, 2017

All day HOLD (light hold) - (b) (6) [redacted]

Tue Jun 27, 2017 - Fri Jun 30, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW - AL

Thu Jun 29, 2017 - Fri Jun 30, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW telework

Fri Jun 30, 2017

Sat Jul 1, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Sat Jul 1, 2017 - Sun Jul 9, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Sun Jul 2, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Sat Jul 1, 2017 - Sun Jul 9, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Mon Jul 3, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Sat Jul 1, 2017 - Sun Jul 9, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

All day JW - AL

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Fri Jul 7, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Tue Jul 4, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Sat Jul 1, 2017 - Sun Jul 9, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW - AL

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Fri Jul 7, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed Jul 5, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Sat Jul 1, 2017 - Sun Jul 9, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW - AL

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Fri Jul 7, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Jul 6, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Sat Jul 1, 2017 - Sun Jul 9, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

All day [redacted]
Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

All day JW - AL
Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Fri Jul 7, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

All day JW Telework
Thu Jul 6, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
sandra_hodala@fws.gov, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Mary Powers, Linda Walker, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Michael Carlo, Angelina Yost, Sue McDonald, Joshua Winchell, Bill OBrian, Beverly Robinson, Martha Nudel, Alice Garrett, Phil LePelch, Kristen Gilbert, Eugene Marino, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Joanna Webb, Deborah Moore, Susan Morse
Going? Yes

10am - 11am Speed of Trust Review Training
Where: Kroegel Conf Room
Calendar: Joanna Webb
Who:
Beverly Robinson, Lydia Tonkonow, Kristen Gilbert, Vicki McCoy, Michael Carlo, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Angelina Yost, Susan Morse, Eugene Marino, Mara Lopez, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Bill OBrian, Joanna Webb, Martha Nudel, Kathryn Walters, Phil LePelch, Linda Walker, Deborah Moore, Joshua Winchell, Alice Keith, Carolyn Swed

Fri Jul 7, 2017

All day [redacted]
Sat Jul 1, 2017 - Sun Jul 9, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

All day [redacted]
Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

All day JW - AL
Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Fri Jul 7, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

Joshua Winchell

All day JW telework

Fri Jul 7, 2017

Sat Jul 8, 2017

All day (b) (6)

Sat Jul 1, 2017 - Sun Jul 9, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

All day (b) (6)

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Sun Jul 9, 2017

All day (b) (6)

Sat Jul 1, 2017 - Sun Jul 9, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

All day (b) (6)

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Mon Jul 10, 2017

All day (b) (6)

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Tue Jul 11, 2017

All day (b) (6)

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

9am - 9:30am call with Kevin

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Joshua Winchell

Wed Jul 12, 2017

All day [redacted]

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

8:30am - 9:30am VS Branch meeting

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Murie
Calendar: Carolyn Swed
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Eugene Marino, Joanna Webb, Michael Carlo, Deborah Moore, Sue McDonald, Phil LePelch, Carolyn Swed
Going? Yes

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Call #: [redacted] Participants Code: [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
[redacted]gmail.com, tbustam@fs.fed.us, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us, Woodsy Owl, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Ronnie Baca, Robert Ratcliffe, Linda Walker, Krista Sherwood, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Adam Milnor, Michael Carlo, Joshua Winchell, Jerome Jackson, [redacted]usace.army.mil, Patricia Aaron, [redacted]usace.army.mil, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Robin Hawks
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Jul 13, 2017

All day [redacted]

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

All day JW Telework

Thu Jul 13, 2017
Video call:
[redacted]

8:30am - 9:30am
Repeat Session 2 - Franklin Covey All Access Pass Demo with Speed of Trust

Where: Kroegel Conf Room
Calendar: Joanna Webb
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Gisela Chapa, Alice Keith, Eugene Marino, Kathryn Walters, Mary Powers, Joanna Webb, Beverly Robinson, Kristen Gilbert, Carolyn Swed, Martha Nudel, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Sue McDonald, Angelina Yost, Susan Morse, Lydia Tonkonow, Phil LePelch

Joshua Winchell

Fri Jul 14, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW telework

Fri Jul 14, 2017

Sat Jul 15, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Sun Jul 16, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Mon Jul 17, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Jul 3, 2017 - Mon Jul 17, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Tue Jul 18, 2017

1:30pm - 2pm Trapping

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Bluestem conference room
Calendar: Carolyn Swed
Who:
Aaron Mize, Kristen Gilbert, Joshua Winchell, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Katherine Harrigan, Linda Walker, Carolyn Swed
Going? Yes

3:30pm - 4:30pm TODAY - Sportsmen Access Summit Catch-up

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Michael Gale
Who:
Darin Schroeder, Christy Vigfusson, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Doug Hobbs, Michael Gale, Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell

Joshua Winchell

Wed Jul 19, 2017

All day JW [redacted]

Wed Jul 19, 2017 - Fri Jul 21, 2017

Video call:

[redacted]

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Jul 20, 2017

All day JW [redacted]

Wed Jul 19, 2017 - Fri Jul 21, 2017

Video call:

[redacted]

All day JW Telework

Thu Jul 20, 2017

Video call:

[redacted]

Fri Jul 21, 2017

All day JW [redacted]

Wed Jul 19, 2017 - Fri Jul 21, 2017

Video call:

[redacted]

All day JW telework

Fri Jul 21, 2017

Mon Jul 24, 2017

All day R5 Hunt/Fish Regs Meeting

Mon Jul 24, 2017 - Tue Jul 25, 2017

Video call:

[redacted]

Tue Jul 25, 2017

All day R5 Hunt/Fish Regs Meeting

Mon Jul 24, 2017 - Tue Jul 25, 2017

Video call:

[redacted]

Wed Jul 26, 2017

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Thu Jul 27, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Jul 27, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

10:15am - 11:15am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

1:30pm - 2:30pm VS Branch meeting - Kroegel Room - 3N302

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Carolyn Swed
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Carolyn Swed, Michael Carlo, Joanna Webb, Phil LePelch, Angelina Yost, Deborah Moore, Sue McDonald, Eugene Marino
Going? Yes

Fri Jul 28, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Jul 28, 2017

Mon Jul 31, 2017

3pm - 4pm Sportsmen Access Summit Staff Call

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] passcode # (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Michael Gale
Who:
Doug Hobbs, Joshua Winchell, Darin Schroeder, Christy Vigfusson, Christina Milloy, Matthew Huggler, Linda Walker, Michael Gale, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov

Tue Aug 1, 2017

2pm - 3pm Hunt/Fish Regional Coordinator Updates

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Call-In: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participant Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Katherine Harrigan
Who:
Joanna Webb, Pam Freedman Horton, Katherine Korte, Ella Wagener, Derek Carr, Kristen Gilbert, Juli Niemann, Tom Bonetti, Linda Walker, Maggie OConnell, Aaron Mize, Shannon Smith, Samantha Fleming, Joshua Winchell, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Christopher Smith, Carolyn Swed, Katherine Harrigan, Anthony Merrill, Scott Covington, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted], charlie_pelizza@fws.gov
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

3:30pm - 4pm Discuss hunting page

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Bill daily to-do
Created by: Bill OBrian
Who: Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Wed Aug 2, 2017

All day hold for Access Summit

Wed Aug 2, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: MIB

9am - 9:15am Check-in w/ Facilitator - Sportsman's Access Summit

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Main Interior, South Penthouse
Calendar: Michael Gale
Who:
Linda Walker, Darin Schroeder, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell, John Klavitter, Christy Vigfusson, Doug Hobbs, Susan Goodwin, Michael Gale, pfield@cbuilding.org

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Aug 3, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Aug 3, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Angelina Yost, Joanna Webb, Beverly Robinson, Sue McDonald, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Michael Carlo, Eugene Marino, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Martha Nudel, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Alice Garrett, Susan Morse, Linda Walker, Mary Powers, Joshua Winchell, Phil LePelch, Bill OBrian, Deborah Moore, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Kristen Gilbert
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

8:30am - 9:30am Staff Meeting/Quicktime

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] coed (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Who:
ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Sue McDonald, Joanna Webb, Mary Powers, Susan Morse, Alice Keith, Kristen Gilbert, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Bill OBrian, Kathryn Walters, Angelina Yost, Deborah Moore, Lydia Tonkonow, Phil LePelch, Eugene Marino, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Linda Walker, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Beverly Robinson, Mara Lopez, Martha Nudel
Going? Yes

Fri Aug 4, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Aug 4, 2017

1:30pm - 2pm WHHC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Shaun Sanchez
Who: Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

Mon Aug 7, 2017

1pm - 2:30pm Meeting with Josh Winchell

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 3340-MIB
Calendar: Jerome Ford
Created by: Delores Bigby
Who: Joshua Winchell, Jerome Ford
Going? Yes

Tue Aug 8, 2017

11:30am - 12pm VS Branch Trust Huddle - week 3

Where: Indigo Team Room
Calendar: Joanna Webb
Who:
Eugene Marino, Sue McDonald, Deborah Moore, Phil LePelch, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Carolyn Swed

2pm - 2:30pm

Briefing re: Agenda for WHHCC teleconference (Jim, Joshua Winchell, Shaun Sanchez, Linda Walker) Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Joshua Winchell, Shaun Sanchez, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Wed Aug 9, 2017

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Robert Ratcliffe, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Linda Walker, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Ronnie Baca, Woodsy Owl, Robin Hawks, (b) (6) usace.army.mil Patricia Aaron, Adam Milnor, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, (b) (6) usace.army.mil, chiara zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Krista Sherwood, (b) (6) gmail.com, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Jerome Jackson
Going? Yes

2:30pm - 3:30pm VS discussion, overtarget request

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: SA conference room; phone (b) (5) C P , code (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Carolyn Swed
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Carolyn Swed, Michael Carlo, Joanna Webb, Deborah Moore, Eugene Marino, Phil LePelch, Sue McDonald, Linda Walker

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Aug 10, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Aug 10, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Fri Aug 11, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Aug 11, 2017

11am - 12pm WHHCC telecon planning call with chairs

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Sat Aug 12, 2017

All day (b) (6)

Sat Aug 12, 2017 - Sat Aug 19, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Joshua Winchell

Sun Aug 13, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Sat Aug 12, 2017 - Sat Aug 19, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Mon Aug 14, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Sat Aug 12, 2017 - Sat Aug 19, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW - AL

Mon Aug 14, 2017 - Fri Aug 18, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Tue Aug 15, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Sat Aug 12, 2017 - Sat Aug 19, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW - AL

Mon Aug 14, 2017 - Fri Aug 18, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed Aug 16, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Sat Aug 12, 2017 - Sat Aug 19, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW - AL

Mon Aug 14, 2017 - Fri Aug 18, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Thu Aug 17, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Sat Aug 12, 2017 - Sat Aug 19, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW - AL

Mon Aug 14, 2017 - Fri Aug 18, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW Telework

Thu Aug 17, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting

Video call:

(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Phil LePelch, Deborah Moore, Susan Morse, Joanna Webb, Alice Garrett, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Bill OBrian, Angelina Yost, Eugene Marino, Beverly Robinson, Martha Nudel, Michael Carlo, Mary Powers, Sue McDonald, Linda Walker, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Kristen Gilbert, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov
Going? Yes

Fri Aug 18, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Sat Aug 12, 2017 - Sat Aug 19, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW - AL

Mon Aug 14, 2017 - Fri Aug 18, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW telework

Fri Aug 18, 2017

Sat Aug 19, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Sat Aug 12, 2017 - Sat Aug 19, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

Tue Aug 22, 2017

12:30pm - 1pm VS Branch Trust Huddle - week 4 (Sue - Lead)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Indigo Team Room
Calendar: Sue McDonald
Who:
Michael Carlo, Eugene Marino, Phil LePelch, Joanna Webb, Sue McDonald, Joshua Winchell, Deborah Moore, Carolyn Swed

Wed Aug 23, 2017

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
(b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Robert Ratcliffe, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, Woodsy Owl, Linda Walker, tbustam@fs.fed.us, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Robin Hawks, Jerome Jackson, Adam Milnor, Carl (Andy) Tenney, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us, Patricia Aaron, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Krista Sherwood, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Ronnie Baca
Going? Yes

1pm - 2pm Hunt / Fish 2018-19 coordination

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: KROEGEL
Calendar: jeff_rupert@fws.gov
Who:
Linda Walker, Georgia Basso, Robert Miller, Aaron Mize, Katherine Harrigan, Richard Johnston, Mark Chase, Janet Bruner, Joshua Winchell, Brad Long, Kristen Gilbert, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, A Alvarez
Going? Yes

2pm - 2:30pm Trapping Discussion

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Aaron Mize
Who: Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker, Aaron Mize
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Aug 24, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Aug 24, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

10am - 10:30am WHHCC Telecon prep call with chairs

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Fri Aug 25, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Aug 25, 2017

Mon Aug 28, 2017

9:30am - 10am

Briefing for 8/30 WHHCC meeting/teleconference (Greg, Jim, Joshua) Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell, greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov, Jim Kurth
Going? Yes

Tue Aug 29, 2017

12:30pm - 1pm VS Branch Trust Huddle - week 4 reschedule (Sue - Lead)

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Indigo Team Room
Calendar: Sue McDonald
Who:
Eugene Marino, Michael Carlo, Sue McDonald, Joanna Webb, Joshua Winchell, Deborah Moore, Phil LePelch

Wed Aug 30, 2017

8am - 12pm WHHCC Telecon (9-11:30am)

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Aug 31, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Aug 31, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
sandra_hodala@fws.gov, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Mary Powers, Linda Walker, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Michael Carlo, Angelina Yost, Sue McDonald, Joshua Winchell, Bill OBrian, Beverly Robinson, Martha Nudel, Alice Garrett, Phil LePelch, Kristen Gilbert, Eugene Marino, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Joanna Webb, Deborah Moore, Susan Morse
Going? Yes

Fri Sep 1, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Sep 1, 2017

Tue Sep 5, 2017

8am - 10am (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

12:30pm - 1pm VS Branch Trust Huddle

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Indigo Team Room
Calendar: Sue McDonald
Who:
Deborah Moore, Joanna Webb, Sue McDonald, Michael Carlo, Eugene Marino, Phil LePelch, Joshua Winchell

2pm - 3pm Hunt/Fish Discussion w PPM/Kashyap

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Aaron Mize
Who: Linda Walker, Aaron Mize, Joshua Winchell, Kristen Gilbert, Kashyap Patel
Going? Yes

Wed Sep 6, 2017

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Carl (Andy) Tenney, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Adam Milnor, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Linda Walker, Michael Carlo, Woodsy Owl, tbustam@fs.fed.us, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us, Patricia Aaron, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, Jerome Jackson, Robert Ratcliffe, Joshua Winchell, Krista Sherwood, Robin Hawks, Ronnie Baca, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

11am - 12pm Refuges Hunt Fish Taskforce Set-up

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Indigo Team Room
Calendar: Kristen Gilbert
Who: Derek Carr, Joshua Winchell, Kristen Gilbert, Aaron Mize

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Sep 7, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Sep 7, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Fri Sep 8, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Fri Sep 8, 2017 - Sun Sep 10, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW - AL

Fri Sep 8, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW telework

Fri Sep 8, 2017

Sat Sep 9, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Fri Sep 8, 2017 - Sun Sep 10, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Sun Sep 10, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Fri Sep 8, 2017 - Sun Sep 10, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day AFWA Meeting - SLC

Sun Sep 10, 2017 - Thu Sep 14, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

Mon Sep 11, 2017

All day AFWA Meeting - SLC

Sun Sep 10, 2017 - Thu Sep 14, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Tue Sep 12, 2017

All day AFWA Meeting - SLC

Sun Sep 10, 2017 - Thu Sep 14, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed Sep 13, 2017

All day AFWA Meeting - SLC

Sun Sep 10, 2017 - Thu Sep 14, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

2:30pm - 3pm mtg with Newcastle re: Sign Handbook

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Sep 14, 2017

All day AFWA Meeting - SLC

Sun Sep 10, 2017 - Thu Sep 14, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW Telework

Thu Sep 14, 2017

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting

Video call:

(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Bill OBrian, Mary Powers, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Eugene Marino, Michael Carlo, Martha Nudel, Joanna Webb, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Kristen Gilbert, Susan Morse, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Alice Garrett, Sue McDonald, Beverly Robinson, Angelina Yost, Deborah Moore, Phil LePelch
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Fri Sep 15, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Sep 15, 2017

3pm - 3:30pm RAMSAR meeting preparation

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Samantha Brooke
Who: Samantha Brooke, Shannon Smith, Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

Mon Sep 18, 2017

2:45pm - 3:15pm Kevin call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Tue Sep 19, 2017

10:15am - 11:15am
Visit with Principal Deputy Director Sheehan Tuesday 9/19/17

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Teddy Roosevelt Room

12:30pm - 1pm VS Branch Trust Huddle

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Indigo Team Room
Calendar: Sue McDonald
Who:
Eugene Marino, Joshua Winchell, Joanna Webb, Sue McDonald, Michael Carlo, Phil LePelch, Deborah Moore

Wed Sep 20, 2017

9:30am - 10:30am SO 3356 check in

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Aaron Mize, Stephen Guertin, Joshua Winchell, Michael Gale, Charisa Morris, Doug Hobbs, John Schmerfeld, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Mike Johnson, Robert Curry, Shaun Sanchez, Linda Walker, Robert Miller
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
(b) (6) usace.army.mil, Woodsy Owl, Jerome Jackson, Adam Milnor, Robin Hawks, Linda Walker, Krista Sherwood, Kerri Cahill, (b) (6) gmail.com, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Patricia Aaron, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us, Ronnie Baca, Joshua Winchell, Robert Ratcliffe, Michael Carlo, (b) (6) usace.army.mil
Going? Yes

1pm - 3pm Hunt/Fish Team Meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Calendar: Aaron Mize
Who:
jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell, Linda Friar, David Miko, Linda Walker, Robert Miller, Katherine Spomer, Brad Milley, Aaron Mize, Katherine Harrigan, Cynthia Martinez, Janet Bruner, Ella Wagener, Daniel Konzek, A Alvarez, Shannon Smith, Karen Rank, Rodney Hansen, David Robinson, Shaun Sanchez, Laura Whorton, John Schmerfeld, Katherine Korte, Richard Johnston, Julie Henning, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Sep 21, 2017

All day JW AL

Thu Sep 21, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Fri Sep 22, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Sep 22, 2017

11am - 12pm meeting on SO 3356 with WO230

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where:
BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Conf Call Line: (b) (5) C P , Passcode (b) (5) CIP , BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616
Calendar: Jeffrey McCusker
Who:
Frank Quamen, Linda Cardenas, David Hu, Stephanie Carman, Jeffrey McCusker, Joshua Winchell, BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Sat Sep 23, 2017

All day National Hunting and Fishing Day

Sat Sep 23, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Mon Sep 25, 2017

2pm - 2:30pm mtg with Linh

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

2pm - 3pm WHHCC Discussion

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Bluestem Team Room
Calendar: Linh Phu
Who: Joshua Winchell, Linh Phu
Going? Yes

Tue Sep 26, 2017

12:30pm - 1pm VS Branch Trust Huddle

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Indigo Team Room
Calendar: Sue McDonald
Who:
Deborah Moore, Sue McDonald, Phil LePelch, Michael Carlo, Eugene Marino, Joanna Webb, Joshua Winchell

Wed Sep 27, 2017

All day DVSC Franklin Covey 5 Behaviors of a Cohesive Team

Wed Sep 27, 2017 - Thu Sep 28, 2017
Where: U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St NW, Washington, DC 20240, USA
Calendar: Joanna Webb
Who:
Linda Walker, Phil LePelch, Sue McDonald, Mara Lopez, Martha Nudel, Beverly Robinson, Derek Carr, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Vicki McCoy, Deborah Moore, Joanna Webb, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Susan Morse, Joshua Winchell, Bill OBrian, Kristen Gilbert, Michael Carlo, Angelina Yost, Mary Powers, Eugene Marino
Going? Yes

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Wed Sep 27, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

10am - 11am

Meeting/Conference Call for 3356 check in - (Dial-in: [redacted] Passcode: [redacted] - Rm 3357

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Linh Phu, Linda Walker, Robert Curry, Doug Hobbs, Shaun Sanchez, Michael Gale, Julie Henning, Robert Miller, Joshua Winchell, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Mike Johnson, Stephen Guertin, Aaron Mize, John Schmerfeld, Charisa Morris

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Sep 28, 2017

All day DVSC Franklin Covey 5 Behaviors of a Cohesive Team

Wed Sep 27, 2017 - Thu Sep 28, 2017
Where: U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St NW, Washington, DC 20240, USA
Calendar: Joanna Webb
Who:
Linda Walker, Phil LePelch, Sue McDonald, Mara Lopez, Martha Nudel, Beverly Robinson, Derek Carr, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Vicki McCoy, Deborah Moore, Joanna Webb, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Susan Morse, Joshua Winchell, Bill OBrian, Kristen Gilbert, Michael Carlo, Angelina Yost, Mary Powers, Eugene Marino
Going? Yes

Fri Sep 29, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Sep 29, 2017

Mon Oct 2, 2017

10am - 11am Follow-up R&VS data needs

Video call:
[redacted]

Where:
BLM-WO MST RM6003 Sagebrush Conference Rm, BLM-WO MST RM6003 Sagebrush Conference Rm Capacity 16 Phone 202 912 7015
Calendar: Carl (Andy) Tenney
Who:
BLM-WO MST RM6003 Sagebrush Conference Rm Capacity 16 Phone 202 912 7015, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Kevin Brooks, Amanda Hardesty, Joshua Winchell, Kathie Cheney Jewell, BLM_WO_250

Joshua Winchell

1pm - 3pm SO3356/SO3347 comparison and implementation planning

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where:
BLM-WO MST RM6002 Valley Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7614, BLM-WO MST RM6002 Valley Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7614
Calendar: Jeffrey McCusker
Who:
BLM-WO MST RM6002 Valley Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7614, Joshua Winchell, Linda Cardenas, Jeffrey McCusker, croegner@blm.gov
Going? Yes

3:30pm - 4:30pm Meeting with Joel Webster, TRCP

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where:
BLM-WO MST RM6003 Sagebrush Conference Rm Capacity 16 Phone 202 912 7015, BLM-WO MST RM6003 Sagebrush Conference Rm Capacity 16 Phone 202 912 7015
Calendar: Dorothy Morgan
Who:
Peggi Brooks, Dorothy Morgan, Deena Lentz, croegner@blm.gov, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Jeffrey McCusker, Heather Bernier, Ryan Hathaway, Joshua Winchell, BLM-WO MST RM6003 Sagebrush Conference Rm Capacity 16 Phone 202 912 7015
Going? Yes

Tue Oct 3, 2017

8am - 9am CSF Breakfast Briefing - PR Modernization

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: 2168 Rayburn House Office Building (Gold Room

10am - 11am Safety and Env Compliance at Target Areas

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where:
BLM-WO MST RM4017 High Desert Conf Rm Phone (b) (5) CIP [redacted] passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
BLM-WO MST RM4017 High Desert Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7185
Calendar: Dee Lloyd
Who:
Georgette Fogle, Jeffrey McCusker, Herbert Carpenter, Larry Ridenhour, mstith@blm.gov, Dee Lloyd, Joshua Winchell, Carl (Andy) Tenney, croegner@blm.gov, McKinley Ben Miller, BLM-WO MST RM4017 High Desert Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7185, Charles Bragdon
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

1pm - 2pm
WO-200 All Employees Meeting, M Street Rm 4016/4017; Conference bridge: [redacted], Pass code: [redacted]
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: 20 M Street Bldg, Conf Rooms 4016/4017
Calendar: Brian Novosak
Who:
Kevin Brooks, Kristin Bail, Kimberly Dow, Frank Lahm, Angela Falwell, Joshua Winchell, Stacey Crowe, Brian Novosak, BLM_WO_200_All

5pm - 7pm NWTF Reception for Tooke
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Cornerstone Government Affairs 300 Independence Ave. SE Washington, D.C.

5pm - 7pm NWTF Reception for Tooke - D.C.
Video call:
[redacted]

Wed Oct 4, 2017

10am - 11am DVSC Staff meeting
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Murie for those in the office. Usual dial in for remote workers.
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Deborah Moore, Eugene Marino, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Joanna Webb, Martha Nudel, Mary Powers, Susan Morse, Phil LePelch, Linda Walker, Kristen Gilbert, Beverly Robinson, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Bill OBrian, Sue McDonald, Angelina Yost, sandra_hodala@fws.gov

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Call #: [redacted] Participants Code: [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Patricia Aaron, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us, Linda Walker, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, [redacted]usace.army.mil, Robin Hawks, Woodsy Owl, Adam Milnor, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Jerome Jackson, Michael Carlo, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Joshua Winchell, [redacted]gmail.com, Krista Sherwood, Ronnie Baca, Robert Ratcliffe, [redacted]usace.army.mil
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

11am - 12pm Sec Order 3356 Coordination Meeting with AD/DAD

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MIB RM5071 Conference Room
Calendar: Kristin Bail
Who:
Karen Kelleher, Joshua Winchell, Jeffrey McCusker, BLM-WO MIB RM5071 Conference Room, Kristin Bail, croegner@blm.gov, Hal Hallett, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Kimberly Dow
Going? Yes

2pm - 4pm HOLD- Hunt/fish Team Meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: HQ: Murie Conf Room; Call-In: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Participant Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Katherine Harrigan
Who:
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted], Shannon Smith, David Robinson, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Daniel Konzek, Cynthia Martinez, Georgia Basso, Julie Henning, Janet Bruner, Aaron Mize, John Schmerfeld, Kristen Gilbert, Katherine Spomer, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted], Linda Walker, Katherine Harrigan, Shaun Sanchez, Natalie Sexton, Linh Phu, Joshua Winchell, A Alvarez, Laura Whorton, Ron Salz, Ken Fowler, David Miko, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Karen Rank, Linda Friar, Katherine Korte, Robert Miller, Ella Wagener, Brad Milley

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Oct 5, 2017

All day JW Telework

Thu Oct 5, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

10:30am - 11:30am Rec.gov open discussion on Secretarial Order

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: 901 15th St, Washington DC Room 4068

Fri Oct 6, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Oct 6, 2017

8am - 12pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

11:30am - 12:30pm
SO 3356 Sportsmen Access working group check in - (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Aaron Mize, Shaun Sanchez, Joshua Winchell, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Linh Phu, Julie Henning, Linda Walker, Robert Miller, Robert Curry, Doug Hobbs, Charisa Morris, Mike Johnson, Michael Gale, Stephen Guertin, John Schmerfeld

Wed Oct 11, 2017

All day (b) (6)
Wed Oct 11, 2017 - Sun Oct 15, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Oct 12, 2017

All day (b) (6)
Wed Oct 11, 2017 - Sun Oct 15, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

3pm - 4pm 3356 meeting with 250 & 230
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where:
BLM-WO MST RM5003 Riparian Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7611, BLM-WO MST RM5003 Riparian Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7611
Calendar: Frank Quamen
Who:
Frank Quamen, Jeffrey McCusker, BLM-WO MST RM5003 Riparian Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7611, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Fri Oct 13, 2017

All day (b) (6)
Wed Oct 11, 2017 - Sun Oct 15, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

All day JW telework
Fri Oct 13, 2017

Joshua Winchell

11am - 12pm SO3356 w/Jeff and Josh

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where:
BLM-WO MST RM4022 Grasslands Conference Rm Capacity 10 Phone 202 912 7007,
BLM-WO MST RM4022 Grasslands Conference Rm Capacity 10 Phone 202 912 7007
Calendar: Kathy Lawson
Who:
croegner@blm.gov, Kathy Lawson, Jeffrey McCusker, dbuhler@blm.gov, BLM-WO MST RM4022 Grasslands Conference Rm Capacity 10 Phone 202 912 7007, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

1:30pm - 2pm SO3356 - detailed schedule

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Karen Kelleher
Who: Joshua Winchell, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Jeffrey McCusker, Karen Kelleher, croegner@blm.gov
Going? Yes

Sat Oct 14, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Wed Oct 11, 2017 - Sun Oct 15, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Sun Oct 15, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Wed Oct 11, 2017 - Sun Oct 15, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Mon Oct 16, 2017

1pm - 3pm

Off-site visit (Steve and Brian Bohnsack) to RBFF Headquarters to discuss SO 3356

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: 500 Montgomery St #300, Alexandria, VA 22314
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: thomas_irwin@fws.gov
Who:
Shaun Sanchez, Aaron Mize, Julie Henning, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Doug Hobbs, Linh Phu, John Schmerfeld, Joshua Winchell, Michael Gale, David Robinson, Mike Johnson, Stephen Guertin

Joshua Winchell

1pm - 2pm SO 3356 Coordination

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where:
BLM-WO MST RM6002 Valley Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7614, BLM-WO MST RM6002 Valley Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7614
Calendar: croegner@blm.gov
Who:
BLM-WO MST RM6002 Valley Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7614, croegner@blm.gov, Joshua Winchell, Jeffrey McCusker, Carl (Andy) Tenney
Going? Yes

Tue Oct 17, 2017

All day JW Telework

Tue Oct 17, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed Oct 18, 2017

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Robin Hawks, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, Woodsy Owl ((b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Ronnie Baca, Joshua Winchell, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Patricia Aaron, Adam Milnor, Michael Carlo, tbustam@fs.fed.us, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us, Jerome Jackson, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Krista Sherwood, Linda Walker, Robert Ratcliffe
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Oct 19, 2017

1pm - 2pm Discuss Initial Draft of Sec. 4.b.(4) of SO3356

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM6002 Valley Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7614
Calendar: croegner@blm.gov
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Jeffrey McCusker, Carl (Andy) Tenney, BLM-WO MST RM6002 Valley Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7614, croegner@blm.gov
Going? Yes

Fri Oct 20, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Oct 20, 2017

Joshua Winchell

10am - 11am
SO 3356 Sportsmen Access working group check in - (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Robert Miller, Michael Gale, Joshua Winchell, Julie Henning, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Linda Walker, Doug Hobbs, Shaun Sanchez, John Schmerfeld, Zachariah Gambill, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Aaron Mize, Linh Phu, Mike Johnson, Robert Curry

Wed Oct 25, 2017

10am - 11am JW Performance Eval.
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Who: Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

12pm - 1pm lunch with Beverly
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Joshua Winchell, Beverly Robinson
Going? Yes

1pm - 4:30pm JW telework
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Oct 26, 2017

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Joanna Webb, Phil LePelch, Joshua Winchell, Mary Powers, Martha Nudel, Kristen Gilbert, Sue McDonald, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Linda Walker, Beverly Robinson, Deborah Moore, Bill OBrian, Angelina Yost, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Susan Morse, Michael Carlo, Eugene Marino, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Alice Garrett
Going? Yes

Fri Oct 27, 2017

All day JW telework
Fri Oct 27, 2017

Joshua Winchell

8:30am - 10:30am busy

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

10am - 11am

SO 3356 Sportsmen Access working group check in - (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Katherine Harrigan, Linda Walker, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Michael Gale, Shaun Sanchez, Aaron Mize, John Schmerfeld, Julie Henning, Robert Curry, Stephen Guertin, Mike Johnson, David Gordon, Joshua Winchell, Charisa Morris, Linh Phu, Doug Hobbs, Robert Miller

Sun Oct 29, 2017

All day SEAFWA - Lousiville

Sun Oct 29, 2017 - Wed Nov 1, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Mon Oct 30, 2017

All day SEAFWA - Lousiville

Sun Oct 29, 2017 - Wed Nov 1, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Tue Oct 31, 2017

All day SEAFWA - Lousiville

Sun Oct 29, 2017 - Wed Nov 1, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed Nov 1, 2017

All day SEAFWA - Lousiville

Sun Oct 29, 2017 - Wed Nov 1, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

9am - 10am Planning & NEPA (WO-212) Branch Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
BLM-WO MST RM4022 Grasslands Conference Rm, BLM-WO MST RM4022 Grasslands Conference Rm Capacity 10 Phone 202 912 7007, BLM-WO MST RM4022 Grasslands Conference Rm Capacity 10 Phone 202 912 7007, BLM-WO MST RM5005 Lowlands Conference Rm Capacity 20 Phone 202 912 7612

Joshua Winchell

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Krista Sherwood, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Woodsy Owl, Adam Milnor, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Patricia Aaron, Joshua Winchell, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Jerome Jackson, Robert Ratcliffe, Robin Hawks, Linda Walker, Ronnie Baca, Michael Carlo, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Carl (Andy) Tenney, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us
Going? Yes

12pm - 1pm WO-200 Data and Applications Report

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM4011 Street Training Rm Capacity 25 Phone 202 912 7268
Calendar: Frank Lahm
Who:
cosorto@blm.gov, BLM-WO MST RM4011 Street Training Rm Capacity 25 Phone 202 912 7268, Joshua Winchell, Frank Lahm, Kevin Brooks, BLM_WO_200_All

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Nov 2, 2017

8am - 12:30pm JW Telework

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

10am - 11am Tom Barnes (hush hush) award - Rachel Carson Room

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

10:30am - 11:30am VSC Urban Ad-hoc Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Kroegel Conference Room, Call-in Number (b) (5) C P [redacted] (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Leader code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Angelina Yost
Who:
Sue McDonald, Martha Nudel, Phil LePelch, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Mara Lopez, Michael Carlo, Susan Morse, Kristen Gilbert, Deborah Moore, Linda Walker, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Beverly Robinson, Joshua Winchell, Joanna Webb, Bill OBrian, Mary Powers, Angelina Yost, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Eugene Marino

All day JW - AL

Thu Nov 2, 2017 - Fri Nov 3, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

3pm - 4:30pm Streamlining Planning & NEPA, national webinar

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: David Pritchett
Who:
Mindy Seal, David Peters, Amanda DeForest, BLM_NV_SLTExpanded, Sandra Gregory, Julie Suhr Pierce, Joshua Winchell, Nancy Army, Kevin Hurrell, mcorbari@blm.gov, smazzei@blm.gov, Gregory Helseth, Joy Fatooh, Catherine (Cathy) Humphrey, Angelica Rose, Alicia Styles, Matthew Magaletti, Rochelle Urquhart, Terrell (Terri) Dobis, Gerrit Buma, Lynn Ricci, Joseph Bruner, James (Lee) Kirk, Thomas Barrett, Susan Farkas, Carolyn Sherve, Concetta Brown, Jeffrey McCusker, Brittany Brooks, BLM_NV930_Staff, Colleen Dingman, Nathan Morris, Christine Gabriel, David Pritchett, Nicollee Gaddis-Wyatt, croegner@blm.gov

Fri Nov 3, 2017

All day JW - AL

Thu Nov 2, 2017 - Fri Nov 3, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW telework

Fri Nov 3, 2017

Mon Nov 6, 2017

10am - 11am WO-250 Staff Meeting/Conference Call

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Sagebrush Conference Room (Rm. 6003)
Calendar: WO-250 GROUP CALENDAR
Created by: Karen Glascoe
Who:
Dennis Byrd, Jeffrey McCusker, Michael Brown, James Goodbar, Peggi Brooks, John McCarty, Joshua Winchell, David Jeppesen, Carl (Andy) Tenney, croegner@blm.gov, David Baker, Dorothy Morgan, Larry Ridenhour, Peter DeWitt, Karen Kelleher, leng@blm.gov
Going? Yes

Tue Nov 7, 2017

1pm - 2pm SO3356 coordination with 210

Where: BLM-WO MST RM4022 Grasslands Conference Rm Capacity 10 Phone 202 912 7007
Calendar: Dorothy Morgan
Who:
Frank Quamen, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Jeffrey McCusker, croegner@blm.gov, BLM-WO MST RM4022 Grasslands Conference Rm Capacity 10 Phone 202 912 7007, Leah Baker, Nathan Morris, Hal Hallett, Heather Bernier, Joshua Winchell, Dorothy Morgan
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Wed Nov 8, 2017

10:30am - 11:30am
SO 3356 Sportsmen Access working group check in - (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P Passcode: (b) (5) CIP - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Charisa Morris, John Schmerfeld, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Mike Johnson, Linh Phu, Robert Curry, Julie Henning, Katherine Harrigan, Joshua Winchell, Stephen Guertin, Shaun Sanchez, Robert Miller, Doug Hobbs, Aaron Mize, Michael Gale, Linda Walker, Zachariah Gambill

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Nov 9, 2017

8:15am - 8:30am ADVANCED SCREENING OF TEAM ACTIVITY
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov
Who:
Linda Walker, Joanna Webb, Angelina Yost, Alice Garrett, Martha Nudel, Eugene Marino, Sue McDonald, Susan Morse, Mary Powers, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Bill OBrian, Beverly Robinson, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Deborah Moore, Kristen Gilbert, Phil LePelch

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Angelina Yost, Linda Walker, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Mary Powers, Beverly Robinson, Deborah Moore, Susan Morse, Martha Nudel, Eugene Marino, Phil LePelch, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell, Sue McDonald, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Michael Carlo, Kristen Gilbert, Alice Garrett, Joanna Webb, Bill OBrian
Going? Yes

Fri Nov 10, 2017

All day JW telework
Fri Nov 10, 2017

Tue Nov 14, 2017

10am - 12pm SO3356- Sect 4 a. (2) (3347 Implementation, etc.)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616
Calendar: Carl (Andy) Tenney
Who:
Jeffrey McCusker, Joshua Winchell, croegner@blm.gov, Carl (Andy) Tenney, BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616, Karen Kelleher
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Wed Nov 15, 2017

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Adam Milnor, Woodsy Owl, Krista Sherwood, Michael Carlo, Carl (Andy) Tenney, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Ronnie Baca, Robert Ratcliffe, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, Jerome Jackson, Robin Hawks, Linda Walker, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Joshua Winchell, Patricia Aaron, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Nov 16, 2017

10am - 12pm Refine SO3356 Gantt Chart

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616
Calendar: croegner@blm.gov
Who:
Jeffrey McCusker, croegner@blm.gov, Joshua Winchell, BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616

Fri Nov 17, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Nov 17, 2017

Wed Nov 22, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Wed Nov 22, 2017 - Sun Nov 26, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW AL

Wed Nov 22, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Thu Nov 23, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Wed Nov 22, 2017 - Sun Nov 26, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

Fri Nov 24, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Wed Nov 22, 2017 - Sun Nov 26, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW AL

Fri Nov 24, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW telework

Fri Nov 24, 2017

Sat Nov 25, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Wed Nov 22, 2017 - Sun Nov 26, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Sun Nov 26, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Wed Nov 22, 2017 - Sun Nov 26, 2017
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Mon Nov 27, 2017

1pm - 2pm Strategize 01/15/18 Deliverables (SO 3356)

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616
Calendar: croegner@blm.gov
Who:
BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616, Jeffrey McCusker, Joshua Winchell, croegner@blm.gov
Going? Yes

Tue Nov 28, 2017

8am - 1pm Hold for FWS Skyline

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

10:30am - 11am mtg with Cynthia and Linda @ cynthia's office

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

Wed Nov 29, 2017

4:15pm - 4:15pm turn on call forward

Fri Dec 1, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Dec 1, 2017

Mon Dec 4, 2017

2:30pm - 3:30pm WO-250/350 Collaboration (SO 3356)

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: BLM-WO MST RM6003 Sagebrush Conference Rm Capacity 16 Phone 202 912 7015
Calendar: croegner@blm.gov
Who:
Carl (Andy) Tenney, Jeffrey McCusker, Frank Quamen, Linda Cardenas, Kathy Lawson, Joshua Winchell, dbuhler@blm.gov, BLM-WO MST RM6003 Sagebrush Conference Rm Capacity 16 Phone 202 912 7015, croegner@blm.gov
Going? Yes

Tue Dec 5, 2017

10:30am - 11:30am NWRS All Hands Meeting (dial in)

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Wed Dec 6, 2017

9am - 10:30am Meet and Greet with Brian Steed

Where: M Street, rooms 4016-4017

12pm - 12:15pm Send Margaret Nominee updated list

Thu Dec 7, 2017

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Deborah Moore, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Kristen Gilbert, Susan Morse, Joshua Winchell, Beverly Robinson, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Linda Walker, Mary Powers, Eugene Marino, Bill OBrian, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Joanna Webb, Martha Nudel, Angelina Yost, Phil LePelch, Sue McDonald, Alice Garrett, Michael Carlo
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

9am - 10am WO-250/210 Collaboration (SO 3356)

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616
Calendar: croegner@blm.gov
Who:
Dorothy Morgan, Heather Bernier, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Joshua Winchell, BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616, croegner@blm.gov, Jeffrey McCusker
Going? Yes

10am - 12pm WO-250/230 Collaboration (SO 3356)

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616
Calendar: croegner@blm.gov
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Frank Quamen, Linda Cardenas, David Hu, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Stephanie Carman, Jeffrey McCusker, croegner@blm.gov, Geoffrey Walsh, BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616
Going? Yes

12pm - 12:15pm Send Margaret Nominee updated list

12pm - 1pm WO-250/410 Collaboration (SO 3356)

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616
Calendar: croegner@blm.gov
Who:
Jeffrey McCusker, Sally Butts, Joshua Winchell, Carl (Andy) Tenney, croegner@blm.gov, BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616
Going? Yes

12:30pm - 3pm WO-250 Holiday Luncheon

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Kith and Kin Caribbean Restaurant, 801 Wharf St SW, Washington, DC 20024
Calendar: Peggi Brooks
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Dorothy Morgan, Jeffrey McCusker, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Larry Ridenhour, John McCarty, Karen Glascoe, Peggi Brooks, Katlyn Yancho, croegner@blm.gov, Dennis Byrd, David Ballenger
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Dec 8, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Dec 8, 2017

Joshua Winchell

8:30am - 8:45am 5 minute quick update

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Andy's office
Calendar: Carl (Andy) Tenney
Who: BLM_WO_250, Joshua Winchell, Carl (Andy) Tenney
Going? Yes

12pm - 12:15pm Send Margaret Nominee updated list

12:30pm - 2pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Sat Dec 9, 2017

12pm - 12:15pm Send Margaret Nominee updated list

Mon Dec 11, 2017

2pm - 2:30pm International Wildlife Conservation Council

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Conference Call (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode# (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Cynthia Martinez
Created by: Azuredee Perkins
Who: Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker, Shaun Sanchez, Cynthia Martinez
Going? Yes

Tue Dec 12, 2017

1pm - 2pm Agents of Discovery Webinar for the USFWS

Where: Webinar
Calendar: Jaime Nowell
Who:
cahern@funoutdoors.com, charlie_pelizza@fws.gov, Michael Carlo, Jennifer Brown, Diane Emmons, Christopher Swanson, Abra Zobel, Kendra Bush-St Louis, pinker@cwf.org, Timothy Parker, Bill OBrian, Alice Garrett, Toni Westland, Marcia Pradines, (b) (6) [redacted]@gmail.com, Chantel Jimenez, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Michael D'agostino, Denise Clay, mkedwards@fs.fed.us, Joshua Winchell, Eugene Marino, Danielle Brigida, art_a_needleman@fws.gov, Catherine Gatenby, Arthur Shine, Susan Kain, Sue McDonald, Jaime Nowell, (b) (6) [redacted]@gmail.com, Alfredo Soto, Chelsea Mckinney, carmen_leong-minch@fws.gov, Linda Walker, Jennifer Braatz, Nathaniel Hawley, barbara_michel@fws.gov, Angelina Yost, Jennifer Owen-White, Diane Borden-Billiot, Stacey Hayden, Monica Harris, Glenda Franich, Megan Wandag, Christopher Quezada, Susan Heisey, Mary Clark, Kristen Gilbert, Jennifer Mcnicoll, Deborah Long, Jackie Jacobson, Deborah Moore, Derek Carr, Julie Study, Robin Will, Lisa Cox, Joan Howe, Maggie OConnell, Bonnie Strawser, Joel Vos, Joanna Webb, Oliver E, Alexa Hildebrandt, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws gov, Linda Friar, Melvie Uhland, Delissa Padilla, Kevin Painter, Chelsi Burns, Helen Strackeljahn, Denise Wagner, Juli Niemann, sallie_gentry@fws.gov, Katrina Liebich, Nancy Brown, Ken Garrahan, Teresa Skiba, marion_mason@fws.gov, Phil LePelch, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov Leah Eskelin

Joshua Winchell

Wed Dec 13, 2017

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
(b) (6) usace.army.mil, Woodsy Owl, (b) (6) usace.army.mil, (b) (6) gmail.com, Ronnie Baca, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Michael Carlo, Linda Walker, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Adam Milnor, Robin Hawks, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Robert Ratcliffe, Patricia Aaron, Joshua Winchell, Krista Sherwood, Jerome Jackson, Carl (Andy) Tenney
Going? Yes

11am - 12pm Welcome!! National Webinar Energy Team for DGSC Data

Where: (b) (5) CIP Code (b) (5) C P, BLM-WO MST RM 4016
Calendar: clmcdonald@blm.gov
Who: Joshua Winchell

1pm - 2pm

Welcome!! National Webinar Grazing Web Tools for Range Permitting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: (b) (5) CIP Code (b) (5) CIP Room 4016
Calendar: clmcdonald@blm.gov
Who: Joshua Winchell

3pm - 3:30pm Meeting to Discuss FOIA

Where: Carrie Hyde-Michaels' Office 703-358-2291
Calendar: Jeffery Donahoe
Who: Carrie Hyde-Michaels, Jeffery Donahoe, Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Thu Dec 14, 2017

10:30am - 12:45pm WO200 Holiday Hello-Colleague Farewell Potluck Event

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: 20 M Street Building, 4th Floor, CONFERENCE ROOMS 4016/4017
Calendar: Angela Falwell
Who: Rebecca Moore, BLM_WO_100, BLM_WO_200_All, Joshua Winchell, Angela Falwell
Going? Yes

12pm - 1pm

SO 3356 Sportsmen Access working group check in - (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P Passcode: (b) (5) CIP - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Robert Miller, Mike Johnson, Shaun Sanchez, Joshua Winchell, Julie Henning, Aaron Mize, Charisa Morris, Linda Walker, Doug Hobbs, Michael Gale, Stephen Guertin, Linh Phu, Robert Curry, John Schmerfeld

Joshua Winchell

1pm - 1:30pm IWCC Noms Telecon

Where: telecon
Who: Neil Gardner, Craig Hoover, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

1pm - 3pm Review SO3356 Draft Report

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM6002 Valley Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7614
Calendar: croegner@blm.gov
Who:
Jeffrey McCusker, Joshua Winchell, croegner@blm.gov, BLM-WO MST RM6002 Valley Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7614
Going? Yes

1:30pm - 2:30pm Meeting with Joel Webster - TRCP

Where: BLM-WO MST RM4019 Wetlands Conference Rm Capacity 8 Phone 202 912 7003
Calendar: Dorothy Morgan
Who:
croegner@blm.gov, Joshua Winchell, Dorothy Morgan, Jeffrey McCusker, Carl (Andy) Tenney, BLM-WO MST RM4019 Wetlands Conference Rm Capacity 8 Phone 202 912 7003

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Dec 15, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Dec 15, 2017

Mon Dec 18, 2017

10am - 11am WO-250 STAFF MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Sagebrush Conference Room
Calendar: Karen Glascoe
Who:
Carl (Andy) Tenney, John McCarty, Dennis Byrd, Dorothy Morgan, David Ballenger, Peter DeWitt, Karen Kelleher, Larry Ridenhour, Peggi Brooks, leng@blm.gov, Jeffrey McCusker, Michael Brown, croegner@blm.gov, James Goodbar, David Baker, Joshua Winchell, David Jeppesen, Karer Glascoe
Going? Yes

Tue Dec 19, 2017

8:30am - 1pm Revise 120-day Response to SO3356

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616
Calendar: croegner@blm.gov
Who:
Joshua Winchell, BLM_WO_230, BLM-WO MST RM6008 Community Interview Rm Capacity 6 Phone 202 912 7616, Frank Quamen, Linda Cardenas, croegner@blm.gov, Carl (Andy) Tenney
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

11am - 12pm SO3356 implementation (permits)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: conference call in # (b) (5) CIP [redacted], participant code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: linda_drees@nps.gov
Who:
Peggi Brooks, linda_drees@nps.gov, Samantha Towery, Joshua Winchell, Debra Hecox, David Ballenger, John Calhoun
Going? Yes

Wed Dec 20, 2017

10am - 10:30am JW BLM Detail Discussion - call in to Tenney's office

Where: (202) 912-7094
Who: Carl (Andy) Tenney, Linda Walker

Thu Dec 21, 2017

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Dec 22, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Dec 22, 2017

Thu Dec 28, 2017

10:30am - 1pm Mtg

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Dec 29, 2017

All day JW telework

Fri Dec 29, 2017

Tue Jan 2, 2018

All day Joshua AL

Tue Jan 2, 2018 - Thu Jan 4, 2018

Wed Jan 3, 2018

All day Joshua AL

Tue Jan 2, 2018 - Thu Jan 4, 2018

Thu Jan 4, 2018

All day Joshua AL

Tue Jan 2, 2018 - Thu Jan 4, 2018

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Fri Jan 5, 2018

All day JW telework

Fri Jan 5, 2018

Mon Jan 8, 2018

3pm - 4pm Phu/Winchell Chat: HSSCC & 3356

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Linh will call Josh DC line
Calendar: Linh Phu
Who: Linh Phu, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Tue Jan 9, 2018

1pm - 2pm

WO-200 All Employees Meeting, M Street Rm 4016/4017; Conference bridge: (b) (5) CIP , Pass code: (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
BLM-WO MST RM4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617, BLM-WO MST RM4017 High Desert Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7185
Calendar: Narida Thorne
Who:
Daryl (Lee) McConnell, Scott Fluer, Kristin Bail, Narida Thorne, BLM_WO_200_All, Joshua Winchell, BLM-WO MST RM4017 High Desert Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7185, BLM-WO MST RM4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617
Going? Yes

Wed Jan 10, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Ronnie Baca, Robin Hawks, tbustam@fs.fed.us, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Woodsy Owl, (b) (6) usace.army.mil, Krista Sherwood, Jerome Jackson, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Robert Ratcliffe, Linda Walker, Adam Milnor, (b) (6) gmail.com, Patricia Aaron, Michael Carlo, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us, Joshua Winchell, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, (b) (6) usace.army.mil
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Thu Jan 11, 2018

8:30am - 9:30am VS Branch Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel Conference Room
Calendar: Angelina Yost
Who:
ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Angelina Yost, Eugene Marino, Sue McDonald, Joshua Winchell, Phil LePelch, Alice Garrett, Deborah Moore, Linda Walker, Michael Carlo, Joanna Webb

11am - 12pm busy

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

11:30am - 1pm Division Holiday Luncheon

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: NWRS-DVSC Events/Calls
Created by: Kristen Gilbert
Who:
Bill OBrian, Mary Powers, Martha Nudel, Linda Walker, Michael Carlo, Joanna Webb, Beverly Robinson, Alice Garrett, Angelina Yost, Eugene Marino, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov Phil LePelch, Joshua Winchell, Deborah Moore, Susan Morse, Sue McDonald, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Jan 12, 2018

All day JW telework

Fri Jan 12, 2018

Wed Jan 17, 2018

11am - 11:30am IWCC & HSSCC discussion (telecon)

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: conference line - (b) (5) C P [redacted] passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Who: Joshua Winchell, Margaret Triebsch, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

Thu Jan 18, 2018

All day Joshua AL

Thu Jan 18, 2018 - Fri Jan 19, 2018

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

12pm - 1pm Sylvia's Award Luncheon @ Skyline

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: 1W108 - Lucille Stickel Conference Room

Joshua Winchell

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Jan 19, 2018

All day Joshua AL

Thu Jan 18, 2018 - Fri Jan 19, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

All day JW telework

Fri Jan 19, 2018

Tue Jan 23, 2018

All day SHOT Show

Tue Jan 23, 2018 - Fri Jan 26, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

2pm - 3pm DOI Town Hall Meeting @ Murie Room

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Going? Yes

Wed Jan 24, 2018

All day SHOT Show

Tue Jan 23, 2018 - Fri Jan 26, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

9am - 1:45pm NWRS Communications Planning- ENGAGING CONTENT

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Skyline- Murie Conference Room on 3rd Floor- Northend
Calendar: Kristen Gilbert
Who:
Keith Shannon, Joe Milmoe, Deborah Moore, Ivan Vicente, Tylar Greene, Vanessa Kauffman, Linda Friar, Rachel Levin, art_a_needleman@fws.gov, Michael Carlo, Abra Zobel, Greg Thompson, Roy Hewitt, Andrea Medeiros, Carlton Cheatham, Jennifer Strickland, Nancy Brown, Mary Powers, Bill OBrian, Nancy Monroe, Natalie Sexton, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Matthew Filsinger, Jeffrey Fleming, Patrick Stark, Joanna Webb, Danielle Brigida, Christopher Deets, Chris Eng, Anna Fisher, Chris Darnell, Tina Shaw, Nathan Caldwell, Sue McDonald, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell, Susan Morse, Laury Parramore, Samantha Brooke, Angelina Yost, Kristen Gilbert, Gavin Shire, Sara Boario

Thu Jan 25, 2018

All day SHOT Show

Tue Jan 23, 2018 - Fri Jan 26, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Joshua Winchell

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Jan 26, 2018

All day SHOT Show

Tue Jan 23, 2018 - Fri Jan 26, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW telework

Fri Jan 26, 2018

Wed Jan 31, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Robin Hawks, Michael Carlo, Jerome Jackson, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Krista Sherwood, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, Woodsy Owl, Adam Milnor, Robert Ratcliffe, Patricia Aaron, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Joshua Winchell, Ronnie Baca, Linda Walker, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov
Going? Yes

2:30pm - 3pm Update with Josh Winchell

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Division Chief's Office
Calendar: Robin Hawks
Who: Joshua Winchell, Jeffrey McCusker, Robin Hawks
Going? Yes

Thu Feb 1, 2018

8am - 12pm USFS Planning Rule FAC Mtg

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

2pm - 3:30pm Town Hall Meeting with Secretary Zinke

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

2pm - 3pm Watch town hall mtg

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: BLM-WO MST RM4019 Wetlands Conference Rm Capacity 8 Phone 202 912 7003
Calendar: Jeffrey McCusker
Who:
Robin Hawks, Karen Glascoe, BLM-WO MST RM4019 Wetlands Conference Rm Capacity 8 Phone 202 912 7003, David Ballenger, John McCarty, Larry Ridenhour, Joshua Winchell, Jeffrey McCusker
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Feb 2, 2018

All day JW telework

Fri Feb 2, 2018

2:30pm - 4:30pm busy

Sat Feb 3, 2018

All day Great American Outdoor Show - Harrisburg

Sat Feb 3, 2018 - Sun Feb 11, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Sun Feb 4, 2018

All day Great American Outdoor Show - Harrisburg

Sat Feb 3, 2018 - Sun Feb 11, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Mon Feb 5, 2018

All day Great American Outdoor Show - Harrisburg

Sat Feb 3, 2018 - Sun Feb 11, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Tue Feb 6, 2018

All day Great American Outdoor Show - Harrisburg

Sat Feb 3, 2018 - Sun Feb 11, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

10:30am - 11:30am NWRS All Hands Meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Murie Room

Joshua Winchell

Wed Feb 7, 2018

All day Great American Outdoor Show - Harrisburg

Sat Feb 3, 2018 - Sun Feb 11, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

9am - 9:30am Welcome Back Mtg!

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Who: Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

11am - 12pm DTS Refresher Series

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Wolverine Room
Calendar: Jeffery Donahoe
Who:
Robert Williams, Jeffery Donahoe, Joshua Winchell, patricia_kristoff@fws.gov, David Robinson, Kristen Gilbert

11am - 12pm Linh/Josh 3356 Check in (FWS/BLM)

Calendar: Linh Phu
Who: Jeffrey McCusker, Joshua Winchell, Linh Phu
Going? Yes

Thu Feb 8, 2018

All day Great American Outdoor Show - Harrisburg

Sat Feb 3, 2018 - Sun Feb 11, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW telework

Thu Feb 8, 2018 - Fri Feb 9, 2018

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Phone call re: IWCC agenda (Greg and Joshua Winchell) Joshua to call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3358
Calendar: greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov
Created by: thomas_irwin@fws.gov
Who: greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Fri Feb 9, 2018

All day Great American Outdoor Show - Harrisburg

Sat Feb 3, 2018 - Sun Feb 11, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

All day JW telework

Thu Feb 8, 2018 - Fri Feb 9, 2018

Sat Feb 10, 2018

All day Great American Outdoor Show - Harrisburg

Sat Feb 3, 2018 - Sun Feb 11, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Sun Feb 11, 2018

All day Great American Outdoor Show - Harrisburg

Sat Feb 3, 2018 - Sun Feb 11, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Tue Feb 13, 2018

All day Wayne in DC

Tue Feb 13, 2018 - Thu Feb 15, 2018

Wed Feb 14, 2018

All day Wayne in DC

Tue Feb 13, 2018 - Thu Feb 15, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Robert Ratcliffe, Benjamin Simon, Jerome Jackson, Adam Milnor, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Ann Miller, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, Patricia Aaron, tbustam@fs.fed.us, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us, Michael Carlo, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Joshua Winchell Ronnie Baca, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Woodsy Owl, Krista Sherwood, Robin Hawks, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

11am - 12pm DTS Refresher Series

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Wolverine Room
Calendar: Jeffery Donahoe
Who:
David Robinson, Joshua Winchell, Kristen Gilbert, patricia_kristoff@fws.gov, Robert Williams, Jeffery Donahoe

2pm - 3pm USFWS Town Hall

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Going? Yes

Thu Feb 15, 2018

All day Wayne in DC

Tue Feb 13, 2018 - Thu Feb 15, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Feb 15, 2018 - Fri Feb 16, 2018

1pm - 2pm Celebrating African American Conservationists

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Going? Yes

1pm - 4pm HOLD for IWCC Planning Mtg at MIB

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

2pm - 3pm International Wildlife Conservation Council- Planning Session

Where: Dep Sec's Conference Room: 6120
Calendar: Natalie Davis
Who:
Catherine Gulac, greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov, Lori Mashburn, Joshua Winchell, Jason Larrabee, Gareth Rees, Todd Willens, Benjamin Cassidy, Natalie Davis
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Feb 16, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Feb 15, 2018 - Fri Feb 16, 2018

Joshua Winchell

Wed Feb 21, 2018

11am - 12pm DTS Refresher Series

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Wolverine Room
Calendar: Jeffery Donahoe
Who:
Jeffery Donahoe, Robert Williams, patricia_kristoff@fws.gov, Kristen Gilbert, David Robinson, Joshua Winchell

12pm - 1pm soft hold - lunch with Laury Parramore

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

2pm - 2:30pm IWCC mtg planning and JW schedule update

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Who: Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

Thu Feb 22, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Feb 22, 2018 - Fri Feb 23, 2018

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Feb 23, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Feb 22, 2018 - Fri Feb 23, 2018

Wed Feb 28, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Adam Milnor, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Woodsy Owl, Jerome Jackson, Robin Hawks, Michael Carlo, Isaac Collins, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Michael England, Judith Lavoie, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Robert Ratcliffe, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Stewart Cogswell, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Jeffrey McCusker, Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker, Ronnie Baca, Krista Sherwood

Thu Mar 1, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Mar 1, 2018 - Fri Mar 2, 2018

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Fri Mar 2, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Mar 1, 2018 - Fri Mar 2, 2018

Tue Mar 6, 2018

2:30pm - 3pm IWCC Meeting Pre-Brief

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 3N004C Blue-stem
Calendar: Cynthia Martinez
Created by: Azuredee Perkins
Who: Cynthia Martinez, Linda Walker, Shaun Sanchez, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Wed Mar 7, 2018

10am - 11:30am ORSA: FRC Discussion with BEA

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: NPS-WASO-MIB Multi Media Conference Room 2044
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
thomas.howells@bea.gov, Linda Walker, Ann Miller, Robert Ratcliffe, erich.strassner@bea.gov, (b) (6) [redacted]usace.army.mil, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Edward Maillett, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Patricia Aaron, Benjamin Simon, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Ronnie Baca, NPS-WASO-MIB Multi Media Conference Room 2044, tina.highfill@bea.gov, Jesselyn Hamilton, Larry Ridenhour, Richard Aiken, Dorothy Morgan, brian_bohnsack@fws.gov, Robin Hawks, Adam Milnor, Jerome Jackson, Woodsy Owl, Krista Sherwood

12:45pm - 1:30pm DVSC Refuge Academy presentation meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Charles Baxter conference room, Science Applications, 3rd Floor - phone # for those calling in: (b) (5) C P [redacted], passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Michael Carlo
Who:
Kristi Thiel, Linda Walker, Michael Carlo, Joanna Webb, Joshua Winchell, Bill OBrian, Angelina Yost, Sue McDonald, Phil LePelch, Alice Garrett, Susan Morse, Kristen Gilbert, Deborah Moore, Eugene Marino

2pm - 4pm Bohnsack's Going Away Bash

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: 3rd floor cafe

Thu Mar 8, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Mar 8, 2018 - Fri Mar 9, 2018

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Fri Mar 9, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Mar 8, 2018 - Fri Mar 9, 2018

1pm - 2pm Hold for 3356 Linh conf. call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

1pm - 2pm NPS/BLM/FWS 3356 Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Call-in Number: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Passcode: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Linh Phu
Who:
linda_drees@nps.gov, John Schmerfeld, Julie Henning, Joshua Winchell, Jennifer Wyse, Alan Ellsworth, David Jacob, Jeffrey McCusker, Dorothy Morgan, Linh Phu

Tue Mar 13, 2018

11:30am - 12pm IWCC Meeting Pre-Brief (Greg and Joshua Winchell) - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov
Created by: thomas_irwin@fws.gov
Who: greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Wed Mar 14, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Stewart Cogswell, Isaac Collins, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Ronnie Baca, Michael Carlo, Linda Walker, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, Michael England, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa gov, Judith Lavoie, Joshua Winchell, Robin Hawks, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Robert Ratcliffe, Jeffrey McCusker, Adam Milnor, Woodsy Owl, Jerome Jackson, Carl (Andy) Tenney, (b) (6) [redacted] usace. army.mil, Krista Sherwood

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Mar 15, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Mar 15, 2018 - Fri Mar 16, 2018

Joshua Winchell

1pm - 1:30pm
Phone call (Greg and Joshua Winchell) Joshua should call Greg's cell (202) 676-7675

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov
Created by: thomas_irwin@fws.gov
Who: greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Fri Mar 16, 2018

All day JW telework
Thu Mar 15, 2018 - Fri Mar 16, 2018

All day HOLD FOR IWCC MTG
Fri Mar 16, 2018

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

8:30am - 10:30am Meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: nph
Calendar: North Penthouse
Created by: Mariane Gately
Who: Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

9am - 3:30pm International Wildlife Conservation Council
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: sph
Calendar: South Penthouse
Created by: Mariane Gately
Who: Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Wed Mar 21, 2018

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Mar 22, 2018

All day JW telework
Thu Mar 22, 2018 - Fri Mar 23, 2018

Joshua Winchell

1pm - 2pm Geospatial Program Open House

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM4017 High Desert Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7185
Calendar: Patrick Mahoney
Who:
BLM_WO_200_All, Dario Lunardi, Joshua Winchell, Alisa Froistad, Matthew Kime, Liling Lee, Lawrence Welch, Clayton Schmidt, Carolyn Helm, BLM-WO MST RM4017 High Desert Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7185, Donald Wortham, Hal Hallett, Derek Strohl, Susan Gabriel-Smith, Frankie Morgan, Mattye Walsworth, Katherine (Katie) Frauen, Richard Bowen, Reema Terupalli, Frank Lahm, Daniel Sharareh, Gordon Toevs, Arthur Miller, Kellen Irby, James (Byron) Clayton, Bryan Barr, Andrew Phillips, Margaret Schneider, Karl Townsend, Joel Harrington, Jonathan Clarke, Samantha Unruh, Gabriel Rousseau, Kenneth Roy, BLM_WO_GIS_COMMUNITY, Anthony Selle, Catherine Emmett, Leonard Gore, bmanthony@blm.gov, Patrick Mahoney, David Haney, Bridget Williams, Ilana Cohen, Paul Fyfield, Joseph Cullinan, Pamela Griner, Daniel Fleming, Christopher Sams, Janna Simonsen, bmckayarchibald@blm.gov, Ann Buschhaus, Ryan Tietjen, Peggy Deaton, Kelsey Combs

5pm - 7pm Farewell Party for Karen Kelleher

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Scarlet Oak Restaurant & Bar, 909 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003, USA
Calendar: Robin Hawks
Who:
BLM_WO_200_All, Hal Hallett, Joshua Winchell, Tamala DeFries, Kelly Orr, Heather Bernier, Jeff Brune

5pm - 7pm Farewell Party for Karen Kelleher

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Scarlet Oak Restaurant & Bar, 909 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003, USA
Calendar: Heather Bernier
Who: Joshua Winchell, Kevin Oliver, BLM_WO_200_All, Heather Bernier

Fri Mar 23, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Mar 22, 2018 - Fri Mar 23, 2018

10am - 11am Telecon with Brewster

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

12pm - 1pm Lunch mtg

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

1:30pm - 4pm mtgs

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

Mon Mar 26, 2018

All day North American Conference - Norfolk

Mon Mar 26, 2018 - Fri Mar 30, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Tue Mar 27, 2018

All day North American Conference - Norfolk

Mon Mar 26, 2018 - Fri Mar 30, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Wed Mar 28, 2018

All day North American Conference - Norfolk

Mon Mar 26, 2018 - Fri Mar 30, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Mar 29, 2018

All day North American Conference - Norfolk

Mon Mar 26, 2018 - Fri Mar 30, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

All day JW telework

Thu Mar 29, 2018 - Fri Mar 30, 2018

Fri Mar 30, 2018

All day North American Conference - Norfolk

Mon Mar 26, 2018 - Fri Mar 30, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

All day JW telework

Thu Mar 29, 2018 - Fri Mar 30, 2018

7am - 8am DU Breakfast @ NA

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Joshua Winchell

Tue Apr 3, 2018

8:30am - 9:30am NWRS Management Team Mtg

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

10:30am - 11:30am All Hands Meeting - Murie

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Wed Apr 4, 2018

3pm - 4pm Spreadsheet REview

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Linda Walker
Who: Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Apr 5, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Apr 5, 2018 - Fri Apr 6, 2018

Fri Apr 6, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Apr 5, 2018 - Fri Apr 6, 2018

Tue Apr 10, 2018

8:30am - 9:30am NWRS Management Team Mtg

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

11:30am - 12:30pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

1:30pm - 2pm IWCC and HSSCC comms discussion

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Cutthroat Trout Room /EA
Calendar: Laury Parramore
Who:
Lisa Jones, Laury Parramore, Taylor Pool, danielle_kessler@fws.gov, Christina Meister, Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Wed Apr 11, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Carl (Andy) Tenney, Jerome Jackson, Jeffrey McCusker, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Krista Sherwood, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Linda Walker, Judith Lavoie, Robert Ratcliffe, Robin Hawks, Isaac Collins, Joshua Winchell, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Woodsy Owl, Michael England, Adam Milnor, Ronnie Baca, Michael Carlo, Stewart Cogswell, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Apr 12, 2018

All day AL

Thu Apr 12, 2018 - Fri Apr 13, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Fri Apr 13, 2018

All day AL

Thu Apr 12, 2018 - Fri Apr 13, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Apr 16, 2018

3pm - 3:30pm meet with Danielle re: IWCC info requests

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: danielle_kessler@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Tue Apr 17, 2018

All day DU Banquet - Evening

Tue Apr 17, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

8:30am - 9:30am NWRS Management Team Mtg

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted] \

3pm - 3pm Mtg with Cynthia & Greg re: IWCC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

5:30pm - 9pm DU Banquet

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Wed Apr 18, 2018

10:15am - 11:15am Meeting with Joshua Winchell/ Career Development

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Asia Harris
Who: Joshua Winchell, Asia Harris
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Apr 19, 2018

All day VS Chiefs Mtg NCTC

Thu Apr 19, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Fri Apr 20, 2018

All day JW telework

Fri Apr 20, 2018

9am - 9:30am DVSC S.O. 3356 Communications Check-in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who: Kristen Gilbert, Linh Phu, Joshua Winchell, Martha Nudel, Linda Walker, Alice Garrett
Going? Yes

1pm - 2pm IWCC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB 3349 Dial in (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Shaun Sanchez
Created by: Xiomara Labiosa
Who:
Azuredee Perkins, Linda Walker, Shaun Sanchez, A Alvarez, Joshua Winchell, Cynthia Martinez
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Mon Apr 23, 2018

2pm - 2:30pm Telework discussion

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Linda Walker
Who: Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

2:30pm - 3pm SO Spreadsheet

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Linda Walker
Who: Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Tue Apr 24, 2018

8:30am - 9:30am NWRS Management Team Mtg

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Wed Apr 25, 2018

11:30am - 12:30pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Joshua Winchell, Beverly Robinson
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Apr 26, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Apr 26, 2018 - Fri Apr 27, 2018

12pm - 1pm busy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Fri Apr 27, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Apr 26, 2018 - Fri Apr 27, 2018

12:30pm - 1:30pm Busy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

Mon Apr 30, 2018

3pm - 4pm Teleconference with Bill Brewster (IWCC)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Joshua Winchell, A Alvarez
Going? Yes

Tue May 1, 2018

10:30am - 11:30am All Hands Meeting Murie

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

3pm - 3:30pm Discuss SO3366

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who: Joshua Winchell, Linh Phu, Linda Walker, Michael Carlo
Going? Yes

Wed May 2, 2018

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu May 3, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu May 3, 2018 - Fri May 4, 2018

Fri May 4, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu May 3, 2018 - Fri May 4, 2018

Mon May 7, 2018

9am - 10am Mid-Year Winchell

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

Tue May 8, 2018

1pm - 2pm SO 3366 Discussion

Where: Blazingstar Team Room
Calendar: Linh Phu
Who: Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Linh Phu, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Wed May 9, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Ronnie Baca, Robert Ratcliffe, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Isaac Collins, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Linda Walker, Jerome Jackson, Michael England, Robin Hawks, Adam Milnor, Jeffrey McCusker, Krista Sherwood, Woodsy Owl, tbustam@fs.fed.us, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, Stewart Cogswell, Ryan Alcorn, Judith Lavoie, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Michael Carlo

12pm - 1pm Coffee talkin

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Valerie Fellows
Who: Joshua Winchell, Valerie Fellows
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu May 10, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu May 10, 2018 - Fri May 11, 2018

11am - 11:30am

Conference call (Greg, Joshua and Eric Alvarez) check-in to discuss IWCC agenda (Joshua should call 208-4545) - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov
Created by: thomas_irwin@fws.gov
Who: A Alvarez, greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

12pm - 1pm BUSY

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Fri May 11, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu May 10, 2018 - Fri May 11, 2018

Joshua Winchell

1pm - 3pm Review of NWRS SO Tracking spreadsheet

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Indigo Room
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Janet Bruner, Linda Walker, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted], Shaun Sanchez, Noah Matson, Robert Miller, Joshua Winchell, Katherine Spomer
Going? Yes

Mon May 14, 2018

1pm - 1:30pm IWCC Conference call

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference line # (b) (5) C P [redacted], passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: A Alvarez
Who:
Joshua Winchell, A Alvarez, Bill Brewster, Erica Rhoad, Doug Hobbs, (b) (6) [redacted]@hotmail.com

Tue May 15, 2018

11am - 12pm SO 3366 - DOI Agency Coordination

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: NPS-WASO-MIB Huddle Room 1442
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Krista Sherwood, Jesselyn Hamilton, Robin Hawks, Robert Ratcliffe, NPS-WASO-MIB Huddle Room 1442, Michael Carlo, Joshua Winchell, Adam Milnor, Linda Walker, Larry Ridenhour, Chris Colvin
Going? Yes

Wed May 16, 2018

All day SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR Writing Government Technical Documents

Wed May 16, 2018 - Fri May 18, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM4011 Street Training Rm Capacity 25 Phone 202 912 7268
Calendar: Tonya Harris
Who:
Julie Suhr Pierce, BLM_WO_200_Emp_Guest, BLM_WO_200_M_ST_AND_MIB, BLM_WO_200_Chiefs_DDCs_and_BCs, BLM-WO MST RM4011 Street Training Rm Capacity 25 Phone 202 912 7268, Hal Hallett, BLM_WO_200_All, Tonya Harris, BLM_WO_200_Mgmt_Guest, Tessa Teems, Joshua Winchell, Sabria Mathis

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Thu May 17, 2018

All day SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR Writing Government Technical Documents

Wed May 16, 2018 - Fri May 18, 2018

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM4011 Street Training Rm Capacity 25 Phone 202 912 7268
Calendar: Tonya Harris
Who:
Julie Suhr Pierce, BLM_WO_200_Emp_Guest, BLM_WO_200_M_ST_AND_MIB, BLM_WO_200_Chiefs_DDCs_and_BCs, BLM-WO MST RM4011 Street Training Rm Capacity 25 Phone 202 912 7268, Hal Hallett, BLM_WO_200_All, Tonya Harris, BLM_WO_200_Mgmt_Guest, Tessa Teems, Joshua Winchell, Sabria Mathis

All day JW telework

Thu May 17, 2018 - Fri May 18, 2018

1pm - 2:30pm Busy

Fri May 18, 2018

All day SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR Writing Government Technical Documents

Wed May 16, 2018 - Fri May 18, 2018

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM4011 Street Training Rm Capacity 25 Phone 202 912 7268
Calendar: Tonya Harris
Who:
Julie Suhr Pierce, BLM_WO_200_Emp_Guest, BLM_WO_200_M_ST_AND_MIB, BLM_WO_200_Chiefs_DDCs_and_BCs, BLM-WO MST RM4011 Street Training Rm Capacity 25 Phone 202 912 7268, Hal Hallett, BLM_WO_200_All, Tonya Harris, BLM_WO_200_Mgmt_Guest, Tessa Teems, Joshua Winchell, Sabria Mathis

All day JW telework

Thu May 17, 2018 - Fri May 18, 2018

11:30am - 12:30pm Busy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Tue May 22, 2018

8am - 9am Logistics call for IWCC Meeting June 19-20

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: kristi_farmer@fws.gov
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Jackie Hall, Luis Santiago, Jeffrey Fleming, Leopoldo Miranda, kristi_farmer@fws.gov
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

2pm - 2:30pm SO3366 Team check-in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Linda Walker
Who: David Miko, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Brad Gunn, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

Wed May 23, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where:
Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted] BOR-DRO Bldg 40 Rm B-2207 Parkview
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Carl (Andy) Tenney, Linda Walker, Robert Ratcliffe, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Robin Hawks, Jerome Jackson, Judith Lavoie, Joshua Winchell, Krista Sherwood, Ronnie Baca, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Jeffrey McCusker, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, tbustam@fs.fed.us, BOR-DRO Bldg 40 Rm B-2207 Parkview, Ryan Alcorn, Woodsy Owl, Stewart Cogswell, Isaac Collins, Michael Carlo, Michael England, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, Adam Milnor

2:30pm - 3pm IWCC planning mtg with Alvarez

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

3pm - 4pm SO3366 Sub-team kickoff call

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Susan Wells, Denise Wagner, Juli Niemann, Christina Milloy, Patrick Schulze, Debbie Steen, Janet Bruner, Carey Edwards, Ramon Martin, Aaron Mize, Ty Benally, Linh Phu, Bobbea Cadena, Nathan Caldwell, Brad Gunn, John Seals, Christopher Deets, Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell, Stacy Sanchez, Julie Henning, Robert Miller, Phil LePelch, Lori Bennett, Diane Emmons, David Miko, Joe Starinchak, Derek Carr, Michael Carlo
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu May 24, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu May 24, 2018 - Fri May 25, 2018

Fri May 25, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu May 24, 2018 - Fri May 25, 2018

10am - 12pm Block

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

Tue May 29, 2018

11:30am - 1:30pm "Retirement" Lunch for Martha

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Location TBD
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Linda Walker, Beverly Robinson, Kristen Gilbert, Sue McDonald, Eugene Marino, Alice Garrett, Deborah Moore, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, Mary Powers, Angelina Yost, Cynthia Martinez, Bill OBrian, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Shaun Sanchez, Martha Nudel, Phil LePelch ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Susan Morse, Joanna Webb

3pm - 4:30pm SO 3366 - Interagency Coordination

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: NPS-WASO-MIB Huddle Room 1442
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell, Ronnie Baca, Krista Sherwood, Ryan Alcorn, Jeffrey McCusker, NPS-WASO-MIB Huddle Room 1442, Jesselyn Hamilton, Chris Colvin, Robert Ratcliffe, Michael Carlo, Jerome Jackson, Robin Hawks, Larry Ridenhour, Adam Milnor, kelly.horvath@duke edu

Wed May 30, 2018

8am - 10am Deliver IWCC mtg notice from MIB to OFR

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu May 31, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu May 31, 2018 - Fri Jun 1, 2018

12pm - 1pm Busy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Fri Jun 1, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu May 31, 2018 - Fri Jun 1, 2018

Joshua Winchell

10am - 11am DOI Interagency Discussion with Rick May on SO 3366

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Ryan Alcorn, Linda Walker, kelly.horvath@duke.edu, Jerome Jackson, Michael Carlo, Robert Ratcliffe, Rick May, Krista Sherwood, Stewart Cogswell, Jesselyn Hamilton, Jeffrey McCusker, Robin Hawks, Jeffrey Reinbold, Matthew Hommel, Larry Ridenhour, Joshua Winchell, Chris Colvin, Adam Milnor, Ronnie Baca
Going? Yes

1pm - 2pm Busy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Jun 4, 2018

All day RVSAT/TTMT Training at PTC

Mon Jun 4, 2018 - Fri Jun 8, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: PTC Phoenix
Calendar: Jeffrey McCusker
Who:
BLM_WO_TTMT, Jeffrey McCusker, BLM_WO_RVSAT, BLM_WO_250, Joshua Winchell, Michael Brown

9am - 10am Prep for Sheehan brief

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] 2998291
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who: Stewart Cogswell, Brad Gunn, David Miko, Michael Carlo, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

10am - 10:30am Meet with J - Camp David event

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stewart Cogswell
Who: Joshua Winchell, Stewart Cogswell
Going? Yes

Tue Jun 5, 2018

All day RVSAT/TTMT Training at PTC

Mon Jun 4, 2018 - Fri Jun 8, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: PTC Phoenix
Calendar: Jeffrey McCusker
Who:
BLM_WO_TTMT, Jeffrey McCusker, BLM_WO_RVSAT, BLM_WO_250, Joshua Winchell, Michael Brown

Joshua Winchell

9am - 10:30am VS Branch SO Coordination/Sharing

Calendar: Joanna Webb
Who:
Michael Carlo, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Angelina Yost, Joanna Webb, Deborah Moore, Stewart Cogswell, Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

10am - 11am

Conference Call on SO 3366 (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Who: Stewart Cogswell, Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker, Michael Carlo
Going? Yes

10:30am - 11:30am NWRS All Hands in Murie

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

1pm - 2pm Logistics call for IWCC June 19-20 meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: kristi_farmer@fws.gov
Who:
Jeffrey Fleming, kristi_farmer@fws.gov, John Taitano, Laurel Barnhill, Rebecca Bulls, Doug Hobbs, Brian Hardison, Jackie Hall, Phil Hart, Luis Santiago, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

4pm - 5pm Busy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Wed Jun 6, 2018

All day RVSAT/TTMT Training at PTC

Mon Jun 4, 2018 - Fri Jun 8, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: PTC Phoenix
Calendar: Jeffrey McCusker
Who:
BLM_WO_TTMT, Jeffrey McCusker, BLM_WO_RVSAT, BLM_WO_250, Joshua Winchell, Michael Brown

9am - 9:30am PIV Card Renewal

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Joshua Winchell

10am - 10:45am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
tbustam@fs.fed.us, Joshua Winchell, Isaac Collins, Carl (Andy) Tenney, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, Michael England, Ronnie Baca, Jeffrey McCusker, Adam Milnor, Krista Sherwood, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Stewart Cogswell, Judith Lavoie, Michael Carlo, Ryan Alcorn, Linda Walker, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Robert Ratcliffe, Robin Hawks, Woodsy Owl, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Jerome Jackson

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Jun 7, 2018

All day RVSAT/TTMT Training at PTC

Mon Jun 4, 2018 - Fri Jun 8, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: PTC Phoenix
Calendar: Jeffrey McCusker
Who:
BLM_WO_TTMT, Jeffrey McCusker, BLM_WO_RVSAT, BLM_WO_250, Joshua Winchell, Michael Brown

All day JW telework

Thu Jun 7, 2018

Fri Jun 8, 2018

All day RVSAT/TTMT Training at PTC

Mon Jun 4, 2018 - Fri Jun 8, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: PTC Phoenix
Calendar: Jeffrey McCusker
Who:
BLM_WO_TTMT, Jeffrey McCusker, BLM_WO_RVSAT, BLM_WO_250, Joshua Winchell, Michael Brown

All day JW AL

Fri Jun 8, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

9am - 9:30am DVSC S.O. 3356 Communications Check-in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Kristen Gilbert, Linda Walker, Linh Phu, Stewart Cogswell, Martha Nudel

Joshua Winchell

2pm - 3pm SO3366 Sub-team check-in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Patrick Schulze, Nathan Caldwell, Carey Edwards, Denise Wagner, Bobbea Cadena, Janet Bruner, Linh Phu, Michael Carlo, Julie Henning, Stacy Sanchez, Joe Starinchak, Juli Niemann, Phil LePelch, Angelina Yost, Christina Milloy, Christopher Deets, Stewart Cogswell, Susan Wells, Diane Emmons, Robert Miller, David Miko, Ty Benally, Aaron Mize, John Seals, Joshua Winchell, Derek Carr, Brad Gunn, Debbie Steen, Lori Bennett, Ramon Martin, Linda Walker

Sat Jun 9, 2018

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Sat Jun 9, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Mon Jun 11, 2018

1pm - 2pm Logistics call for IWCC meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: kristi_farmer@fws.gov
Who:
Doug Hobbs, Joshua Winchell, Laurel Barnhill, kristi_farmer@fws.gov, John Taitano, Luis Santiago, Jackie Hall, Rebecca Bulls, Laura Maloof, Jeffrey Fleming, Brian Hardison, Phil Hart
Going? Yes

Tue Jun 12, 2018

11:30am - 12:30pm busy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

2pm - 2:30pm Meeting/call to discuss IWCC meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Doug Hobbs
Who: Joshua Winchell, Doug Hobbs
Going? Yes

Wed Jun 13, 2018

All day Telework

Wed Jun 13, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

8:30am - 9am Teleconference FOIA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jeffery Donahoe
Who: Joshua Winchell, Jeffery Donahoe, Pamela Mozina
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Jun 14, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Thu Jun 14, 2018 - Mon Jun 25, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

11:30am - 1pm Send off Picnic for HAF Fellows Ashley and Ashleyann

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Picnic-Upton Hill Regional Park (6060 Wilson Blvd)
Calendar: Kristen Gilbert
Who:
Shaun Sanchez, Eugene Marino, Sandy Spakoff, Danielle Brigida, Kayt Jonsson, Jill Wheeler, Beverly Robinson, Edward Stoker, Susan Morse, Bill OBrian, Ivan Vicente, Katherine Korte, Chris Darnell, sandra_hodala@fws.gov, Timothy Parker, Stewart Cogswell, Jennifer Mcnicoll, Michael Carlo, Doug Hobbs, Deborah Moore, Joanna Webb, Nathan Caldwell, Samantha Brooke, ashley_suarez-burgos@fws.gov, jorge_lopeztrejo@fws.gov, rodrigo@hispanicaccess.org, Kristen Gilbert, Linda Walker, Brad Knudsen, Martha Nudel, ashleyann_perez-rivera@fws.gov, Christopher Deets, Nancy Zapotocki, Liz Neuenschwander, Joe Milmoe, Phil LePelch, Joshua Winchell, Julie Study, alexis_toller@fws.gov, Chris Eng, Levi Novey, Patrick Schulze, Cynthia Martinez, Mark Newcastle, Sue McDonald, Mary Powers, Angelina Yost

2pm - 3pm SO 3366 - Interagency Coordination

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: NPS-WASO-MIB Conference Room 2749
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Robert Ratcliffe, David Miko, Jesselyn Hamilton, Adam Milnor, Linda Walker, Stewart Cogswell, NPS-WASO-MIB Conference Room 2749, Krista Sherwood, Michael Carlo, Ryan Alcorn, Joshua Winchell, Jerome Jackson, Brad Gunn, Larry Ridenhour, kelly.horvath@duke.edu, Kelly Horvath, Ronnie Baca, Jeffrey McCusker, Chris Colvin, Robin Hawks, NPS-WASO-MIB Huddle Roon 1442

Fri Jun 15, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Thu Jun 14, 2018 - Mon Jun 25, 2018
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

Sat Jun 16, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Thu Jun 14, 2018 - Mon Jun 25, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Sun Jun 17, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Thu Jun 14, 2018 - Mon Jun 25, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Mon Jun 18, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Thu Jun 14, 2018 - Mon Jun 25, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Tue Jun 19, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Thu Jun 14, 2018 - Mon Jun 25, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Wed Jun 20, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Thu Jun 14, 2018 - Mon Jun 25, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

2pm - 3pm JAO Administrative Officers - Customer Open Mic Session

Video call:

(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Conference Call / WebEx
Calendar: JAO Project Documents
Who: Joshua Winchell

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Jun 21, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Thu Jun 14, 2018 - Mon Jun 25, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Joshua Winchell

Fri Jun 22, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Thu Jun 14, 2018 - Mon Jun 25, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Sat Jun 23, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Thu Jun 14, 2018 - Mon Jun 25, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Sun Jun 24, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Thu Jun 14, 2018 - Mon Jun 25, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Mon Jun 25, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Thu Jun 14, 2018 - Mon Jun 25, 2018

Video call:

(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Wed Jun 27, 2018

12pm - 2:30pm Busy

Video call:

(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Jun 28, 2018

All day JW telework

(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

10am - 12pm Busy

Video call:

(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Fri Jun 29, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Jun 28, 2018 - Fri Jun 29, 2018

Joshua Winchell

Tue Jul 3, 2018

8:30am - 9:30am NWRS Management Team Mtg

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

9:30am - 10:30am Division Chief Mtg

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

10:30am - 11:30am All Hands Meeting Murie

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Wed Jul 4, 2018

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Jul 5, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Jul 5, 2018 - Fri Jul 6, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where:
Call #: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted] NPS-WASO-MIB Huddle Room 1442, BOR-DRO Bldg 40 Rm B-2207 Parkview, BOR-DRO Bldg 40 Rm A-2124 Rocky Mountain VTC
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Adam Milnor, Ronnie Baca, Jeffrey McCusker, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Robin Hawks, BOR-DRO Bldg 40 Rm B-2207 Parkview, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Woodsy Owl, Stewart Cogswell, Robert Ratcliffe, Ryan Alcorn, Judith Lavoie, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Jerome Jackson, Linda Walker, Krista Sherwood, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Michael England, NPS-WASO-MIB Huddle Room 1442, BOR-DRO Bldg 40 Rm A-2124 Rocky Mountain VTC Isaac Collins, Michael Carlo, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, Joshua Winchell

11am - 12pm SO. 3366 follow up discussion

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6013 (Main Interior Building), BOR-DRO Bldg 40 Rm B-2207 Parkview
Calendar: Matthew Hommel
Who:
Joshua Winchell, Jeffrey McCusker, Robert Ratcliffe, Adam Milnor, Brad Gunn, Larry Ridenhour, David Miko, Jerome Jackson, Stewart Cogswell, BOR-DRO Bldg 40 Rm B-2207 Parkview, Ryan Alcorn, Ronnie Baca, Linda Walker, Michael Carlo, Kelly Horvath, Rick May, Krista Sherwood, Ryan Hambleton, Jeffrey Reinbold, Robin Hawks, Chris Colvin, Matthew Hommel, Jesselyn Hamilton
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Fri Jul 6, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Jul 5, 2018 - Fri Jul 6, 2018

8am - 10am (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Mon Jul 9, 2018

2pm - 3pm Catch up mtg

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Who: Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

Tue Jul 10, 2018

9:30am - 10am shuttle to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

10am - 11am DFO meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: NPS-WASO-MIB Huddle Room 2654
Calendar: Alma Ripps
Who: Joshua Winchell, NPS-WASO-MIB Huddle Room 2654, Shirley Sears, Alma Ripps
Going? Yes

1pm - 2pm IWCC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Pam's office
Calendar: Daphne Carlson Bremer
Who: Daphne Carlson Bremer, Joshua Winchell, Pamela Scruggs
Going? Yes

Wed Jul 11, 2018

All day HSSCC Meeting - MIB

Wed Jul 11, 2018

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

11am - 12pm IA consult

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Thu Jul 12, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Jul 12, 2018 - Fri Jul 13, 2018

8am - 10am [redacted]

Video call:
[redacted]

10:30am - 11am NWRS Reporting on Secretarial Order Implementation

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Shaun's Office 3C001 Conference Call #[redacted] Passcode [redacted]
Calendar: Shaun Sanchez
Created by: Azuredee Perkins
Who: Shaun Sanchez, Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Fri Jul 13, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Jul 12, 2018 - Fri Jul 13, 2018

Tue Jul 17, 2018

8am - 10:30am Telework

Video call:
[redacted]

11am - 1pm MIB meet with Krista and Margaret

Video call:
[redacted]

Joshua Winchell

1pm - 4pm
GFO/DFO User Acceptance Testing (UAT) for new FACA Database Platform
Where: [redacted] or GSA HQ (1800 F Street NW) Room #G143
Calendar: mackenzie.brown@gsa.gov
Who:
[redacted] uscg.mil, wendy.remsburg@nih.gov, lawrence.wright@usdoj.gov, Clarence Summers, ron.livingston@nih.gov, serina.hunter-thomas@fda.hhs.gov, mele.kathy@bls.gov, carlson.andrea.k@dol.gov, Jill Nagode, kkaufmann@acumensolutions.com, tabitha.dove@gsa.gov, ramesh.dugar@gsa.gov, nstremple@fs.fed.us, emmanuel.caudillo@ed.gov, alicia.chambers@nist.gov, kenneth.sandler@gsa.gov, stephanie.sanzone@gsa.gov, Marlene.Betts@ams.usda.gov, reardonkt@mail.nih.gov, sean.hennessey@gsa.gov, [redacted] uscg.mil, karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov, lordal@mail.nih.gov, erchiang@nsf.gov, copelana@mail.nih.gov, tynetta.dreher@hhs.gov, kenya.nicholas@osec.usda.gov, habraham@fsfed.us, [redacted] mail.mil, sarika.shirbhate@gsa.gov, wiszneaj@mail.nih.gov, susanne.bolton@gsa.gov, [redacted] @gmail.com, mackenzie.brown@gsa.gov, phamp@mail.nih.gov, sheriffs2@mail.nih.gov, jessica.dulkadir@trade.gov, christine.nimerala@gsa.gov, jarl.jonas@gsa.gov, jonann.flemings@fas.usda.gov, ingrid.mitchem@trade.gov, pranav.desai@gsa.gov, carrillo.oscar@epa.gov, snouffea@od.nih.gov, Carrie Richardson, jesus.magat@gsa.gov, shannon.watson@dot.gov, Melanie Wilson Gore, Joshua Winchell, massiasw@mail.nih.gov, heidi.lovett@noaa.gov, daria.medved@gsa.gov, pmoulder@doc.gov, angel.saumure@gsa.gov, christie.murray@dot.gov, jamila.perry@nrc.gov, lorelei.kowalski@gsa.gov, shannon.middleton@va.gov, Krista Bibb, virginia.wills@gsa.gov, teresa.hays@fda.hhs.gov, jeffrey.flumignan@dot.gov, Tina Faecke, kimberley.hetkowski@nih.gov, [redacted] usace.army.mil, dshenry@nsf.gov, carolyn.austin-diggs@gsa.gov, beattied@arts.gov
Going? Yes

Wed Jul 18, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call
Video call:
[redacted]

Where:
Call #: [redacted] Participants Code: [redacted] BOR-DRO Bldg 40 Rm B-2207 Parkview, NPS-WASO-MIB Huddle Room 1442
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Joshua Winchell, NPS-WASO-MIB Huddle Room 1442, Woodsy Owl, Adam Milnor, [redacted] usace.army.mil, Stewart Cogswell, ddubray@usbr.gov, tbustam@fs.fed.us, [redacted] gmail.com, Judith Lavoie, Michael England, Isaac Collins, Michael Carlo, Jerome Jackson, Jeffrey McCusker, BOR-DRO Bldg 40 Rm B-2207 Parkview, Ronnie Baca, Ryan Alcorn, Carl (Andy) Tenney, chiara.zuccarino-crowe@noaa.gov, Robert Ratcliffe, [redacted] usace.army.mil, Linda Walker, Krista Sherwood
Going? Yes

2pm - 3pm SO 3356 Reporting - Transition Meeting
Video call:
[redacted]

Who: Linh Phu, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Thu Jul 19, 2018

6:30am - 3pm Telework

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Fri Jul 20, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Fri Jul 20, 2018 - Wed Aug 1, 2018

Sat Jul 21, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Fri Jul 20, 2018 - Wed Aug 1, 2018

Sun Jul 22, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Fri Jul 20, 2018 - Wed Aug 1, 2018

Mon Jul 23, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Fri Jul 20, 2018 - Wed Aug 1, 2018

Tue Jul 24, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Fri Jul 20, 2018 - Wed Aug 1, 2018

3pm - 4:30pm

Using Social Media Analytics to Understand Patterns in Visitor Use

Where: Zoom (scroll down for details on how to join webinar)
Calendar: Maile Adler
Who:
McKinney Briske, Sherman Hogue, davefisher@stanford.edu, BLM_WO_TTMT, BLM_WO_250, Allison Ginn, Maile Adler, BLM_WO_RVSAT, Noelle Glines Bovio, Gerald (Jerry) Magee, Jaime Tompkins, Karla Rogers, Chad Schneckenburger, Joshua Winchell, Jamie Garcia, Timothy Fisher, Adam Milnor, Kenneth Mahoney, spwood@uw.edu, ericwhite@fs.fed.us, Tami Torres

Wed Jul 25, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Fri Jul 20, 2018 - Wed Aug 1, 2018

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Jul 26, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Fri Jul 20, 2018 - Wed Aug 1, 2018

Joshua Winchell

11:30am - 1pm Stewart's Good-Bye Lunch - please RSVP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: TBD - Stewart's choosing
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Linda Walker, Susan Morse, David Miko, Angelina Yost, Kristen Gilbert, Beverly Robinson, Katherine Spomer, Michael Carlo, Robert Miller, Bill OBrian, Stewart Cogswell, Joshua Winchell, Deborah Moore, Eugene Marino, Joanna Webb, Phil LePelch, Martha Nudel, Aaron Mize

Fri Jul 27, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Fri Jul 20, 2018 - Wed Aug 1, 2018

Sat Jul 28, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Fri Jul 20, 2018 - Wed Aug 1, 2018

Sun Jul 29, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Fri Jul 20, 2018 - Wed Aug 1, 2018

Mon Jul 30, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Fri Jul 20, 2018 - Wed Aug 1, 2018

Tue Jul 31, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Fri Jul 20, 2018 - Wed Aug 1, 2018

1pm - 2pm Cross-Program-R3 and Marketing and Public Outreach Efforts

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
USFWS Skyline Room 3N302 - (PAUL KROEGEL AD CONFERENCE ROOM)and T-Conference
Calendar: Kristen Gilbert
Who:
DJCaseAssoc, Aaron Mize, Sarah Mott, Katherine Harrigan, Joshua Winchell, Colleen Sculley, Natalie Sexton, Rachel Levin, Linda Walker, dave@djcase.com, Christina Milloy, Timothy Smith, Linda Friar, Werner Barz, Kristen Gilbert, Doug Hobbs, Brad Milley, Christy Vigfusson

2pm - 3:30pm LGBTQ Diversity Event

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Michael Thomas
Who: Joshua Winchell

Joshua Winchell

Wed Aug 1, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Fri Jul 20, 2018 - Wed Aug 1, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Judith Lavoie, Adam Milnor, Joshua Winchell, Ryan Alcorn, Krista Sherwood, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Jeffrey McCusker, Jerome Jackson, Woodsy Owl, Isaac Collins, Michae Carlo, Ronnie Baca, Michael England, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Linda Walker, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Robert Ratcliffe, tbustam@fs.fed.us

11:45am - 1pm Farewell Lunch for Cameron, Hunter and Logan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Bonchon Navy Yard, 1015 Half St SE, Washington, DC 20003, USA
Calendar: Robin Hawks
Who: BLM_WO_250, Robin Hawks, Joshua Winchell, BLM_WO_400_NCL_and_CP, BLM_WO_230

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Aug 2, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Aug 2, 2018 - Fri Aug 3, 2018

Fri Aug 3, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Aug 2, 2018 - Fri Aug 3, 2018

Tue Aug 7, 2018

10:30am - 11:30am ANRS All Hands Meeting Murie

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

2pm - 2:30pm SO Reporting Update

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Shaun's Office 3C001
Calendar: Shaun Sanchez
Created by: Azuredee Perkins
Who: Joshua Winchell, Vicki Finn, Shaun Sanchez, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Wed Aug 8, 2018

1pm - 2pm Linh/Josh 3356 Data Xfer

Calendar: Linh Phu
Who: Linh Phu, Vicki Finn, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

2:30pm - 3pm SO reporting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Noah's Office
Calendar: Noah Matson
Who: Noah Matson, Michelle Potter, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Aug 9, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Aug 9, 2018 - Fri Aug 10, 2018

10am - 11am Josh/Martha/Linh Weekly Report Discussion

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Linh Phu
Who: Joshua Winchell, Vicki Finn, Martha Nudel, Linh Phu
Going? Yes

2pm - 3pm ESRI Applications for Managers and Staff

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM4011 Street Training Rm Capacity 25 Phone 202 912 7268
Calendar: Ryan Tietjen
Who: Joshua Winchell

Fri Aug 10, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Aug 9, 2018 - Fri Aug 10, 2018

Mon Aug 13, 2018

3pm - 3pm Weekly Report Due to Matt Trott & COS

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Linh Phu
Who: Linh Phu, Joshua Winchell

Joshua Winchell

Tue Aug 14, 2018

11am - 12pm
Branch of Visitor Services Staff meeting (Conf. line (b) (5) CIP ; code (b) (5) CIP)
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Indigo Conference Room
Calendar: Vicki Finn
Who:
Angelina Yost, Sue McDonald, Joshua Winchell, Vicki Finn, Michael Carlo, Eugene Marino, Deborah Moore, Phil LePelch, Joanna Webb

11am - 12pm Hold for VS Mtg
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Wed Aug 15, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Judith Lavoie, Woodsy Owl, Michael Carlo, Ryan Alcorn, Jeffrey McCusker, Michael England, Robert Ratcliffe, Isaac Collins, Jerome Jackson, Krista Sherwood, tbustam@fs.fed.us, (b) (6) usace.army.mil, Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Adam Milnor, Ronnie Baca, (b) (6) gmail.com, (b) (6) usace.army.mil
Going? Yes

11am - 12pm [EXTERNAL] FW: Meeting to Preview Updated ORSA Tables on 8...
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Edward Maillett
Who:
Krista Sherwood, carlflucero@fs.fed.us, benjamincjohnson@fs.fed.us, Jerome Jackson, Woodsy Owl, danielle.schwarzmann@noaa.gov, Robin Hawks, Michael Carlo, (b) (6) usace.army.mil, Ann Miller, Jesselyn Hamilton, Edward Maillett, Joshua Sidon, jeffery.adkins@noaa.gov, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Natalie Sexton, luannelohr@fs.fed.us, Maggie OConnell, (b) (6) usace.army.mil, adrienne.pilot@bea.gov, harry_fuller@fws.gov, James Caudill, denglish@fs.fed.us, marylee.haughwout@noaa.gov, Erin Carver, (b) (6) usace.army.mil, Ryan Alcorn, Donald Leadbetter, allisonrremley@fs.fed.us, Lynne Koontz, Adam Milnor, William (Bill) Taylor, Robert Ratcliffe, jlewandrowski@oce.usda.gov, Sylvia Cabrera, Benjamin Simon, Ronnie Baca, Phil LePelch, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Larry Ridenhour, Dorothy Morgan, monica grasso@noaa.gov, DeShawn Woods, mitchell.tartt@noaa.gov, Richard Aiken, Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker, Rebecca Moore, Peter Grigelis

11am - 11:30am mtg with Vicki
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Vicki's office
Who: Joshua Winchell, Vicki Finn
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

2:30pm - 3pm WSFR SO reporting discussion

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Christy's office
Who: Joshua Winchell, Christy Vigfusson
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Aug 16, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Aug 16, 2018 - Fri Aug 17, 2018

Fri Aug 17, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Aug 16, 2018 - Fri Aug 17, 2018

Tue Aug 21, 2018

10am - 10:30am mtg with Angelina re: SO reporting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Angelina Yost, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

12pm - 1pm Lunch with Krista

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted] \

Who: Krista Bibb, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Wed Aug 22, 2018

10:30am - 11am VSC SO-3356 accomplishment reporting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Vicki Finn, Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Aug 23, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Aug 23, 2018 - Fri Aug 24, 2018

Fri Aug 24, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Aug 23, 2018 - Fri Aug 24, 2018

Joshua Winchell

Tue Aug 28, 2018

4pm - 4:30pm convo with giddings re EPAP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Wed Aug 29, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Natalie Sexton, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Joshua Winchell, Michael England, Adam Milnor, Ronnie Baca, Jeffrey McCusker, Michael Carlo, Samantha Zurbuch, Vicki Finn, Jerome Jackson, Carl (Andy) Tenney, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Krista Sherwood, Ryan Alcorn, Robert Ratcliffe, Isaac Collins, Linda Walker, Judith Lavoie, Woodsy Owl, tbustam@fs.fed.us, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com

11am - 12pm DVSC - Secretarial Order Activities Update

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel Conference Room
Who:
Angelina Yost, Deborah Moore, Joanna Webb, Phil LePelch, Linda Walker, Kristen Gilbert, Vicki Finn, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo
Going? Yes

12:30pm - 1:30pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Virginia Takang, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Aug 30, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Aug 30, 2018 - Fri Aug 31, 2018

Fri Aug 31, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Aug 30, 2018 - Fri Aug 31, 2018

Wed Sep 5, 2018

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Sep 6, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Sep 6, 2018 - Fri Sep 7, 2018

Joshua Winchell

Fri Sep 7, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Sep 6, 2018 - Fri Sep 7, 2018

12pm - 1pm Busy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Sep 10, 2018

1:30pm - 2pm Detail discussion

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Valerie Fellows
Who: Valerie Fellows, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Tue Sep 11, 2018

9am - 12pm GFO/DFO FACA Database User Training on Salesforce Platform

Where: 4143 and Virtual Meeting Space
Calendar: facatraining@gsa.gov
Created by: kristen.kaufmann@gsa.gov
Who: Joshua Winchell

1pm - 4pm GFO/DFO FACA Database User Training on Salesforce Platform

Where: 4143 and Virtual Meeting Space
Calendar: facatraining@gsa.gov
Created by: kristen.kaufmann@gsa.gov
Who: Joshua Winchell

Wed Sep 12, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Carl (Andy) Tenney, Ryan Alcorn, Jeffrey McCusker, (b) (6) usace.army.mil, Michael Carlo, Isaac Collins, Joshua Winchell, (b) (6) gmail.com, Woodsy Owl, Ronnie Baca, Judith Lavoie, Michael England, (b) (6) usace.army.mil, Robert Ratcliffe, Linda Walker, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Krista Sherwood, Adam Milnor, Jerome Jackson

12pm - 1pm Busy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

4pm - 4:30pm meet with Vicki

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Thu Sep 13, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Sep 13, 2018 - Fri Sep 14, 2018

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: Linda Walker
Who:
Mary Powers, Phil LePelch, Angelina Yost, Sue McDonald, Susan Morse, Deborah Moore, Joanna Webb, Kristen Gilbert, Martha Nudel, Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell, Michael Carlo, Beverly Robinson, Eugene Marino, Bill OBrian

9:30am - 10am check in call with Carrie

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

1pm - 2pm Google Tutorial for Rec Program

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: BLM-AZ Suite 120 Conference Room
Calendar: Maile Adler
Who:
Kenneth Mahoney, Ronald Morfin, Krissy Sherman, Maile Adler, Braden Yardley, Jody Barker, BLM-AZ Suite 120 Conference Room, Raymond Castro, BLM_NM_ORP, Zackary Kelley, Matthew Driscoll, David Baker, Francisco Mendoza, Robert Boyd, Joshua Winchell, Michael Brown, Dodge Divall, Julie McGrew, Rachel Luu, Nayethzi Hernandez, Karen McKinley, Richard Law, Noelle Glines Bovio, Jonathan Jasper, BLM_WO_250, William Alexander, Erich Schow, jford@blm.gov, Heidi Blankenship, Julie Suhr Pierce, Penny Foreman, Karla Rogers, BLM_WO_TTMT, Rachel Wootton, Anthony Johnson, Cynthia Barrett, Michael Lytle, Christopher Gammage, Brian Brinkley, Michelle Elliott, Daniel Pollard, Tamarya Pike, Robert Walter, Robert Wells, Tracy Perfors, BLM_WO_RVSAT, Gerald (Jerry) Magee, Alexander Whiteman, Melinda Mahoney, Gregory Helseth, Allysia Angus, Terrence (Terry) Heslin, Brooke Wheeler, Caroline Kilbane

Fri Sep 14, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Sep 13, 2018 - Fri Sep 14, 2018

Wed Sep 19, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Wed Sep 19, 2018 - Thu Sep 20, 2018

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Sep 20, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Sep 20, 2018 - Fri Sep 21, 2018

Joshua Winchell

Fri Sep 21, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Sep 20, 2018 - Fri Sep 21, 2018

Tue Sep 25, 2018

9am - 12pm GFO/DFO FACA Database User Training on Salesforce Platform

Where: G143 and Virtual Meeting Space
Calendar: facatraining@gsa.gov
Created by: kristen.kaufmann@gsa.gov
Who: Joshua Winchell

3pm - 3:30pm Discuss Advisory Committee

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jeff's Office
Calendar: Jeff Krauss
Created by: Ursula Massey
Who: Joshua Winchell, Jeff Krauss, Beverly Winston, Thomas Baptiste
Going? Yes

Wed Sep 26, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Carl (Andy) Tenney, Jerome Jackson, Larry Ridenhour, Jeffrey McCusker, Michael England, Ronnie Baca, Woodsy Owl, Isaac Collins, Robert Ratcliffe, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Krista Sherwood, Michael Carlo, Ryan Alcorn, Judith Lavoie, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell, marnn@fs.fed.us, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Eugenia Tyner-Dawson, Adam Milnor, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Sep 27, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Sep 27, 2018 - Fri Sep 28, 2018

Fri Sep 28, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Sep 27, 2018 - Fri Sep 28, 2018

3pm - 4pm Mtg with Josh- SO

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (571) 329-1172
Calendar: Georgia Basso
Who: Joshua Winchell, Georgia Basso
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Tue Oct 2, 2018

9am - 12pm GFO/DFO FACA Database User Training on Salesforce Platform

Where: 1420 and Virtual Meeting Space
Calendar: facatraining@gsa.gov
Created by: kristen.kaufmann@gsa.gov
Who: Joshua Winchell

1pm - 4pm GFO/DFO FACA Database User Training on Salesforce Platform

Where: 1420 and Virtual Meeting Space
Calendar: facatraining@gsa.gov
Created by: kristen.kaufmann@gsa.gov
Who: Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

Wed Oct 3, 2018

12pm - 1:30pm mtg with Alma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Oct 4, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Oct 4, 2018 - Fri Oct 5, 2018

Fri Oct 5, 2018

All day JW telework

Thu Oct 4, 2018 - Fri Oct 5, 2018

Tue Oct 9, 2018

1pm - 4pm GFO/DFO FACA Database User Training on Salesforce Platform

Where: 3143 and Virtual Meeting Space
Calendar: facatraining@gsa.gov
Created by: kristen.kaufmann@gsa.gov
Who: Joshua Winchell

Wed Oct 10, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Larry Ridenhour, Ronnie Baca, Joshua Winchell, Carl (Andy) Tenney, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, marnn@fs.fed.us, Judith Lavoie, Linda Walker, Woodsy Owl, Eugenia Tyner-Dawson, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, Jerome Jackson, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Adam Milnor, Isaac Collins, Jeffrey McCusker, Michael Carlo, Krista Sherwood, Michael England, Robert Ratcliffe, Georgia Basso, Ryan Alcorn, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Thu Oct 11, 2018

All day JW telework
Thu Oct 11, 2018 - Fri Oct 12, 2018

8am - 9am [redacted]
Video call:
[redacted]

Fri Oct 12, 2018

All day JW telework
Thu Oct 11, 2018 - Fri Oct 12, 2018

Wed Oct 17, 2018

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Thu Oct 18, 2018

All day JW telework
Thu Oct 18, 2018 - Fri Oct 19, 2018

Fri Oct 19, 2018

All day JW telework
Thu Oct 18, 2018 - Fri Oct 19, 2018

Mon Oct 22, 2018

All day Simplified Acquisition Procedures -
Mon Oct 22, 2018 - Fri Oct 26, 2018
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: RM 4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617,
Calendar: Tonya Harris
Who:
BLM_WO_200_All, David Jeppesen, BLM_WO_200_Chiefs_DDCs_and_BCs, Deborah Collins, Myunghwa Kim, Sabria Mathis, Kyle Sullivan, Rebecca Moore, Renee Fuhrman, Jammal Barker, John Allison, Lamont Sawyers, BLM_WO_200_M_ST_AND_MIB, BLM-WO MST RM4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617, BLM_WO_200_Emp_Guest, Mazahir Baig, BLM_WO_200_Mgmt_Guest, Deena Lentz, Tonya Harris, Joshua Winchell

1pm - 2pm
Discuss Improving RAC Coordination - [redacted]; Passcode is: [redacted]
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Jeff's Office
Calendar: Ursula Massey
Who:
Beverly Winston, Jeff Krauss, Ursula Massey, Carrie Richardson, Joshua Winchell, Thomas Baptiste
Going? Yes

Joshua Winchell

Tue Oct 23, 2018

All day Simplified Acquisition Procedures -

Mon Oct 22, 2018 - Fri Oct 26, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: RM 4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617,
Calendar: Tonya Harris
Who:
BLM_WO_200_All, David Jeppesen, BLM_WO_200_Chiefs_DDCs_and_BCs, Deborah Collins, Myunghwa Kim, Sabria Mathis, Kyle Sullivan, Rebecca Moore, Renee Fuhrman, Jammal Barker, John Allison, Lamont Sawyers, BLM_WO_200_M_ST_AND_MIB, BLM-WO MST RM4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617, BLM_WO_200_Emp_Guest, Mazahir Baig, BLM_WO_200_Mgmt_Guest, Deena Lentz, Tonya Harris, Joshua Winchell

Wed Oct 24, 2018

All day Simplified Acquisition Procedures -

Mon Oct 22, 2018 - Fri Oct 26, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: RM 4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617,
Calendar: Tonya Harris
Who:
BLM_WO_200_All, David Jeppesen, BLM_WO_200_Chiefs_DDCs_and_BCs, Deborah Collins, Myunghwa Kim, Sabria Mathis, Kyle Sullivan, Rebecca Moore, Renee Fuhrman, Jammal Barker, John Allison, Lamont Sawyers, BLM_WO_200_M_ST_AND_MIB, BLM-WO MST RM4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617, BLM_WO_200_Emp_Guest, Mazahir Baig, BLM_WO_200_Mgmt_Guest, Deena Lentz, Tonya Harris, Joshua Winchell

11am - 11:30am

Discuss RACs and Federal Register - (b) (5) CIP [redacted]; Passcode is: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jeff's Office
Calendar: Ursula Massey
Who:
Jeff Krauss, Ian Senio, Carrie Richardson, Joshua Winchell, Thomas Baptiste, Ursula Massey, Beverly Winston
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Thu Oct 25, 2018

All day Simplified Acquisition Procedures -

Mon Oct 22, 2018 - Fri Oct 26, 2018

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: RM 4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617,
Calendar: Tonya Harris
Who:
BLM_WO_200_All, David Jeppesen, BLM_WO_200_Chiefs_DDCs_and_BCs, Deborah Collins, Myunghwa Kim, Sabria Mathis, Kyle Sullivan, Rebecca Moore, Renee Fuhrman, Jammal Barker, John Allison, Lamont Sawyers, BLM_WO_200_M_ST_AND_MIB, BLM-WO MST RM4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617, BLM_WO_200_Emp_Guest, Mazahir Baig, BLM_WO_200_Mgmt_Guest, Deena Lentz, Tonya Harris, Joshua Winchell

All day JW telework

Thu Oct 25, 2018 - Fri Oct 26, 2018

Fri Oct 26, 2018

All day Simplified Acquisition Procedures -

Mon Oct 22, 2018 - Fri Oct 26, 2018

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: RM 4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617,
Calendar: Tonya Harris
Who:
BLM_WO_200_All, David Jeppesen, BLM_WO_200_Chiefs_DDCs_and_BCs, Deborah Collins, Myunghwa Kim, Sabria Mathis, Kyle Sullivan, Rebecca Moore, Renee Fuhrman, Jammal Barker, John Allison, Lamont Sawyers, BLM_WO_200_M_ST_AND_MIB, BLM-WO MST RM4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617, BLM_WO_200_Emp_Guest, Mazahir Baig, BLM_WO_200_Mgmt_Guest, Deena Lentz, Tonya Harris, Joshua Winchell

All day JW telework

Thu Oct 25, 2018 - Fri Oct 26, 2018

Tue Oct 30, 2018

12pm - 2pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Wed Oct 31, 2018

12pm - 1:30pm Lunch w/Joshua Winchell

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Ursula Massey
Who: Jeff Krauss, Ursula Massey, Joshua Winchell
Going? Yes

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Joshua Winchell

Fri Nov 2, 2018

All day JW telework

Fri Nov 2, 2018

Tue Nov 6, 2018

3pm - 5pm DU/Everson Reception

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 444 North Capitol St NW, Suite 745 Washington, DC 20001, USA

Wed Nov 7, 2018

10am - 11am Recreation Interagency Coordination Call

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Call #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Krista Sherwood
Who:
Judith Lavoie, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, (b) (6) [redacted] usace.army.mil, marnn@fs.fed.us, Adam Milnor, (b) (6) [redacted] gmail.com, Ronnie Baca, Krista Sherwood, Carl (Andy) Tenney, Jerome Jackson, Woodsy Owl, Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker, Michael England, Michael Carlo, Jeffrey McCusker, Georgia Basso, Ryan Alcorn, Larry Ridenhour, Eugenia Tyner-Dawson, tbustam@fs.fed.us, Isaac Collins, Robert Ratcliffe

12pm - 2pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Thu Nov 8, 2018

2pm - 3:30pm (No title)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617
Calendar: Michael Thomas
Who:
Rebecca Moore, BLM_WO-200_All, Joshua Winchell, Michael Thomas, BLM-WO MST RM4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617

2pm - 3:30pm Native American History Program -- Postponed

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Michael Thomas
Who: Joshua Winchell

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Nov 9, 2018

All day JW telework

Fri Nov 9, 2018

Joshua Winchell

Tue Nov 13, 2018

11am - 11:30am take 10:55am shuttle from MIB to Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

11:30am - 1pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Thu Nov 15, 2018

8:30am - 10am Bi-Weekly DVSC All-Hands Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kroegel
Calendar: NWRS-DVSC Events/Calls
Created by: Kristen Gilbert
Who:
Michael Carlo, Phil LePelch, Angelina Yost, Kristen Gilbert, Beverly Robinson, Sue McDonald, Eugene Marino, Bill OBrian, Linda Walker, Joshua Winchell, Joanna Webb, Deborah Moore, Mary Powers, Martha Nudel, Susan Morse

1pm - 2:30pm Introduction to the National NEPA Contract

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
(b) (5) CIP [redacted]
RM5005 Lowlands Conference Rm Capacity 20 Phone 202 912 7612
Calendar: Deena Lentz
Who: Joshua Winchell

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Nov 16, 2018

All day JW telework

Fri Nov 16, 2018

Wed Nov 21, 2018

All day Telework

Wed Nov 21, 2018

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Thu Nov 22, 2018

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Nov 23, 2018

All day JW telework

Fri Nov 23, 2018

Joshua Winchell

Tue Nov 27, 2018

10:30am - 11am take 10:30 BLM shuttle to M St.

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

11am - 12pm

WO-600 All Employees Meeting - (b) (5) CIP [redacted]; Passcode is: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
BLM-WO MST RM4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617, BLM-WO MST RM4017 High Desert Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7185
Calendar: Ursula Massey
Who:
Jill Ralston, Lauren Luckey, Derrick Henry, Chandra Little, Ian Senio, Jeff Krauss, Andrea Nelson, Catherine Emmett, Christopher Zwemke, Lorraine Blanks, BLM-WO MST RM4016 High Country Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7617, Patrick Wilkinson, Joshua Winchell, Brian Lombard, Megan Crandall, Tara Rigler, Keiosha Alexander, Vickie Briggs, Colin Strylowski, Jennifer Noe, William Holmes, Mark Purdy, Mark Brown, Faith Bremner, Meredith Black, Adrienne DiCerbo, Gregory Fuhs, Christopher Tollefson, Heather Feeney, Meagan Gins, BLM-WO MST RM4017 High Desert Conference Rm Capacity 80 Phone 202 912 7185, Cynthia Hernandez, Carrie Richardson, Beverly Winston, Ursula Massey, Jamie Pool, Ryan Witt, Michelle Reid, Maritiza Harris, Jillian Eanett, Cynthia Moses-Nedd, Charles Yudson, Jean Sonneman
Going? Yes

Wed Nov 28, 2018

1pm - 1:30pm Convo with Josh

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Office (202) 208-7301 Cell (571) 329-1172
Calendar: Georgia Basso
Who: Joshua Winchell, Georgia Basso
Going? Yes

Thu Nov 29, 2018

1:30pm - 3pm Native American History Event

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Michael Thomas
Who: Joshua Winchell

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Nov 30, 2018

All day @MIB HOLD for ORAC

Fri Nov 30, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Joshua Winchell

11am - 1pm HOLD for ORAC - South Penthouse

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Tue Dec 4, 2018

11:15am - 11:25am Wishing Cathi Bailey well in retirement (Quick Video)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Rachel Wootton
Who:
Brianna Candelaria, Scott Richardson, Nikki Haskett, Janet Lacey, Byron Loosle, Sally Butts, Timothy Fisher, Robert Wick, Joshua Winchell, Gail Harvey, Kevin Flynn, Mara Alexander, Janet Ady, Jeanne Moe, Nayethzi Hernandez, Mary Isaac, Linda Schnee, Cynthia Hernandez, Trevor Needham, Marcelia Bradley, BLM_WO_250, Rachel Wootton, Clayton Schmidt

3pm - 4pm RAC mtg with Carrie & Tara

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Tara Rigler Office

Wed Dec 5, 2018

All day Govt. Closed - Day of Mourning

Wed Dec 5, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

12pm - 1pm Brown Bag Presentation: Geospatial Imaging at the NOC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: BLM-WO MST RM5005 Lowlands Conference Rm Capacity 20 Phone 202 912 7612
Calendar: Narida Thorne
Who:
Daniel Fleming, Janna Simonsen, Clayton Schmidt, Joel Harrington, Rebecca Moore, Ryan Tietjen, Narida Thorne, Joshua Winchell, BLM-WO MST RM5005 Lowlands Conference Rm Capacity 20 Phone 202 912 7612, Devin Johnson, BLM_WO_200_All

Thu Dec 6, 2018

4:15pm - 4:45pm turn on call forward

Fri Dec 7, 2018

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Fri Dec 7, 2018
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

All day JW telework

Fri Dec 7, 2018

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Mon Jan 2, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (1/2 - 1/6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Tue Jan 3, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (1/2 - 1/6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Wed Jan 4, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (1/2 - 1/6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

11am OIG monthly status update

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Room 3359 (Jim, Steve, Teresa, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] via phone, Charisa Morris)
--Keith to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm GIS leadership discussion

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Steve's Office
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm Mitigation Banking Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3160
Calendar: Michael Bean
Created by: Maxine Morgan

Thu Jan 5, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (1/2 - 1/6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am Partner Impact follow up check-in / status

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Steve's office
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri Jan 6, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (1/2 - 1/6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Mon Jan 9, 2017

10am Dedication Ceremony

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Patuxent Refuge 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop Laurel, MD
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am Travel from Patuxent to Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12:30pm Event at Skyline (farwell to Dan) - Rachel Carson Room

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

4pm Dan's Partner Reception

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB South penthouse
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Tue Jan 10, 2017

10am

Follow-up Budget Formulation Meeting - Room 3038 (Dial Shelly Hartmann at 703-358-2004)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWS Director Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1:30pm Travel to Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm

Human Resources Appreciation Event - Skyline, Skyline, Rachel Carson Room
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Wed Jan 11, 2017

9:30am Meeting on Cormorants - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Dan, Steve, Jim, Jerome, Noah and Ken Richkus) - Room 3357
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am

BRIEFING: FY 2017 Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF) Annual Work Plan (AWP) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Jim, Dan, Cynthia Martinez, Polly Wheeler, Eric Alvarez and Ken Fowler) - Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am Meeting re: Decision Integrity, AWEA letter & lead - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038 (Dan, Teresa, Jim ,Steve, Noah, Cynthia Martinez, Jerome Ford, Gary Frazer)
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

12pm Budget discussion

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Dan, Jim and Steve) - Room 3359
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm Meeting re: Status of Multi-State Conservation Grants DTS 064770

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038 (Teresa, Dan, Jim, Steve, Paul Rauch, Robert Curry, Tom Busiahn)
Calendar: teresa_christopher@fws.gov
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3pm

Monthly VTC for Directorate & Deputies - Room 3038-FWS Director Conference Room - 3038

Where: FWS Director Conference Room - 3038; use Vidyo OR dial (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Thu Jan 12, 2017

10am EDC work plan for 2017 - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Steve and Paul Rauch) - Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm Phone call with Bryan Arroyo

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Bryan to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3pm Advisory Council Coordination Call

Where: Room 3359 (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: teresa_christopher@fws.gov
Created by: Stephen Guertin

Fri Jan 13, 2017

8am HOLD - off site

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Mon Jan 16, 2017

All day Martin Luther King Day

Where: United States
Going? Yes

Tue Jan 17, 2017

10am SFBPC Teleconference - Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am Wildlife Trafficking Council sit in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm OCIO Meeting/Call

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
(Steve, Ken, Shelley and Sylvia Burns) Dial-in: (b) (5) C P Passcode: (b) (5) CIP -
Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm Meeting w/L.M. (in person)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm Meeting w/L.B. (in person)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm Meeting with S.M (in person) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

4pm Meeting w/B.B. (in-person)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Wed Jan 18, 2017

9am Georgia Institute of Technology

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Eric to call Steve on 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am Meet with DOI Agency Review Team - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Director's Conference Room
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12pm AFWA's Multi-State Grant follow-up meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
(Dan, Steve, Jim, Teresa, \Paul Rauch, Larry Mellinger) (Larry should call 208-4545 and be transferred to Steve's office polycom) - Room 3357
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm

National Fish Habitat Board Meeting Webex or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: WebEx
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm Signing Ceremony with Phi Beta Sigma - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3:30pm Farewell Gathering for FWS/FWP departing team members

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: South Penthouse
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Jan 19, 2017

All day MIB closed

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

9am Phone call re: Ivory Amnesty Day

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Dan, Teresa, Woody, David Hayes, Jim, Steve) - Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am IMARS Call

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm Budget Discussion

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Ashworth (3W043) / (b) (5) C P [redacted] pc (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Brian Bloodsworth

Fri Jan 20, 2017

All day Inauguration Day

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Tue Jan 24, 2017

10am

Meeting re: Oil & Gas Development (Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, John Hendrix, Alaska Governor's Oil and Gas Advisor)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10:30am FWP check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWP conference room
Calendar: Maureen Foster

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1:30pm Departmental Assignments

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris

3pm

Call to discuss "options" (Brian should call 208-4545 and transferred into Jim's office polycom) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Jim, Steve and Brian B.)
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Wed Jan 25, 2017

8am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3pm Check in meeting (Steve, Rusty, Jim) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Thu Jan 26, 2017

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm Directorate and Deputy VTC re: Transition Check In

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 703-258-3555 and select room number 4364022#
Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Created by: Mike Edwards

2pm Directorate and Deputy VTC re: Transition Check In

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Going? No

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

3pm
(Jim and EA) to coordinate meeting w/leadership of FWS and AFWA - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri Jan 27, 2017

10am EA Budget (Jim, Steve, Betsy, Matt) - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10:30am Meeting with FWS and Exec Sec
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6136 (Dan Jorjani's Office)
Calendar: Daniel Jorjani
Created by: Gisella Ojeda-dodds

11am Meeting: Steve Guertin/(b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] - OIG - Room 4462
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 4462
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Wed Feb 1, 2017

9am Personnel Issue
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Denise to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am To discuss February events - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Jim, Steve, Charisa, Chris and Anya) - Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am SPEAKING via WebEx 2017 Cohort Course - NCTC
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Feb 2, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10:30am Catch-up on Science Applications

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: (Steve, Seth, Jim) - Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am Meeting w/Sam Rauch (Acting AA for NOAA Fisheries) - Room 3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm Rusty Patched Bumble Bee Listing Determination Briefing

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 6136
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman

Fri Feb 3, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9am Meet & Greet with Incoming RBFF Chairman of the Board - Room 038

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11am Pre-brief prior to meeting w/Jim Cason at 3 pm

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWP conference room 3144
Calendar: tasha_robbins@fws.gov

3pm

Meeting with Jim Cason (Maureen Foster, Gary, Bert Frost, Jim, Steve, Rusty, Thomas Dickens, Virginia Johnson, Ann Navaro, Jack Haugrud) Room 5112

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 5112
Calendar: James Cason
Created by: Jean Parrish

Sat Feb 4, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Sun Feb 5, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Feb 6, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am

Phone call re: Follow Up on New Ethics Procedure for Financial Disclosure Forms (Steve, Anne Badgley) --

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Anne to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1pm Smithsonian event

Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3pm

Congressional Referral (Jim, Rusty, Marty, Charisa) --Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359-MIB
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Feb 7, 2017

All day Skyline/Alexandria All Day

Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9:30am Meet with HQ Deputies, Division Chiefs, Branch Chiefs

Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline, 1W104 & 1W108
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10:30am

Discuss new transition assignment for Department -- Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
[redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Meeting 1030-1130 to follow DAD/Division Chiefs/Branch Chiefs meeting - Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm TRAVEL: to BoatUS

Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm American Recreation Coalition @ BoatUS

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 880 S. Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Wed Feb 8, 2017

8am Welcome remarks at NABCI

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline Building Rachel Carson Room
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am Asst. Directors Meeting re: Current FWS Issues

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Briefing re: zebra/quagga mussels (Jim, Steve, David) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Feb 9, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1:30pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, [redacted], [redacted] Charisa) Dial-in: [redacted] Passcode: [redacted] - Room 3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: (Dial-in: [redacted] Passcode: [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

4pm

Briefing on Pending ESA-Related Actions (Jim Cason, Virginia Johnson, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Gary Frazer, Maureen Foster) Room 5112

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: 5112
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: tasha_robbins@fws.gov

4pm Invasive Mussels Discussion

Where: Room 6641 or Dial [redacted], code: [redacted]
Calendar: Michelle Mebane

Fri Feb 10, 2017

All day TRAVEL: Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation - RBFF

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Orlando Florida
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8am RBFF in Orlando, Florida

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1pm LCC Council Winter call

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], Code (b) (5) C P [redacted]
com/documents
Calendar: Elsa Haubold

Sat Feb 11, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Sun Feb 12, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Feb 13, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9am Discuss response to OIG investigation

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am
Science Budget Allocations (Steve, Jim, Casey, Seth, Chris Nolin) Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Update bio for DOI

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Tue Feb 14, 2017

8am Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm

Discuss Service priorities for infrastructure assignment (Steve, Jim, Casey and Chris Nolin) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3pm

Meeting on Front Office Support (Jim, Steve, Charisa, Ken, and Shelley) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

4pm

Package Status meeting (Jim, Steve, Betsy, Casey, Gary and Anya) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Wed Feb 15, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am Meeting (Steve and Marion Campbell) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12pm ESA compliance post nullification of SPR Brown Bag

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 6151 (b) (5) C P [redacted] participant call: (b) (5) C P [redacted] leader (DC-Karen) (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Mariagrazia Caminiti

1pm Mussels (Steve Guertin/Sarah Ryker)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm

Phone call/Webex re: Conference Approval Process - Room 3357--Dial:
(b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

4:30pm

Meeting/Call re: Klamath Project Court Order--Room 3359-MIB or Dial:
(b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

4:30pm

Meeting/Call re: Klamath Project Court Order--Room 3359-MIB or Dial:
(b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Feb 16, 2017

All day Roslyn - Out of Office (9a - 1p)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8:45am

ES - Greater Sage Grouse Briefing (conference line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference room 3038
Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Created by: Mike Edwards

8:45am

ES - Greater Sage Grouse Briefing (conference line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference room 3038
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman

9:30am

Refuges Budget Briefing (Jim, Steve, Casey, Cynthia Martinez, Katherine Spomer) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Alabama v NMFS critical habitat reg matter briefing

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: SOL conf rm. 6340
Calendar: Mariagrazia Caminiti

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1pm

FEVS Conference Call (Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) C P Webex Link in Description

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where:
Call In: 1-(b) (5) CIP Code (b) (5) C P - Webex Link: (b) (5) CIP

Calendar: Irene Guertin

2pm Bryan Arroyo

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Bryan to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm Meeting (Steve and Anya) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm ES Budget Allocations (Steve, Jim, Casey, Gary, Chris Nolin) Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri Feb 17, 2017

2pm

FAC Budget Allocations (Steve, Jim, Casey, David Hoskins, Chris Nolin) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Sat Feb 18, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Sun Feb 19, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Feb 20, 2017

All day **President's Day Holiday**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Feb 21, 2017

All day **Roslyn - Annual Leave (2/21 - 2/22)**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am **AIA Budget Allocations (Steve, Jim, Casey, Bryan, Chris Nolin) - Room 3357**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am

WSFR Budget Allocations (Steve, Jim, Casey, Paul Rauch, Chris Nolin) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

12pm TDY Travel - Risk Management Discussion

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] pc (b) (5) CIP [redacted] / WebEx info below
Calendar: Brian Bloodsworth

2pm LE Budget Allocations (Steve, Jim, Casey, Woody, Chris Nolin) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3pm Intro to ESA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference room 6120
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman

Wed Feb 22, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (2/21 - 2/22)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am

2018 Budget meeting (Jim, Steve, Chris Nolin and Rachel Merkel) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm TDY Risk Management Dashboard

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Brian to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Feb 23, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am FWS budget briefing

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1:30pm Skyline building

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Feb 24, 2017

All day [redacted]

Video call:
[redacted]

Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9am Pre-Briefing for 3/2 WFLC meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am Migratory Birds Budget Allocation - Room 3357

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11am Briefing - Overview of FWS Migratory Birds Program

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB 3038
Calendar: Matthew Huggler

2pm Briefing - Overview of FWS Refuges Program

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB 3038
Calendar: Matthew Huggler

Sat Feb 25, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Sun Feb 26, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Feb 27, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Check in on report

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Joy to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm VTC set up - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

3pm [Speaking Event via VTC] SUTL Cohort 34 at NCTC via VTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Video Conference, Steve Guertin's office
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

4pm Passback discussion (Jim, Steve, Chris Nolin) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

4:45pm Review FWS FY18 passback and appeal

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP conference room - 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Tue Feb 28, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am Budget briefing with ASFWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am Passback discussion with PMB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6021 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12pm Courtesy Meeting w/John Scanlon, Secretary General of CITES

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB 3038
Calendar: Matthew Huggler

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm

Meeting w/members of Association of JV Management Boards (Steve, Jerome Ford) - Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Wed Mar 1, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted] **- Laura Wharton acting**
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Thu Mar 2, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9am

FWS Meeting with Inter-Mountain West Joint Management Board and Partners for Conservation (Sage Brush & Grassland Conservation) - Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Director's Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10:30am SAIC conference with LE program
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm Red Wolf Briefing
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB - Conference room 3038
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Fri Mar 3, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, [redacted], [redacted] Charisa) Dial-in: [redacted] Passcode: [redacted] - Room 3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: (Dial-in: [redacted] Passcode: [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am Secretary Zinke Address to DOI - Location: Bison Bistro

Video call:
[redacted]

Going? Yes

2pm Mexican Wolf Briefing via VTC

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: MIB 3038
Calendar: Matthew Huggler

3:30pm FAC issues / update (Steve/Dave Hoskins)

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Sat Mar 4, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

5pm Potluck Dinner

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: [redacted]
Calendar: Charisa Morris

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Sun Mar 5, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Mar 6, 2017

All day **Reminder:** [redacted]

Video call:
[redacted]

Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am **FAC Call-Dial:** [redacted] **Code:** [redacted]

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm **VTC Set Up**

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3pm

VTC: Monthly Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Douglas Burn, Karla Bartelt, Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing) - Room 3357, Vidyo Room-Deputy Director Policy-Office

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Mar 7, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am Briefing - FWS Maintenance Backlog

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB 3038
Calendar: Matthew Huggler

Wed Mar 8, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9am

Conference Call (Steve and Brian B.) Directorate meeting agenda item discussion Enterprise Risk Management (Brian should call 202-208-4545) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am

Planning for SO 3347 (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Created by: Mike Edwards

3:30pm FWS Passback meeting - Room 4110 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PC: (b) (5) C P [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Olivia Ferriter

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

7:30pm

[4:30p Pacific] Directorate Team meeting [while at N. Amer. Conf] - Grand Ballroom B
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Location: N. Amer. Conf., Spokake, WA
Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Created by: Mike Edwards

7:30pm

[4:30p Pacific] Directorate Team meeting [while at N. Amer. Conf] - Grand Ballroom B
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Location: N. Amer. Conf., Spokake, WA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Mar 9, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm

Border wall coordination - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:**
(b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm

Border wall coordination - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:**
(b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Created by: Mike Edwards

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Fri Mar 10, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am HR update / assignments

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Call 202 208 4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm

Phone call re: Federal Recreation Council (Steve/Kevin Kilcullen)--Kevin will call 202-208-4545

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Sat Mar 11, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Sun Mar 12, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Mar 13, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (3/13 - 3/17)--Note: 3/16 & 3/17 is tentative

Video call:
[redacted]

Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

9am AD meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Director's Conference Room to discuss FY 2018 budget
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm SO 3347 check in - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3:30pm Tag-up

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Brian Bloodsworth

4pm FR discussion w/Virginia Johnson

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP conference room 3144
Calendar: FWP - 3144 Conference Room Scheduler
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Tue Mar 14, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (3/13 - 3/17)--Note: 3/16 & 3/17 is tentative

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1:30pm Performance Goals (Steve/Gary) Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Wed Mar 15, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (3/13 - 3/17)--Note: 3/16 & 3/17 is tentative

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am Performance Goals (Steve/Jerome) Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10:45am Secretary meeting @ FWP corridor

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm AD performance goals meeting (Steve and Seth) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm Region 1 issues (Jim, Steve, Robyn in-person) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3:45pm FY 2018 Budget Update - AS-FWP conference room 3144

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS-FWP conference room 3144
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Thu Mar 16, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (3/13 - 3/17)--Note: 3/16 & 3/17 is tentative

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

9am

Ludington building issue (Jim, Steve, Tom Melius/Charley Wooley-in person, Dave Hoskins) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Main interior building Jim Kurth's office
Calendar: Conni Conner

11am AD Performance Goals (Steve/Bryan) Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm

Conference Call Briefing on National Bison Range (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) C P [redacted] **- Room 3038**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1:30pm AD Performance Goals (Steve/Cynthia Martinez) Room 3357

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm AD Performance Goals (Steve/Brian Bloodsworth) Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm David Hoskins

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3pm SESCDP Class #19 Graduation Ceremony

Where: Bison Bistro
Calendar: Mary Pletcher
Created by: Christopher Lawson

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Fri Mar 17, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (3/13 - 3/17)--Note: 3/16 & 3/17 is tentative

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

1pm SO 3347 check in - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3pm AD Performance Goals (Steve/David Hoskins) Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Sat Mar 18, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Sun Mar 19, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Mar 20, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9:30am AD performance goals meeting (Steve and Woody) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am RBFF metrics (Steve, David H., and Brian B.) - Room 3357 MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm

Phone call (Steve and Deb Rocque) to discuss NE Conference attendance and sponsorship packages (Deb should call (202) 208-4545 to be transferred to Steve's office) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1:30pm Performance Goals (Steve/Betsy) Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3pm Qtrly IG Status Update w/FWS

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Mary Kendall
Created by: Karen Edwards

Tue Mar 21, 2017

All day Directorate Meeting in DC (3/21- 3/22)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

6:30pm Directorate Dinner at Clyde's

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (6) [redacted]
Calendar: Charisa Morris

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Wed Mar 22, 2017

All day Directorate Meeting in DC (3/21- 3/22)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am Teleconference Call - Federal Register Clearance Briefing - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Mar 23, 2017

9:30am AD Performance Goals (Steve/Ken Taylor) Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am Time block, to prep your schedule for Hill mtg

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:15pm Marty @ MIB to ride with you to the Hill

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm

Infrastructure Briefing (Steve, Rob Miller (NWRS) and Devin Helfrich (CLA)) - 304 Dirksen SOB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm

Meeting with Colorado River and San Juan River Fish Recovery Programs (Gary, Dave Hoskins, Cynthia Martinez, Alyssa Hausman, Jim, Steve) Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB - Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman

2pm TRAVEL: Rtn to MIB
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

4:30pm

Meeting/Conference call: Briefing on job corps sites (Cynthia Martinez; Matt Huggler, Charles Blair, Robert Miller, Steve Guertin, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster, James Schindler, and Casey Hammond) Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Passcode: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri Mar 24, 2017

8am (b) (6) [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm HOLD
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Sat Mar 25, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Sun Mar 26, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Mar 27, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Mar 28, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am SO 3347 check in - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP **Code:** (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Mar 29, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm VTC/Meeting with EEOC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm VTC/Meeting with EEOC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: dial (b) (5) C P [redacted] and select room number (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Created by: Mike Edwards

4pm Check in with ASFWP on SO 3347 - ASFWP conference room

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: with ASFWP on SO 3347
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Thu Mar 30, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

12pm Lunch with John Mennel -- Deloitte Consulting LLP
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Mar 31, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9am Check in
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Calendar: Charisa Morris

10am SO 3349 - Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **- Room 3357**
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Where: Room 3357 or Call: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am
SO 3347 finalize report - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Where: Room 3357 or Call: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm Conference approvals
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Where: Your office
Calendar: Charisa Morris

Sat Apr 1, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Sun Apr 2, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Apr 3, 2017

All day Tom Melius detail to Director's Office

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9am Orientation for Tom Melius

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am
OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Charisa) Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Skyline building afternoon

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10pm Flight to Atlanta

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Tue Apr 4, 2017

All day Tom Melius detail to Director's Office

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8am TRAVEL: Fish & Wildlife Business Summit - Kennesaw, GA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kennesaw, GA, USA
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am [Tom Melius] COAC Fish and Wildlife Service Working Group - Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Falls Church, VA, USA
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

3:30pm
VTC (RDs, DRDs & Science ARDs "No Actings") FY18 Budget Request for Science Applications - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

7pm Return flight

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Wed Apr 5, 2017

All day Tom Melius detail to Director's Office

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9am RBFF metrics

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

9:30am Conference check in with Deb Rocque

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Thu Apr 6, 2017

All day Tom Melius detail to Director's Office

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am Budget production / timeline briefing

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Director's Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:45am NOTE: New Time -- MBTA meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: SOL Conference room - 6340
Calendar: Tasha Robbins

1pm FWS and BLM Acting Directors Meeting

Where: MIB Room 3359
Calendar: lthurn@blm.gov

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1:30pm GRSG - FWS comments - BLM Draft EIS for mineral withdrawals

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Apr 7, 2017

All day Tom Melius detail to Director's Office

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9am Telework - work on ongoing assignments

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Apr 10, 2017

All day Annual Leave - (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

All day Tom Melius acting Deputy Director

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Main Interior Bldg - Room 3358
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11am Brief AS-FWP on first package of SO 3349 deliverables

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS FWP conference room
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

4:30pm Rescheduled from 4/11 - FWS/NPS Check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference room - 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Tue Apr 11, 2017

All day Annual Leave - (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

All day Tom Melius acting Deputy Director

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Main Interior Bldg - Room 3358
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Apr 12, 2017

All day Annual Leave - (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

All day Tom Melius acting Deputy Director

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Main Interior Bldg - Room 3358
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

10am SO 3349 team check in
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) C P
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards

Thu Apr 13, 2017

All day Annual Leave - (b) (6)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

All day Tom Melius acting Deputy Director
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Main Interior Bldg - Room 3358
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Fri Apr 14, 2017

All day Annual Leave - [redacted]

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

All day Tom Melius acting Deputy Director

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Main Interior Bldg - Room 3358
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Apr 17, 2017

All day [redacted]

Video call:
[redacted]

Going? Yes

8:15am

Director's Office Meeting [Tom M. will call-in] – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm 3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11am

Meeting (Steve and Shaun Sanchez) to discuss Oil and Gas pre-meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm Phone call with Kyle Miller

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Steve to call Kyle
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Tue Apr 18, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11am

ANWR discussion call (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Passcode (b) (5) C P - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm SO 3349 Pre-brief (prior to 2:15pm w/AS-FWP) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1:30pm Check in with Tom Melius

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: 202 208 4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:15pm Brief AS-FWP on second package of SO 3349 deliverables

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Apr 19, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Apr 20, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9am Military transition

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Quantico, VA 22134, USA
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3pm

Bison Range next steps Meeting/Call (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P Passcode: (b) (5) CIP - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri Apr 21, 2017

All day Charisa AL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11am

Monthly Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Karla Bartelt, Doug Burns, Charisa, Anya) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Sat Apr 22, 2017

All day Charisa AL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Sun Apr 23, 2017

All day Charisa AL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris

All day 4/26 - (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Mon Apr 24, 2017

All day Charisa AL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Apr 25, 2017

All day Charisa AL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm

Meet & Greet between FWS & Mr. Karnig H. Ohannessian, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy-and & Guam/Marianas work (Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Gary Frazer, Robyn Thorson-via phone) - Room 3359 or Dial (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

3:45pm

FWS/New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau Meeting re: critical habitat, species management, land access (Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Gary Frazer, Ben Tuggle or Joy Nicholopolous via phone) Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted], **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **- Room 3038**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Wed Apr 26, 2017

All day Reminder: (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:30am MBCC meeting - MIB, South Penthouse

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB South Penthouse
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10:30am TRAVEL: To Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am Transition planning -- periodic check in with HQ leadership cadre

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
1W104 - Theodore Roosevelt Conference Room or (b) (5) C P [redacted], Verbal Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Apr 27, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9:30am

FWS Overview (Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Casey Hammond, Aurelia Skipwith, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: A/S FWP conference room 3144
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10:30am Hold Moore partnership meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Apr 28, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9am

Zimbabwe Elephant Briefing (Internal FWS staff-Casey, Jim, Steve, Bryan, Tim Vannorman, Woody, Craig Hoover, Ed grace, Rose Gnam) - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Casey Hammond
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1:30pm Director's Ofc Budget Meeting (Jim, Steve, Chris Nolin, Charisa)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon May 1, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Conference Package Check-in (Steve, Charisa and Anya) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm

Planning Discussion (Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Brian Bloodsworth, Matt Huggler, Greg Siekaniec) Room 3359- - Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Tue May 2, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed May 3, 2017

9am (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Thu May 4, 2017

All day Reminder: (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Meeting on Hiring Controls - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1:30pm LCC Council Spring Meeting (conference call and Adobe Connect)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
(b) (5) CIP [redacted] code (b) (5) CIP [redacted] and Webinar:(b) (5) CIP [redacted] Log in using your name in Guest cell, no password needed
Calendar: Elsa Haubold
Going? No

2pm

FWS - bureau 1-1s for WCFC prep (Sylvia Burns, Brian Bloodsworth, Ken Taylor, Chris Nolin, Oluwarotimi Abimbola, Steve Guertin, Thomas Wayson, Brandon Baldwin, Deborah Hartley, Karen Eilola-Miller) Room 7115
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: OS-OCIO Sweet Gum Conference Room 7115 MIB; Dial-In: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Oluwarotimi Abimbola

2pm

FWS Migratory Bird Program Overview (Jerome Ford, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Casey Hammond, Aurelia Skipwith, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3144
Going? Yes

4pm

Great Northern LCC Steering Committee conference call ((b) (5) CIP [redacted])
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Yvette Converse

4pm

Introduction to the Ecological Services Program (Aurelia Skipwith, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster, Gary Frazer, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3144

Fri May 5, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

9:30am
Bear River MBR lawsuit (Jim, Cynthia, Eric Alvarez, Patrick Carroll) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon May 8, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9:30am
Prohibition on interstate transport of large constrictor snakes listed as injurious wildlife under the Lacey Act (Steve, Jim, Casey, Dave Hoskins) - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am
Refuge Program Overview (Cynthia Martinez, Aurelia Skipwith, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Meeting (Steve and Betsy) on Committee Contact Plan - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue May 9, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

9:30am

Meeting re: Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC) & the International Trade Data System (ITDS) - Jim, Steve, Casey, Woody, Ann Navaro

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am

Meeting re: Boards and Commissions Memorandum: due 05/19/2017 (Steve, Jim Betsy, Doug Hobbs, Matt Huggler)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am Travel to Falls Church

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am

Kevin Kilcullen Upcoming Luncheon - Duangrat's Thai Restaurant, 5878 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed May 10, 2017

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWS-FW7 Mary Smith Media Center/Regional Office
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Created by: Mike Edwards

Thu May 11, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9am Coffee

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm

Conference Call (Steve, Chris Nolin, Shaun Sanchez, Greg S. and/or Karen C.) to discuss upcoming DOI/OMB meeting on ANWR (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) C P [redacted] - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm

Fisheries and Aquatic Conservation Program Overview (David Hoskins, Aurelia Skipwith, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin) - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri May 12, 2017

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

9am
FY 2018 President's Budget Request roll out strategy (external and internal audiences)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am Briefing with DOI and OMB on ANWR
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Room 6120 - Call-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participant Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted] (Leader Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Mon May 15, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9am
Final sections to review on budget justifications (Steve, Casey, Charisa) Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am
Boards and Commissions data call review - Room 3357 or Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Tue May 16, 2017

All day
Reminder: (b) (6) [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11am Annual DOI Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Bison Bistro
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm VTC Briefing on Mexican Wolf Recovery Criteria

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359, Jim Kurth's Office, Deputy Director Operations-Office
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm

HCMS (Jim, Steve, Denise Sheehan, Rebekah Giddings, Pamela Sirotzky) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

3pm NFWF Meeting (Jim, Steve, Paul Rauch) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3:30pm Administrative issue

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3347
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

4:30pm TRAVEL: To Hill event

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

5:15pm Partners for Conservation (PFC) 30th Birthday Capitol Hill Event

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted].

Where: 406 Dirksen Bldg
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Wed May 17, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Stephen Guertin

1pm

Monthly Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Karla Bartelt, Doug Burns, Charisa and Anya) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm

Meeting (Steve, Dave Hoskins and John Schmerfeld) on draft allocations for the FY 17 budget - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm MOU Signing Event with Virginia Tech - Room 3038

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu May 18, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Stephen Guertin

9:30am TRAVEL: Skyline, Rachel Carson Room

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am

Partners for Conservation (PFC) 30th Birthday Capitol Open House & Lunch - Skyline, Rachel Carson Room
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline, Rachel Carson Room
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm TRAVEL: Return to MIB
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm

[Jim/Steve to attend if available] FWS Assistant Directors Meeting with VA Tech Dean's Advisory Council
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038-MIB
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri May 19, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9:30am "Tentative" Meeting: Steve Guertin/Bill Uihlein - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon May 22, 2017

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm

Directorate VTC (no Deputies) to check-in on budget roll out (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted] - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: on budget roll out
Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Created by: Mike Edwards

2pm

Directorate VTC (no Deputies) to check-in on budget roll out (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted] - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: on budget roll out
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm

[Jim to call-in] Conference Call Briefing for Midway Trip (Jim, Steve, Cynthia Martinez, Kim Trust, Kevin Foerster, Robyn Thorson, Terry Rabot) Room 3357 - Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

4pm Meet with program staff Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Charles Baxter Conference Room in Science Applications area in 3N103
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Tue May 23, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11:30am Travel to Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

12:30pm

Meet with program staffs Skyline on 2018 Budget - Rachel Carson Room
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm Meet with program staffs Skyline on 2018 Budget - Rachel Carson Room
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed May 24, 2017

All day Reminder: Roslyn out of office 5/24 -5/26
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu May 25, 2017

All day Reminder: Roslyn out of office 5/24 -5/26
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

9:30am [Betsy & Gary attending] CLUB 20 Washington DC Fly-in
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Capitol Visitors Center- Congressional Meeting Room North
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

3pm Meeting (Jim, Steve, Casey and Chris Nolin) on 2019 Budget - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri May 26, 2017

All day Reminder: Roslyn out of office 5/24 -5/26

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Tue May 30, 2017

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11am

International Affairs Program Overview (Bryan Arroyo, Aurelia Skipwith, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12:30pm TRAVEL: To Rayburn B-308

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm Overview with approps staff (Steve and Chris Nolin) - Rayburn 2007

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm Overview with Fisheries staff (Steve and Chris Nolin) - Rayburn 2007

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

3pm TRAVEL: To MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Wed May 31, 2017

9:30am

LWCF briefing (Jim-via phone while on travel, Steve, Cynthia, Shaun, Eric, Ken Fowler) - Room 3357 - Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am

FY17 budget allocation and execution (Steve, Jim, Shaun Sanchez, Mike Oetker, Brian Bloodsworth)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Jun 1, 2017

8:15am (Speaking Event) Partners Outdoors 2017 - South Interior Building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: South Interior Building
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9:45am

MODERATOR "Looking at the Future: Reaching and Welcoming People" at Partners Outdoors 2017 - South Interior Building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: South Interior Building
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am

Meet with Assistant Directors (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Director's Conference Room
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12:45pm

[Jim presenting] Legends award event at Partners Outdoors 2017 - South Interior Building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: South Interior Building
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm David Hoskins

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm

Meeting: Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act proposed slate of projects (Jerome/Casey/Sarah/Kari and Guy) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Casey Hammond
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Fri Jun 2, 2017

12pm HOLD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm

Phone call re: WSFR issue in S. Dakota/DCN 065592--Noreen/Clint Riley will call Steve at 208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm

Permit Appeal Briefing (Steve, Jim-if available, Bryan, Craig Hoover) Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Sun Jun 4, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: San Diego - Battle of Midway 75th Commemoration Event (6/4 - 6/6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: San Diego, CA, USA
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

5:45pm 05:45 PM Flight: United Airlines Inc UA0240 IAD to SAN

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

All day 03:00 PM Hotel: THE US GRANT SAN DIEGO 12:00 PM

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

All day

08:19 PM Car: Enterprise Rent A Car,San Diego Lindberg Int'l Airport, San Diego 08:00 AM

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Mon Jun 5, 2017

All day
TRAVEL: San Diego - Battle of Midway 75th Commemoration Event (6/4 - 6/6)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: San Diego, CA, USA
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

All day 03:00 PM Hotel: THE US GRANT SAN DIEGO 12:00 PM
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

All day
08:19 PM Car: Enterprise Rent A Car,San Diego Lindberg Int'l Airport, San Diego 08:00 AM
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Jun 6, 2017

All day
TRAVEL: San Diego - Battle of Midway 75th Commemoration Event (6/4 - 6/6)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: San Diego, CA, USA
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

All day 03:00 PM Hotel: THE US GRANT SAN DIEGO 12:00 PM
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

All day
08:19 PM Car: Enterprise Rent A Car,San Diego Lindberg Int'l Airport, San Diego 08:00 AM
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11am 08:00 AM Flight: United Airlines Inc UA0546 SAN to IAD
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Jun 7, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

10am Senior Executive Emergency Management Council Meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room (Teleconference (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Access Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted])
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jonathan Rosen

1pm
OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Thu Jun 8, 2017

10:30am
Virginia Tech coordination - Room 3357 - Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm VTC with Seth Mott & HR re: Science App - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm VTC with Seth Mott & HR re: Science App - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Bill Bartush

4pm

NU Volunteers: Upcoming calls with President Schneider and Preview of Homecoming 2018-2019 Schedules

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Jun 9, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

10am

Monthly Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Karla Bartelt, Charisa and Anya) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm VTC with Directorate members - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Director's Conference Room
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm VTC with Directorate members - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Director's Conference Room
Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Created by: Mike Edwards

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm

Meeting/Conference Call (Steve, Jim and Region 4) on FY 2017 allocation strategy (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357 and call in number for Region 4 to call in
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3pm Alaska event document check in - Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Jun 12, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm

Meeting/Conference Call (FWS and Mayor Bernard Carvalho of the Countyof Kaua'i, Hawaii) on habitat conservation plan for the NewellShearwater (Dial-in (b) (5) C P Passcode: (b) (5) CIP - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Jun 13, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:30pm DOI Safety Evaluation - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Jun 14, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Created by: Mike Edwards

Thu Jun 15, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

10am

WFLC Meeting/Conference Call (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted])

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1pm
VTC re: Ludington (Steve, Tom Melius & Charlie Wooley-in person, Aaron Woldt, Todd Turner-via VTC)- Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

4pm Meeting on Senior Staff Direction
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: scott.angelle@bsee.gov
Created by: Thomas Lillie

4pm Meeting on Senior Staff Direction
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees

4pm Meeting on Senior Staff Direction
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: scott.angelle@bsee.gov
Created by: Thomas Lillie

Fri Jun 16, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9a -11a (6/16)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9:30am Check in w/Denise Sheehan and Rebekah Giddings - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm VTC for Directorate Members only - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Steve Guertin's office - Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:30pm HOLD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Jun 19, 2017

11am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm Scheduling (Greg, Jim, Steve) Room 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Jun 20, 2017

1pm Budget Formulation Strategy FY 2019 (Greg, Casey, Jim, Steve) Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Jun 21, 2017

All day RBFF meeting (Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Alexandria Virginia
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:30am

RBFF Board meeting Crowne Plaza Hotel (Jefferson Room) - Alexandria, VA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Jun 22, 2017

10am
Meeting re: Hunting and Fishing survey (Greg, Jim, Steve, Bob Curry, Betsy-via phone, Paul Rauch, Sylvia Cabrera) - Room 3359 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:45am
Congressional Calls for Grizzly Bear Announcement (Steve calls Sen.Enzi (R-WY) at 202-224-5701)
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

4:30pm TRAVEL: To Ducks Unlimited
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

5pm
"Welcome" Reception for Greg Sheehan at Ducks Unlimited - 444 N Capitol Street, DC
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri Jun 23, 2017

7:30am TRAVEL: To National Conservation Training Center
Video call: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

9:30am Commencement Address for SUTL 33 Graduation Ceremonies - NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10:30am TRAVEL: Rtn to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Jun 26, 2017

All day Charisa - Leave (6/26 - 6/30)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris

8am Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Hayden Ceremony/Internment -- Saratoga National Cemetery, Duell Road, Schuylerville, NY, United States
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Tue Jun 27, 2017

All day Charisa - Leave (6/26 - 6/30)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris

12:45pm Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm Check in - Barbara to call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Barbara to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm Check in - Janine to call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Janine to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm

Greg's questions re: All-Employee Meeting (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP
Passcode: (b) (5) C P
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: call in number to be provided
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Jun 28, 2017

All day Charisa - Leave (6/26 - 6/30)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Charisa Morris

9:30am Travel to Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am All Employee Address - Skykline (POC: Charisa)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm Travel to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Thu Jun 29, 2017

All day Charisa - Leave (6/26 - 6/30)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Charisa Morris

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10:30am
Review first batch of request for exemptions to the 2017 hiring controls
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm
BRIEFING (Greg, Bryan, Gloria and Tim Vannorman) on lion hunting trophies - Rm 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm Follow-up
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Mary will come to Jim's office
Calendar: Mary Pletcher

3pm Budget meeting (Greg, Jim, Steve, Casey) Room 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri Jun 30, 2017

All day Charisa - Leave (6/26 - 6/30)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris

9am
Meeting (Greg, Steve and Tim Van Norman) on an application appeal - Rm 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am Disclosure due

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10:30am Budget (Greg, Jim, Steve, Casey)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Jul 3, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 7/3 - 7/5

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

All day Steve - Leave 7/3

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Created by: Mike Edwards

11am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Jul 4, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 7/3 - 7/5

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am

Monthly Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Karla Bartelt, Charisa and Michael) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

5pm

DOI Safety and Valor Award Ceremony & Reception - Location: South Penthouse

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Wed Jul 5, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 7/3 - 7/5

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

All day Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10:30am

Program Briefings with Greg (Refuges, Partners and Coastal) - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Jul 6, 2017

11am

[To be rescheduled] Budget briefing for A/S FWP (Greg, Jim and Steve) - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:30pm Meeting (Jim, Greg, Steve and Gary) on ESA - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri Jul 7, 2017

10am Reminder: Certify Time for Betsy, Bryan, Woody

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) , (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Charisa) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3:30pm

Phone call: Jim Kurth/Steve Guertin/Bud Cribley - Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) C P

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Mon Jul 10, 2017

11am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards

11am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Jul 11, 2017

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

3:30pm

FY2019 Budget Meeting - FWS (Jim Cason, Olivia Ferriter, Steve Guertin, Denise Flanagan, Adrianne Moss, Jason Freihage, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster, Chris Nolin) Room 6120

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Room 6120 Call-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participant Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted] (Leader Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Wed Jul 12, 2017

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Created by: Mike Edwards

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Jul 13, 2017

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Check in meeting (Steve/Janine Velasco) Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Jul 14, 2017

8am Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am Grants Review Process (Paul, Steve, Charisa) - Rm 3352

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Casey Hammond
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Mon Jul 17, 2017

10am FACA (Steve, Charisa) Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Jul 18, 2017

9:30am Greg Sheehan's ESA Hearing Murder Board Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9:30am Undercover Case Review (Steve, Ed Grace) Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1:30pm

Briefing (Greg, Jim, Steve and David Hoskins) on transferring Meridian NFH to City of Meridian, MS - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm BNT

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Ben to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Jul 19, 2017

10am Summit planning

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11:30am
Phone call re: Grant issue (Steve, Brian, Paul) - Dial: (b) (5) CIP
Code: (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm Asset Management Council (AMC) Executive Steering Committee (ESC)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 4241-MIB - or Call-in# (b) (5) CIP , PC: (b) (5) C P , LC: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Olivia Ferriter
Created by: Abigail Miller

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Jul 20, 2017

8:30am Sportsmen's access - Rm 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm FACA groups
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Jul 21, 2017

10:30am Top 10 list brainstorming
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm
Hold for meeting with CBD, Animal Welfare Institute, AZA, Environmental Investigation Agency, NRDC & Defenders of Wildlife - Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm Draft list

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Jul 24, 2017

9am Close out

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Steve to come to Bryan's office
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am

Discuss House mark (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **- Rm 3357**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Created by: Mike Edwards

11am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Jul 25, 2017

2pm

Transition Update (Jim, Steve, Cynthia and Greg Siekaniec) Room 3359-- Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm prep for afternoon leadership meetings

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Directors Office
Calendar: Charisa Morris

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Wed Jul 26, 2017

11:30am

Workforce Management Strategy (Greg, Steve, Casey, Jim, Rebekah Giddings, Denise Sheehan, Charisa) -Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm Discuss initiatives - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm

"Important Places for Important Faces" Follow Up (Greg, Barbara Wainman, Matt Huggler, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez) - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Thu Jul 27, 2017

9am Meeting: Steve/Carolyn Swed - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Jul 28, 2017

8am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

9am Skyline buildling

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Jul 31, 2017

10am Directorate Meeting Agenda

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jim or Steve's Office
Calendar: Michael Gale

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Charisa Morris

Tue Aug 1, 2017

10am

Monthly Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Karla Bartelt, Charisa and Michael) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm
Transformation Team Report (Greg, Jim, Steve, Cynthia Martinez, Greg Siekaniec-in person from Region 7)--Room 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Aug 2, 2017

9:30am Check-in w/ Facilitator - Sportsman's Access Summit
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Main Interior, South Penthouse
Calendar: Michael Gale

10am Sportsmen's Access Ramp Up Summit - South Penthouse
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm Boards / Commissions / Advisory Councils discussion
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

5pm Sportsmen's Access reception- Rm 6154
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Thu Aug 3, 2017

9am International Affairs issue
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11am Review capability statements

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3pm Hold

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Aug 4, 2017

9:30am Undercover case discussion (Steve, Ed Grace) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Aug 7, 2017

11:50am Departmental Passback - FWS

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB 5121
Calendar: Denise Flanagan
Created by: Jaclyn Corona

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359--Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

3:45pm

Phone call: Greg/Jim/Steve re: Passback-Rm 3357--Greg to call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Aug 8, 2017

9am GPRA Goals - Strategic Planning for "Conserving Our Land and Water"

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Secretary's Conference Room 5160 - (b) (5) CIP [redacted], PC: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] LC: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Scott Cameron
Created by: Catherine Callaway

10am

Phone call re: budget passback (Steve, Gloria Bell, Rachel Merkel) -Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm Todd and Steve Guertin RE: Montana

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Todd's office - 6116
Calendar: Tasha Robbins

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Aug 9, 2017

10:30am

Planning for Strategic Planning Meetings (Steve, Charisa, Kashyap Pater, Tina Campbell) - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Created by: Mike Edwards

Thu Aug 10, 2017

8am International Grants (Greg, Charisa, Jim, Steve) Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9am

GPRA Goals - Strategic Planning for "Generating Revenue and Utilizing Our Natural Resources"

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Secretary's Conference Room 5160 - (b) (5) CIP [redacted], PC: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], LC: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Scott Cameron
Created by: Catherine Callaway

9am

GPRA Goals - Strategic Planning for "Generating Revenue and Utilizing Our Natural Resources"

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Secretary's Conference Room 5160 - (b) (5) CIP [redacted], PC: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], LC: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: scott.angelle@bsee.gov
Created by: Thomas Lillie

9am

GPRA Goals - Strategic Planning for "Generating Revenue and Utilizing Our Natural Resources"

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Secretary's Conference Room 5160 - (b) (5) CIP [redacted], PC: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], LC: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: scott.angelle@bsee.gov
Created by: Thomas Lillie

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1pm Reed Curry -- Norwich University

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Steve to call Reed
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm

GPRA Goals meeting with Scott Cameron re: Strategic Planning for Protecting Our People and the Border - Rm 5112

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: PMB Conference Room 5112 - (b) (5) C P [redacted], PC: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], LC: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri Aug 11, 2017

11am

International Affairs Program Briefing (Greg Sheehan, Gloria Bell & IA staff) Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm

Migratory Birds Program Briefing (Greg, Jerome and Mike Johnson) - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

4:30pm

Fish & Aquatic Conservation Briefing (Greg Sheehan, Dave Hoskins. John Schmerfeld) Room 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Aug 14, 2017

9am International Affairs Grant Packages

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1pm Case File No: OI-HQ-17-0131-R

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:15pm
Science Program & LCC Briefing (Greg, Ben Tuggle-in person, Seth Mott) Room 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10:16pm 10:16 PM Flight: American Airlines Inc AA4497 DCA to DTW

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Aug 15, 2017

All day Directorate meeting (Directorate Only) - Washington, DC (8/15 - 8/16)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris

All day Directorate meeting (Directorate Only) - Washington, DC (8/15 - 8/17)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Created by: Mike Edwards

11am FWS Directorate Meet & Greet with David Bernhardt - Room 5160

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am FWS Directorate Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 5160
Calendar: Room 5160
Created by: Mariane Gately

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Aug 16, 2017

All day Directorate meeting (Directorate Only) - Washington, DC (8/15 - 8/16)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris

All day Directorate meeting (Directorate Only) - Washington, DC (8/15 - 8/17)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Created by: Mike Edwards

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Aug 17, 2017

All day Directorate meeting (Directorate Only) - Washington, DC (8/15 - 8/17)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Created by: Mike Edwards

11am Meet re: Transformation (Greg, Steve) Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:30pm USGS Interactions with FWS and NPS

Where: (b) (5) [redacted] and dial (b) (5) C P [redacted], code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Michelle Mebane
Created by: William Lukas

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Fri Aug 18, 2017

8am Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Aug 21, 2017

All day Steve, Annual Leave (8/21 - 8/25)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Tue Aug 22, 2017

All day Steve, Annual Leave (8/21 - 8/25)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Aug 23, 2017

All day Steve, Annual Leave (8/21 - 8/25)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Aug 24, 2017

All day Steve, Annual Leave (8/21 - 8/25)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Fri Aug 25, 2017

All day Steve, Annual Leave (8/21 - 8/25)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Aug 28, 2017

8am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey - IOC Conf. Room

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Kevin Misenheimer

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey- IOC Conference Room

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

Tue Aug 29, 2017

All day Save the Date: Cindy Dohner Retirement (1p - 3p, Atlanta)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Created by: Jim Kurth

10am Leah Cantor SCA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm Cindy Dohner Retirement Event - Regional Office, Atlanta, GA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Aug 30, 2017

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] MUTED PIN: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1pm SUTL leadership interview (Steve, Matthew Filsinger, Matthew Rogers)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 1849 C Street NW, Rm 3357, Wash., DC
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

2pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Thu Aug 31, 2017

11am Regulatory Ranking (Charisa, Jim, Streve) Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm Check-in meeting - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

3pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

4:30pm

Conference call (Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin and Bud Cribley) Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) C P [redacted] **- Rm 3359**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri Sep 1, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11am Options paper

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jay to call Steve on 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

Sat Sep 2, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

Sun Sep 3, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am Updated guidance

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Steve to call Greg on 202-676-7675
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

Mon Sep 4, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

All day Labor Day Holiday

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 -9/6

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

Tue Sep 5, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 -9/6

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

9am Coordination

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

12:30pm

Meeting (Steve, Denise Sheehan, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Brian Bloodsworth and Janine Velasco) to discuss internal controls - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1pm
OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line [redacted] Passcode: [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

2:15pm VTC - Hurricane Harvey response
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar:
[redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards

2:15pm VTC - Hurricane Harvey response
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Charisa Morris

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Wed Sep 6, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 -9/6

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

12:30pm
FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey - IOC Conference Room 3447

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma - IOC Conference Room

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

2pm International Affairs Reception for Bryan Arroyo

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWS Skyline, Rachel Carson Conference Room
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm International Affairs Reception for Bryan Arroyo

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWS Skyline, Rachel Carson Conference Room
Going? Yes

4pm FY 2019 FWS budget changes

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 5112
Calendar: Scott Cameron
Created by: Jean Parrish

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Sep 7, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

10am

Briefing for FWS FY19 OMB Budget Briefing (Greg, Steve, Jim, Chris Nolin) Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1pm SAS 99 Meeting - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

1:30pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Fri Sep 8, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1pm Update

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Denise's Office
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:15pm Update II

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Denise's Office
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

2pm Update III

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Ken's Office
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Sat Sep 9, 2017

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

Sun Sep 10, 2017

All day TRAVEL: AFWA Meeting, Snowbird UT (9/10 - 9/13)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Snowbird, UT
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

Mon Sep 11, 2017

All day TRAVEL: AFWA Meeting, Snowbird UT (9/10 - 9/13)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Snowbird, UT
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

All day Acting Director, Barbara Wainmen

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

7am Invitation to the RBFF Breakfast at the AFWA Annual Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

7pm [5:00pm Mtn Time] AFWA Leadership Meeting - Snowbird Resort Wasatch Broom

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Snowbird Resort Wasatch B room
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Sep 12, 2017

All day TRAVEL: AFWA Meeting, Snowbird UT (9/10 - 9/13)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Snowbird, UT
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

All day Acting Director, Barbara Wainmen

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am

[8:00am Mtn Time] AFWA Leadership Meeting - Cirque Board Room, locatedon Level C of the Cliff Lodge

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Cirque Board Room, located on Level C of the Cliff Lodge
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Sep 13, 2017

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Sep 14, 2017

9am SO 3355 NEPA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Steve's Office - bring others as needed
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am Leah Cantor

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10:30am Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration Program Briefing - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

12pm Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

2pm FWS FY19 OMB Budget Briefing - OS-POB Conference Room 4223 MIB

Where: OS-POB Conference Room 4223 (MIB)
Calendar: TIFFANY TAYLOR

Fri Sep 15, 2017

10am Top 10 list feedback from DOI / revisions - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

Sat Sep 16, 2017

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Sun Sep 17, 2017

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

Mon Sep 18, 2017

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Stephen Guertin

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

2pm Sync up w/ Steve and Sylvia

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Greenberry's on E Street
Calendar: Sylvia Burns

Tue Sep 19, 2017

9am Prebrief for OMB - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am Senior Executive Emergency Management Council Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference Room 3447 (Teleconference (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Access Code (b) (5) C P [redacted])
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jonathan Rosen

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] code (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Wed Sep 20, 2017

9:30am SO 3356 check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am

OMB briefing on Admin (Steve Guertin, Chris Nolin, Rachel Merkel, Emma Roach-OMB, Steve Farrell-DOI

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

2pm

Meeting with CITES Secretary General (Steve Guertin, Aurelia Skipwith, Gloria Bell, Craig Hoover)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Thu Sep 21, 2017

8am Registration Confirmed for "The New Agenda: Management 2017"

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Sidney Harman Hall, Washington, D.C.
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:30pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Sep 22, 2017

All day REMINDER: A.M. M.Madison will be here for eagle delivery - Rm 3356

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8am Site visit Chincoteague NWR

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

3pm ABMO Issues (Greg, Janine, Brian, Michael Sciortino, Keri James) - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Sat Sep 23, 2017

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

Sun Sep 24, 2017

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

Mon Sep 25, 2017

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

3pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Tue Sep 26, 2017

10am

Meeting/Conference Call for SO 3355 NEPA review check in - (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Steve's Office - bring others as needed
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP PIN (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P Passcode: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P Passcode: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Sep 27, 2017

10am

Meeting/Conference Call for 3356 check in - (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

Thu Sep 28, 2017

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1pm Budget Training (Greg, Chris Nolin, Edith Thompson) - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Fri Sep 29, 2017

10:30am
Meeting (Greg, Jim, Steve, Cynthia M. and Shaun S.) on Access Positions - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

1pm Central Office Administration strategy
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3347 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

3pm
Foreign Travel Packages Discussion (For Greg's 10/2 Meeting with Todd)--- Greg, Jim, Steve, Charisa - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Sat Sep 30, 2017

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

Sun Oct 1, 2017

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

Mon Oct 2, 2017

9:30am Meeting: Greg, Jim, Steve, Bud - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10:45am Meeting (Steve and David Hoskings) to touch base on NFHP - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer

2:30pm

Pre-Brief for upcoming Hearing (Steve, Alyssa Hausman, Angela Gustavson, Madonna Baucum)- Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

4pm FWS Foreign Travel discussion

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference room - 3144
Calendar: Tasha Robbins

Tue Oct 3, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: Private Lands Day - Bangor, ME (Flight departs DCA at 3pm on 10/3)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Bangor, ME 04401, USA
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Oct 4, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: Private Lands Day - Bangor, ME (Flight departs DCA at 3pm on 10/3)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Bangor, ME 04401, USA
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

9am Impacted Employee Support Planning Team

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room or (b) (5) C P [redacted] PIN: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: John Juskie

Thu Oct 5, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: Private Lands Day - Bangor, ME (Flight departs DCA at 3pm on 10/3)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Bangor, ME 04401, USA
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Fri Oct 6, 2017

8am Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

9am

National Aquaculture Association comment letters to FWS concerning the Ecological Risk Screening Summary (Scott Cameron, Aurelia, Dave Hoskins, David Miko, Craig Martin) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWS Director Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am Pre-Brief for upcoming Hearing - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am

SO 3356 Sportsmen Access working group check in - (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm

Monthly Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Karla Bartelt, Charisa and Michael) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm Fish and Wildlife Service Budget Briefing w/PDAS, Jason Larrabee

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP conference room - 3144
Calendar: Tasha Robbins

Tue Oct 10, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (10/10)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

8am AL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Oct 11, 2017

8am Hearing prep

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am Travel to hearing

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am PRA hearing House Committee on Small Business

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rayburn 2360
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm TRAVEL: Rtn to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Oct 12, 2017

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Fri Oct 13, 2017

10am

Administrative Transition (Steve, Janine Velasco, Brian Bloodsworth, Denise Sheehan, Rebekah Giddings, Ken Taylor, Shelley Hartmann) (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP -Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am Meeting (Steve and Rebekah) on personnel issue - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm Annual leave - (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Drive to Herkimer NY
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Sat Oct 14, 2017

8am (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Oct 16, 2017

10am

Meeting/Conference Call on Develop International Travel Strategy and Plan (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:30pm TRAVEL: To RBFF Headquarters

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: 500 Montgomery St #300, Alexandria, VA 22314
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1pm

Off-site visit (Steve and Brian Bohnsack) to RBFF Headquarters to discuss SO 3356
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 500 Montgomery St #300, Alexandria, VA 22314
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Oct 17, 2017

11am

Photo for Content Management System (CMS) Website (Steve, Kayt Jonsson) - Location: TBD
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Location to be determined- weather permitting for indoors or outdoors
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1:30pm Meeting (Steve and Chris Nolin) on Budget - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Wed Oct 18, 2017

10am Feedback on reprogramming letter (admin transformation)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Maureen's office
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm Greg Speaking Event: Science ARD Meeting - Rm 3038 (POC: Seth Mott)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1:30pm Asset Management Council (AMC) Executive Steering Committee (ESC)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 4241-MIB - or Call-in# (b) (5) CIP [redacted], PC: (b) (5) C P [redacted] LC (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Olivia Ferriter
Created by: Abigail Miller

Thu Oct 19, 2017

10:30am Vidyo Conference - Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan

Where: Greg while at NCTC, Jay Slack's Conf. Room, 256 Instructional West-2nd floor
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm FEVS Conference Call: 2017 Data Rollout and Other Updates

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Call-In Number: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm

FEVS Conference Call: Webex incl. New Link to Access Tableau Visualization

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Call-In Number: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Irene Guertin

3:30pm FWS International Travel

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster

5pm Class of 1978 Reunion Planning Kick Off

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: rcurry1@norwich.edu
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri Oct 20, 2017

10am

SO 3356 Sportsmen Access working group check in - (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Mon Oct 23, 2017

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Oct 24, 2017

8am Meet with MB program

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am DOI Secretary signs the Bat Proclamation - Location: TBA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am Secretary's Bat Week Event

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Courtyard adjacent to the Bison Bistro in the Main Interior Building. If there is inclement weather, the event will be in the Bison Bistro.
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Oct 25, 2017

8am IT app

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11am

Meeting/Call re: Hiring waiver packages (Steve, Jim, Michael Gale, Rebekah Giddings or Jessie Cheek) POC: Michael Gale

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Greg's Office
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm TRAVEL: To Hill for meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rayburn 2007 (which is the old B-308)
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm

Meeting (Steve, Chris Nolin and Appropriations Staff) Location: Rayburn 2007 (which is the old B-308)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Chris N. will meet Steve at MIB and will go to Hill together
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Oct 26, 2017

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Call in RBFF board meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: RBFF board meeting
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3pm Busy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Fri Oct 27, 2017

10am

SO 3356 Sportsmen Access working group check in - (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am Meeting (Steve and Janine Velasco) on shared admin ops - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Mon Oct 30, 2017

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am

[Per Cynthia, Keep for 10/30] Briefing on Status of Regional Hunt Fish Chiefs/HQ Coordination Efforts (Cynthia Martinez & Refuge Staff) - -Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) C P - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am

Joint Admin. Status Meeting (Steve, Janine Velasco and Brian Bloodsworth) - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Oct 31, 2017

11am FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Wed Nov 1, 2017

10am Space check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Janine Velasco

12:30pm Lunch with Cheree Peterson USACE

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Thu Nov 2, 2017

10am
Speaking Event/Roundtable: Western States Land Commissioners Assoc. (WSLCA) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am Check in with Margaret Everson DU

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Pls call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm Check in with Ken Taylor

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or call in option call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1pm

Meet with Jason Larrabee and Stacey McKinley RE: Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows USFWS Issues
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jason's conference room - 3152 -
Calendar: Tasha Robbins

1:30pm Meet & Greet w/ FWS FEMP Award Winners
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWS Corridor at MIB
Calendar: Brian Bloodsworth

2:30pm

Monthly Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Karla Bartelt, Charisa and Michael) - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri Nov 3, 2017

All day Roslyn - Out of Office (9a- 11a)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

10:30am Military reunion luncheon
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Nov 6, 2017

All day Roslyn - Out of office all day (11/6)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

9am Check in (Jim, Steve, Barbara, Brian, Janine, HR staff)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am

Meeting/Call (Steve, Jim, Jay/Jim and Rebekah) to discuss proposed NCTC reorganization with Director's Office - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359 (Jim's Office)
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm Check in grants data call

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Tue Nov 7, 2017

8am Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm

Meeting (Jim, Steve and Charisa) to discuss Directorate meeting and VTC agenda - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Nov 8, 2017

10am CCAA check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3347
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10:30am

SO 3356 Sportsmen Access working group check in - (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12:20pm

Menhaden Briefing (Greg Sheehan, Jason Larrabee, Aurelia Skipwith, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Dave Hoskins)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3:30pm REMINDER - the Operations Meeting on 11/14 - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Nov 9, 2017

9am

Briefing (Aurelia, Greg, Steve, David Hoskins and Reg 5) on Menhaden sportsmen - Rm 3144

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9:30am TRAVEL: To Skyline for Veteran reception event

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am Veterans Day Reception - Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11am TRAVEL: Rtn to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm Annual FWS Office of the Director Sponsored Chili Cookoff - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri Nov 10, 2017

All day Veterans Day

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Sat Nov 11, 2017

10am check in (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Nov 13, 2017

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Tue Nov 14, 2017

1pm

EOY Performance Review (Jim and Scott Aikin) Scott should call (202) 208-4545 and transferred to Jim's office polycom - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3144
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Wed Nov 15, 2017

10:30am

Meeting with Regional Hunting and Fishing Chiefs (Jim, Steve, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez, Aaron Mize, Shannon Smith, Mitch Ellis, Laila Lienesch, Rob Larranaga, Deborah Beck, Kevin Lowry, Chris Dwyer, Otto Jose, Ryan Mollnow, Curt McCasland, Katherine Harrigan) Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm Pre-brief for Employee meeting - review talking points

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Steve's Office
Calendar: Janine Velasco

1pm Directorate VTC re: Barrier Analysis (Presented by Inez Uhl)

Where: [Attachment Added] Room 3038
Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Nov 16, 2017

9am

FWS/Partners for Conservation Meeting/Blackfoot Challenge/Intermountain West Joint Venture/and Family Farm Alliance
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038 (PFC Meeting attendee list attached)
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9am

Internal Meeting - Public/Private Partnerships (Jim Cason, Jason Larabee, Mike Reynolds, Austin Ewell, Bryan Rice, Jeff Reinbold, John Tahsuda, Tony Dearman, Michael Nedd, Olivia Ferriter) Rm 6120
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Conf Rm 6120 or call (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participant Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted] JCason's Leader Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Catherine Gulac

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:30pm TRAVEL: To Skyline - Rachel Carson Room
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm Budget & Admin All Hands - Rachel Carson Conf Center at Skyline
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri Nov 17, 2017

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11am Regulatory Reform Technical Team

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm Agenda

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Nov 20, 2017

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12pm Follow up on workforce management strategy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Tue Nov 21, 2017

12pm Class of 1978 Reunion Planning

Where: [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: rcurry1@norwich.edu
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Nov 22, 2017

All day Roslyn - Out of Office 4 - 5:30p

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Thu Nov 23, 2017

All day Thanksgiving

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri Nov 24, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

8am Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Nov 27, 2017

9am

Meeting/Conference call on Action (BMO and IRTM) – for session atupcoming FWS Directorate Meeting (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] –Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am

Meeting/Conference Call (Steve, Jim, Benjamin and Seth) on Action -- lead for session at upcoming USFWS Directorate Meeting (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted] - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm

Conference call on FEVS session at upcoming FWS Directorate Meeting(Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted] – Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm Year end close out strategy - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Tue Nov 28, 2017

9am

Meeting (Jim, Steve, Bud, Barbara and Zack) to discuss 1002 area in Alaska - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am

Follow up Meeting: Regulatory Reform Technical Team (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am Performance Review (Steve, Jim, Charisa)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Wed Nov 29, 2017

10am

[Shaun Sanchez to attend for Steve] AFWA & FWS Meeting: SO 3356 Sportsmans Access - AFWA, 1100 First Street NE, Ste 825

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AFWA, 1100 First Street NE, Suite 825 - 202-838-3474
Calendar: Linh Phu

Thu Nov 30, 2017

9am

Meeting re: Potential strategy for 3Rs for hunting/shooting sports (Greg/Steve/Paul Rauch)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am

Program Offices check-in with Steve (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri Dec 1, 2017

9am

Workforce Management Strategy (Steve, Greg, Jim, Zack, Janine, Brian, Denise, Rebekah and Jessie)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Dec 4, 2017

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

All day Thomas Out of Office All Day - Roslyn In the office at 9:30a

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Tue Dec 5, 2017

All day Directorate Meeting - Murie Conference Room (3N057)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar: Charisa Morris
Going? No

All day Directorate Meeting - Murie Conference Room (3N057)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Going? No

Wed Dec 6, 2017

All day Directorate Meeting - Murie Conference Room (3N057)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar: Charisa Morris
Going? No

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

All day Directorate Meeting - Murie Conference Room (3N057)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Going? No

9am Annual Holiday Breakfast - Rachel Carson Room Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am

[Shaun Sanchez to attend for FWS] Senior Executive Emergency Management Council Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
IOC Conference Room 3447 (Teleconference (b) (5) C P [redacted] Access Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jonathan Rosen

2:30pm Save the Date for Interior's Leadership Summit

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

7:30pm

Conference Call for Norwich Reunion (Class of 78) - Wednesday , December 6th at 7:30 PM EST

Where: Conference Call Dial-in Number: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Participant Access Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: carl.rubin@monumentdata.com
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Thu Dec 7, 2017

All day Directorate Meeting - Murie Conference Room (3N057)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar: Charisa Morris
Going? No

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

All day Directorate Meeting - Murie Conference Room (3N057)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Going? No

Fri Dec 8, 2017

All day On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Dec 11, 2017

All day Roslyn - Out of Office until 12:30p

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

9am Meeting (Greg, Jim and Steve) year end close out - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am Director's Office 2018 Budget - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Dec 12, 2017

9am

Collaborating to Control Aquatic Invasive Species - USFWS and USGS
Featured Work

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 5160
Calendar: Scott Cameron
Created by: Jean Parrish

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Wed Dec 13, 2017

11am TRAVEL: To Jaguar Conference room (2W204) at Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am

Meeting (Steve and Gloria Bell w/Steve Kohl) - Skyline in Jaguar Conference room (2W204)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jaguar Conference room (2W204)
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12pm Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12pm TRAVEL: Rtn to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

4pm

[Steve Guertin for Greg Sheehan] Meeting re: Sage Grouse with TRCP, WMI, Pheasants Forever and Mule Deer Foundation re: Sage Grouse) - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Greg Sheehan

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Dec 14, 2017

10am

Directorate VTC - Mandatory Update (AD, RD or Deputy - No Actings) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWS Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm

SO 3356 Sportsmen Access working group check in - (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm Epermit/digital passes demo (Greg, Jim, Steve, Cynthia Martinez) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3pm

Grants Discussion (Steven Howke-DOI Grants Coordinator, Greg Sheehan, Steve Guertin)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 5112
Calendar: Steven Howke
Created by: Jean Parrish

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Fri Dec 15, 2017

9am EOY JF

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am EOY DH

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12:45pm

Monthly VTC Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Karla Bartelt, Charisa and Michael) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1:30pm EOY CM

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm EOY PR

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Dec 18, 2017

8am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Tue Dec 19, 2017

8am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Dec 20, 2017

10am [To Be Rescheduled] EOY GF

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am Enterprise Investment Strategy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted], Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12pm

Director's Office Holiday Potluck Extravaganza (Sign up Sheet will be in the Director's Hallway Kitchen) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm EOY JV

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Thu Dec 21, 2017

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

8am Jim Huberner retirement ceremony

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm EOY DS

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm EOY BW

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Dec 22, 2017

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am MBTA memo briefing

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: SOL CONF Rm. 6342 - call-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] participant code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Mariagrazia Caminiti

Mon Dec 25, 2017

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Dec 26, 2017

All day Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

All day Roslyn - Leave 12/26 - 12/29

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Wed Dec 27, 2017

All day Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

All day Roslyn - Leave 12/26 - 12/29

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Thu Dec 28, 2017

All day Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

All day Roslyn - Leave 12/26 - 12/29

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Fri Dec 29, 2017

All day Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

All day Roslyn - Leave 12/26 - 12/29

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Mon Jan 1, 2018

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Tue Jan 2, 2018

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am EOY KT

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Wed Jan 3, 2018

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9am EOY SM

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am Workforce management check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357, Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm EOY GF

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Jan 4, 2018

10:30am
Funding recommendation for National Outreach and Communication Program
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357; Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm
Review preliminary recommendations to reduce mandatory annual training -- due to DOI 1/8/18
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm Skyline building
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Jan 5, 2018

10am Internal Meeting - Public/Private Partnerships
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Conf Rm 5160 or call (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participant Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted] JCason's Leader Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Catherine Gulac

1:30pm EOY GB
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Mon Jan 8, 2018

9:30am

FWS/OIG meeting re: Audits (Greg Sheehan, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) , (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) , (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) , Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Paul Rauch)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am

Refuge meeting (Zach, Jim, Steve, Cynthia Martinez, Kashyap, Charisa) -- POC: Zack

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Zachariah Gambill

2pm

Briefing: DOI Office of Law Enforcement and Security Changes (Greg Sheehan, Darren Cruzan-Director of DOI Law Enforcement & Security) - Rm 3358 (Copy of memo in description)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3358
Calendar: Darren Cruzan
Created by: Maureen Woods

Tue Jan 9, 2018

10am

FY 2018 Budget Issues (Greg, Steve, Jim, Barbara, Charisa, Chris Nolin, Denise Sheehan)-3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12pm Update

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1pm EOY EG

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3pm

Hunting Opening Process with Cynthia Martinez & Shaun Sanchez - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Wed Jan 10, 2018

8:30am Save the Date for Interior's Leadership Summit - MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Thu Jan 11, 2018

9am Save the Date for Interior's Leadership Summit - MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm Meeting with Greg Sheehan, ADs and RDs - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWS Directors Conf. Room 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri Jan 12, 2018

10am Workforce management

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:30pm

[Steve G. to cover for Director] Internal Meeting - Status Check - Sportsmen SO 3356

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 6023
Calendar: Catherine Gulac

Mon Jan 15, 2018

All day MLK Holiday

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Jan 16, 2018

10am Workforce management

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am

Vidyo VTC: Monthly Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Karla Bartelt, Charisa, Kashyap) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm Vidyo Directorate check-in VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

3:30pm

Meeting (Steve Guertin, Gary Frazer and Scott Jones, CEO Forest Landowners Association) on ESA and listing process - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Wed Jan 17, 2018

6am SW #1832 departs DCA at 6:00a.m.

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

6am Travel: RBFF Board Meeting - Lake Buena Vista, Florida

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Orlando, FL, USA
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12pm Executive Sponsors Lunch w/ JAO PMT

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB Conf Room 3038
Calendar: Brian Bloodsworth

2pm

Meeting/Call re: Service's anti-harassment strategy (Jim, Barbara, Garvinez, Janine, Jay, karen Clark, Noreen, Rebekah) Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9pm JetBlue #824 lands at DCA at 8:59p.m.

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Jan 18, 2018

9:30am

Planning for the joint AFWA/FWS session at the North American (Greg, Steve, Jim, Paul Rauch) Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm

Phone call re: OIG meeting follow up (Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] & (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted])
- Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri Jan 19, 2018

1pm Internal Meeting - Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) - Rm 6120

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm

Alaska Funding Studies (Todd Willens, James Voyles, Jason Larrabee, Jim Kurth, Andrea Travnicek, Jim Cason, Stev Guertin) Rm 6641
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6641; Cal (b) (5) CIP [redacted]; PC: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]; Leader: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Michelle Mebane

3pm VTC: Directorate and Deputies (Actings are Allowed) - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Sun Jan 21, 2018

11am Director's Office check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 1-(b) (5) CIP [redacted] (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Charisa Morris

Mon Jan 22, 2018

1pm Daily Directorate Shutdown Coordination Call (Directorate-only)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 1-(b) (5) CIP [redacted] (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Charisa Morris

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Tue Jan 23, 2018

1pm Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm NOTE: NEW LOCATION - FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Jan 24, 2018

1pm FY 2018 performance plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm FY 2018 performance plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm FY 2018 performance plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Thu Jan 25, 2018

10am FY 2018 performance plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am

WEBEX: Speaking Event - 2018 Managing by Network: Partnership and Community Collaboration Academy (Webex) - Background Attached

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Jan 26, 2018

1:30pm Meeting (Steve, Gloria and Charisa) to discuss foreign travel - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm
State of the Agency MD-715 Briefing (Greg, Jim, Steve, Inez, Paul, Rickey Siggal, Julia Bumbaca, Jessie Cheek, Rebeka Giddings) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

4pm Briefing with FWS, NPS and BLM

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: David Bernhardt
Created by: Gareth Rees

Mon Jan 29, 2018

8am Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Tue Jan 30, 2018

11:30am NEPA Streamlining - FWS

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 5062
Calendar: Conference room 5062
Created by: Lajuan Randolph

1pm Steve Guertin - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm URGENT NEW ASSIGNMENT -- ALL HANDS ON DECK NEXT 48 HOURS

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038 Director's Conference Room
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

3:30pm

National Outreach and Communication Program Cooperative Agreement for FY 2018-2022

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Steve's office 5th floor
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Wed Jan 31, 2018

10am [To Be Rescheduled] SO 3356 team check in - Skyline conference room

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline conference room
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm

Briefing: Wildlife trafficking law enforcement tool (Greg, LE staff, Gloria Freund of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence) - Rm 3038

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm FY 2018 performance plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Thu Feb 1, 2018

9:30am

Join Secretary Zinke event honoring the 75th anniversary of Mitchell Jamieson's mural - Sidney Yates Auditorium MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Sidney Yates Auditorium in the Main Interior Building
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm

Secretary Town Hall Meeting - Sidney Yates Auditorium at the Main Interior Building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Sidney Yates Auditorium at the Main Interior Building
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm FY 2018 performance plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Feb 2, 2018

1pm FY 2018 performance plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm FY 2018 performance plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm Meeting (Steve, Gavin and Barbara) to discuss IG report - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Mon Feb 5, 2018

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am MBTA path forward (Steve, Jerome, Ed Grace, Jim, Charisa) - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth

2pm FY 2018 performance plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:30pm FY 2018 performance plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Benjamin to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

3pm

Meeting (Steve, Benjamin T., Seth Mott and Dave Scott-via phone) a check-in on science integrity (in general) - Rm 3357-- Dial: (b) (5) CIP **Code:** (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Feb 6, 2018

10am

VTC: Monthly Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Karla Bartelt, Charisa and Michael) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am FY 2018 performance plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

5:15pm Briefing with FWS, NPS and BLM

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: David Bernhardt
Created by: Catherine Gulac

Wed Feb 7, 2018

2:30pm FY 2018 performance plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Feb 8, 2018

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm

Phone call RE: AFWA/FWS Communications (Greg Sheehan, Ron Regan, Barbara Wainman) - Rm 3358 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm

Meeting (Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin and Will Hall, DOI-CADR) to discuss rolling out organizational ombuds services to the bureaus - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri Feb 9, 2018

11am

Phone call re: National Support Component of the JAO (Steve Guertin/Chris Jensen)-- Chris to call 202-208-4545
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm

FY 2019 Budget Overview - CLOSE HOLD until release Feb 12 (Rm 5160 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **; PC** (b) (5) C P [redacted] **)**
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB 5160 Polycom (b) (5) CIP [redacted]; PC (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Denise Flanagan

Mon Feb 12, 2018

All day Thomas - Annual Leave (2/12 -2/16)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am FY 2018 FEVS survey strategy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Tue Feb 13, 2018

All day Thomas - Annual Leave (2/12 -2/16)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

All day Reminder: Meeting with the Canadian Wildlife Service (2/13)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9am FWS-Canadian Wildlife Service Joint Meeting - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm

Budget Call/Webinar with Stakeholders (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - MIB Rm 1548

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 1548
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Wed Feb 14, 2018

All day Thomas - Annual Leave (2/12 -2/16)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

9am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm

All Employee Message/Town Hall re: Budget - Rachel Carson Conference Center, Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Feb 15, 2018

All day Thomas - Annual Leave (2/12 -2/16)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

8am JAO team meeting - Hilton garden inn. 4271 Campbell ave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Hilton garden inn. 4271 Campbell ave. Park in Harris teeter
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Feb 16, 2018

All day Thomas - Annual Leave (2/12 -2/16)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

9:30am Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Feb 19, 2018

All day Presidents Day Holiday

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Feb 20, 2018

11am

Briefing re: Black Vulture Depredation in Tennessee (Jerome Ford, Jason Larrabee, Steve Guertin, Jim Kurth) - Jason's office

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am Meet with IA program staff

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12:30pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (6) [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Wed Feb 21, 2018

10am

FWS Meeting with the American Fisheries Society/The Wildlife Society re: FWS meeting & professional society support (Greg, Steve, Dave Hoskins, Doug Austen-AFS, Drue Banta-AFS, Caroline Murphy-TWS, Cameron Kovach-TWS) - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3:30pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Thu Feb 22, 2018

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm

Fwd: Follow up from Directorate / AFWA Ex Com meeting (Steve, Jim, Rauch) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

4pm

Monthly FWS Anti-Harassment Action Plan Meeting/Call (Jim Kurth, Inez Uhl, Gary Frazer, Barbara Wainman, Rebekah Giddings, Janine Velasco, Jay Slack, Noreen Walsh, Steve Guertin, Robert Garfinkel) - Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri Feb 23, 2018

1pm Operating Guidance

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Mon Feb 26, 2018

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Feb 27, 2018

12:15pm

Meeting re: Cormorants (FWS-Greg Sheehan, Jerome Ford, Ken Richkus, Texas Parks & Wildlife-Ross Melinchuk, Craig Bonds, Ralph Duggins) Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

3:30pm

Meeting: FWS/Intermountain West Joint Venture Partners re: privatelands conservation needs, opportunities, and ways for IWJV and PFC toincreasingly support FWS in the West - Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

4pm

Meeting: Association of Joint Venture Management Board (Greg, Steve, Sarah Mott & Dave Gordon-via phone for Jerome) Rm 3038 - - Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038 - - Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Wed Feb 28, 2018

8:30am Hold call with KC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

3pm

Meeting with CITES Secretary General, John Scanlon (Greg Sheehan, Jason Larrabee, Todd Willens, Aurelia Skipwith, Gloria Bell, Craig Hoover, Laura Noguchi, Rosemarie Gnam) - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3pm

Meeting with David Bernhardt, PMB, FWS, NPS, USGS, OIA re: Supplemental Funding for Hurricane Relief-Rm 6120
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120 - Call-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3pm Meeting with PMB, FWS, NPS, USGS, OIA
Where: Room 6120 - Call-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: David Bernhardt
Created by: Gareth Rees

Thu Mar 1, 2018

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Re: Data call
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm

DOI Guidance on Hurricane Supplemental Implementation - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

3pm

Asian Carp Briefing with State Fisheries Chiefs from the Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Association re: (Jason Larrabee, Aurelia Skipwith, Steve Guertin-for Greg Sheehan, Anne Kinsinger, Scott Cameron, William Lukas, Jamie Reaser, Shawn Buckner, David Hoskins) - Rm 3038-MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038-MIB
Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

5:30pm

NWRA Board Meeting Reception - Lyon Hall in Clarendon (corner ofWashington Blvd and North Highland — address is 3100 N Washington Blvd)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Lyon Hall, 3100 N Washington BlvD
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Mar 2, 2018

All day Paul Rauch Acting Director

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9am

NWRA Board Business Meeting - The Nature Conservancy (4245 Fairfax Dr in Ballston, corner of Fairfax Dr and N Stuart St.)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: The Nature Conservancy, 4245 Fairfax Dr #100, Arlington, VA 22203, USA
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3pm 8th grade tour - MIB complex

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Mar 5, 2018

9am Strategy check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am HOLD FWS pre brief for hearing

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm Hold: Maintenance Backlog Hearing Prep - Rm 6023

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 6023
Calendar: Micah Chambers

Tue Mar 6, 2018

8am Final hearing preparations

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

9am Travel to Longworth House Office Building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am

House Committee on Natural Resources oversight hearing on innovative solutions to reduce the Department of the Interior's maintenance backlog

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 1324 Longworth House Office Building
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12pm Return to 1849 C Street NW

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Wed Mar 7, 2018

9am

Briefing (Steve, Joy Nicholopoulos and Susan Combs) to discuss FWS Skyline GSA lease and how the move from Ballston - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am Senior Executive Emergency Management Council Meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where:
IOC Conference Room 3447 (Teleconference (b) (5) C P Access Code (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jonathan Rosen

1pm

SO 3356 (Access) and SO 3362 (Corridors) check in -Rm 3357, Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) C P
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3357, Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm FEVS Conference Call - Call in number: 1-(b) (5) C P - Passcode: (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Call in number: 1-(b) (5) CIP - Passcode: (b) (5) C P
Calendar: Irene Guertin

2pm

Reunion Gift Outreach + Intro to Brian Baker - Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Where: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: rcurry1@norwich.edu
Created by: Stephen Guertin

3pm

VTC: Monthly Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Karla Bartelt, Charisa, Kashyap) - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Mar 8, 2018

10am

Meeting re: FWS climate adaptation activities (Greg/Steve/Jim/Seth/Ben Tuggle) - Rm 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am

Discussion re: Karla Bartelt Detail (Steve, Todd Turner-in person, Aaron Woldt-in person) Rm 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am

[BPC] Briefing re: Ludington building contaminates (Greg, Jim, Steve, Tom Melius, Charlie Wooley, Todd Turner and Aaron Woldt) - Rm 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] **,** (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] **Charisa) Room 3359**
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth

2pm

Monthly FWS Anti-Harassment Action Plan Meeting/Call - Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Fri Mar 9, 2018

9am SKYLINE BUILDING

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am Follow-up on the Reorg discussion Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB Conference room
Calendar: Janine Velasco

Mon Mar 12, 2018

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am

Weekly Hiring Waiver Review Meeting (Steve, Jim, Janine, Rebekah) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Mar 13, 2018

1pm Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Wed Mar 14, 2018

10am Meeting-Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Natalie Lasher

Thu Mar 15, 2018

9am Meet with career transitions workgroup - DoD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MCB Quantico
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Mar 16, 2018

9am

Western States Federal Agency Support Team (WestFAST) Principals Meeting - 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room: HCHB 1412

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: NOAA, Hoover Bldg - 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room: HCHB 1412
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Mar 19, 2018

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11am

Weekly Hiring Waiver Review Meeting (Steve, Jim, Janine, Rebekah, Jessie) Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm

Interagency Shared Leadership Meeting (Forest Service, FWS, BLM, BIA) - RM 5653
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: BLM, MIB RM 5653 Conference Room
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm

Meeting (Steve, David Hoskins, Chris Nolin and Shaun Sanchez) to discuss the FWS physical security assessments proposal - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Mar 20, 2018

10am Allocation discussion (Steve, Chris Nolin, Rachel Merkel) Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1:30pm Hurricane recovery needs (Jim, Steve, Bryan Arroyo) Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm Informal Reorg discussion (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **pc**(b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038 MIB
Calendar: Janine Velasco

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Mar 22, 2018

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri Mar 23, 2018

11am Check in (Steve, Greg, Jim)-Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3358
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm Directorate VTC re: SO 3355/NEPA - - -Rm 3038 (POC: Gary Frazer)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Mar 26, 2018

All day

Travel - North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (Norfolk, VA)--3/26 -3/28

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Hilton Norfolk, The Main, 100 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23502
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9am N. American Conference Norfolk (3/26 - 3/28)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Mar 27, 2018

All day

Travel - North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (Norfolk, VA)--3/26 -3/28

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Hilton Norfolk, The Main, 100 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23502
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

9am N. American Conference Norfolk (3/26 - 3/28)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm

Optional Pre-Meeting Prior to Joint Meeting with State Directors - Location: North American Conf., Norfolk, VA, Hilton Hotel, Ghent room

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Hilton Norfolk THE MAIN, 100 E Main St, Norfolk, VA 23510, USA
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Wed Mar 28, 2018

All day

Travel - North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (Norfolk, VA)--3/26 -3/28

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Hilton Norfolk, The Main, 100 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23502
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9am N. American Conference Norfolk (3/26 - 3/28)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Thu Mar 29, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Mar 30, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Apr 2, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Apr 3, 2018

All day Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

All day Directorate Meeting

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Wed Apr 4, 2018

All day Directorate Meeting

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9am Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council meeting - MIB Rm 5160

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 5160
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12pm

Prep for 2018 Operations Plan Meeting with Susan Combs (Greg, Chris Nolin, Jim, Steve) Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm

Prep for Hurricane Budget Briefing - Rm 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Code corrected) Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Apr 5, 2018

All day Directorate Meeting

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8am Work on Budget Operations Plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:30am Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council meeting - MIB Rm 5160

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 5160
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9am

Fish and Wildlife Service Ombuds (Jim Kurth, William Hall-Director of Collaborative Action and Dispute Resolution and Jose Fernando Caetano) - Rm 3359-MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359-MIB
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10:30am B&A JAO Listening Session

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWS Skyline - Rachel Carson Conference Center (1W104 - 1W112)
Calendar: Brian Bloodsworth

10:30am Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or call in
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm JAO Listening Session - All Customers

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWS Skyline - Rachel Carson Conference Center (1W104 - 1W112)
Calendar: Brian Bloodsworth

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2:30pm

Monthly FWS Anti-Harassment Action Plan Meeting/Call - Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) C P **Code:** (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3pm Discuss FY 18 Omnibus and Red Wolf/Mexican Wolf directive

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Seth Mott

3pm

Hurricane Budget Briefing with PMB, FWS & NPS (David Bernhardt, Scott Cameron, Susan Combs, Steve Guertin, Chris Nolin, Denise Flanagan, Daniel Garcia, Edwin Muniz, John Strickland, Maureen Foster, Olivia Ferriter, Robert Miller, Stephen Jackson) Rm 6120

Where: Room 6120 - Call-in (b) (5) C P Code (b) (5) C P (Leader Code (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: David Bernhardt
Created by: Gareth Rees

Fri Apr 6, 2018

12pm

Budget Update meeting (Susan Combs, Steve Guertin and Chris Nolin) - Rm 3160

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3160
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1:30pm

Discuss feedback from Hurricane Budget Briefing -- action plan for next steps - Rm 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) C P **, Code:** (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: (Code corrected) Dial: (b) (5) CIP, Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Apr 9, 2018

All day Charisa AL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Charisa Morris

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am Management Improvement Team Meeting with Scott Cameron - Rm 5160

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 5160 - (b) (5) C P [redacted] Participant; (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Leader; (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jean Parrish

11am HOLD meeting with Aurelia Skipwith and HSUS

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3144
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am Humane Society Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB Room 3144
Calendar: Aurelia Skipwith

1pm

Meeting (Steve and Benjamin) to discuss data management items for the Directorate agenda - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm

Allocation Issue - Investments/ongoing commitments (Greg, Steve, Jim, Chris Nolin, Ken Taylor, Shelley Hartman, Matt Huggler, Shaun Sanchez) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3pm

Allocation Issue - LCC Funding (Greg, Steve, Jim, Chris Nolin, Ben Tuggle, Seth Mott) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

3:30pm

BRIEFING (Greg, Cynthia Martinez, Eric Alvarez, Ken Fowler, Mike Johnson and Sarah Mott) to review 4/25 MBCC meeting proposals - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Apr 10, 2018

All day Roslyn - Out of Office until noon

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

10am

Meeting re: audit recommendations for IRTM (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Ken Taylor and Shelley Hartmann) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am

Appropriations Language (Greg, Jim, Steve, Chris, Barbara, Marty) Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm

VTC: Monthly Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Karla Bartelt, Charisa and Michael) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:45pm NOTE: New Location: room 3038 FWS weekly check in meeting

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

3:30pm Diversity Program Enterprise (Greg, Jim, Steve and Inez Uhl) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Wed Apr 11, 2018

7:30pm

Conference Call for Norwich Reunion (Class of 78) - Wednesday, April 11th at 7:30 PM EST

Where: Conference Call Dial-in Number: (b) (5) C P Participant Access Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: carl.rubin@monumentdata.com
Created by: Stephen Guertin

Mon Apr 16, 2018

9am

Meeting (Jim, Steve, Ben Jesup, Carrie Hyde-Michaels, Larry Mellinger and Shelley Hartmann) on FOIA - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am

Weekly Hiring Waiver Review Meeting (Steve, Jim, Janine, Rebekah, Jessie) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm Vacancies and Waivers (Greg, Jim, Steve) Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

5:30pm Travel: The Metropolitan Club

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: The Metroplitan Club
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

6pm

Ducks Unlimited & Wetlands America Trust Reception - The Metropolitan Club

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: The Metropolitan Club, 1700 H St NW, Washington, DC 20006, USA
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Apr 17, 2018

All day Directorate Meeting (ADs and RDs only) - Falls Church, VA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Falls Church, VA, USA
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Wed Apr 18, 2018

All day Directorate Meeting (ADs and RDs only) - Falls Church, VA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Falls Church, VA, USA
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1:30pm Asset Management Council (AMC) Executive Steering Committee (ESC)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 4241-MIB - or Call-in# (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PC: (b) (5) C P [redacted], LC: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Olivia Ferriter
Created by: Abigail Miller

2:30pm

Meeting/Conference Call (Greg, Jim, Steve, Jerome, Robyn and Terry) on Eagle permit issue (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rachel Carson Conference Center room 1W112

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
(Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Skyline HQ - Rachel Carson Conference Center room 1W112
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Apr 19, 2018

All day Directorate Meeting (ADs and RDs only) - Falls Church, VA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Falls Church, VA, USA
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1:30pm

Meet and Greet (FWS Directorate and Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Susan Combs) - Kiowa Room (Bison Bistro)-Main Interior Bldg

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kiowa Room (Bison Bistro)
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm

Meet and Greet (FWS Directorate and Deputy Director for NPS, Danny Smith) - Kiowa Room (Bison Bistro)-- Main Interior Bldg

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kiowa Room (Bison Bistro)- Main Interior Bldg
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri Apr 20, 2018

10:30am

Refuges FY18 Allocation Briefing (Greg, Steve, Jim, Cynthia, Shaun, Ketti Spomer, Rachel Merkel, Chris Nolin, Hillary Harm) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am

CSKT Presentation for FWS - Rm 3038 - -Region 6 via phone (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038 - -Region 6 via phone (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Apr 23, 2018

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am

Weekly Hiring Waiver Review Meeting (Steve, Jim, Janine, Rebekah, Jessie) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

3pm
Mtg re: Management Information Team (MIT) and President's Management Agenda (PMA) message (Steve, Barbara Wainman, Matt Huggler, and Chris Tollefson) - Rm 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3:30pm Budget discussion with Greg/Steve Guertin
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan

4:15pm Program Allocation Meeting w/Science Applications - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Apr 24, 2018

10am Check in
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 1849 C Street NW Washington DC
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3pm Migratory Bird Budget Allocation Briefing - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Wed Apr 25, 2018

All day Administrative Professionals Day
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am International Affairs FY18 Allocation Briefing - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11:30am Critical Vacanies (Greg, Jim and Steve) - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1:30pm

Meeting (Jim, Steve, Chris, Shaun, David and Gary) to select project list for $50 m dm funding - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Apr 26, 2018

9:30am

Greg Sheehan/Delta Waterfowl Mtg re: Priorities for wildlife conservation in the upcoming 2018 Farm Bill-Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am

Briefing re: IA minimizing future grants conflicts and accountability (Greg, Eric Alvarez & staff) -Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm FOIA Discussion with Andreas Moshogianis

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Andreas Moshogianis

Fri Apr 27, 2018

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (all day)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

12pm Admin Professionals Lunch - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Apr 30, 2018

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue May 1, 2018

10am

Fisheries Allocation (Greg, Steve, Jim, Dave Hoskins, John Schmerfeld, Nancy Labatte) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am

VTC: Monthly Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Karla Bartelt and Charisa) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm Undercover cases/Waivers (Steve, Jim, Ed Grace) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

3:30pm

Meeting/Call (Greg, Steve, Benjamin and Seth) for update on the Red Wolf/Mexican Wolf study directed by Congress - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Rm 3357 (Benjamin should call 202-208-4545 and transferred to office polycom in Steve's office
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Wed May 2, 2018

All day Roslyn-Annual Leave (9a - 1p)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

10am Annual Continuity of Operations Training (COOP) - IOC, Rm 3447

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm

NBR check-in Conference Call (Steve, Greg, Jim, Cynthia, Will Meeks, Noreen Walsh) Dial-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) C P [redacted] **- Rm 3357**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm

Pre-brief for 5/7 Quarterly Status Review (QSR) -Greg, Steve, Gary, Chris Nolin, Kim Howze, Gary (Rm 3357)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm

Monthly Anti-Harassment Action Plan Mtg (Jim, Steve, Janine Velasco, Inez, Jay Slack, Rebekah Giddings, Barbara Wainman, Noreen Walsh) - Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu May 3, 2018

9am

Pre-brief for 5/9 Budget meeting with David Bernhardt (Greg, Steve, Chris, Jim) -Rm 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9:45am Office of Law Enforcement FY18 Allocation Briefing - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm SO 3366 action plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri May 4, 2018

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Mon May 7, 2018

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

2pm

Update and action NEPA guidance Memorandums (Steve, Gary, Gina Shultz, Ashley Stilson, Ben Thatcher) Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: NEPA deliverables check in
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

4pm

Update and action NEPA guidance Memorandums Conference Call (Steve, Gary, Gina, Ashley, Ben, Bud)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference line - (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode - (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman

Tue May 8, 2018

3:30pm

Foreign Travel Process Clarifications (Steve, Eric Alvarez & IA staff, Kashyap, Karen Senhadji, LE staff)--Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Wed May 9, 2018

8am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm

VTC - Automating International Travel approval (Steve Guertin, Kashyap Patel, Eric Alvarez, Gloria Bell, Craig Hoover, Karla Bartelt) Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

3:30pm
Meeting with AZA (Greg, Eric Alvarez, Ed Grace, Jim Gale, Gloria Bell, Jeff Newman, Gary Frazer, Gina Shultz) - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Thu May 10, 2018

9am
Phone call (Steve and Mike Oetker) on Hurricane projects (Mike should call 202-208-4545) - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am Skyline
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm
Ethics Plan Discussion (Greg, Steve, Anne Badgley, Chris Nolin and Rebekah Giddings) --Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **- Rm 3358**
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm Check in
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 / call in
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri May 11, 2018

8am $50 million list
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Aurelia's office
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am Check in
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

1pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon May 14, 2018

All day Roslyn - Annual leave 5/14 - 5/15

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am
Department of the Interior's 11th Annual Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Ceremony - Sidney R. Yates Auditorium - MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Sidney R. Yates Auditorium - MIB
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm FWS Budget Metrics Meeting

Where: Susan's office 3160
Calendar: Tasha Robbins

Tue May 15, 2018

All day Roslyn - Annual leave 5/14 - 5/15

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

9am
OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] **Charisa) Room 3359**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am

Bi-Weekly Hiring Waiver Review Meeting (Steve, Jim, Janine, Rebekah, Jessie) Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am

Meeting (Jim, Steve and Laurie Gillespie) on SES FY 18 performance plans - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1:30pm

FY18 Assessments for Aviation (Steve, Jim, Jerome, Dan Patterson) Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees

Wed May 16, 2018

8am Priority Assets

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3148
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8am Priority Assets

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3148
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

3:30pm Meeting (Greg, Susan and Steve) on metrics - Susan's office

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Susan's office
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu May 17, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9:30am Meeting (Greg, Steve and Mary Josie Blanchard) RESTORE IAA - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10:45am FWS Budget Briefing

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm SKYLINE building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri May 18, 2018

All day Jerome Ford - Acting Director

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11am ES Program (POC: Lois 208-4646)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Mon May 21, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm Admin Hiring Waivers discussions

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Steve's office
Calendar: Janine Velasco

Tue May 22, 2018

All day Roslyn- Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

9:30am

Hold for Prep DOI Oil Spill Exercise: Steve Guertin, Rebecca Bulls, Richard Henry-Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am

2018 Department of the Interior Spill of National Significance (SONS) Workshop - MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 5160
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am DOI SONS Workshop

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 5160, Main Interior Building
Calendar: Pasquale Scida

1pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Wed May 23, 2018

All day Roslyn- Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu May 24, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am FWS DIRECTOR'S HALL SPRING FLING PICNIC!

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Hains Point Picnic Area, 2301 Ohio Dr SW, Washington, DC 20024, USA
Calendar: Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

5pm Travel to speaking engagements

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

5:30pm

National Wildlife Refuge Association's Annual Awards Dinner - OmniShoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St NW, Wash., D.C.

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Washington, D.C.
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri May 25, 2018

All day Roslyn - Out of Office 2 - 5p

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

All day Thomas - Out of Office at 1:00p

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9:30am

Meeting/Conference call check-in briefing for SO3366 (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **) - Rm 3357**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Mon May 28, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11am

Bi-Weekly Hiring Waiver Review Meeting (Steve, Jim, Janine, Rebekah, Jessie) Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue May 29, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9am Bi-weekly Vacancy approval meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Steve's office
Calendar: Janine Velasco

10am

Meeting (Steve, Jim, Charisa, Kashyap, Shelley and Carrie) for FOIA check-in - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm

Hurricane Program Implementation Executive Oversight Team - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 and call in
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm Meeting (Greg, Jim, Steve and Charisa) on AFWA Awards - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Wed May 30, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am

2020 DOI submit Meeting (Greg, Jim, Steve, Chris and Rachel Merkel) - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am

Additional budget updates (Greg, Jim, Steve, Chris Nolin, Charisa, Kashyap) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

4pm

Status of the Red Wolf/Mexican Wolf study (Greg, Steve, Jim, Ben Tuggle, Seth Mott, Gary Frazer or Gina Shultz) Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Thu May 31, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9:30am

Permit Fee Schedule Rule (Greg, Jim, Steve, Eric A./Gloria B., Jerome F. /Mike J.) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am Re: Top management and performance challenges
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm Skyline building
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Jun 1, 2018

All day Roslyn - Out of Office until 2pm
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Going? Yes

9am Check in on grant (Steve, Paul, Janine, Cynthia) Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am Meeting w/Steve Guertin & Amos Eno
Video call: (b) (5) C P, (b) (6) [redacted]
Phone number: tel:+(b) (5) CIP [redacted] **PIN:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Where: 1849 C Street, NW, Room 3357 Washington, DC 20240
Calendar: aeno@landcan.org
Created by: jadkins@landcan.org

1pm (b) (6) [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Sun Jun 3, 2018

1am Check in on "master plan" for IA / permits
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Jun 4, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am

Pre-brief with Olivia Ferriter for OIG Meeting on Hurricane Supplemental (Olivia Ferriter, Douglass Glenn, Charlene Leizear, Denise Flanigan, Holly Weyers, Laura Nicholsonl, Megan Olsen, Rachel Merkel, Chris Nolin, Steve Guertin) -Rm 5529

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB Room 5529 or 866-756-5482, 2490255#
Calendar: PFM Conference Room 5529 Scheduler
Created by: Douglas Glenn

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth

2pm Check in on IA "master plan" - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3pm

Conservation Leaders for tomorrow (Steve, Jim, Jay Slack, Charisa, Kashyap)--Rm 3357-Jay to call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Tue Jun 5, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am

Meeting/Conference Call on SO 3366 check in / update (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm

Hurricane Supplemental Appropriation Engagement (Denise Flanagan, Olivia Ferriter, Rachel Merkel, Anne Barrett, Carl Nelson, Charlene Leizear, Christopher Stubbs, Douglas Glenn, Holly Weyers, Inger Smith, Jason Kessel) Rm 5529

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB Room 5529 or (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: PFM Conference Room 5529 Scheduler
Created by: Douglas Glenn

Wed Jun 6, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am

Senior Executive Emergency Management Council (SE-EMC) Meeting -Rm 3447

Where:
IOC Conference Room 3447 (Teleconference (b) (5) C P [redacted] Access Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau

2pm JAO update (Steve, Jim, Janine, Brian) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

3:30pm

Monthly Anti-Harassment Action Plan Mtg (Jim, Steve, Janine Velasco, Inez, Jay Slack, Rebekah Giddings, Barbara Wainman, Noreen Walsh) - Rm 3359 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP **Code:** (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3359 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Thu Jun 7, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am Check in: Steve and Paul Rauch
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am Management Improvement Team Meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 5160 - (b) (5) C P : Participant: (b) (5) CIP - Leader: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Scott Cameron
Created by: Jean Parrish

1:30pm Check in: Steve and Janine
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm Check in: Steve and Barbara
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Jun 8, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

10am
Briefing re: FY20 LWCF Projects (Greg, Jim, Steve, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez, Ken Fowler, Eric Alvarez) rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11am Check in
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11:30am Check in
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Jun 11, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm Check in with Jerome
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1:30pm Check in: Steve and Cynthia Martinez
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

4pm Check in with Gary
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Tue Jun 12, 2018

8am (b) (6) [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Wed Jun 13, 2018

9am (b) (6) [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (6) [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3:15pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Jun 14, 2018

All day Thomas - AL
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9am (b) (6) [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (6) [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Fri Jun 15, 2018

All day Thomas - AL
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am Ludington Discussion Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Janine Velasco

11am Meeting (Greg, Chris Nolin and Rachel Merkel) on 2020 reboot - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm Skyline building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Mon Jun 18, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9:30am

Pre-mtg for 6/18 Meeting re: OIG Entrance Conference for project 2018-ER-046 (Greg, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Rm 3358-Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

12pm Check in Steve and Dave Hoskins

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm

VTC: Monthly Conference Package Briefing (Steve, Karla Bartelt, Charisa) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Jun 19, 2018

9:30am Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Lori to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

11am Check in: Steve and Ben

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: BNT to call 202 208 4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Wed Jun 20, 2018

10am

The Great Outdoors Fund Partnership (Steve, Janine, Paul, Cynthia) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

Thu Jun 21, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1:30pm IGBC meeting / update / timeline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Matt to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

3pm Broadband Conference call

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Kashyap Patel

Fri Jun 22, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am Budget discussion check in (Greg, Steve, Jim, Asst. Directors) Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm

Bi-Weekly Hiring Waiver Review Meeting (Steve, Jim, Janine, Rebekah, Jessie) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Jun 26, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

9:30am Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Lori to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

10am Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

12:30pm Liaison for SO 3362 – Rm 3357, Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 / call in number
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

1pm Check in (Steve and Ken Taylor) - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm

Coordination of Corridors $ (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 and call in number
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm

HOLD: Conference call (FWS and Kate MacGregor) to discuss Broadband (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Wed Jun 27, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am 2020 Budget Check In - Greg, Steve, Chris Nolin, Susan Combs - Rm 3144

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3144
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am

Meeting (Greg, Steve, Benjamin Tuggle, Chris Nolin and Seth Moth) on SA priorities and operations under the FY 18 Omnibus operations - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Meeting on Corridor SO additional follow up actions - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin

2pm BP process

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: 3357
Calendar: Kashyap Patel

3:30pm

Pre-brief for 7/6 Mtg with DOI re: FWS Pacific SW Region Briefing for NEPA Review Team on the public draft EIS for the Green Diamond Habitat Conservation Plan (Greg, Steve, Gary, Region 9 via phone) (Dial: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP, Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Stephen Guertin, FWS Deputy Director for Policy

Thu Jun 28, 2018

All day **Annual Leave**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am **Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri Jun 29, 2018

All day **Annual Leave**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Sun Jan 1, 2017

All day Travel to China (1/1 -1/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

12:30pm Flight UA807 IAD to PEK

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Jan 2, 2017

All day Travel to China (1/1 -1/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

12am Flight UA807 IAD to PEK

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (1/2 - 1/6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Charisa Morris, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

Tue Jan 3, 2017

All day Travel to China (1/1 -1/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (1/2 - 1/6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Charisa Morris, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

Wed Jan 4, 2017

All day Travel to China (1/1 -1/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (1/2 - 1/6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Charisa Morris, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

11am OIG monthly status update

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Room 3359 (Jim, Steve, Teresa, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] via phone, Charisa Morris)
--Keith to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
teresa_christopher@fws.gov, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], Stephen Guertin, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted]

5:10pm Flight CA1335 PEK to NNG

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Beijing, CN (PEK)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Thu Jan 5, 2017

All day Travel to China (1/1 -1/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (1/2 - 1/6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Charisa Morris, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

12am Flight CA1335 PEK to NNG

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Beijing, CN (PEK)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

5:15pm (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: Nicole Buffa
Who:
edward_n_siskel@who.eop.gov, John Northington, Gareth Rees, Kelly Kryc, Maureen Foster, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, Nicole Buffa, Felipe Mendoza, David Jayo, Richard Cardinale, John Blair, Wendy Clerinx, Katherine Kelly, Justin Wilson, William Donovan, Rachael Johnson, Justin Pidot, aadler@usbr.gov, Katherine Currie, nkornze@blm.gov, dethompson@usbr.gov, Celina Cunningham, Emily Bokar, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), Janice Schneider, Lori Faeth, Lauren Bogard, FWS Information, Maria Najera, lpardue@blm.gov, Lindsey Wagner-Oveson, Alison Grigonis, Francis Iacobucci, Abigail Hopper, Katherine Rupp, Anita Bilbao, Jessica Kershaw, Elizabeth Klein, Brian Salerno, emily_porcari@fws.gov, David Mccoy, Kerry McNellis, Aaron Moody, Jim Kurth, Camille (Calimlim) Touton, ateitz@blm.gov, Kevin Thompson, Joshua Hanson, Lawrence Roberts, SRJ2@ios.doi.gov, Amanda Degroff, Olivia Ferriter, molly_ross@nps.gov, Roland Couture, Libby Marking, Alexandra Huffman, Kimberly Jensen, Amy Holley, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Madelyn Morrison, dfuge@blm.gov, Sarah Neimeyer, Molly Click, Leah Duran, Craig Dorsett, Chelsea Welch, Blake Androff, Romen Borsellino, Thomas Iseman, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Sarah Walters, Tommy Beaudreau, Alexa Viets, Charisa Morris, Peter Bodner, Jason Powell, Kathleen O'Leary, Ramsey Kropf, Kevin Haugrud, jon_jarvis@nps.gov, Karen Hyun, Benjamin Milakofsky, William Mcintee, Ann Navaro, Natalie Mamerow

Fri Jan 6, 2017

All day Travel to China (1/1 -1/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (1/2 - 1/6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Who: Charisa Morris, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

Sat Jan 7, 2017

All day Travel to China (1/1 -1/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

5:25am Flight UA808 PEK to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Departing Beijing, CN (PEK)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Mon Jan 9, 2017

9am Travel to Patuxent

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am Dedication Ceremony

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Patuxent Refuge 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop Laurel, MD
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Thomas Irwin, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, emily_porcari@fws.gov

11:30am Travel from Patuxent to Skyline

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12:30pm Event at Skyline (farwell to Dan) - Rachel Carson Room

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

4pm Dan's Partner Reception

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: MIB South penthouse
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Jan 10, 2017

10am

Follow-up Budget Formulation Meeting - Room 3038 (Dial Shelly Hartmann at 703-358-2004)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWS Director Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, FWS Assistant Directors, Stephen Guertin, Pamela Sirotzky

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm

Phone call re: NWRA (Jim Kurth, Rob Morgan)--Morgan to dial 202-208-4545
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
rmorgan@refugeassocation.org, Jim Kurth, rmorgan@ci.lewes.de.us,
(b) (6) [redacted]@gmail.com

1:30pm Travel to Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm

Human Resources Appreciation Event - Skyline, Skyline, Rachel Carson Room
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, emily_porcari@fws.gov, Rebekah Giddings, d_m_ashe@fws.gov

Wed Jan 11, 2017

9am

Funding for the CMS project - (Ken & Shelley will call (202) 208-4545 and transferred to Jim's polycom) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Jim, Betsy, Brian B., Ken T., Shelley H. and Matt H.) - Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Denise Thompson, Brian Bloodsworth, Pamela Michalegko, Jim Kurth, Matthew Huggler, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Shelley Hartmann, Kenneth Taylor

9:30am

Meeting re: Oglala Sioux Tribe: Consultation Request (Jim/Scott Aikin) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Scott Aikin, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am

BRIEFING: FY 2017 Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF) Annual Work Plan (AWP) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: (Jim, Dan, Cynthia Martinez, Polly Wheeler, Eric Alvarez and Ken Fowler) - Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Ken Fowler, Cynthia Martinez, A Alvarez, Polly Wheeler, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Megan Reed, Jim Kurth, Azuredee Perkins, Stephen Guertin

11am Meeting re: Decision Integrity, AWEA letter & lead - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Room 3038 (Dan, Teresa, Jim ,Steve, Noah, Cynthia Martinez, Jerome Ford, Gary Frazer)
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Noah Matson, Jerome Ford, Gary Frazer, Stephen Guertin, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, d_m_ashe@fws.gov

12pm Budget discussion

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: (Dan, Jim and Steve) - Room 3359
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, d_m_ashe@fws.gov

1pm Meeting re: Status of Multi-State Conservation Grants DTS 064770

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Room 3038 (Teresa, Dan, Jim, Steve, Paul Rauch, Robert Curry, Tom Busiahn)
Calendar: teresa_christopher@fws.gov
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Stephen Guertin, tom_busiahn@fws.gov, Robert Curry, Charisa Morris, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, Paul Rauch, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, emily_porcari@fws.gov, Jim Kurth

1:45pm BRIEFING: NAWPA Grasslands project via WebEx by NatureServe

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Nancy Roeper, Cynthia Martinez, John Schmerfeld, Megan Reed, Jim Kurth, Azuredee Perkins

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm

Monthly VTC for Directorate & Deputies - Room 3038-FWS Director Conference Room - 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: FWS Director Conference Room - 3038; use Vidyo OR dial (b) (5) CIP
Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Wendi Weber, emily_porcari@fws.gov, Clayton McBride, Thomas Irwin, Stacey Garcia, Michael Oetker, Kristin Young, Robert Garfinkel, Alexandra Pitts, Chris Nolin, Edward Grace, william_c_woody@fws.gov, hannibal_bolton@fws.gov, JoAn Mundt, Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Charisa Morris, david_gutierrez@fws.gov, Michael DeRosa, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Matt Hogan, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP Only), Shelly Senior, d_m_ashe@fws.gov Shaun Sanchez, Cynthia Martinez, Noah Matson, Gina Shultz, Virginia Takang, Lois Wellman, Roslyn Sellars, Theresa Rabot, David Hoskins, Gloria Bell, Conni Conner, ren_lohoefener@fws.gov, kimberly_hintz@fws.gov, Pamela Michalegko, Veronica Barrientos, Karen Clark, Charles Wooley, Jay Slack, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Denise Thompson, Shirley Gillum, Delores Bigby, Robyn Thorson, Gary Frazer, Matthew Huggler, Greg Siekaniec, Jim Kurth, Anne Badgley, paul_beiriger@fws.gov, Rebekah Giddings, Megan Reed, Acquanetta Reese, Shelley Hartmann, Joy Nicholopoulos, Stephen Guertin, Mike Johnson, Azuredee Perkins, Deborah Rocque, Jim Willis, Kenneth Taylor, Noreen Walsh, Tom Melius, Paul Souza, Denise Sheehan, Tauline Davis, Benjamin Tuggle, Paul Rauch, Seth Mott, Kathleen King, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, Laura Maloof

3pm

Monthly VTC for Directorate & Deputies - Room 3038-FWS Director Conference Room - 3038

Where: FWS Director Conference Room - 3038; use Vidyo OR dial (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Lois Wellman, Noreen Walsh, Charles Wooley, Thomas Irwin, Cynthia Martinez, Matthew Huggler, Robert Garfinkel, David Hoskins, Anne Badgley, Paul Rauch, david_gutierrez@fws.gov, Charisa Morris, Benjamin Tuggle, Joy Nicholopoulos, Shelly Senior, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Edward Grace, Mike Johnson, Paul Souza, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Jim Willis, Gary Frazer, Tauline Davis, Kenneth Taylor, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Noah Matson, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Kristin Young, Laura Maloof, Shirley Gillum, Veronica Barrientos, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Karen Clark, Michael DeRosa, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, Jerome Ford, Delores Bigby, hannibal_bolton@fws.gov, Gina Shultz, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Conni Conner, Pamela Michalegko, Wendi Weber, Stephen Guertin, Megan Reed, Clayton McBride, Roslyn Sellars, kimberly_hintz@fws.gov, ren_lohoefener@fws.gov, Robyn Thorson, Virginia Takang, Theresa Rabot, Chris Nolin, JoAn Mundt, Tom Melius, Gloria Bell, paul_beiriger@fws.gov, Shaun Sanchez, Denise Sheehan, Stacey Garcia, Michael Oetker, Shelley Hartmann, Brian Bloodsworth, Alexandra Pitts, Kathleen King, emily_porcari@fws.gov, Seth Mott, Matt Hogan, Greg Siekaniec, Deborah Rocque, Rebekah Giddings, Azuredee Perkins, Denise Thompson, Jim Kurth, Acquanetta Reese, Jay Slack, d_m_ashe@fws.gov

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Jan 12, 2017

10am EDC work plan for 2017 - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: (Steve and Paul Rauch) - Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

10:30am COOP Training Preparation for Inauguration - IOC, Room 3443

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Who: Jim Kurth, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris, Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Wendy Fink

2pm Phone call: Jim Kurth/Noreen Walsh - Noreen should call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Noreen Walsh

Fri Jan 13, 2017

11am Lunch and follow up meeting (Jim/Kathleen Moore) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Kathleen Moore, Jim Kurth

1pm Call w/Ben Tuggle to catch-up

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Ben to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Benjamin Tuggle, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm Call w/Paul Souza

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Paul should call (202) 208-4545)
Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Only),
Jim Kurth, Paul Souza, Wanda Cantrell

2pm Call w/Paul Souza

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Paul should call (202) 208-4545)
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Paul Souza, Jim Kurth, Wanda Cantrell

Sun Jan 15, 2017

All day Travel to Canada (1/15 - 1/18)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Jan 16, 2017

All day Martin Luther King Day

Where: United States
Who:
Roslyn Sellars, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

1:15pm

NAWPA Committee Agency Heads Call: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:**
(b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth

Tue Jan 17, 2017

9:30am Joint Venture Funding (Jim Kurth/Jim Serfis) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Serfis

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am

Meeting re: Management Inquiry (Jim Kurth/Marion Campbell-HR) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Marion Campbell, Jim Kurth

2pm Meeting w/L.M. (in person)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
JoAn Mundt, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, william_c_woody@fws.gov

2:30pm Meeting w/L.B. (in person)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
JoAn Mundt, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris

3pm Meeting with S.M (in person) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, JoAn Mundt, william_c_woody@fws.gov

4pm Meeting w/B.B. (in-person)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
JoAn Mundt, Stephen Guertin, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Charisa Morris, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Jan 18, 2017

10am Meet with DOI Agency Review Team - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Director's Conference Room
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Olivia Ferriter, kathleen.m.benedetto@ptt.gov, scott.j.cameron@ptt.gov, douglas.w. domenech@ptt.gov, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, ned.mamula@ptt.gov, Amy Holley, daniel.h. jorjani@ptt.gov, Maureen Foster, Edward Keable

12pm AFWA's Multi-State Grant follow-up meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where:
(Dan, Steve, Jim, Teresa, \Paul Rauch, Larry Mellinger) (Larry should call 208-4545 and be transferred to Steve's office polycom) - Room 3357
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Stephen Guertin, Larry Mellinger, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, d_m_ashe@fws.gov

3pm Signing Ceremony with Phi Beta Sigma - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Roslyn Sellars, Charisa Morris, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, Matthew Huggler, Doug Hobbs, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, emily_porcari@fws.gov, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov

3:30pm Farewell Gathering for FWS/FWP departing team members

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: South Penthouse
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
FWS Assistant Directors, Delores Bigby, Walter Cruickshank, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, JoAn Mundt, Stephen Guertin, DOI_Politicals, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Anya Rushing, Donnise Hancock, Charisa Morris, Michael Bean, Megan Reed, emily_porcari@fws.gov, Gavin Shire, Kashif Askari, Maureen Foster, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Nikki Randolph, Noah Matson, Thomas Irwin, BOEM Director Calendar, Lois Wellman, Tasha Robbins, neena_martin@fws.gov

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4:30pm (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: Nicole Buffa
Who:
Leah Duran, Kimberly Jensen, Alison Grigonis, Kerry McNellis, Roland Couture, William Donovan, lpardue@blm.gov, Gareth Rees, aadler@usbr.gov, Natalie Mamerow, Wendy Clerinx, dethompson@usbr.gov, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, nkornze@blm.gov, Lawrence Roberts, David Mccoy Olivia Ferriter, Lindsey Wagner-Oveson, Libby Marking, Emily Bokar, SRJ2@ios.doi.gov, Brian Salerno, FWS Information, dfuge@blm.gov, Tommy Beaudreau, jon_jarvis@nps.gov, John Blair, Ann Navaro, Felipe Mendoza, Camille (Calimlim) Touton, Madelyn Morrison, Karen Hyun, Katherine Kelly, Abigail Hopper, Celina Cunningham, David Jayo, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, Kevin Thompson, Benjamin Milakofsky, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) , John Northington, Rachael Johnson, Nicole Buffa, Justin Pidot, Alexa Viets, Amy Holley, Molly Click, Thomas Iseman, Justin Wilson, molly_ross@nps.gov, Lori Faeth, Jason Powell, Kevin Haugrud, William Mcintee, Jessica Kershaw, Alexandra Huffman, Charisa Morris, Craig Dorsett, Chelsea Welch, Maureen Foster, Sarah Walters, edward_n_siskel@who.eop.gov, Ramsey Kropf, Maria Najera, Romen Borsellino, Kelly Kryc, Elizabeth Klein, emily_porcari@fws.gov, Anita Bilbao, ateitz@blm.gov, Lauren Bogard, Sarah Neimeyer, Amanda Degroff, Francis Iacobucci, Jim Kurth, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Joshua Hanson, Richard Cardinale, Katherine Currie, Peter Bodner, Blake Androff, Janice Schneider, Kathleen O'Leary, Katherine Rupp, Aaron Moody

Thu Jan 19, 2017

9am Phone call re: Ivory Amnesty Day

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: (Dan, Teresa, Woody, David Hayes, Jim, Steve) - Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) C P
Calendar: d_m_ashe@fws.gov
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Stephen Guertin, dhayes@law.stanford.edu, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, JoAn Mundt, william_c_woody@fws.gov, teresa_christopher@fws.gov

10am IMARS Call

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) C P
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Charisa Morris, d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, william_c_woody@fws.gov, teresa_christopher@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Kenneth Taylor, Cynthia Martinez

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Benjamin Jesup, Stephen Guertin, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Wendy Fink, Charisa Morris

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm Budget Discussion

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB-Room 3359, Skyline-Ashworth (3W043) / (b) (5) C P [redacted] pc (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Brian Bloodsworth
Who: Stephen Guertin, Chris Nolin, Brian Bloodsworth, Michael Oetker, Jim Kurth

Fri Jan 20, 2017

All day Inaugaration Day

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Inauguration Day

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who:
d_m_ashe@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, teresa_christopher@fws.gov
Going? Yes

Mon Jan 23, 2017

8:30am
"To be Rescheduled" SPEAKING to Welcome ALDP Cohort 16 - NCTC Room 161 I-West

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: NCTC - Room 161 I-West
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10:30am Meet with DOI team - 3rd Floor Operations Center

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Operations Center
Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:30pm Benjamin Tuggle

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Phone
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Jan 24, 2017

10am

Meeting re: Oil & Gas Development (Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, John Hendrix, Alaska Governor's Oil and Gas Advisor)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: amy.dobson@alaska.gov, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, john.hendrix@alaska.gov

10:30am FWP check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWP conference room
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Who:
Lena McDowall, Janice DeSordi, Tasha Robbins, Katelyn Liming, Herbert Frost, Thomas Irwin, Michael Reynolds, Maureen Foster, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Jessica McHugh, Roslyn Sellars

11am Meeting w/Marion Campbell

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Marion Campbell, Jim Kurth

1pm Meeting w/Paul Rauch - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth

1:30pm Departmental Assignments

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who: Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin

3pm

Call to discuss "options" (Brian should call 208-4545 and transferred into Jim's office polycom) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Jim, Steve and Brian B.)
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Pamela Michalegko, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Jan 25, 2017

11am Lesser prairie chicken meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Jim, Gary, Matt Huggler, Gavin Shire and Anya) - Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Gary Frazer, Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Matthew Huggler, Lois Wellman, Gavin Shire

1pm Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim and Inez) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek, Inez Uhl

2pm Executive Diversity Committee (EDC)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB Director's Conference Room
Calendar: Paul Rauch
Created by: Pamela Michalegko
Who:
Jeff Underwood, Jerome Ford, Rebekah Giddings, Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth, Gloria Bell, Charisa Morris, Robyn Thorson, hannibal_bolton@fws.gov, Wendi Weber, david_mendias@fws.gov, Kashif Askari, Jessie Cheek, Benjamin Tuggle, Shaun Sanchez, Brian Glaspell, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Stewart Jacks, Karen Clark, Inez Uhl

3pm Check in meeting (Steve, Rusty, Jim) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

Thu Jan 26, 2017

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris, Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Wendy Fink

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

12pm
Women of FWS Networking Forum -- Come Celebrate What's Right With the World!!
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 1W104 & 1W108 Theodore Roosevelt and Lucille Stickel Conference Rooms
Calendar: Elsa Haubold
Who:
Deb Hahn, Gina Main (ginam@matteam.org), fwsnetworkingforum@lists.fws.gov, Gary Frazer, Cynthia Martinez, Charisa Morris, Jerome Ford, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Thomas Irwin, Davia Palmeri, FWHQ OSA Staff, Guy Foulks, Judith Scarl, John Klavitter, David Miko, Julia Bumbaca, Elsa Haubold, Jim Kurth, Kim Tripp, Roslyn Sellars, Robert Curry, Nancy Gloman, Brad Gunn, Hannibal Bolton, Naomi Edelson, Stephen Guertin, Anya Rushing, '(b) (6) [redacted] @comcast.net' (b) (6) [redacted] @comcast.net)
Going? No

2pm Directorate and Deputy VTC re: Transition Check In
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] and select room number (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Clayton McBride, Kashif Askari, beth_britt@fws.gov, Paul Souza, Charisa Morris, (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only), Thomas Irwin, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Henry Schlitzer, Eugene Sivigny

2pm Directorate and Deputy VTC re: Transition Check In
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Kashif Askari, Charisa Morris, Henry Schlitzer, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Eugene Sivigny, Thomas Irwin, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Clayton McBride, beth_britt@fws.gov
Going? No

3pm
(Jim and EA) to coordinate meeting w/leadership of FWS and AFWA - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Doug Hobbs, Jim Kurth, Matthew Huggler, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin

4pm Meeting with Virginia Johnson - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Jan 27, 2017

10am EA Budget (Jim, Steve, Betsy, Matt) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Matthew Huggler, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin

10:30am Meeting with FWS and Exec Sec - Room 6136

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 6136 (Dan Jorjani's Office)
Calendar: Daniel Jorjani
Created by: Gisella Ojeda-dodds
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Juliette Lillie, Maureen Foster, Charisa Morris, Daniel Jorjani, Jim Kurth, Russell Roddy

Mon Jan 30, 2017

9:30am Keystone XL FWS-FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Who:
Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Irwin, Virginia Johnson, Russell Roddy, Cynthia Martinez, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Jim Kurth, Gary Frazer, Maureen Foster

11am Keystone XL - BLM/ASLM and FWS/ASFWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Who:
Roslyn Sellars, Karen Hawbecker, Katharine MacGregor, Kristin Bail, Gary Frazer, Richard Cardinale, Maureen Foster, Tasha Robbins, Thomas Irwin, Marshall Critchfield, Jerome Perez, Virginia Johnson, Laura Brown, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Ann Navaro, Kathleen Benedetto, Jon Raby, Michael Nedd, Russell Roddy, Cynthia Martinez, Casey Hammond

Tue Jan 31, 2017

11am Phone call with Paul Souza

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm
[1:00pmET] Call w/Anne Badgley to discuss ethics issue (Anne should call 202-208-4545 and transferred to Jim's office) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Anne Badgley, Jim Kurth

3:30pm Carl Milegan send off
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Wed Feb 1, 2017

10am To discuss February events - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Jim, Steve, Charisa, Chris and Anya) - Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Anya Rushing, Chris Tollefson

11:30am Lunch with Ron Regan
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Thu Feb 2, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

10am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Peg Romanik, Benjamin Jesup, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10:30am Catch-up on Science Applications

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Steve, Seth, Jim) - Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Seth Mott, Jesse Brent, Stephen Guertin

11:30am Meeting w/Sam Rauch (Acting AA for NOAA Fisheries) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: alesia.read@noaa.gov, Jim Kurth, samuel.rauch@noaa.gov, Stephen Guertin

1pm Rusty Patched Bumble Bee Listing Determination Briefing

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6136
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman
Who:
Russell Roddy, Benjamin Jesup, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Juliette Lillie, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, Ann Navaro, Daniel Jorjani, Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Irwin

Fri Feb 3, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

9am Meet & Greet with Incoming RBFF Chairman of the Board - Room 038

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
David Hoskins, Russell Roddy, Gary Frazer, Jay Slack, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Seth Mott, Jesse Brent, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Jerome Ford, Cynthia Martinez, Paul Rauch, Kenneth Taylor, Denise Sheehan, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Jim Kurth

9am TRAVEL: To NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am

Pre-brief prior to meeting w/Jim Cason (Maureen, Virginia Johnson,Steve, Gary) – Room 3144

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: FWP conference room 3144
Calendar: tasha_robbins@fws.gov
Who:
Virginia Johnson, Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars, Russell Roddy, Maureen Foster, Jim Kurth, tasha_robbins@fws.gov, Lois Wellman, Thomas Irwin, Gary Frazer, Charisa Morris

11am SPEAKING at ALDP Cohort 16 - NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: NCTC - Room 161 I-West
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm TRAVEL: Rtn to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm

Meeting with Jim Cason (Maureen Foster, Gary, Bert Frost, Jim, Steve, Rusty, Thomas Dickens, Virginia Johnson, Ann Navaro, Jack Haugrud) Room 5112

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 5112
Calendar: James Cason
Created by: Jean Parrish
Who:
Tasha Robbins, Thomas Dickens, Gary Frazer, Herbert Frost, Lena McDowall, Michael Reynolds, Stephen Guertin, Kevin Haugrud, Jim Kurth, Ann Navaro, Virginia Johnson, Roslyn Sellars, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Russell Roddy, Maureen Foster, Janice DeSordi, Thomas Irwin, James Cason, Jessica McHugh

Sat Feb 4, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Sun Feb 5, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Mon Feb 6, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

3pm

Congressional Referral (Jim, Rusty, Marty, Charisa) --Dial: (b) (5) C P
Code: (b) (5) C P
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3359-MIB
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Martin Kodis, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Russell Roddy, Stephen Guertin

Tue Feb 7, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

11am Steven Kohl retirement luncheon

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Duangrat's Thai restaurant
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Feb 8, 2017

All day WINTER 2017 NABCI MEETING

Where: Washington, DC area
Calendar: jscarl@fishwildlife.org
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
Stephen Brown, skip.hyberg@wdc.usda.gov, Roslyn Sellars, Anne Kinsinger, Frances Greenway, Breck Carmichael, Jim Kurth, Dave Trevino, Mike Johnson, david.whitehurst@dgif.virginia.gov, Sandra Paice, Butcher, Gregory, Steven Hilburger, David Hoge, Keith Norris, John Alexander, FWS Information, dmehlman@tnc.org, syaich@ducks.org, Ron Regan, Danielle Flynn, Delores Bigby, J Gordon, Sheri Henderson, Todd Fearer, Brad Bortner (Brad_Bortner@fws.gov), Judith Scarl, Iain Stenhouse, Glenn Olson, Steve Albert, Elaine Leslie, Gordon Myers, jim douglas, Thomas Irwin, Carolina Medina, Tammy VerCauteren, Herrighty, Larry, Kevin Pierson, Gray Anderson, Geoffrey Walsh, dpashley@abcbirds.org, Ken Rosenberg, Brad Andres, Jerome Ford, (b) (6) @osd.mil, Breck Carmichael (BreckC@dnr.sc.gov)

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

9am

Meeting re: Island Conservation (Jim & Gregg Howald of Island Conservation)
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Room 3359-MIB
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Gregg Howald, Jim Kurth

10am Asst. Directors Meeting re: Current FWS Issues

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) C P
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jay Slack, Jerome Ford, Shelly Senior, Brian Bloodsworth, Seth Mott, Jesse Brent, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Stephen Guertin, Margaret Hardy, Kenneth Taylor, Delores Bigby, Lois Wellman, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Gary Frazer, Denise Thompson, john_tramack@fws.gov, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Russell Roddy, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, JoAn Mundt, Denise Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Pamela Michalegko, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Azuredee Perkins, Virginia Takang, Thomas Irwin, Case Hammond

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am

Lunch: Jim/Marshall Jones to discuss Smithsonian Earth Day Weekend Event
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Location to be determined
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: jonesmp@si.edu, Jim Kurth

1pm Briefing re: zebra/quagga mussels (Jim, Steve, David) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, David Hoskins, Stephen Guertin, Casey Hammond

2pm DFP Discussion (Jim, Jessie Cheek, Paul Rauch) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth, Jessie Cheek

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Edward Grace, Matthew Huggler, john_tramack@fws.gov, Theresa Rabot, Stacey Garcia, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Seth Mott, Jay Slack, Stephen Guertin, Michael Gale, Noreen Walsh, David Hoskins, Conni Conner, Janine Velasco, Charisa Morris, Lois Wellman, Gloria Bell, Roslyn Sellars, Karen Clark, Shaun Sanchez, Denise Thompson, Wendi Weber, Barbara Wainman, Shelly Senior, Jody Holzworth, Robert Garfinkel, Janine Velasco, Virginia Takang, Anne Badgley, Larry Rabin, Tauline Davis, Greg Siekaniec, Paul Souza, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Mike Johnson, Robyn Thorson, Delores Bigby, beth_britt@fws.gov, Charles Wooley, Jim Willis, Acquanetta Reese, Paul Rauch, Azuredee Perkins, Thomas Irwin, Jerome Ford, Lori Mendoza, Joy Nicholopoulos, Jim Kurth, Henry Schlitzer, Robert Curry, Gregory Sheehan, Tom Melius, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Clayton McBride, Chris Jensen, Brian Bloodsworth, Gina Shultz, Pamela Michalegko, Rebekah Giddings, Deborah Rocque, John Schmerfeld, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Greg Sheehan, Jesse Brent, Anya Rushing, Eugene Sivigny, Casey Hammond, Shelley Hartmann, Stephanie Potter, Denise Sheehan, Cynthia Martinez, Nicole Tsugawa, Kenneth Taylor, Wanda Cantrell, Michael Oetker, Kathleen King, JoAn Mundt, Denise Sanchez, Margaret Hardy, Gary Frazer, Matt Hogan, Benjamin Tuggle

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Paul Rauch, Seth Mott, Paul Souza, Delores Bigby, JoAn Mundt, Denise Thompson, Gloria Bell, (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Only), John Schmerfeld, Jay Slack, Anne Badgley, Charles Wooley, Chris Jensen, Margaret Hardy, Wendi Weber, Tom Melius, Michael Oetker, Janine Velasco, Jesse Brent, Stephanie Potter, Karen Clark, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, john_tramack@fws.gov, Robyn Thorson, Matt Hogan, Barbara Wainman, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Cynthia Martinez, Wanda Cantrell, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Shelley Hartmann, Shaun Sanchez, Theresa Rabot, Edward Grace, Gary Frazer, Robert Curry, Azuredee Perkins, Lori Mendoza, Thomas Irwin, Kathleen King, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Gregory Sheehan, Michael Gale, Conni Conner, Greg Siekaniec, Denise Sheehan, Matthew Huggler, Robert Garfinkel, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Stacey Garcia, Denise Sanchez, Eugene Sivigny, Jim Willis, Charisa Morris, Nicole Tsugawa, Lois Wellman, Tauline Davis, Brian Bloodsworth, Noreen Walsh, Clayton McBride, Gina Shultz, Jerome Ford, Stephen Guertin, David Hoskins, Larry Rabin, Joy Nicholopoulos, Pamela Michalegko, Janine Velasco, Deborah Rocque, Anya Rushing, Virginia Takang, beth_britt@fws.gov, Mike Johnson, Shelly Senior, Rebekah Giddings, Acquanetta Reese, Casey Hammond, Benjamin Tuggle, Roslyn Sellars, Henry Schlitzer, Jody Holzworth, Kenneth Taylor

Thu Feb 9, 2017

All day WINTER 2017 NABCI MEETING

Where: Washington, DC area
Calendar: jscarl@fishwildlife.org
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
Stephen Brown, skip.hyberg@wdc.usda.gov, Roslyn Sellars, Anne Kinsinger, Frances Greenway, Breck Carmichael, Jim Kurth, Dave Trevino, Mike Johnson, david.whitehurst@dgif.virginia.gov, Sandra Paice, Butcher, Gregory, Steven Hilburger, David Hoge, Keith Norris, John Alexander, FWS Information, dmehlman@tnc.org, syaich@ducks.org, Ron Regan, Danielle Flynn, Delores Bigby, J Gordon, Sheri Henderson, Todd Fearer, Brad Bortner (Brad_Bortner@fws.gov), Judith Scarl, Iain Stenhouse, Glenn Olson, Steve Albert, Elaine Leslie, Gordon Myers, jim douglas, Thomas Irwin, Carolina Medina, Tammy VerCauteren, Herrighty, Larry, Kevin Pierson, Gray Anderson, Geoffrey Walsh, dpashley@abcbirds.org, Ken Rosenberg, Brad Andres, Jerome Ford, (b) (6) [redacted] @osd.mil, Breck Carmichael (BreckC@dnr.sc.gov)

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin

1:30pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Stephen Guertin, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], Casey Hammond

4pm

Briefing on Pending ESA-Related Actions (Jim Cason, Virginia Johnson, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Gary Frazer, Maureen Foster) Room 5112

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 5112
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: tasha_robbins@fws.gov
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Virginia Johnson, Gary Frazer, Maureen Foster, James Cason, Tasha Robbins, Casey Hammond, Thomas Irwin, Jean Parrish, Juliette Lillie, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Russell Roddy

Fri Feb 10, 2017

1pm Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim and Inez) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jessie Cheek, Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth, Inez Uhl

2pm Greensheet Management mtg (Jim, Betsy and Charisa) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: greensheet management
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm

Meeting to discuss Law Enforcement - Standing Rock Sioux Reservation Memo (Maureen Foster, Herbert Frost, Michael Reynolds, Rick Obemesser) Room 3144
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP conference room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: tasha_robbins@fws.gov
Who:
Janice DeSordi, Thomas Irwin, Herbert Frost, Jim Kurth, Rick Obernesser, Michael Reynolds, Jessica McHugh, Maureen Foster, Roslyn Sellars

3:30pm

POB Datacall: Priorities for Infrastructure Data Request Due COB Tues Feb 14 (Jim, Gary, David Hoskins, Brian Bloodsworth, Chris Nolin, Cynthia Martinez) - Room 3359--Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code** (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman
Who:
Pamela Michalegko, Chris Nolin, Brian Bloodsworth, Thomas Irwin, Jim Kurth, Marilyn Brower, Roslyn Sellars, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins

Sat Feb 11, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Sun Feb 12, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Mon Feb 13, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

11:30am
Science Budget Allocations (Steve, Jim, Casey, Seth, Chris Nolin) Room 3357
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Chris Nolin, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Seth Mott, Cecilia Todd, Rachel Merkel, Virginia Johnson

1pm OIG response meeting (Jim and Rich Myers) - Room 3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Richard Myers, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris

3pm Phone call: Noreen & Jim--Noreen to call 208-4545
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Noreen Walsh, Denise Sanchez

Tue Feb 14, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

10am Phone call (Deb Rocque, Jim Kurth) - Deb to call 202-208-4545
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Deborah Rocque, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am

N. Amer. Conf. Special Session Speakers' Conference Call-- Dial: (b) (5) CIP 9790, Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: ross.melinchuk@tpwd.texas.gov
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
(b) (6) @gmail.com, Jim Kurth, jcummins@wildlifemiss.org, (b) (6) @gmail.com, tom.kelsch@nfwf.org, Rachel Jacobson (Rachel.Jacobson@wilmerhale.com), Robin Riechers, Steve Kallick

1pm

Discuss Service priorities for infrastructure assignment (Steve, Jim, Casey and Chris Nolin) - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Chris Nolin, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth

2pm

Pre-brief for upcoming NAWCC Webinar (Jim, Jerome, Mike Johnson, Kari Duncan, Rodecia McKnight and Sarah Mott) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Sarah Mott, Jerome Ford, Rodecia McKnight, Jim Kurth, Delores Bigby, Mike Johnson, Kari Duncan

3pm

Meeting on Front Office Support (Jim, Steve, Charisa, Ken, and Shelley) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Shelley Hartmann, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Kenneth Taylor, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin

4pm

Package Status meeting (Jim, Steve, Betsy, Casey, Gary and Anya) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Matthew Huggler, Casey Hammond, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Gary Frazer, Lois Wellman

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Feb 15, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

12pm ESA compliance post nullification of SPR Brown Bag

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: 6151 [redacted] participant call: [redacted] leader (DC-Karen) [redacted]
Calendar: Mariagrazia Caminiti
Who:
Glenda Owens, Daniel Jorjani, Nancy Brown-Kobil, Dennis Rice, Stephen Guertin, Benjamin Jesup, Craig Aubrey, Landon Davis, Downey Magallanes, Harry Payne, Charisa Morris, Virginia Johnson, Roslyn Sellars, John Morse, Richard Cardinale, Thomas Bovard, Karen Hawbecker, Ann Navaro, Casey Hammond, Susan Ely, Thomas Irwin, Lois Wellman, Kevin Haugrud, Katharine MacGregor, Gary Frazer, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Jim Kurth, Fred Cruise, Maureen Foster, Emily Morris, James Schindler, Matthew Huggler, Gisella Ojeda-dodds

4:30pm
Meeting/Call re: Klamath Project Court Order--Room 3359-MIB or Dial: [redacted] **Code:** [redacted]
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gary Frazer, Cynthia Martinez, Paul Souza, Jim Kurth, David Murillo, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Jeffrey (Jeff) Nettleton, Stephen Guertin, Harry Horner, jcameron@usbr.gov, Federico Barajas, Carter Brown, RICHARD WELSH, parroyave@usbr.gov, George (Moss) Driscoll, Stephen Palmer, Michael Senn, Casey Hammond, Virginia Johnson, David Palumbo, Will Meeks

4:30pm
Meeting/Call re: Klamath Project Court Order--Room 3359-MIB or Dial: [redacted] **Code:** [redacted]
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted]
Calendar:
[redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Paul Souza, parroyave@usbr.gov, RICHARD WELSH, Federico Barajas, Carter Brown, David Murillo, Casey Hammond, Cynthia Martinez, Virginia Johnson, Jim Kurth, Jeffrey (Jeff) Nettleton, jcameron@usbr.gov, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Stephen Palmer, Michael Senn, Stephen Guertin, Will Meeks, Harry Horner, George (Moss) Driscoll, Gary Frazer, [redacted] Only), David Palumbo

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

5pm Steve Suder

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

5:30pm TRAVEL: To Sonoma Restaurant in Washington, DC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

6pm Celebration of California Rice - Sonoma Restaurant, SE Washington DC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Sonoma Restaurant and Wine Bar, 223 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Feb 16, 2017

All day Roslyn - Out of Office (9a - 1p)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

8:45am

ES - Greater Sage Grouse Briefing (conference line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference room 3038
Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Tasha Robbins, Stephanie Potter, Thomas Irwin, Gary Frazer, Theresa Rabot, Stephen Guertin, james_schindler@ios.doi.gov, Downey Magallanes, Maureen Foster, Roslyn Sellars, Timothy Williams, Matthew Huggler, Virginia Johnson, Noreen Walsh, (b) (6), (b) (5) C P [redacted] Only), Charisa Morris, Paul Souza, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

8:45am ES - Greater Sage Grouse Briefing (Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Conference room 3038
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman
Who:
Virginia Johnson, Paul Souza, Charisa Morris, Downey Magallanes, Maureen Foster, James Schindler, Roslyn Sellars, Noreen Walsh, Gary Frazer, Theresa Rabot, Matthew Huggler, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Timothy Williams, Thomas Irwin, Jim Kurth, Tasha Robbins, Stephanie Potter

9:30am

Refuges Budget Briefing (Jim, Steve, Casey, Cynthia Martinez, Katherine Spomer) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, Katherine Spomer, Stephen Guertin, Casey Hammond, Chris Nolin, Laura Whorton, nancy_minor@fws.gov, David Robinson, Virginia Johnson, Rachel Merkel

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin

1pm SOL Alabama v NMFS critical habitat reg matter briefing - Room 6340

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: SOL conf rm. 6340
Calendar: Mariagrazia Caminiti
Who:
Kevin Haugrud, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Ann Navaro, Joan Goldfarb, Maureen Foster, Casey Hammond, Benjamin Jesup, downey_magallenas@ios.doi.gov, Stephen Guertin, Gary Frazer, Lois Wellman, Tasha Robbins, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Virginia Johnson, James Cason, Rebecca Finley, James Schindler

3pm ES Budget Allocations (Steve, Jim, Casey, Gary, Chris Nolin) Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Rachel Merkel, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Virginia Johnson, Gary Frazer, Chris Nolin, Gina Shultz, Stephen Guertin, Lydia Collins, Martha BalisLarsen

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

6:30pm TRAVEL: To NWRA Dinner - Blackfinn Ameripub

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Blackfinn Ameripub - DC, 1620 I St NW, Washington, DC 20006, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

7pm NWRA Winter Board Mtg Dinner - Restaurant: Blackfinn Ameripub

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Blackfinn Ameripub - DC, 1620 I St NW, Washington, DC 20006, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri Feb 17, 2017

8am TRAVEL: To 1666 K St NW, Ste 500

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:30am

NWRA Winter Board Mtg – Offices of Nossaman LLP, 1666 K St NW, Suite500
(Coffee & Pastries at 8:30a)—Jim/Cynthia on agenda as speakers10:30 – 11:30a

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12:30pm Travel to Office

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Follow-up meeting (Jim and Inez) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Lisa Danaceau, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm
FAC Budget Allocations (Steve, Jim, Casey, David Hoskins, Chris Nolin) - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Virginia Johnson, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Rachel Merkel, Chris Nolin, David Hoskins, Stephen Guertin, john_tramack@fws.gov, Hillary Harms

Sat Feb 18, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Anya Rushing, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Tom Melius, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Casey Hammond

Sun Feb 19, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Mon Feb 20, 2017

All day President's Day Holiday
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars, Casey Hammond
Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Feb 21, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (2/21 - 2/22)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

10am AIA Budget Allocations (Steve, Jim, Casey, Bryan, Chris Nolin) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jim Kurth, Rachel Merkel, Chris Nolin, Stephen Guertin, Andrew Brown, Casey Hammond, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov

11am

WSFR Budget Allocations (Steve, Jim, Casey, Paul Rauch, Chris Nolin) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Paul Rauch, Lydia Collins, Delores Bigby, Virginia Johnson, Rachel Merkel, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Chris Nolin, Casey Hammond

12pm

TDY Travel - Risk Management Discussion - (b) (5) CIP [redacted] pc (b) (5) CIP [redacted] / WebEx info in description

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] pc (b) (5) CIP [redacted] / WebEx info below
Calendar: Brian Bloodsworth
Who:
Mike Johnson, John Schmerfeld, Charisa Morris, Gina Shultz, Shelley Hartmann, Gloria Bell, Edward Grace, keri_james@fws.gov, Katherine Spomer, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Jim Willis, Joy Nicholopoulos, Charles Wooley, Raymond Laliberte, Matt Hogan, Jim Kurth, Rebekah Giddings, Robert Curry, Michael Sciortino, Karen Clark, Theresa Rabot, Matthew Huggler, Will Meeks, Deborah Rocque, Seth Mott, Alexandra Pitts, Michael Oetker

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm LE Budget Allocations (Steve, Jim, Casey, Woody, Chris Nolin) - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Chris Nolin, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Rachel Merkel, Virginia Johnson, Andrew Brown, william_c_woody@fws.gov, JoAn Mundt, Stephen Guertin

3pm Intro to ESA - Room 6120

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference room 6120
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman
Who:
Jim Kurth, Timothy Williams, Melissa Simpson, Daniel Jorjani, Benjamin Jesup, Downey Magallanes, Juliette Lillie, Matthew Huggler, Ann Navaro, Micah Chambers, Christine Bauserman, Charisa Morris, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, James Schindler, Markee Connors, Roslyn Sellars, Virginia Johnson, Scott Hommel, Gina Shultz, Douglas Domenech, Lori Mashburn, Natalie Davis, Casey Hammond, Tasha Robbins, Thomas Irwin, Amanda Kaster, James Cason, Gary Frazer, Megan Bloomgren, Stephen Guertin, Jean Parrish, Maureen Foster

Wed Feb 22, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (2/21 - 2/22)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

10am

2018 Budget meeting (Jim, Steve, Chris Nolin and Rachel Merkel) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Rachel Merkel, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Chris Nolin, Stephen Guertin, Denise Sheehan, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Brian Bloodsworth, Matthew Huggler

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

12pm Lunch with Sarena Selbo

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2pm Executive Diversity Committee (EDC)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference Call only (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PC (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Paul Rauch
Created by: Pamela Michalegko
Who:
Jessie Cheek, Jeff Underwood, Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Karen Clark, hannibal_bolton@fws.gov, Jerome Ford, Paul Rauch, Wendi Weber, Charisa Morris, Kashif Askari, Brian Glaspell, Shaun Sanchez, Gloria Bell, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Robyn Thorson, Rebekah Giddings, Benjamin Tuggle

2pm Webinar - North American Wetland Conservation Council meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

5pm Emma Roach

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Thu Feb 23, 2017

8am TRAVEL to Rachel Carson Room at Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting - (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

8:30am

SPEAKER at National Meeting of the Planning Team - Skyline (Rachel Carson Room)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Falls Church, VA, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

9:30am TRAVEL to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am FWS budget briefing

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Who:
Casey Hammond, Virginia Johnson, Stephen Guertin, Amanda Kaster, Maureen Foster, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Micah Chambers

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin

1pm

Meeting to discuss NFWF Spring Mtg (Jim, Jeff Trandahl, Lila Helms and Greg Knadle) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, mary.keelin@nfwf.org, jeff.trandahl@nfwf.org

1:30pm Bison Range - Jim's Office and (b) (5) CIP [redacted] (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jim's Office and (b) (5) C P [redacted] (b) (6) [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Charisa Morris
Who: Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Ann Navaro

2pm Briefing - Overview of FWS OLE

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: MIB 3038
Calendar: Matthew Huggler
Who:
william_c_woody@fws.gov, JoAn Mundt, Stephen Guertin, Tasha Robbins, Downey Magallanes, Edward Grace, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster, Casey Hammond, Matthew Huggler, James Schindler

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3:30pm AIA Budget Allocations

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: MIB 3038
Calendar: bryan_arroyo@fws.gov
Who:
Thomas Irwin, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Chris Nolin, Stephen Guertin, Andrew Brown, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Rachel Merkel, Casey Hammond, Virginia Johnson, Gloria Bell

Fri Feb 24, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

9am Pre-Briefing for 3/2 WFLC meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Shannon Smith, Jim Kurth, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Robert Eaton, Chris Wilcox, Stephen Guertin

10am Migratory Birds Budget Allocation - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Rachel Merkel, Casey Hammond, Jerome Ford, Ken Richkus, brad_bortner@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Sarah Mott, Edith Thompson, Mike Johnson, Dan Patterson, Chris Nolin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am Briefing - Overview of FWS Migratory Birds Program

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: MIB 3038
Calendar: Matthew Huggler
Who:
James Schindler, Casey Hammond, Mike Johnson, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Jerome Ford, Matthew Huggler, Sarah Mott, Virginia Johnson, Ken Richkus, Jim Kurth, Tasha Robbins, Dan Patterson, Downey Magallanes

2pm Briefing - Overview of FWS Refuges Program

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: MIB 3038
Calendar: Matthew Huggler
Who:
Matthew Huggler, Downey Magallanes, Charisa Morris, James Schindler, Cynthia Martinez, Maureen Foster, Jim Kurth, Tasha Robbins, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Virginia Johnson, Will Meeks

Sat Feb 25, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Sun Feb 26, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Mon Feb 27, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:45pm

USGS briefing: Restoration decisions and grazing management in the Sage Grouse/Sagebrush ecosystem - Room 6641 or WebEx (details at end under Description)

Calendar: Michelle Mebane
Created by: William Lukas
Who:
William Lukas, Zachary Bowen, Katharine MacGregor, Gordon Toevs, bwainman@usgs.gov, Pat Deibert, Karen Kelleher, Cameron Aldridge, Lara Douglas, Downey Magallanes, Steve Hanser, ASWS Conference Room, Kathleen Lacko, Kristin Bail, David Pyke, Carol Schuler, Charisa Morris, Kerry Rae, Noreen Walsh, Michelle Mebane, Scott Cameron, Anne Kinsinger, Sarah Ryker, Virginia Johnson, Marshall Critchfield, Stephen Small, Ryan Nichols, Kathleen Benedetto, Theresa Rabot, Satrina Lord, Steve Tryon, Catherine Puckett, Karen Prentice, Michael Thabault, phaverland@usgs.gov, Maureen Foster, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Richard Cardinale

4pm Passback discussion (Jim, Steve, Chris Nolin) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Chris Nolin, Stephen Guertin, Casey Hammond

4:45pm Review FWS FY18 passback and appeal

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP conference room - 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Chris Nolin, Jim Kurth, Tasha Robbins, Casey Hammond, Roslyn Sellars, Maureen Foster, Virginia Johnson, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin

Tue Feb 28, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Tom Melius, Charisa Morris, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Anya Rushing, Casey Hammond

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

9am Meeting w/Cindy Donher - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Acquanetta Reese, Jim Kurth

10am [Speaking Event] ARD Meeting - Rachel Carson room (off the Bison Bistro)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Matthew Huggler, Jim Kurth, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov

12pm Courtesy Meeting w/John Scanlon, Secretary General of CITES

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: MIB 3038
Calendar: Matthew Huggler
Who:
Rosemarie Gnam, Laura Noguchi, Craig Hoover, Virginia Johnson, Pamela Scruggs, Casey Hammond, Maureen Foster, Stephen Guertin, koyamaka@state.gov, Melissa Simpson, Gloria Bell, Danielle Kessler, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Matthew Huggler, Jim Kurth, Timothy Williams, Tasha Robbins

3pm [3:00p EST] Meeting: Jim Kurth/Greg Sheehan - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: tvo-wood@utah.gov, Jim Kurth, Gregory Sheehan

5pm TRAVEL: To Landmark E Street Cinema

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

5:30pm

Debut of Film: Midway - Edge of Tomorrow, Landmark Theatres E Street Cinema, 555 11th St NW, Washington, DC
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Mar 1, 2017

All day Charisa SL - Laura Wharton acting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who:
Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Anya Rushing, Nikki Randolph, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Charisa Morris, Maureen Foster, Matthew Huggler

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Thu Mar 2, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

9am

FWS Meeting with Inter-Mountain West Joint Management Board and Partners for Conservation (Sage Brush & Grassland Conservation) - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Director's Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Dave Smith, Lori Reed, Tina Dennison, Charisa Morris, Ali Duvall, Jim Kurth, Noreen Walsh, Stephen Guertin

10am Wildlife Fire Leadership Council - MIB Room 3447

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3447-MIB (IOC)
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Peg Romanik, Benjamin Jesup, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Wendy Fink

2:30pm

Red Wolf Briefing (Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Virginia Johnson, Casey Hammond, James Schindler, Matt Huggler, Maureen Foster, Michael Chambers) Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB - Conference room 3038
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman
Who:
Charisa Morris, Acquanetta Reese, Micah Chambers, Downey Magallanes, Jim Kurth, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Roslyn Sellars, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster, Stephen Guertin, James Schindler, Thomas Irwin, Matthew Huggler

3:30pm Travel to Arlington

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

4pm

NWRS Leadership Team Mtg - The Westin Arlington Gateway at Ballston, 801 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth

5pm FWS/NatureServe at Grand Cru

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: John Schmerfeld
Who: healy_hamilton@natureserve.org, John Schmerfeld, Jim Kurth

Fri Mar 3, 2017

8am Labcorp

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

10am
OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, [redacted], Charisa) Dial-in: [redacted] Passcode: [redacted] - Room 3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: (Dial-in: [redacted] Passcode: [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, [redacted] Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, [redacted]

10:15am Ron Regan
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11am Secretary Zinke Address to DOI - Location: Bison Bistro
Video call:
[redacted]

Who:
Noah Matson, Nikki Randolph, Donnise Hancock, Delores Bigby, Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, neena_martin@fws.gov, Lois Wellman, Thomas Irwin, JoAn Mundt, Kashif Askari, FWS Assistant Directors, Casey Hammond, Megan Reed, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

12pm Sabrina
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm Meeting with SOL re: Alabama v NMFS CH reg matter (cont.)--Room 6340
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: sol conf rm. 6340
Calendar: Mariagrazia Caminiti
Who:
Kevin Haugrud, Joan Goldfarb, Stephen Guertin, Ann Navaro, Tasha Robbins, Maureen Foster, Casey Hammond, James Cason, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, Daniel Jorjani, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Gary Frazer, James Schindler, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Lois Wellman, Virginia Johnson, Benjamin Jesup, Rebecca Finley, Downey Magallanes, Gareth Rees

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm Mexican Wolf Briefing via VTC

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: MIB 3038
Calendar: Matthew Huggler
Who:
Downey Magallanes, James Schindler, Ted Koch, Ann Navaro, Jim Kurth, Kathleen Benedetto, Stacey Garcia, Benjamin Tuggle, Micah Chambers, Gina Shultz, Katharine MacGregor Jeff Newman, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Benjamin Jesup, Matthew Huggler, Virginia Johnson, Kashif Askari, Joy Nicholopoulos, Maureen Foster, Gary Frazer

3:30pm Check-in meeting (Jim and Matt) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Matthew Huggler, Jim Kurth

Sat Mar 4, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Anya Rushing, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius, Charisa Morris

5pm Potluck Dinner

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (6) [redacted]
Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who:
Dan Ashe, Noah Matson, Anya Rushing, Emily Porcari, bdreher@defenders.org, Kenneth Taylor, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Paul Rauch, Sabrina Chandler, Brian Bloodsworth, Seth Mott, Jerome Ford, Matthew Huggler, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, David Hoskins, Denise Sheehan (b) (6) [redacted] @gmail.com, Jim Kurth, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Jay Slack, Gary Frazer, Cynthia Martinez, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Teresa Christopher

Sun Mar 5, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Tom Melius, Casey Hammond, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Mon Mar 6, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Matthew Huggler, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth
Going? Yes

All day
TRAVEL: North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (3/6 - 3/10)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Spokane, Washington
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Tue Mar 7, 2017

All day
TRAVEL: North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (3/6 - 3/10)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Spokane, Washington
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Tom Melius, Anya Rushing

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am Briefing - FWS Maintenance Backlog

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: MIB 3038
Calendar: Matthew Huggler
Who:
John Schmerfeld, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Katherine Spomer, Robert Miller, David Hoskins, Jim Kurth, Chris Nolin, tasha_robbins@ios.doi.gov, Matthew Huggler, Cynthia Martinez, James Schindler, Maureen Foster, Downey Magallanes, Laura Whorton, Virginia Johnson

8pm AFWA Director Reception

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Terrace Room East
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Wed Mar 8, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (3/6 - 3/10)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Spokane, Washington
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Anya Rushing, Tom Melius, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Charisa Morris

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Thomas Irwin, Robert Curry, Gregory Sheehan, Jay Slack, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Michael Oetker, john_tramack@fws.gov, Matthew Huggler, Delores Bigby, Tauline Davis, Paul Souza, Gary Frazer, Wanda Cantrell, Acquanetta Reese, Matt Hogan, Denise Thompson, Pamela Michalegko, Mike Johnson, Anya Rushing, Benjamin Tuggle, Robyn Thorson, Jim Kurth, Kenneth Taylor, David Hoskins, Rebekah Giddings, Greg Siekaniec, Greg Sheehan, Brian Bloodsworth, Larry Rabin, Denise Sheehan, Nicole Tsugawa, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Janine Velasco, Wendi Weber, Gloria Bell, Michael Gale, Deborah Rocque, Chris Jensen, Virginia Takang, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Henry Schlitzer, Gina Shultz, Theresa Rabot, Stephen Guertin, Eugene Sivigny, Margaret Hardy, Conni Conner, Janine Velasco, Charles Wooley, Jerome Ford, Denise Sanchez, Clayton McBride, Robert Garfinkel, Edward Grace, Cynthia Martinez, Noreen Walsh, Jim Willis, Paul Rauch, (b) (6), (b) (5) C P [redacted] Only), Stephanie Potter, Anne Badgley, John Schmerfeld, JoAn Mundt, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Seth Mott, Shelly Senior, Joy Nicholopoulos, Shaun Sanchez, Charisa Morris, Lois Wellman, Lori Mendoza, Stacey Garcia, Azuredee Perkins, Roslyn Sellars, Jesse Brent, Barbara Wainman, Kathleen King, Jody Holzworth, Karen Clark, Tom Melius, Shelley Hartmann

3pm

[12p Pacific] Conservation Administrator's Lunch - Location: N. Amer. Conf., Spokake, WA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3:30pm FWS Passback meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: 4110 MIB or (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PC: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] LC: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Olivia Ferriter
Who:
Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Jason Freihage, Maureen Foster, Steven Farrell, Denise Flanagan, Adrianne Moss, Olivia Ferriter, Chris Nolin, Virginia Johnson

7:30pm

[4:30p Pacific] Directorate Team meeting [while at N. Amer. Conf] - Grand Ballroom B

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Location: N. Amer. Conf., Spokake, WA
Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
FWS Directorate Secretaries, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Paul Souza, (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]), Jim Kurth, Anya Rushing

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

7:30pm
[4:30p Pacific] Directorate Team meeting [while at N. Amer. Conf] - Grand Ballroom B
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Location: N. Amer. Conf., Spokake, WA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, FWS Directorate Secretaries, Anya Rushing, FWS Directorate & Deputies

Thu Mar 9, 2017

All day
TRAVEL: North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (3/6 - 3/10)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Spokane, Washington
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Tom Melius, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Anya Rushing, Casey Hammond

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris

2:30pm
Border wall coordination - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Matthew Huggler, Casey Hammond, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Benjamin Tuggle, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Joy Nicholopoulos, Cynthia Martinez, Gary Frazer, Jonathan Andrew, Paul Souza

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm
Border wall coordination - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP **Code:** (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Joy Nicholopoulos, Cynthia Martinez, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, GMS-mike_edwards@fws.gov-01cdc809-fe30cf88.pst/paul_souza@fws.gov (Read Only), Jonathan Andrew, Casey Hammond, Paul Souza, Gary Frazer, Matthew Huggler, Jim Kurth, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Charisa Morris, Benjamin Tuggle

Fri Mar 10, 2017

All day
TRAVEL: North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (3/6 - 3/10)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Spokane, Washington
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Anya Rushing, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Charisa Morris, Tom Melius

10am [7.00a.m.Pacific] Conference Breakfast hosted by Ducks Unlimited
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Davenport Grand Hotel, West Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, Washington
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

7:35pm Flight UA344 DEN to IAD
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Departing Denver, CO (DEN)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Sat Mar 11, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Tom Melius, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond

Sun Mar 12, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Mon Mar 13, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (3/13 - 3/17)--Note: 3/16 & 3/17 is tentative

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

9am AD meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Director's Conference Room to discuss FY 2018 budget
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Kenneth Taylor, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Paul Rauch, Seth Mott, Cynthia Martinez, Jerome Ford, Charisa Morris, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Gary Frazer, Denise Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Brian Bloodsworth, David Hoskins, Casey Hammond

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm
[1:30pmEastern] Phone call (Jim and Noreen) to discuss Secretary'svisit on Saturday (Noreen should call 202-208-4545) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Stephanie Potter, Jim Kurth, Denise Sanchez, Noreen Walsh

2pm Pre-Brief for 3/15 Hearing (Jim, External Affairs Staff) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Martin Kodis, Matthew Huggler, Jim Kurth, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Angela Gustavson

3:30pm Tag-up
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Brian Bloodsworth
Who: Brian Bloodsworth, Matthew Huggler, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth

4pm FR discussion w/Virginia Johnson
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP conference room 3144
Calendar: FWP - 3144 Conference Room Scheduler
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, Stephen Guertin, Tasha Robbins, Ann Navaro, Daniel Jorjani, Maureen Foster, Thomas Irwin, Virginia Johnson, Casey Hammond, Kevin Haugrud, Mariagrazia Caminiti

Tue Mar 14, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (3/13 - 3/17)--Note: 3/16 & 3/17 is tentative
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

All day NFWF Board of Directors Meeting - NFWF Office Washington, DC
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, 1133 15th St NW # 11, Washington, DC 20005, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

7:45am NFWF Board - NFWF Offices, 1133 Fifteenth Street NW

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

1pm [To be rescheduled] Pre-Brief for 3/15 Hearing - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Martin Kodis, Jim Kurth, Matthew Huggler, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Angela Gustavson

5pm Embassy of Canada

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Wed Mar 15, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (3/13 - 3/17)--Note: 3/16 & 3/17 is tentative

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

9am Hearing: Senate EPW Committee - 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Martin Kodis, Matthew Huggler, Jim Kurth, Angela Gustavson

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm Region 1 issues (Jim, Steve, Robyn in-person) Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Robyn Thorson, Stephen Guertin

3:45pm FY 2018 Budget Update - AS-FWP conference room 3144
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS-FWP conference room 3144
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Casey Hammond, Virginia Johnson, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Tasha Robbins, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris

Thu Mar 16, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (3/13 - 3/17)--Note: 3/16 & 3/17 is tentative
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

9am
Ludington building issue (Jim, Steve, Tom Melius/Charley Wooley-in person, Dave Hoskins) Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Conni Conner
Who:
David Hoskins, Charles Wooley, Virginia Takang, Conni Conner, john_tramack@fws.gov, Thomas Irwin, Tom Melius, Todd Turner, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Aaron Woldt

10:30am
Meeting (Jim, Cynthia, Ken Fowler and Eric Alavrez) on R1 Monument Acres - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Ken Fowler, Xiomara Labiosa, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, A Alvarez

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Peg Romanik, Tasha Robbins, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Benjamin Jesup, Virginia Johnson

12pm

Conference Call Briefing on National Bison Range (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) C P [redacted] **- Room 3038**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Tasha Robbins, Cynthia Martinez, Virginia Johnson, Charisa Morris, Maureen Foster, Charles Blair, Jim Kurth, Will Meeks, Casey Hammond, Ann Navaro, Stephen Guertin, Downey Magallanes, James Schindler, Matthew Huggler, Lori Caramanian, Benjamin Jesup, Matt Hogan, Noreen Walsh

1pm

Followup discussion (Jim and Noreen) Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **- Room 3359**

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: 1 866 613 9547 92085018
Calendar: Noreen Walsh
Who: Matt Hogan, Jim Kurth, Noreen Walsh, Will Meeks, Cynthia Martinez

1:30pm

Phone call: Jim Kurth/Deborah Garbe of Resolution Services (Jim - Reminder review questions before call)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Deborah Garbe to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, dgarbe@resolutionserv.com

2:30pm

Meeting (Jim and Scott A.) follow-up to the Directorate meeting in December - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Scott Aikin, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm SESCDP Class #19 Graduation - Bison Bistro

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Bison Bistro
Calendar: LINDA MCPHEETERS
Who:
wwerkheiser@usgs.gov, Grayford Payne, Jim Kurth, Amy Holley, Michael Reynolds, Douglas Lords, Michael Nedd, LINDA MCPHEETERS, Kristin Bail, Hankie Ortiz, weldon.loudermilk@bia.gov, Walter Cruickshank, Margaret Schneider, Deb Dumontier, FWS Assistant Directors, Kevin Haugrud

3pm SESCDP Class #19 Graduation Ceremony

Where: Bison Bistro
Calendar: Mary Pletcher
Created by: Christopher Lawson
Who:
weldon.loudermilk@bia.gov, Kevin Haugrud, Karla Smiley, Cynthia Lodge, Richard Ferrero, Mary Kendall, Mary Pletcher, James Kendall, Michael Tupper, Richard Cardinale, Michael Nedd, Basil Ottley, Alesia Pierre-Louis, David Murillo, Raymond Limon, Hankie Ortiz, Shayla Simmons, Stephen Guertin, bmuller@usbr.gov, John Burden, Michael Caldwell, Kevin Gallagher, Bryan Rice mike.black@bia.gov, Michael Reynolds, Olivia Ferriter, Jerome Perez, Walter Cruickshank, Robyn Thorson, Kristin Bail, Margaret Schneider, bwainman@usgs.gov, Sylvia Burns, Janine Velasco, Steve Glomb, rgonzalesschreiner@usbr.gov, Kerry Rae, LINDA MCPHEETERS, Mary Josie Blanchard, Jim Kurth, Elena Gonzalez, Deb Dumontier, Nikolao Pula, lthurn@blm.gov, Douglas Lords, Glenda Owens, William Werkheiser, maureen_foster@nps.gov

3pm SESCDP Graduation

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Fri Mar 17, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (3/13 - 3/17)--Note: 3/16 & 3/17 is tentative

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

8am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11:30am

Background check w/ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] (for Greg Siekaniec) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim and Inez) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Lisa Danaceau, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek

2pm Meeting (Jim and Inez) to discuss complaints - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Lisa Danaceau, Jim Kurth

Sat Mar 18, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Sun Mar 19, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Mon Mar 20, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jay Slack, Stephen Guertin, Denise Sheehan, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Jerome Ford, Casey Hammond, David Hoskins, Cynthia Martinez, Gary Frazer, Gregory Sheehan, Brian Bloodsworth, Paul Rauch, Kenneth Taylor, william_c_woody@fws.gov, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Maureen Foster, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth

1:30pm Jim Kurth/Matt Huggler - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Matthew Huggler, Jim Kurth

3pm Qtrly IG Status Update w/FWS

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Mary Kendall
Created by: Karen Edwards
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Matthew Elliott, Kimberly McGovern, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Casey Hammond, Laurie Gillespie, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Thomas Irwin, Charisa Morris, Marleah Domergue

Tue Mar 21, 2017

All day Directorate Meeting in DC (3/21- 3/22)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

6:30pm Directorate Dinner at Clyde's

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (6) [redacted]
Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who:
Cynthia Martinez, Stephen Guertin, Brian Bloodsworth, Teresa Christopher, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Charisa Morris, Benjamin Tuggle, Paul Rauch, Wendi Weber, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Matthew Huggler, Jerome Ford, Noreen Walsh, Robyn Thorson, Jim Kurth, Paul Souza, Dan Ashe, Denise Sheehan, David Hoskins, Michael Oetker, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Tom Melius, Jay Slack, Anya Rushing, Seth Mott, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Greg Siekaniec

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Mar 22, 2017

All day Directorate Meeting in DC (3/21- 3/22)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

11am Teleconference Call - Federal Register Clearance Briefing - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Gina Shultz, Martha BalisLarsen, Jim Kurth, Gary Frazer, Matthew Huggler, Megan Apgar, Craig Aubrey, Tasha Robbins, Virginia Johnson, Casey Hammond, Kashif Askari, Cynthia Martinez, Henry Schlitzer, Anya Rushing, Maureen Foster, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jeff Newman, Roslyn Sellars, Juliette Lillie, Jerome Ford, Lois Wellman

Thu Mar 23, 2017

8am Annual leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Benjamin Jesup, Greg Sheehan, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin

12pm Lunch Jeff Rupert

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2pm

Meeting with Colorado River and San Juan River Fish Recovery Programs (Gary, Dave Hoskins, Cynthia Martinez, Alyssa Hausman, Jim, Steve) Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB - Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman
Who:
David Hoskins, Gary Frazer, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Alyssa Hausman, Cynthia Martinez, hmaddux@utah.gov

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4:30pm

Meeting/Conference call: Briefing on job corps sites (Cynthia Martinez; Matt Huggler, Charles Blair, Robert Miller, Steve Guertin, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster, James Schindler, and Casey Hammond) Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP
Passcode: (b) (5) C P
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Matthew Huggler, Anya Rushing, Casey Hammond, Charisa Morris, Cynthia Martinez, James Schindler, Tasha Robbins, Charles Blair, Robert Miller, Virginia Johnson, Jim Kurth, Maureen Foster, Xiomara Labiosa

Fri Mar 24, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

11am

BRIEFING (Jim and Branch of Habitat Restoration, NWRS) for Partners for FWS and Coastal 2016 Annual Reports - Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Matthew Filsinger, Joe Milmoe, Chris Eng, Samantha Brooke, Chris Darnell, Pete Leary, Jim Kurth, Dave Walker, Linh Phu, jeff_rupert@fws.gov

2pm Post-Stream Protection Rule ESA Compliance Recommendation

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where:
Room 6120 - Call-in (b) (5) CIP Participant Code (b) (5) CIP (Leader Code (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Gareth Rees, Benjamin Jesup, Harry Payne, Casey Hammond, Virginia Johnson, Susan Ely, James Cason, Thomas Bovard, Jim Kurth, Michael Anderson, Tasha Robbins, Daniel Jorjani, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, Landon Davis, Maureen Foster, Downey Magallanes, Emily Morris, Richard Cardinale, Kevin Haugrud, Karen Hawbecker, Katharine MacGregor, Ann Navaro, James Schindler, Nancy Brown-Kobil, Fred Cruise, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Glenda Owens, Tracie Lassiter

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Sat Mar 25, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Sun Mar 26, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Mon Mar 27, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jay Slack, Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Gregory Sheehan

Tue Mar 28, 2017

8am TRAVEL: To Skyline

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

8:30am
(Jim to say a few words) Honor Kevin Kilcullen on his retirement, Branch Chief Visitor Services - Skyline, Murie Conference room (3N057)
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9:30am TRAVEL: To MIB
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am Mark Smith
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm Phone call: Jim/Wendi--Jim to call 413-531-5163
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm MBTA (Jim, Ann Navaro) Room 3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Ann Navaro, Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Mar 29, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

12:45pm EEOC Pre-Meeting (Jim, Inez & Dexter Brooks) Room 3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth

1pm VTC/Meeting with EEOC - Room 3038

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Anya Rushing, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Inez Uhl, Shelly Senior, Nicole Tsugawa, Lori Mendoza, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Margaret Hardy, Delores Bigby, Casey Hammond, Wanda Cantrell, Denise Sanchez, Conni Conner, Pamela Michalegko, Stephanie Potter, Jesse Brent, Tauline Davis, Lois Wellman, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Acquanetta Reese, john_tramack@fws.gov, Stacey Garcia, JoAn Mundt, Azuredee Perkins, Virginia Takang, Kathleen King, Henry Schlitzer, Eugene Sivigny, Jessie Cheek, Clayton McBride, Robert Garfinkel, jenifer_kohout@fws.gov

1pm VTC/Meeting with EEOC - Room 3038

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: dial [redacted] and select room number [redacted]
Calendar:
[redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Jessie Cheek, Tauline Davis, Inez Uhl, Paul Souza, Pamela Michalegko, Azuredee Perkins, Virginia Takang, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Shelly Senior, Clayton McBride, Nicole Tsugawa, Jim Kurth, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Stephanie Potter, Anya Rushing, Eugene Sivigny, Acquanetta Reese, Conni Conner, Jesse Brent, john_tramack@fws.gov, JoAn Mundt, Henry Schlitzer, Denise Sanchez, jenifer_kohout@fws.gov, Lori Mendoza, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Lois Wellman, Casey Hammond, Margaret Hardy, Kathleen King, Stacey Garcia, Delores Bigby, [redacted] Only), Robert Garfinkel, Wanda Cantrell

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm Meeting (Jim and Jessie) to discuss DFP - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth

Thu Mar 30, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin

4pm Charlie Blair
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Fri Mar 31, 2017

All day Wage Grade Academy - NCTC
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
National Conservation Training Center, 698 Conservation Way, Shepherdstown, WV 25443, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

8:15am TRAVEL: To NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10:15am

Speaking Event: Wage Grade Academy - NCTC, Room 201 Instructional East
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am TRAVEL: To home for conference calls

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm

Conference call (Jim and Robyn/Terry) to discuss Directorate Fellows Program selections (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Robyn should call (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Nicole Tsugawa, Jim Kurth, Robyn Thorson, Theresa Rabot, Paul Heimowitz

2:30pm

Conference call (Jim and Tom Melius) to discuss Directorate Fellows Program selections (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Call (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Tom Melius, Conni Conner, Jim Kurth

3pm

Conference call (Jim and Matt Hogan) to discuss Directorate Fellows Program selections (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Call (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Stephanie Potter, Jim Kurth, Matt Hogan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3:30pm

Conference call (Jim and Wendi/Deb) to discuss Directorate Fellows Program selections (Dial: (b) (5) CIP **Code:** (b) (5) C P
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Deborah Rocque, Jim Kurth, Lori Mendoza, Wendi Weber, Kathleen King

4pm

Conference call (Jim and Benjamin) to discuss Directorate Fellows Program selections (Dial: (b) (5) C P **Code:** (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Benjamin Tuggle, Jim Kurth, Stacey Garcia

4:30pm

Conference call (Jim and Cindy) to discuss Directorate Fellows Program selections (Dial: (b) (5) C P **Code:** (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Acquanetta Reese, Jim Kurth

5pm

Conference call (Jim and Greg Siekaniec) to discuss Directorate Fellows Program selections (Dial: (b) (5) CIP **Code:** (b) (5) C P
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Greg Siekaniec, Tauline Davis

5:30pm

Conference call (Jim and Paul Souza) to discuss Directorate Fellows Program selections (Dial: (b) (5) CIP **Code:** (b) (5) C P
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Paul Souza, Jim Kurth, Wanda Cantrell

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

5:30pm
Dial: [redacted] **Code:** [redacted] **Conference call (Jim and Paul Souza) to discuss Directorate Fellows Program selections (Dial:** [redacted]
Code: [redacted]
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted]
Calendar:
[redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
[redacted] Only),
Jim Kurth, Wanda Cantrell, Paul Souza

Sat Apr 1, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Tom Melius, Anya Rushing, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin

Sun Apr 2, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Mon Apr 3, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jerome Ford, Gregory Sheehan, Denise Sheehan, Brian Bloodsworth, Cynthia Martinez, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Kenneth Taylor, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Jay Slack, Maureen Foster, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth, David Hoskins, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, Charisa Morris

11am

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Casey Hammond, Charisa Morris, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Jim Kurth

1:30pm Interview (Jim w/Reg 6 SUTL Student Kate Miyamoto) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Kate Miyamoto, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Xiomara Labiosa

2pm Meeting (Jim and Matt) to discuss Task Statement - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Matthew Huggler, Jim Kurth, Tom Melius

3pm

Phone call re: Personnel Issue (Jim/Wendi Weber/Deb Rocque) Wendi/Deb to call 208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Deborah Rocque, Jim Kurth, Wendi Weber, Kathleen King

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Apr 4, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

9:30am Meeting: Jim Kurth/Jim Serfis - Room 3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Serfis, Jim Kurth

10am Steve Thompson

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11am
Internal - Follow-up on Atlantic Coast Pipeline (Jim Cason, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster, Mike Reynolds, Doug Domenech, Casey Hammond) Room 6120

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Casey Hammond, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, Jim Kurth, Thomas Irwin, Herbert Frost, Roslyn Sellars, Tasha Robbins, Downey Magallanes, Douglas Domenech, Michael Reynolds, Maureen Foster, James Cason, Gareth Rees, Virginia Johnson, Janice DeSordi

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

3pm Construction Priorities (Jim/Robert Miller) Room 3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Robert Miller, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3:30pm

VTC (RDs, DRDs & Science ARDs "No Actings") FY18 Budget Request for Science Applications - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Bill Uihlein, Nicole Tsugawa, Stephanie Potter, Seth Mott, Lori Mendoza, James Broska, Stephen Guertin, elsa.haubold@myfwc.com, Tom Melius, Acquanetta Reese, Craig Czarnecki, Kashif Askari, Wanda Cantrell, Laura Maloof, Denise Sanchez, Jim Kurth, Sarena Selbo, Stacey Garcia, Cecilia Todd, stephen_zylstra@fws.gov, Stephen Torbit, FWS Regional Directors, Charisa Morris, Ken Elowe, Henry Schlitzer, Conni Conner, Larry Rabin, Kathleen King, Elsa Haubold, Benjamin Tuggle, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Michael Oetker, Theresa Rabot, Tauline Davis, Wend Weber, Robyn Thorson, Karen Clark, Alexandra Pitts, Deborah Rocque, Charles Wooley, Joy Nicholopoulos, Matt Hogan, Greg Siekaniec, Paul Souza, Noreen Walsh

Wed Apr 5, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

1pm Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim and Inez) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Paul Rauch, Tom Melius, Jim Kurth, Inez Uhl, Jessie Cheek

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm Joint DOI SOPT and Regional Ocean Contacts Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB Room 1548; Conference line: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Google Apps - pggriffi@usgs.gov/methridge@usgs.gov
Created by: Peter Griffiths
Who:
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4pm

Meeting with Jim Cason on Personnel Planning for FY2018 Budget - ASLM, ASWS, ASFWP, ASIA - Room 6120

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Room 6120 - Call-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participant Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted] (Leader Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Scott Mabry, Yolando Mack-Thompson, James Cason, Jim Kurth, Fred Cruise, jhudson@blm.gov, Kerry Rae, Walter Cruickshank, Tracie Lassiter, Anna Owens-Brown, Michael Nedd, Michael Anderson, Lena McDowall, weldon.loudermilk@bia.gov, lthurn@blm.gov, Margaret Schneider, Richard Cardinale, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster, Craig Prestenbach, Glenda Owens, Cynthia Piper, Karla Cook, Jessica Bowron, Scott Cameron, Katharine MacGregor, Edner Escarne, William Werkheiser, shoshana.silverstein@bia.gov, Evann Rogers, Margo Harris, James Anderson, Benjamin Keel, Gareth Rees, mike.black@bia.gov, james.burckman@bia.gov, Arecia Whitfield, Tasha Robbins, David Murillo, Michelle Mebane

6pm

Wild Foundation Reception & Discussion on Nature Needs Half - Location: Resolve Headquarters - 1255 Twenty Third Street NW, Suite 275

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Apr 6, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

9am Healy Hamilton

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

10am Budget production / timeline briefing

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Director's Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Tom Melius, Charisa Morris, Rebekah Giddings, Denise Sheehan, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Chris Nolin, Jim Kurth, Matthew Huggler

1pm FWS and BLM Acting Directors Meeting

Where: MIB Room 3359
Calendar: lthurn@blm.gov
Who:
Yolando Mack-Thompson, lthurn@blm.gov, Stephen Guertin, Michael Nedd, Thomas Irwin, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, scstewar@blm.gov

1:30pm GRSG - FWS comments - BLM Draft EIS for mineral withdrawals

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Gina Shultz, Noreen Walsh, Casey Hammond, Matt Hogan, Bridget Fahey, Kathleen Benedetto, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Tom Melius, Nicole Alt, Gary Frazer

3pm

Greenbook Briefing (Jim, Casey, Virginia, Maureen, Steve, Chris Nolin, Betsy and Charisa) - Room 3038

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Tasha Robbins, Virginia Johnson, Charisa Morris, Maureen Foster, Anya Rushing, Casey Hammond, Chris Nolin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Tom Melius

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Apr 7, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

10am

Meeting re: Task Statement and determination of task team (Jim Kurth/Tom Melius/Matt Huggler)
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Tom Melius, Matthew Huggler, Jim Kurth

2pm Check-in Meeting
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Room 6113
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Jim Kurth, James Cason, Tasha Robbins, Thomas Irwin, Virginia Johnson, Roslyn Sellars, Gareth Rees

Mon Apr 10, 2017

All day [redacted]
Video call:
[redacted]

Who: Roslyn Sellars, Tom Melius, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth
Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jay Slack, Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Gregory Sheehan

11am

Brief AS-FWP on first package of SO 3349 deliverables - AS FWP conference room
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS FWP conference room
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Gary Frazer, Gina Shultz, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Maureen Foster, Seth Mott, steve guertin, Tom Melius, Virginia Johnson, Tasha Robbins, Charisa Morris

11:30am

Briefing: Review of April MBCC &NAWCA proposals (Jim, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez, Ken Fowler, Eric Alvarez, Jerome Ford, Mike Johnson, Sarah Mott) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Deputy Director's Office - Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Ken Fowler, Jerome Ford, Sarah Mott, Cynthia Martinez, A Alvarez, Shaun Sanchez, Mike Johnson, Azuredee Perkins, Casey Hammond, Tom Melius

4:30pm Rescheduled from 4/11 - FWS/NPS Check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference room - 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
tasha_robbins@fws.gov, Justin Monetti, Casey Hammond, Katelyn Liming, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Beverly (Grace) Stephens, Lena McDowall, Maureen Foster, Janice DeSordi, Jim Kurth, Thomas Irwin, Alexa Viets, Virginia Johnson, Charisa Morris, Herbert Frost, Jessica McHugh

Tue Apr 11, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am NWRS oil and gas regulation briefing

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB Directors Conference Room
Calendar: Cynthia Martinez
Created by: Xiomara Labiosa
Who:
Aaron Mize, Casey Hammond, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Scott Covington, Shaun Sanchez, Cynthia Martinez

11:30am Jared Brandwein - lunch

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm

Phone call (Jim and Noreen) GUSG settlement (Noreen call 202-208-4545) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Michael Thabault, Noreen Walsh

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Wed Apr 12, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

9am

Conference Call (Jim, Wendi, Deb, Inez and Rebekah) Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP
Passcode: (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Inez Uhl, Rebekah Giddings, Deborah Rocque, Jim Kurth, Wendi Weber, Lori Mendoza, Kathleen King, Martha Ansty, Peg Romanik, Tiffany Mcfadden

10am Congressional/Legislative Affairs National Meeting - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Martin Kodis, Jim Kurth

1pm Keep open

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Gregory Sheehan, Greg Sheehan, Joy Nicholopoulos, Jerome Ford, Cynthia Martinez, Nicole Tsugawa, Tom Melius, John Schmerfeld, Karen Clark, Margaret Hardy, Theresa Rabot, Robert Garfinkel, JoAn Mundt, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Thomas Irwin, Janine Velasco, Matt Hogan, Benjamin Tuggle, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Denise Thompson, Greg Siekaniec, Rebekah Giddings, Robyn Thorson, Shaun Sanchez, Stacey Garcia, Seth Mott, Michael Gale, Denise Sanchez, Roslyn Sellars, Gary Frazer, Robert Curry, Anya Rushing, Anne Badgley, Shelly Senior, Jesse Brent, Jay Slack, Eugene Sivigny, Charles Wooley, Michael Oetker, Larry Rabin, Jim Kurth, Acquanetta Reese, Clayton McBride, Kathleen King, Stephen Guertin, Paul Rauch, Stephanie Potter, Brian Bloodsworth, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Shelley Hartmann, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Edward Grace, Janine Velasco, Jim Willis, Lori Mendoza, Chris Jensen, Paul Souza, Deborah Rocque, Kenneth Taylor, Matthew Huggler, Noreen Walsh, Mike Johnson, Conni Conner, Gina Shultz, Wanda Cantrell, Azuredee Perkins, Henry Schlitzer, Barbara Wainman, Jody Holzworth, john_tramack@fws.gov, Lois Wellman, Denise Sheehan, Gloria Bell, Delores Bigby, Virginia Takang, Tauline Davis, Pamela Michalegko, David Hoskins, Wendi Weber

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Thomas Irwin, Robert Curry, Gregory Sheehan, Jay Slack, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Michael Oetker, john_tramack@fws.gov, Matthew Huggler, Delores Bigby, Tauline Davis, Paul Souza, Gary Frazer, Wanda Cantrell, Acquanetta Reese, Matt Hogan, Denise Thompson, Pamela Michalegko, Mike Johnson, Anya Rushing, Benjamin Tuggle, Robyn Thorson, Jim Kurth, Kenneth Taylor, David Hoskins, Rebekah Giddings, Greg Siekaniec, Greg Sheehan, Brian Bloodsworth, Larry Rabin, Denise Sheehan, Nicole Tsugawa, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Janine Velasco, Wendi Weber, Gloria Bell, Michael Gale, Deborah Rocque, Chris Jensen, Virginia Takang, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Henry Schlitzer, Gina Shultz, Theresa Rabot, Stephen Guertin, Eugene Sivigny, Margaret Hardy, Conni Conner, Janine Velasco, Charles Wooley, Jerome Ford, Denise Sanchez, Clayton McBride, Robert Garfinkel, Edward Grace, Cynthia Martinez, Noreen Walsh, Jim Willis, Paul Rauch, (b) (6), (b) (5) C P [redacted] Only), Stephanie Potter, Anne Badgley, John Schmerfeld, JoAn Mundt, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Seth Mott, Shelly Senior, Joy Nicholopoulos, Shaun Sanchez, Charisa Morris, Lois Wellman, Lori Mendoza, Stacey Garcia, Azuredee Perkins, Roslyn Sellars, Jesse Brent, Barbara Wainman, Kathleen King, Jody Holzworth, Karen Clark, Tom Melius, Shelley Hartmann

3:30pm

Phone call re: Nanilchik Traditional Council Settlement (Jim, Greg Siekaniec)--Greg to call 208-4545
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Greg Siekaniec, Jim Kurth, Tauline Davis

Thu Apr 13, 2017

8am Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin

Fri Apr 14, 2017

8am Annual Leave
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

Mon Apr 17, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

All day
TRAVEL: Meet w/staff in reopening of Malheur NWR - Oregon (4/17 -4 /20)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am
Director's Office Meeting [Tom M. will call-in] – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Anya Rushing, Charisa Morris, Gregory Sheehan, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Apr 18, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: Meet w/staff in reopening of Malheur NWR - Oregon (4/17 -4 /20)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

2:15pm Brief AS-FWP on second package of SO 3349 deliverables

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Maureen Foster, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Cynthia Martinez, Casey Hammond, Jerome Ford, Mike Johnson, Virginia Johnson, Stephen Guertin, Gary Frazer, Tom Melius, steve guertin, Noah Matson, Tasha Robbins, Gina Shultz, Shaun Sanchez

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Wed Apr 19, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: Meet w/staff in reopening of Malheur NWR - Oregon (4/17 -4 /20)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Anya Rushing, Gregory Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Charisa Morris

4pm Going Away Party: Leslie Neu
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Buffalo Wild Wings, 5275 Leesburg Pike B, Bailey's Crossroads, VA 22041, USA
Calendar: Aaron Mize
Who:
Katy Hopper, Mike Koole, steve_suder@fws.gov, Cindy Hall, rebecca_goodman@fws.gov, Alyssa Hausman, Ben Thatcher, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Scott Covington, Dave Walker, Michael Gale, Shaun Sanchez, Martin Kodis, Vanessa Kauffman, Edwin Christopher, Susan Morse, Terrina Harford, kevin_kilcullen@fws.gov, Linh Phu, Elizabeth Day, Stacy Sanchez, A Alvarez, Zachary Arnold, Cynthia Martinez, Katherine Harrigan, Dan Patterson, Jillian Cohen, Danielle Brigida, FWHQ CNWR Division of Budget Performance and Workforce, Dana Bivens, Julie Henning, Georgia Basso, danielle_tinker@fws.gov, Kristen Gilbert, Leona Laniawe, Angelina Yost, David Robinson, Joe Milmoe, Erica Mize, Rebecca Bulls, Chris Eng, Jim Kurth, Peter Barlow, Ross Alliston, Bill OBrian, Matthew Filsinger, Leslie Neu, Aaron Mize, Robert Miller, Robert Williams, Angela Gustavson, Michael Carlo, Shannon Smith, Patrice Ashfield, Linda Walker, Ron Salz, John Blitch, Katherine Korte, Gavin Shire, Martha Nudel, FWHQ CNWR_Div_Facillities_Equipment_Transportation, Laura Whorton, Katherine Spomer, Seth Mott, Chris Darnell, Joanna Webb, Devin Helfrich, Carl Millegan, Elsa Haubold, Brad Long, John Schmerfeld, Charisa Morris, Rebekah Giddings, Megan Cook, Kayt Jonsson, Richard Johnston, Robert Eaton, Rob Campellone, Pete Leary, John Klavitter

Thu Apr 20, 2017

All day
TRAVEL: Meet w/staff in reopening of Malheur NWR - Oregon (4/17 -4 /20)
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Apr 21, 2017

All day Charisa AL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who:
Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Nikki Randolph, Donnise Hancock, Stephen Guertin, Thomas Irwin, Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

8:30am TRAVEL to NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10:30am

Speaking to National Hire Cohort Foundations class - NCTC Entry Auditorium
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12pm Travel to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm

Meeting on King Cove (Jim Cason, Jim Kurth, Virginia Johnson, Casey Hammond, Amanda Kaster, Jack Haugrud) Room 6120
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Room 6120 - Call-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participant Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted] (Leader Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Amanda Kaster, Joseph Darnell, Jim Kurth, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Tasha Robbins, Gareth Rees, Thomas Irwin, Casey Hammond, Kevin Haugrud, Maureen Foster, James Cason, Virginia Johnson, Roslyn Sellars

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm

Pre-brief for Meeting with DAS-Navy/Environment re: Guam/Marianas work (Jim, Gary, R1 staff via phone)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gary Frazer, Nicole Tsugawa, Craig Aubrey, Theresa Rabot, Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Robyn Thorson, Thomas Irwin, Gina Shultz, Lois Wellman, Mary Abrams, Rollie White, Eric Hein, Kim Trust

3:30pm

CONFIRMED -- Meeting w/Dominion (Virginia Johnson, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Maureen Foster, Michael Reynolds) Room 3144
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP conference room 3144
Calendar: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Janice DeSordi, Thomas Irwin, Tasha Robbins, Casey Hammond, Douglas Domenech, Virginia Johnson, Michael Reynolds, Roslyn Sellars, Maureen Foster, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth

4:45pm Phone call: Jim/Charley Wooley--Charlie to call 208-4545
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Charles Wooley, Conni Conner, Jim Kurth

Sat Apr 22, 2017

All day Charisa AL
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who:
Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Nikki Randolph, Donnise Hancock, Stephen Guertin, Thomas Irwin, Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing

Sun Apr 23, 2017

All day Charisa AL
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who:
Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Nikki Randolph, Donnise Hancock, Stephen Guertin, Thomas Irwin, Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

All day 4/26 - [redacted]
Video call:
[redacted]

Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

Mon Apr 24, 2017

All day Charisa AL
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who:
Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Nikki Randolph, Donnise Hancock, Stephen Guertin, Thomas Irwin, Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing

7am Travel to NCTC
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

9am
SPEAKING at "Conversation with a Deputy Director" session for RefugeManagement Academy - NCTC Room 161 I-West
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: NCTC Room 161 I-West
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jay Slack, Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10:30am Travel to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm Call w/Sen Barrasso (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted])

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Martin Kodis, Jim Kurth

4pm

Phone call w/Greg Siekaniec to discuss Izembek (Dial-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) C P [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Lynne Santos, Greg Siekaniec, Tauline Davis

4:30pm

Phone call w/Noreen short topics (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Stephanie Potter, Jim Kurth, Noreen Walsh

5pm

Phone call Deb Rocque to discuss the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (Dial-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Deborah Rocque, Jim Kurth, Kathleen King, Paul Phifer, Eleanor Mcvey

5pm

Phone call Deb Rocque to discuss the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (Dial-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Paul Phifer
Who: Paul Phifer, Deborah Rocque, Eleanor Mcvey, Jim Kurth, Kathleen King

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Apr 25, 2017

All day Charisa AL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who:
Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Nikki Randolph, Donnise Hancock, Stephen Guertin, Thomas Irwin, Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

11:30am lunch/Charlie

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm

Meet & Greet between FWS & Mr. Karnig H. Ohannessian, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy-and & Guam/Marianas work (Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Gary Frazer, Robyn Thorson-via phone) - Room 3359 or Dial (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gary Frazer, Nicole Tsugawa, Jim Kurth, Robyn Thorson, Stephen Guertin, Lois Wellman, (b) (6) [redacted]@navy.mil, Casey Hammond

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3:45pm

FWS/New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau Meeting re: critical habitat, species management, land access (Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Gary Frazer, Ben Tuggle or Joy Nicholopolous via phone) Dial-in: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Benjamin Tuggle, Gary Frazer, Joy Nicholopoulos, zachr@nmflb.org, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Stacey Garcia, Lois Wellman, Charisa Morris, Gina Shultz, Casey Hammond

4:30pm

Call w/Jim Kurth and Wendi or Deb and Peg Romanik to discuss Atlantic Coast Pipeline (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P Passcode: (b) (5) C P - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Paul Phifer
Who:
Paul Phifer, Lori Mendoza, Wendi Weber, Deborah Rocque, Jim Kurth, Peg Romanik, Kathleen King

4:30pm

Call w/Jim Kurth and Wendi or Deb and Peg Romanik to discuss Atlantic Coast Pipeline (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P Passcode: (b) (5) C P - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Deborah Rocque, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Wendi Weber, Paul Phifer, Lori Mendoza, Kathleen King

Wed Apr 26, 2017

All day (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Who: Roslyn Sellars, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

8:30am MBCC meeting - MIB, South Penthouse

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB South Penthouse
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

10am Coordination mtg. with DHS/CBP on Texas Border Infrastructure

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 5112 MIB 866-702-3108 867 8106
Calendar: Jonathan Andrew
Who:
Harry Humbert, Jonathan Andrew, Lance Wenger, Gary Frazer, Jennifer Turner, Amanda Kaster, Craig Aubrey, Stephen Guertin, Howard Huey, Cynthia Martinez, Micah Chambers, Eric Shepard, Robert Johnston, James Gallagher, Rick Obernesser, Pamela Barkin, Jim Kurth

11:30am

Meeting re: Columbia River Treaty (Jim Kurth, Scott Aikin and Michaela Noble) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Scott Aikin, Jim Kurth, Michaela Noble

Thu Apr 27, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

9:30am

FWS Overview (Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Casey Hammond, Aurelia Skipwith, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: A/S FWP conference room 3144
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Tasha Robbins, Virginia Johnson, Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Maureen Foster, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Aurelia Skipwith, Roslyn Sellars

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin

1pm
Follow up Phone call re: Darling Center (Jim Kurth/Sam Koltinksky) Sam to call 202-208-4545
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Sam Koltinsky

Fri Apr 28, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

9am
Zimbabwe Elephant Briefing (Internal FWS staff-Casey, Jim, Steve, Bryan, Tim Vannorman, Woody, Craig Hoover, Ed grace, Rose Gnam) - Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Casey Hammond
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Rosemarie Gnam, Edward Grace, Gloria Bell, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Craig Hoover, Stephen Guertin, JoAn Mundt, Tim Vannorman, Anya Rushing

11:30am Lunch/Jared
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

1:30pm Director's Ofc Budget Meeting (Jim, Steve, Chris Nolin, Charisa)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Chris Nolin, Stephen Guertin, karen_eilola-miller@fws.gov, Jessica Huffman

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm

Meeting on King Cove (Jim Cason, Jim Kurthm Casey Hammond, Virginia Johnson, Amanda Kaster, Jack Haugrud) Room 6120
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Room 6120 - Call-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participant Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted] (Leader Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Tasha Robbins, Joseph Darnell, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Maureen Foster, Kevin Haugrud, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Wendy Fink, Gareth Rees, Casey Hammond, Virginia Johnson, Amanda Kaster, Thomas Irwin, Aurelia Skipwith, James Cason

3pm

Alaska/Safari Club v Zinke litigation mtg (Ann Navaro, Bert Frost, Casey Hammond, Elizabeth Gobeski, Greg Siekaniec, Joel Hard, Joseph Darnell, Ken Lord, Maureen Foster, Michael Reynolds, Robert Johnston) - Room 6340
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 6340 call-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] participant code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], leader code (DC) (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Mariagrazia Caminiti
Who:
Elizabeth Gobeski, Jim Kurth, Joseph Darnell, Joel Hard, Timothy Murphy, Benjamin Jesup, Kenneth Lord, Herbert Frost, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Edward Keable, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Michael Reynolds, Maureen Foster, Greg Siekaniec, Robert Johnston, Cynthia Martinez, Daniel Jorjani, Kevin Haugrud, Virginia Johnson, Ann Navaro

4pm BACK ON FOR TODAY: Mexican Wolf Case
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Gareth Rees
Created by: Catherine Gulac
Who:
Gary Frazer, James Cason, Maureen Foster, Virginia Johnson, Tasha Robbins, Gareth Rees, Casey Hammond, Kevin Haugrud, Aurelia Skipwith, Daniel Jorjani, Jim Kurth, Ann Navaro

Mon May 1, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gary Frazer, Gregory Sheehan, David Hoskins, Jay Slack, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Brian Bloodsworth, Casey Hammond, Maureen Foster, Denise Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Kenneth Taylor, Jerome Ford, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Cynthia Martinez

11am

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Greg Sheehan, Casey Hammond, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted]

3pm

Planning Discussion (Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Brian Bloodsworth, Matt Huggler, Greg Siekaniec) Room 3359- - Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Greg Siekaniec, Jim Kurth, Matthew Huggler, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin

5:30pm TRAVEL: To Embassy of Canada

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Embassy of Canada, 501 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

6pm Ducks Unlimited & Wetlands America Trust - Embassy of Canada

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Embassy of Canada, 501 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue May 2, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

10am Annual COOP Training (IOC Conference Room)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

5pm DU Event at the Hyatt Regency

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Wed May 3, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Gregory Sheehan, Anya Rushing, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Casey Hammond

8:30am State Chief's Mtg - POC: Woody

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: S.Penthouse
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm SUTL Interview (Jim, Brian Bloodsworth) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Brian Bloodsworth, Jim Kurth, Ryan Drum

2:30pm

NOTE: Call in information changed - Texas Border Infrastructure Back Briefing
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
NPS Conference room -- 2023, main corridor -- call in information (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
participant code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Heather Swift, Janice DeSordi, Jim Kurth, Michael Reynolds, Herbert Frost, Virginia Johnson, Micah Chambers, Rick Obernesser, Aurelia Skipwith, Thomas Irwin, Maureen Foster, Casey Hammond, Amanda Kaster, Harry Humbert, Stephen Guertin, Thomas Garcia, Ann Navaro, Pamela Barkin, Jessica McHugh, Lance Wenger, Laura Rigas, Wendy Fink, Jonathan Andrew, Roslyn Sellars

Thu May 4, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am

Everglades Briefing (Jim Cason, Ben Jesup, Ann Navaro, Maureen Foster, Jason Waanders, Jim Kurth, Keith Saxe, Louise Milkman, Michael Foster, Robert Johnson, Rolf Olson, Shanon Estenoz, Virginia Johnson, Wendy Fink, Cindy Doher, Dan Jorjani) Room 6340

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6340 Call in information - (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Larry Mellinger, Keith Saxe, Mariagrazia Caminiti, James Cason, Shannon Estenoz, Louise Milkman, Tina Moeinian, Maureen Foster, Kevin Haugrud, Jim Kurth, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, Acquanetta Reese, Jason Waanders, Michael Reynolds, Whitny Howeth, Virginia Johnson, Robert Johnson, Marshall Critchfield, Rolf Olson, Wendy Fink, Daniel Jorjani, Benjamin Jesup, Roslyn Sellars, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Gareth Rees, Thomas Irwin, Ann Navaro, Pedro Ramos, Stan Austin, Janice DeSordi

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Greg Sheehan, Wendy Fink, Benjamin Jesup, Stephen Guertin, Peg Romanik

1pm Meeting on Hiring Controls - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Denise Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Rebekah Giddings, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm LCC Council Spring Meeting (conference call and Adobe Connect)

Where:
(b) (5) CIP code (b) (5) CIP and Webinar: (b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) Log in using your name in Guest cell, no password needed
Calendar: Elsa Haubold
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
Karen Kelleher, Myers, Gordon S., galon.hall@wdc.usda.gov, Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX, Jennifer Wyse, Cat Hoffman, Pat Montanio - NOAA Federal, Suzanne Scourby (sscourby@ndow.org), Melanie Steinkamp, tom.champeau@myfwc.com, Jason Jeremiah, Charisa Morris, Megan Cook, Carrie Selberg NOAA, Seth Mott, Cynthia West, Juan Carlos Vargas, Jacklynn Gould, leslie_honey@natureserve.org, Willy Kostka, Greg Wathen (greg.wathen@tn.gov), Kristin Bail, Paul Holland (pa@marstel-day.com), jason.weller@wdc.usda.gov, Chad Steven Marchand, Joel Clement, Robin O'Malley, Stephen Guertin, Richard Cole, Alex Beehler, leonard.jordan@wdc.usda.gov, Gary Tabor, 'jeff.raasch@tpwd.texas.gov', Deanna Spooner, Craig Czarnecki, Raymond Sauvajot, Scott Talbott (scott.talbott@wyo.gov), Orndorff, Ryan B CIV OSD OUSD ATL (US), Steve Terry, Edwin Roberson, (b) (6) @comcast.net, Jim Kurth, Jonathan Mawdsley, Kit Muller, Lynn Scarlett, Kelley Myers, Charles Wooley, Julie Henning, Gwen White, Pike, Shannon FLNR:EX, Jilliar Cohen, Pam Osti (pamela.osti@TNC.ORG), Ryan Roberts, michael.weiss@noaa.gov, Davia Palmeri, jad.daley@tpl.org, Boyce, Douglas A -FS, Larry Rabin, Evans, Clinton - NRCS, Denver, CO, brady.phillips@noaa.gov, Debra Schlafmann, rkearney@blm.gov, (b) (6) @usace.army.mil), Anna-Marie York, Martin Lowenfish (Martin.Lowenfish@wdc.usda.gov), Raychelle Daniel, Judith Scarl, Roslyn Sellars, John Mankowski, Thomas Irwin, THOMASGARD-SPENCE, Kristin J CIV OSD OUSD ATL (US), Jonathan Steele, Laura Maclean, Cadigan, Christine, Diana Kent, Genevieve Johnson, Anne Baker, David Whitehurst (david.whitehurst@dgif.virginia.gov), Avra Morgan, Grilz, Perry L FLNR:EX, Tony Wasley (twasley@ndow.org), Leslie Weldon, Mallory Martin, Yvette Converse, Ulalia Woodside, Ken Kriese, terry williams

1:30pm
LCC Council Spring Meeting (phone and adobe connect in lieu of in person)

Where:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) AND (b) (5) CIP, Code (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Elsa Haubold
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
Grilz, Perry L FLNR:EX, 'Diana Kent', Megan Cook, Kit Muller, 'Boyce, Douglas A -FS', Juan Carlos Vargas, 'Judith Scarl', Kristin Bail, 'Pike, Shannon FLNR:EX', Seth Mott, 'Lynn Scarlett', Jacklynn Gould, Robin O'Malley, THOMASGARD-SPENCE, Kristin J CIV OSD OUSD ATL (US), 'jeff.raasch@tpwd.texas.gov', 'Cynthia West', 'Ryan Roberts', 'Carrie Selberg NOAA', Jennifer Wyse, Avra Morgan, Larry Rabin, 'Nicholls, Diane R FLNR:EX', Wendy Loya, Genevieve Johnson, 'Orndorff, Ryan B CIV OSD OUSD ATL (US)', 'Tony Wasley (twasley@ndow.org)', 'leslie_honey@natureserve.org', 'Myers, Gordon S.', Roslyn Sellars, 'Steve Terry', Charles Wooley, 'Pat Montanio - NOAA Federal', 'Martin Lowenfish (Martin.Lowenfish@wdc.usda.gov)', Gary Tabor, Raymond Sauvajot, Chad Steven Marchand, Cat Hoffman, 'Suzanne Scourby (sscourby@ndow.org)', Deanna Spooner, 'michael.weiss@noaa.gov', Mallory Martin, Davia Palmeri, 'brady.phillips@noaa.gov', Craig Czarnecki, Douglas Beard, Julie Henning, John Mankowski, terry williams, Leslie Weldon, Yvette Converse, Ken Kriese, 'Pam Osti (pamela.osti@TNC.ORG)', 'Jonathan Mawdsley', Richard Kearney, 'Willy Kostka', Anna-Marie York, Edwin Roberson, Stephen Guertin, Debra Schlafmann, Todd Hopkins, (b) (6) @comcast.net', Thomas Irwin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, 'David Whitehurst (david.whitehurst@dgif.virginia.gov)', 'Cadigan, Christine', 'leonard.jordan@wdc.usda.gov', 'tom.champeau@myfwc.com', Gwen White, 'Alex Beehler', Joel Clement, 'Scott Talbott (scott.talbott@wyo.gov)', 'galon.hall@wdc.usda.gov', 'Evans, Clinton - NRCS, Denver, CO', 'Greg Wathen (greg.wathen@tn.gov)', 'jad.daley@tpl.org', Laura Maclean

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm

FWS Migratory Bird Program Overview (Jerome Ford, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Casey Hammond, Aurelia Skipwith, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3144
Who:
Maureen Foster, Jerome Ford, Roslyn Sellars, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Tasha Robbins, Aurelia Skipwith, Stephen Guertin, Wendy Fink, Delores Bigby, Marshall Critchfield, Casey Hammond, Virginia Johnson, Mike Johnson
Going? Yes

4pm

Introduction to the Ecological Services Program (Aurelia Skipwith, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster, Gary Frazer, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3144
Who:
Lois Wellman, Aurelia Skipwith, Gina Shultz, Wendy Fink, Roslyn Sellars, Maureen Foster, Jim Kurth, Gary Frazer, Tasha Robbins, Marshall Critchfield, Casey Hammond, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Virginia Johnson, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin

Fri May 5, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

9:30am

Bear River MBR lawsuit (Jim, Cynthia, Eric Alvarez, Patrick Carroll) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Cynthia Martinez, A Alvarez, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Patrick Carroll

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am

Meeting on National Bison Range (Jim Cason, Maureen Foster, Virginia Johnson, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Cynthia Martinez)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Room 6120 - Call-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participant Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted] (Leader Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, Tasha Robbins, Maureen Foster, Virginia Johnson, Gareth Rees, James Cason, Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Irwin, Aurelia Skipwith, Ann Navaro, Amanda Kaster, Casey Hammond

1pm

ABB SSA Process Briefing (Gary Frazer ES & R2 Staff, Casey, Jim) - Room 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code - (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB Conference Room 3038 Conference Number - (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode - (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman
Who:
Casey Hammond, Jennifer Smith-Castro, Ted Koch, Benjamin Tuggle, Jim Kurth, Gina Shultz, Debby Crouse, Gary Frazer, Seth Willey, Julie McIntyre, Susan Jacobsen, Jeff Newman, Jonna Polk, Don Morgan

Mon May 8, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

9:30am

Prohibition on interstate transport of large constrictor snakes listed as injurious wildlife under the Lacey Act (Steve, Jim, Casey, Dave Hoskins) - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Benjamin Jesup, David Hoskins

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jay Slack, Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Gregory Sheehan

11:30am

Refuge Program Overview (Cynthia Martinez, Aurelia Skipwith, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Xiomara Labiosa, Stephen Guertin, Cynthia Martinez, Tasha Robbins, Roslyn Sellars, Casey Hammond, Virginia Johnson, Jim Kurth, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Aurelia Skipwith, Marshal Critchfield, Maureen Foster, Shaun Sanchez, Wendy Fink, Charisa Morris

1pm Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim and Inez) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek

Tue May 9, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

9:30am

Meeting re: Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC) & the International Trade Data System (ITDS) - Jim, Steve, Casey, Woody, Ann Navaro

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
william_c_woody@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, JoAn Mundt, Stephen Guertin, Ann Navaro

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am

Meeting re: Boards and Commissions Memorandum: due 05/19/2017 (Steve, Jim Betsy, Doug Hobbs, Matt Huggler)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Matthew Huggler, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Doug Hobbs

11am Travel to Duangrat's Thai Restaurant, 5878 Leesburg Pike
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am

Kevin Kilcullen Upcoming Luncheon - Duangrat's Thai Restaurant, 5878 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1:30pm TRAVEL: Rtn to MIB
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm Meeting (Jim and Inez) on Diversity Program - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Lisa Danaceau, Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4:15pm

TRAVEL: To SR-325 Kennedy Caucus Room (Russell Senate Office Building)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

4:45pm

Speaking Event: American Bird Conservancy, Conservation partners and members of Congress Reception - SR-325 Kennedy Caucus Room (Russell Senate Office Building)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Wed May 10, 2017

All day Annual leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: FWS-FW7 Mary Smith Media Center/Regional Office
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Denise Sanchez, Matthew Huggler, Azuredee Perkins, Virginia Takang, Nicole Tsugawa, Kenneth Taylor, Benjamin Tuggle, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Jim Willis, Acquanetta Reese, Janine Velasco, Robyn Thorson, Clayton McBride, Matt Hogan, Shelley Hartmann, Michael Gale, Anne Badgley, Jay Slack, Gary Frazer, Denise Thompson, Margaret Hardy, Mike Johnson, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Noreen Walsh, Roslyn Sellars, Denise Sheehan, Conni Conner, Chris Jensen, john_tramack@fws.gov, Wanda Cantrell, Henry Schlitzer, Gloria Bell, David Hoskins, Robert Curry, Larry Rabin, Theresa Rabot, Jesse Brent, Stephanie Potter, Anya Rushing, Jerome Ford, Charisa Morris, Lois Wellman, Gina Shultz, Rebekah Giddings cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Shelly Senior, Janine Velasco, Gregory Sheehan, Jody Holzworth, Kathleen King, Karen Clark, Greg Siekaniec, Thomas Irwin, Stacey Garcia, Joy Nicholopoulos, Pamela Michalegko, Robert Garfinkel, JoAn Mundt, Michael Oetker, Charles Wooley, Deborah Rocque, John Schmerfeld, Wendi Weber, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Lori Mendoza, Seth Mott, Edward Grace, Barbara Wainman, Paul Rauch, Delores Bigby, Paul Souza, Brian Bloodsworth, Eugene Sivigny, Tom Melius, Tauline Davis, Cynthia Martinez, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, FWS-FW7 Mary Smith Media Center/Regional Office, Shaun Sanchez

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Thomas Irwin, Robert Curry, Gregory Sheehan, Jay Slack, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Michael Oetker, john_tramack@fws.gov, Matthew Huggler, Delores Bigby, Tauline Davis, Paul Souza, Gary Frazer, Wanda Cantrell, Acquanetta Reese, Matt Hogan, Denise Thompson, Pamela Michalegko, Mike Johnson, Anya Rushing, Benjamin Tuggle, Robyn Thorson, Jim Kurth, Kenneth Taylor, David Hoskins, Rebekah Giddings, Greg Siekaniec, Greg Sheehan, Brian Bloodsworth, Larry Rabin, Denise Sheehan, Nicole Tsugawa, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Janine Velasco, Wendi Weber, Gloria Bell, Michael Gale, Deborah Rocque, Chris Jensen, Virginia Takang, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Henry Schlitzer, Gina Shultz, Theresa Rabot, Stephen Guertin, Eugene Sivigny, Margaret Hardy, Conni Conner, Janine Velasco, Charles Wooley, Jerome Ford, Denise Sanchez, Clayton McBride, Robert Garfinkel, Edward Grace, Cynthia Martinez, Noreen Walsh, Jim Willis, Paul Rauch, (b) (6), (b) (5) C P [redacted] Only), Stephanie Potter, Anne Badgley, John Schmerfeld, JoAn Mundt, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Seth Mott, Shelly Senior, Joy Nicholopoulos, Shaun Sanchez, Charisa Morris, Lois Wellman, Lori Mendoza, Stacey Garcia, Azuredee Perkins, Roslyn Sellars, Jesse Brent, Barbara Wainman, Kathleen King, Jody Holzworth, Karen Clark, Tom Melius, Shelley Hartmann

Thu May 11, 2017

All day Annual leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

3pm

Fisheries and Aquatic Conservation Program Overview (David Hoskins, Aurelia Skipwith, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin) - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
john_tramack@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Aurelia Skipwith, Tasha Robbins, Roslyn Sellars, Virginia Johnson, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Maureen Foster, Casey Hammond, Wendy Fink, Marshall Critchfield

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri May 12, 2017

All day Annual leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

Sat May 13, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon May 15, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

9am

Meeting with The Council for Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF) delegation) - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Cynthia Jacobson, Greg Siekaniec, Jerome Ford, Jim Kurth, Delores Bigby, Gilbert Castellanos, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Peter Ward, Monika Thiele

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jay Slack, Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Gregory Sheehan

11am

Boards and Commissions data call review - Room 3357 or Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Charisa Morris, Doug Hobbs, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Matthew Huggler, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

1pm Alaska Native Policy (Jim and Scott Aikin-in person) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Scott Aikin, Jim Kurth

2pm

NOTE: New date and time - Alaska Safari Club Litigation Call/Meeting w/Virginia Johnson - Room 3144
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference room -- 3144 or call (b) (5) C P [redacted] passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Ann Navaro, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Lord, Jessica McHugh, Virginia Johnson, Tasha Robbins, Herbert Frost, Cynthia Martinez, Thomas Irwin, Joel Hard, Casey Hammond, Daniel Jorjani, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, David Mihalic

3:30pm Phone call: Jim/Wendi Weber-- Wendi to call 208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Wendi Weber

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4pm

ES Pesticide Litigation and Consultation Briefing (Gary, Ann Navaro, Aurelia Skipwith, Ben Jesup, Casey Hammond, Dan Jorjani) Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB Room 3038 (Conference line - (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman
Who:
Jim Kurth, Daniel Jorjani, Linus Chen, Kevin Haugrud, Thomas Irwin, Gina Shultz, Maureen Foster, James Monroe, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Casey Hammond, Benjamin Jesup, Aurelia Skipwith, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Ann Navaro, Roslyn Sellars, Gary Frazer

Tue May 16, 2017

All day

Reminder: (b) (6) [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

9am Travel to Skyline (Murie conference room)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9:30am

Speaking at Internal Service meeting on the Marine National Monuments - Skyline (Murie conference room)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline (Murie conference room)
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10:30am Travel to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am Tenth Annual DOI Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Bison Bistro
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm VTC Briefing on Mexican Wolf Recovery Criteria

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359, Jim Kurth's Office, Deputy Director Operations-Office
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Gary Frazer, Stephanie Potter, Jim Kurth, Lois Wellman, Noreen Walsh, Kashif Askari, Henry Schlitzer, Benjamin Jesup, Stacey Garcia, Benjamin Tuggle, Sherry Barrett, Gina Shultz, Jeff Newman, Maricela Constantino, Don Morgan, Ted Koch, Seth Willey, Stephen Guertin

2pm

HCMS (Jim, Steve, Denise Sheehan, Rebekah Giddings, Pamela Sirotzky) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Rebekah Giddings, Shelly Senior, Pamela Sirotzky, Denise Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

3pm NFWF Meeting (Jim, Steve, Paul Rauch) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Stephen Guertin

3:45pm Diversity (Jim, Inez) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth

4:30pm TRAVEL: To Hill event

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

5:15pm Partners for Conservation (PFC) 30th Birthday Capitol Hill Event

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 406 Dirksen Bldg
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond

Wed May 17, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

9am

Meeting: Jim, Rebekah and Marion Campbell - Room 3359 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Rebekah Giddings, Marion Campbell

1pm

VTC - Lesser Prairie Chicken/Species Status Assessment (Jim, Gary, R2 & R6) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Benjamin Tuggle, Gary Frazer, Stephanie Potter, Jim Kurth, Stacey Garcia, Lois Wellman, Noreen Walsh, Sarah Quamme, Bridget Fahey, Gina Shultz, Kashif Askari, Henry Schlitzer, Susan Jacobsen, Ted Koch, Nathan Allan

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Janine Velasco, Jim Kurth, Wanda Cantrell, Edward Grace, Kashif Askari, Denise Thompson, Mario Flemate, Pamela Michalegko, Greg Sheehan, Clayton McBride, Casey Hammond, Henry Schlitzer, Brian Bloodsworth, Michael Gale, FWS Directorate & Deputies

3pm MOU Signing Event with Virginia Tech - Room 3038

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Anya Rushing, Nica Smith, Bryan Acton, Jim Kurth, Carolyn Mcguire, Rickey Siggal, Inez Uhl, Charisa Morris, Kayt Jonsson, Stephen Guertin, Julia Bumbaca

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4pm Greater Yellowstone Eco System Grizzly Delisting Rule

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038, (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Pass Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Tameka Lewis-Robinson
Who:
Gary Frazer, Aurelia Skipwith, Wendy Fink, Maureen Foster, Casey Hammond, Thomas Irwin, Noreen Walsh, Tasha Robbins, Jim Kurth, Virginia Johnson, Matt Hogan, Lois Wellman, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Roslyn Sellars

4:30pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Buffalo Wild Wings, 5275 Leesburg Pike B, Bailey's Crossroads, VA 22041, USA
Calendar: Samantha Brooke
Who:
Matthew Brown, Dave Walker, FWHQ CNWR Division Chiefs and Deputies, Kim Trust, Chris Eng, Scott Kahan, Cindy Hall, John Schmerfeld, Cynthia Martinez, Katherine Harrigan, Susan White, Graham Taylor, Pete Leary, Jim Kurth, Ella Wagener, Brian Benedict, Matthew Filsinger, Shaun Sanchez, John Klavitter, Samantha Brooke, Chris Darnell

Thu May 18, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

9:30am TRAVEL: Skyline, Rachel Carson Room

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am

Partners for Conservation (PFC) 30th Birthday Capitol Open House & Lunch - Skyline, Rachel Carson Room
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline, Rachel Carson Room
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond

12pm TRAVEL: To MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm FY2018 Budget Overview - CLOSE HOLD until release 5/23

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Main Interior IOC Room 3400 West
Calendar: Olivia Ferriter
Who:
Lena McDowall, William Werkheiser, Glenda Owens, Robert Leach, mike.black@bia.gov, Heather Swift, Douglas Domenech, James Schindler, David Murillo, Chris Nolin, Tom Bussanich, Margaret Schneider, Tyrone Santos, Nikolao Pula, Sarah Walters, Jason Freihage, weldon.loudermilk@bia.gov, Bruce Nesslage, Edward Keable, Casey Hammond, lthurn@blm.gov, Megan Bloomgren, Katharine MacGregor, Eric Modrow, Annie Yang, Anne Barrett, Adrianne Moss, Michael Reynolds, Maureen Foster, Jennifer Werner, Deb Dumontier, Kevin Haugrud, Thao Tran, Michael Nedd, George Bearpaw, Daniel Jorjani, Downey Magallanes, Robert Wolf, Virginia Johnson, Scott Cameron, Craig Prestenbach, james.burckman@bia.gov, Denise Flanagan, Jim Kurth, Cynthia Lodge, TIFFANY TAYLOR, Laura Rigas, Janine Velasco, tony.dearman@bie.edu, Amy Holley, Olivia Ferriter, Linda Chambers, Aurelia Skipwith, Scott Hommel, Walter Cruickshank, Kathleen Benedetto, Micah Chambers, Alan Mikkelsen, Reed Murray, Richard Cardinale, Amanda Kaster, Kimberly Prendergast (Kim), Sharon Smith, John Ruhs, Kerry Rae, Linda Smith, James Cason, Tricia Hall, Tonya Jackson

2pm VTC - Region 6 Strategic Workplan Briefing

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB Directors Conference Room
Calendar: Cynthia Martinez
Created by: Xiomara Labiosa
Who:
Shannon Smith, Jim Kurth, Joe Milmoe, Shaun Sanchez, Heather Johnson, Kashif Askari, Greg Neudecker, Cynthia Martinez, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Roslyn Sellars, Kurt Forman, Anya Rushing, Mark Hogan, Linh Phu, Matthew Filsinger, Thomas Irwin

3pm

[Jim/Steve to attend if available] FWS Assistant Directors Meeting with VA Tech Dean's Advisory Council

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038-MIB
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gary Frazer, Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Seth Mott, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Denise Sheehan, Kenneth Taylor, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Gina Shultz, John Schmerfeld, Edward Grace, Shaun Sanchez, Robert Curry, Gloria Bell, Mike Johnson, Alison Sasnett, Stephen Guertin, tom_busiahn@fws.gov, Charisa Morris

4pm Meeting: Jim/Charisa re: OIG case - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4:30pm

Quagga/Zebra Mussel Initiative & NISC Mtg - DOI Check-in - Room 6641 (Scott Cameron, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Water & Science, will provide an overview)
Where: Room 6641; Call (b) (5) CIP ; PC: (b) (5) CIP Leader: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Michelle Mebane
Who:
Benjamin Tuggle, David Miko, John Wullschleger, Karen Kelleher, Alan Ellsworth, Jennifer Carrington, Adam Sepulveda, Laura Joss, Bryan Bowker, Gregory Gerlich, Jim Kurth, Michelle Mebane, Richard Ferrero, shirley_gillum@fws.gov, Scott Cameron, Michael Philbin, Ryan Nichols, Charisa Morris, Jamie Reaser, Stewart Jacks, Stephen Waste, Jill Rolland, Timothy Counihan, John Goldsmith, Robyn Thorson, Cynthia Kolar, Nicole Tsugawa, Hilary Smith, Jamie Connell, ddlynch@usgs.gov, David Hoskins, Guy Adema, Michael Ryan, John Kilpatrick, ASWS Conference Room, David Raff, Patrick Gubbins, Terrance Fulp, Rick Obernesser, Howard Bemer, Sarah Abdelrahim, Alan Mikkelsen, Richard Hotaling, Kathryn Stangl, Craig Martin, Claudia Regan, Joanne Grady, Linda Swanson, Lizette Richardson, Jon Raby, Elaine Leslie, David Wooten, Lorri Gray, Noreen Walsh, Jacklynn Gould, Raymond Sauvajot, stanley.speaks@bia.gov, Kristin Bail, Susan Pasko, Michael Thabault, Sue Masica, Darryl LaCounte, Dan Foster, rsuazo@blm.gov, Herbert Frost, Stephanie Carman, Stanley Burgiel, Roy Elicker, Joel Clement, Mark Sogge

Fri May 19, 2017

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

2pm Meeting on King Cove
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where:
Room 6120 - Call-in (b) (5) CIP Participant Code (b) (5) CIP (Leader Code (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Amanda Kaster, Jim Kurth, Gareth Rees, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Kevin Haugrud, Thomas Irwin, James Cason, Joseph Darnell, Tasha Robbins, Kenneth Lord, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster, Roslyn Sellars, Wendy Fink, Aurelia Skipwith, Casey Hammond

Mon May 22, 2017

All day TRAVEL: FWS Deputies Meeting - Decatur, GA (5/22 - 5/25)
Where: Decatur, GA 30030, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

6am TRAVEL: To National Conservation Training Center
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

8am

[Jim on agenda 8a- 9a] NCTC - Speaking at Directorate Fellows Program Orientation
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
National Conservation Training Center, 698 Conservation Way, Shepherdstown, WV 25443, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jerome Ford, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Gregory Sheehan, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, David Hoskins, Denise Sheehan, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Jay Slack, Maureen Foster, Cynthia Martinez

2pm

Directorate VTC (no Deputies) to check-in on budget roll out (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted] - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: on budget roll out
Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Benjamin Tuggle, (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Only), FWS Assistant Directors, Charisa Morris, David Hoskins, Jerome Ford, Cynthia Martinez, FWS Regional Directors, Wendi Weber, Greg Siekaniec, Jim Kurth, Robyn Thorson, Gary Frazer, Denise Sheehan, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Kenneth Taylor, Paul Rauch, Deborah Rocque, Tom Melius, Seth Mott, Paul Souza, Noreen Walsh, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Henry Schlitzer

2pm

Directorate VTC (no Deputies) to check-in on budget roll out (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted] - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: on budget roll out
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Tom Melius, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, David Hoskins, Stephen Guertin, william_c_woody@fws.gov, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Seth Mott, Wendi Weber, Jim Kurth, Paul Souza, FWS Assistant Directors, Denise Sheehan, Greg Siekaniec, Robyn Thorson, Charisa Morris, Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Noreen Walsh, Paul Rauch, Henry Schlitzer, FWS Regional Directors, Cynthia Martinez, Gary Frazer, Benjamin Tuggle, Deborah Rocque, Kenneth Taylor

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm

[Jim to call-in] Conference Call Briefing for Midway Trip (Jim, Steve, Cynthia Martinez, Kim Trust, Kevin Foerster, Robyn Thorson, Terry Rabot)
Room 3357 - Dial: (b) (5) CIP **Code:** (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Nicole Tsugawa, Cynthia Martinez, Kevin Foerster, Alice Garrett, Theresa Rabot, Kim Trust, Xiomara Labiosa, Jim Kurth, Robyn Thorson, Stephen Guertin, Sarah Gray, Casey Hammond

3:30pm

Conference call (Jim, Noreen and Gary) on sage grouse (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP **Code** (b) (5) C P
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Stephanie Potter, Matt Hogan, Denise Sanchez, Jim Kurth, Lois Wellman, Noreen Walsh, Gary Frazer

5:05pm Flight# UA6305 from IAD -> ATL (1 hour and 53 mins.)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

All day
06:58 PM Car: Hertz Corporation,Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport, Atlanta 09:50 AM
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue May 23, 2017

All day TRAVEL: FWS Deputies Meeting - Decatur, GA (5/22 - 5/25)
Where: Decatur, GA 30030, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

All day
06:58 PM Car: Hertz Corporation,Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport, Atlanta 09:50 AM
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

2:15pm Top Management Challenges Discussion meeting
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Conference Room 3144
Calendar: Tameka Lewis-Robinson
Who:
Karen Edwards, Roslyn Sellars, Brian Pavlik, Patrick O'Boyle, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Stephen Gregoire, Maureen Foster, Mary Kendall, Thomas Irwin, Tasha Robbins, Kimberly McGovern, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Stephen Guertin, Michael Reynolds, Aurelia Skipwith, Charisa Morris, Herbert Frost

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Wed May 24, 2017

All day TRAVEL: FWS Deputies Meeting - Decatur, GA (5/22 - 5/25)
Where: Decatur, GA 30030, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

All day
06:58 PM Car: Hertz Corporation,Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport, Atlanta 09:50 AM
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

All day Reminder: Roslyn out of office 5/24 -5/26
Video call:
[redacted]

Who: Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

9:50am 09:50 AM Flight: United Airlines Inc UA0778 ATL to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
FWS Directorate & Deputies, Michael Gale, Casey Hammond, Mario Flemate, Henry Schlitzer, Jim Kurth, Edward Grace, Greg Sheehan, Clayton McBride, Janine Velasco, Denise Thompson, Kashif Askari, Pamela Michalegko, Brian Bloodsworth, Wanda Cantrell

5pm TRAVEL: To Omni Shoreham Hotel

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

5:30pm
NWRA 2017 Awards Dinner (Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvers) Omni Shoreham Hotel

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC 20008, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

7pm NWRA 2017 Awards Dinner (Blue Ballroom)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu May 25, 2017

All day Reminder: Roslyn out of office 5/24 -5/26

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Who: Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

9:30am

Phone call with Meghan Franklin re: Employee reference--Meghan will call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10:30am Noreen to Call Jim Kurth

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 202-208-4545
Calendar: Noreen Walsh
Created by: Stephanie Potter
Who: Thomas Irwin, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Noreen Walsh

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup

2:30pm

Call with Jay Slack to discuss something Jay is negotiating (Jay will call 208-4545) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Jay Slack, Jim Kurth

3pm Meeting (Jim, Steve, Casey and Chris Nolin) on 2019 Budget - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Chris Nolin, Stephen Guertin, Lydia Collins, Jessica Huffman

4pm Diversity Meeting (Jim, Paul Rauch, Inez Uhl and Jessie Cheek) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth, Jessie Cheek

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

5pm

Call with Agency Representative, Martha Antsy in reference to case (Martha should call 202-208-4545) - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Martha Ansty

5:30pm Travel to Cosmos Club, DC
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

6pm Annual student intern cocktails/dinner - Cosmos Club, DC
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri May 26, 2017

All day Reminder: Roslyn out of office 5/24 -5/26
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

All day Annual leave
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Tue May 30, 2017

All day Thomas - On Leave
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

All day TRAVEL: Reg 5 annual employee awards event - Hadley, MA (5/30 - 5/31)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

All day Lodging Courtyard Marriott 5/30 - 5/31, Hadley, MA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

11am
International Affairs Program Overview (Bryan Arroyo, Aurelia Skipwith, Virginia Johnson, Maureen Foster, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Aurelia Skipwith, Tasha Robbins, Roslyn Sellars, Virginia Johnson, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Charisa Morris, Maureen Foster, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Wendy Fink

12:35pm Flight UA6253 IAD to BDL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Wed May 31, 2017

All day TRAVEL: Reg 5 annual employee awards event - Hadley, MA (5/30 - 5/31)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

All day Lodging Courtyard Marriott 5/30 - 5/31, Hadley, MA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9:30am

LWCF briefing (Jim-via phone while on travel, Steve, Cynthia, Shaun, Eric, Ken Fowler) - Room 3357 - Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Ken Fowler, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez, Jim Kurth, A Alvarez, Azuredee Perkins, Xiomara Labiosa, Stephen Guertin, Mindy Rice

10am

FY17 budget allocation and execution (Steve, Jim, Shaun Sanchez, Mike Oetker, Brian Bloodsworth)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Shaun Sanchez, Michael Oetker, Stephen Guertin, Brian Bloodsworth

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Henry Schlitzer, Jim Kurth, Michael Gale, Janine Velasco, Edward Grace, Kashif Askari, Denise Thompson, Brian Bloodsworth, Clayton McBride, Greg Sheehan, Mario Flemate, Wanda Cantrell, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Casey Hammond, Pamela Michalegko

7:55pm Flight UA494 BDL to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Hartford, CT (BDL)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Thu Jun 1, 2017

8:15am (Speaking Event) Partners Outdoors 2017 - South Interior Building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: South Interior Building
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

11am
Meet with Assistant Directors (Dial-in: [redacted] Passcode: [redacted] - Rm 3038
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Director's Conference Room
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Paul Rauch, Seth Mott, Charisa Morris, Brian Bloodsworth, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, David Hoskins, Kenneth Taylor, Denise Sheehan, Cynthia Martinez, Gary Frazer, Jerome Ford, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, william_c_woody@fws.gov

12:45pm
Present the FWS Legends award at Partners Outdoors 2017 - South Interior Bldg
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: South Interior Building
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm
Panel Participant "Taking it from Here - Action Steps for the Future" at Partners Outdoors 2017 - South Interior Bldg
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: South Interior Building
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

4pm
CALL: Personnel Issue (#: [redacted] p/c: [redacted] Wendi p/c: [redacted])
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Wendi Weber
Created by: Kathleen King
Who:
Wendi Weber, Rebekah Giddings, Lisa Danaceau, Inez Uhl, Lori Mendoza, Martha Ansty, Jim Kurth, Peg Romanik, Jay Slack, Deborah Rocque

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Jun 2, 2017

All day

Honolulu Travel - Midway for 75th Anniversary, POC: Cynthia Martinez (6/2- 6/6)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8:45am Flight UA145 IAD to HNL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

2pm

Permit Appeal Briefing (Steve, Jim-if available, Bryan, Craig Hoover) Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Craig Hoover, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov

10pm COME JOIN in Pau Hana with FWS DIR, RD, Chief ...

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Gordon Biersch, 1 Aloha Tower Dr #1123, Honolulu, HI 96813, USA
Calendar: Susan White
Who:
Kim Trust, Cynthia Martinez, Sara Straub, FW1 PIE ES Emps, Daniel Link, Susan White, Robyn Thorson, FW1 PIE Honolulu Refuges Emps, FW1 PIE IT Team, FW1 PIE HI-PI NWRC Emps, FW1 PIE Law Enforcement, Ruth Utzurrum, FW1 PIE Pacific Reefs Emps, Jeff Burgett, Katherine Mullett, Deanna Spooner, Edward Cadiena, FW1 PIE PMNM Emps, Marianne Aplin, Jim Kurth

Sat Jun 3, 2017

All day

Honolulu Travel - Midway for 75th Anniversary, POC: Cynthia Martinez (6/2- 6/6)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

12am COME JOIN in Pau Hana with FWS DIR, RD, Chief ...

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Gordon Biersch, 1 Aloha Tower Dr #1123, Honolulu, HI 96813, USA
Calendar: Susan White
Who:
Kim Trust, Cynthia Martinez, Sara Straub, FW1 PIE ES Emps, Daniel Link, Susan White, Robyn Thorson, FW1 PIE Honolulu Refuges Emps, FW1 PIE IT Team, FW1 PIE HI-PI NWRC Emps, FW1 PIE Law Enforcement, Ruth Utzurrum, FW1 PIE Pacific Reefs Emps, Jeff Burgett, Katherine Mullett, Deanna Spooner, Edward Cadiena, FW1 PIE PMNM Emps, Marianne Aplin, Jim Kurth

Sun Jun 4, 2017

All day

Honolulu Travel - Midway for 75th Anniversary, POC: Cynthia Martinez (6/2- 6/6)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Mon Jun 5, 2017

All day

Honolulu Travel - Midway for 75th Anniversary, POC: Cynthia Martinez (6/2- 6/6)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3pm Acting Assistant Secretaries weekly Meeting with Jim Cason.

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conf Rm 5160
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Created by: Jean Parrish
Who:
Lena McDowall, John Bockmier, Michelle Mebane, Glenda Owens, Amanda Kaster, Charisa Morris, John Tahsuda, Acting BIA Director Darryl LaCounte, Amy Holley, Michael Reynolds, Virginia Johnson, James Cason, Katharine MacGregor, James Hess, Timothy Petty, Jim Kurth, Beverly (Grace) Stephens, Matthew Dermody, Richard Cardinale, maureen_foster@nps.gov, Douglas Domenech, Todd Willens, Margo Harris, Herbert Frost, Heather Swift, Thomas Lillie, Debrah McBride, Michael Nedd, weldon.loudermilk@bia.gov, Laura Rigas, tony.dearman@bie.edu, Fred Cruise, Susan Combs, William Werkheiser, Catherine Callaway, Kevin Haugrud, Timoth Williams, lthurn@blm.gov, Nikolao Pula, mike.black@bia.gov, James Voyles, Todd Wynn, juanita.mendoza@bie.edu, Edward Keable, Maureen Foster, Karla Cook, Joseph Balash, Janice Schneider Tracie Lassiter, Scott Angelle, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Andrea Travnicek, Katelyn Liming, Grayford Payne, Downey Magallanes, Walter Cruickshank, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Benjamin Cassidy, Daniel Jorjani, Michael Anderson, Gary Lawkowski, Judy Nowakowski, Micah Chambers, Tasha Robbins, Katie Mills, Gareth Rees, David Murillo, Kerry Rae, Anna Owens-Brown, Scott Cameron, Lori Mashburn, Michael Barre, Peter Mali, John Ruhs, Carol LeaderCharge, Yolando Mack-Thompson, David Bernhardt, Emily Lindow, Janice DeSordi

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm Acting Assistant Secretaries weekly Meeting with Jim Cason.

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conf Rm 5160
Calendar: scott.angelle@bsee.gov
Created by: Thomas Lillie
Who:
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Tue Jun 6, 2017

All day

Honolulu Travel - Midway for 75th Anniversary, POC: Cynthia Martinez (6/2- 6/6)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

8:50pm Flight UA14 HNL to EWR

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Honolulu, HI (HNL)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Jun 7, 2017

All day

Honolulu Travel - Midway for 75th Anniversary, POC: Cynthia Martinez (6/2- 6/6)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

All day

TRAVEL: Speak at Peer to Peer Conference - Ding Darling NWR (6/7 - 6/8)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Sanibel, FL, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12am Flight UA14 HNL to EWR

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Honolulu, HI (HNL)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

7:10am Flight UA1935 EWR to TPA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing New York/Newark, NJ (EWR)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am Senior Executive Emergency Management Council Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room (Teleconference (b) (5) CIP [redacted]; Access Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jonathan Rosen
Who:
Walter Cruickshank, Robert Maclean, Roderick Anderson, Mary Pletcher, Juanita Mendoza, Raymond Limon, Anzanette Randall, Kaiini Kaloi, Michele Singer, Edward Keable, Louis Rowe, Ted Woronka, Jim Kurth, Shayla Simmons, James Anderton, David Applegate, Jason Thompson, Scott Mabry, Debra Sonderman, Mark Bathrick, Deborah Hartley, Craig Leff, bmuller@usbr.gov, James Gallagher, Douglas Glenn, Michaela Noble, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Greg Gould, Karen Knight, Matthew Costello, Bryan Rice, Darren Cruzan, Brent Range, Bruce Downs, Stephen Hardgrove, Harry Humbert, Karis Graham, Karen Senhadji, juanita.mendoza@bie.edu, Juliette Lillie, Jerold Gidner, Tammy Bagley, BOEM Director Calendar, William Leith, Shawn Buckner, Stephen Guertin, Rick Obernesser, James Anderson, Sylvia Burns, Denise Flanagan, Shayla Simmons, Nikolao Pula, Jerold Gidner, Lisa Branum, Laura Rigas, Timothy Wight, Megan Olsen, Glenda Owens, Joe Nassar, Charles Addington

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Casey Hammond, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Greg Sheehan

2:30pm

[Asst Directors/Regional Directors Only-No Deputies or Actings] - Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Denise Thompson, Kashif Askari, Edward Grace, Clayton McBride, Greg Siekaniec, Kenneth Taylor, Noreen Walsh, Casey Hammond, Pamela Michalegko, Michael Gale, cynthia_dohner@fws gov, Paul Souza, Charisa Morris, Janine Velasco, Wanda Cantrell, Cynthia Martinez, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Wendi Weber, Seth Mott, Mario Flemate, Jim Kurth, Gary Frazer, Jerome Ford, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Paul Rauch, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Benjamin Tuggle, Tom Melius, David Hoskins, Brian Bloodsworth, Henry Schlitzer, Greg Sheehan, Robyn Thorson, Denise Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Jun 8, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: Speak at Peer to Peer Conference - Ding Darling NWR (6/7 - 6/8)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Sanibel, FL, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Wendy Fink, Benjamin Jesup, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan

6:55pm Flight UA356 TPA to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Tampa, FL (TPA)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Fri Jun 9, 2017

8am Jim off-site until 10:00a.m.

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

11am

Phone call (Jim Kurth and Jeff Trandahl) Jeff should call (202) 208-4545 - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, jeff.trandahl@nfwf.org, mary.keelin@nfwf.org

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm VTC with Directorate members - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Director's Conference Room
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Wendi Weber, Jay Slack, Paul Rauch, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Jerome Ford, Cynthia Martinez, Tom Melius, Noreen Walsh, Seth Mott, Paul Souza, Gary Frazer, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Kenneth Taylor, Denise Sheehan, Robyn Thorson, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Brian Bloodsworth, Benjamin Tuggle, Charisa Morris, David Hoskins, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Greg Siekaniec, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

1pm VTC with Directorate members - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Director's Conference Room
Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Tom Melius, Benjamin Tuggle, Seth Mott, Denise Sheehan, Jerome Ford, Wendi Weber, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Brian Bloodsworth, Robyn Thorson, Paul Souza, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Noreen Walsh, Jay Slack, Gary Frazer, Stephen Guertin, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Greg Siekaniec, Kenneth Taylor, (b) (6), (b) (5) C P [redacted] Only)

2pm

Meeting/Conference Call (Steve, Jim and Region 4) on FY 2017 allocation strategy (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 and call in number for Region 4 to call in
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Chris Nolin, Denise Sheehan, Rebekah Giddings, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Brian Bloodsworth, Michael Oetker, Shaun Sanchez

3pm Alaska event document check in - Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Karen Clark, Greg Siekaniec, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Sun Jun 11, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: Alaska Trip (6/11 - 6/17) - Funter Bay Healing Journey at Admiralty Island ALASKA
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8:20am Flight UA403 IAD to DEN

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

1:27pm Flight UA1126 DEN to ANC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Denver, CO (DEN)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Jun 12, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: Alaska Trip (6/11 - 6/17) - Funter Bay Healing Journey at Admiralty Island ALASKA
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

10am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jay Slack, Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Jun 13, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: Alaska Trip (6/11 - 6/17) - Funter Bay Healing Journey at Admiralty Island ALASKA
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Wed Jun 14, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: Alaska Trip (6/11 - 6/17) - Funter Bay Healing Journey at Admiralty Island ALASKA
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am

Quagga/Zebra Mussels & NISC Mtg - DOI Leaders Check-in w/Scott Cameron

Where: Room 6641; Call (b) (5) C P LC: (b) (5) CIP participant code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Michelle Mebane
Created by: Terzinda Vinson
Who:
David Hoskins, Stephanie Carman, Jill Rolland, Joel Clement, Sue Masica, Linda Swanson, Raymond Suazo, Laura Joss, Darryl LaCounte, Lizette Richardson, Michael Philbin, Robin Hawks, Susan Pasko, Stephen Waste, Roy Elicker, Jim Kurth, Bryan Bowker, Christina Kalavritinos, Gregory Fuhrer, Richard Hotaling, Craig Martin, Stewart Jacks, Jeff Mow, Timothy Counihan, Jamie Reaser, Charles Denton, Cynthia Kolar, Joanne Grady, Lorri Gray, Kristin Bail, Alan Mikkelsen, Joy Nicholopoulos, Elaine Leslie, Jon Raby, Christie Vanover, Rick Obernesser, Robyn Thorson, Richard Ferrero, Jacklynn Gould, David Raff, Dan Foster, Karen Kelleher, tmurphy@blm.gov, June Shoemaker, Terrance Fulp, Johnny (Mark) Sappington, billy_shot@nps.gov, Hilary Smith, Gregory Gerlich, Billy Shott, Raymond Sauvajot, Mark Sogge, Theresa Thom, ASWS Conference Room, Jamie Connell, Michael Ryan, Sarah Abdelrahim, Michelle Mebane, Noreen Walsh, John Wullschleger, John Kilpatrick, David Miko, Scott Cameron, Thomas Dabolt, shirley_gillum@fws.gov, Nicole Tsugawa, Herbert Frost, ddlynch@usgs.gov, Eric Smith, John Goldsmith, Ryan Nichols, Charisa Morris, Michael Thabault, Patrick Gubbins, Marijke van Heeswijk, Adam Sepulveda, Benjamin Tuggle, Claudia Regan, Howard Bemer, Alan Ellsworth, Stanley Burgiel, Scott Lightcap, Kathryn Stangl, David Wooten, Myrna Walking Eagle, Jason Freihage, Guy Adema, Jennifer Carrington, Kimberly Dow, stanley.speaks@bia.gov

1pm Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim and Inez) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek, Inez Uhl

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Conni Conner, Paul Souza, John Schmerfeld, Seth Mott, Virginia Takang, Denise Thompson, Robert Curry, Noreen Walsh, Pamela Michalegko, Matthew Huggler, Chris Jensen, Azuredee Perkins, Anne Badgley, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Nicole Tsugawa, Eugene Sivigny, Greg Sheehan, Charles Wooley, Gloria Bell, Lori Mendoza, Mike Johnson, Jesse Brent, Paul Rauch, Janine Velasco, Margaret Hardy, Larry Rabin, Cynthia Martinez, Robyn Thorson, Jerome Ford, Kathleen King, Greg Siekaniec, Andrey Andreyev, Janine Velasco, Tauline Davis, Shelley Hartmann, Rebekah Giddings, Denise Sheehan, Lois Wellman, Wendi Weber, Michael Oetker, JoAn Mundt, Tom Melius, Jim Kurth, Shelly Senior, Shaun Sanchez, Gina Shultz, Stephanie Potter, Wanda Cantrell, Deborah Rocque, Michael Gale, Kenneth Taylor, Robert Garfinkel, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Joy Nicholopoulos, Henry Schlitzer, Delores Bigby, Thomas Irwin, Edward Grace, Clayton McBride, Stacey Garcia, Matt Hogan, Denise Sanchez, Charisa Morris, Acquanetta Reese, Gregory Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Jody Holzworth, john_tramack@fws.gov, Jim Willis, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Barbara Wainman, David Hoskins, Anya Rushing, Jay Slack, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Karen Clark, Roslyn Sellars, Benjamin Tuggle, Theresa Rabot, Brian Bloodsworth, Gary Frazer

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Thomas Irwin, Robert Curry, Gregory Sheehan, Jay Slack, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Michael Oetker, john_tramack@fws.gov, Matthew Huggler, Delores Bigby, Tauline Davis, Paul Souza, Gary Frazer, Wanda Cantrell, Acquanetta Reese, Matt Hogan, Denise Thompson, Pamela Michalegko, Mike Johnson, Anya Rushing, Benjamin Tuggle, Robyn Thorson, Jim Kurth, Kenneth Taylor, David Hoskins, Rebekah Giddings, Greg Siekaniec, Greg Sheehan, Brian Bloodsworth, Larry Rabin, Denise Sheehan, Nicole Tsugawa, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Janine Velasco, Wendi Weber, Gloria Bell, Michael Gale, Deborah Rocque, Chris Jensen, Virginia Takang, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Henry Schlitzer, Gina Shultz, Theresa Rabot, Stephen Guertin, Eugene Sivigny, Margaret Hardy, Conni Conner, Janine Velasco, Charles Wooley, Jerome Ford, Denise Sanchez, Clayton McBride, Robert Garfinkel, Edward Grace, Cynthia Martinez, Noreen Walsh, Jim Willis, Paul Rauch, (b) (6), (b) (5) C P [redacted] Only), Stephanie Potter, Anne Badgley, John Schmerfeld, JoAn Mundt, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Seth Mott, Shelly Senior, Joy Nicholopoulos, Shaun Sanchez, Charisa Morris, Lois Wellman, Lori Mendoza, Stacey Garcia, Azuredee Perkins, Roslyn Sellars, Jesse Brent, Barbara Wainman, Kathleen King, Jody Holzworth, Karen Clark, Tom Melius, Shelley Hartmann

Thu Jun 15, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: Alaska Trip (6/11 - 6/17) - Funter Bay Healing Journey at Admiralty Island ALASKA
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, Anya Rushing, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup, Stephen Guertin, Wendy Fink

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:45pm Flight AS3274 SNP to ANC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing St. Paul Island, AK (SNP)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Fri Jun 16, 2017

All day
TRAVEL: Alaska Trip (6/11 - 6/17) - Funter Bay Healing Journey at Admiralty Island ALASKA
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12am Flight AS3274 SNP to ANC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing St. Paul Island, AK (SNP)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Roslyn, Leave 9a -11a (6/16)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

8:15am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Anya Rushing, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Charisa Morris, Gregory Sheehan, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth

1pm VTC for Directorate Members only - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Steve Guertin's office - Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Gary Frazer, Henry Schlitzer, Robyn Thorson, Tom Melius, Wendi Weber, Denise Sheehan, Kashif Askari, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Jay Slack, David Hoskins, Jerome Ford, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, Greg Siekaniec, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Noreen Walsh, Stephen Guertin, Paul Souza, Benjamin Tuggle, Paul Rauch, Eugene Sivigny, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Sat Jun 17, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: Alaska Trip (6/11 - 6/17) - Funter Bay Healing Journey at Admiralty Island ALASKA
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

4:45am Flight UA388 ANC to ORD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Anchorage, AK (ANC)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:18pm Flight UA498 ORD to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Chicago, IL (ORD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Jun 19, 2017

11am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Denise Sheehan, Jerome Ford, Kenneth Taylor, Brian Bloodsworth, Gregory Sheehan, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Gary Frazer, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Casey Hammond, Jay Slack, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, David Hoskins, Maureen Foster, Paul Rauch

1:30pm Meeting (Jim and Rebekah) on HR issue - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Rebekah Giddings, Jim Kurth

2pm Scheduling (Greg, Jim, Steve) Room 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Gregory Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm Potential FWS Policy Commitments for Invasive Mussels Initiative

Where: Room 6641
Calendar: Michelle Mebane
Who:
Roslyn Sellars, Scott Cameron, David Hoskins, Casey Hammond, Michelle Mebane, Hilary Smith, Jim Kurth, ASWS Conference Room, Stanley Burgiel, Joel Clement, john_tramack@fws.gov

3pm

Meeting/conference call (Jim, Scott Aikin and Hollis Twitchell) on Tribal Wildlife Grant proposal (Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Hollis Twitchell, Scott Aikin, Jim Kurth

Tue Jun 20, 2017

1pm Budget Formulation Strategy FY 2019 (Greg, Casey, Jim, Steve) Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Gregory Sheehan, Casey Hammond

2pm (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Wed Jun 21, 2017

10am TRAVEL: To National Conservation Training Center

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm Speaking at Directorate Fellows Program Orientation - NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
National Conservation Training Center, 698 Conservation Way, Shepherdstown, WV 25443, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Wanda Cantrell, Edward Grace, Michael Gale, Kashif Askari, Pamela Michalegko, Mario Flemate, Casey Hammond, Denise Thompson, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Greg Sheehan, Clayton McBride, Jim Kurth, Janine Velasco, Henry Schlitzer, Brian Bloodsworth

4pm Travel from NCTC to Residence

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Jun 22, 2017

All day Jim Travel: NWRA Board meeting - San Francisco 6/22 - 6/25

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:50am Washington-Dls (IAD) to San Francisco (SFO) — Confirmation No. JH99BN

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am

Meeting re: Hunting and Fishing survey (Greg, Jim, Steve, Bob Curry, Betsy-via phone, Paul Rauch, Sylvia Cabrera) - Room 3359 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Sylvia Cabrera, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Robert Curry, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup

Fri Jun 23, 2017

All day Jim Travel: NWRA Board meeting - San Francisco 6/22 - 6/25
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9:30am
[Steve Guertin Attending] Commencement Address for SUTL 33 Graduation Ceremonies - NCTC
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Sat Jun 24, 2017

All day Jim Travel: NWRA Board meeting - San Francisco 6/22 - 6/25
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9:20am San Francisco (SFO) to Washington-Dls (IAD) — Confirmation No. JH99BN
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Sun Jun 25, 2017

All day Jim Travel: NWRA Board meeting - San Francisco 6/22 - 6/25
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

12am San Francisco (SFO) to Washington-Dls (IAD) — Confirmation No. JH99BN
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

All day

Jim Travel: Midwest Director's Annual Meeting - Mahoney State Park nearAshland, NE (6/25 - 6/28)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, 28500 W Park Hwy, Ashland, NE 68003, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12:31pm Flight UA1444 IAD to ORD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

4:59pm Flight UA1930 ORD to OMA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Chicago, IL (ORD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Jun 26, 2017

All day

Jim Travel: Midwest Director's Annual Meeting - Mahoney State Park nearAshland, NE (6/25 - 6/28)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, 28500 W Park Hwy, Ashland, NE 68003, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

All day Charisa - Leave (6/26 - 6/30)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who: Jim Kurth, Gregory Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Casey Hammond, Charisa Morris

2pm Juliana Meeting and Call in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB 6023; Call in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] participant code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Richard McNeer
Who:
Tony Irish, Susan Fawcett, Steven Welch, Michaela Noble, Karen Hawbecker, John Snyder, Beverly (Grace) Stephens, Jeff Brune, Andrea Quick, Teri Jackson-Hicks, Stephen Vorkoper, Lara Douglas, Judy Nowakowski, Josaphat Plater-Zyberk, Erica Pionke, Jim Kurth, Nancy Brown-Kobil, Elizabeth Carls, Peter Mali, Jeffrey Compton, Christina Bartlett, Briana Collier, Lauren Bachtel, Timothy Spisak, Richard McNeer, Benjamin Jesup, Edward Keable, Louise Milkman, Dionne Duncan-Hughes, Ann Navaro, William Brown

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm R4 bridge issue

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Tue Jun 27, 2017

All day

Jim Travel: Midwest Director's Annual Meeting - Mahoney State Park nearAshland, NE (6/25 - 6/28)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, 28500 W Park Hwy, Ashland, NE 68003, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

All day Charisa - Leave (6/26 - 6/30)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who: Jim Kurth, Gregory Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Casey Hammond, Charisa Morris

2pm

Greg's questions re: All-Employee Meeting (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Passcode: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: call in number to be provided
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Charisa Morris, Matthew Huggler, Shelley Hartmann, Jim Kurth, Kenneth Taylor, Stephen Guertin, Georgia Basso, Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Irwin, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Jun 28, 2017

All day
Jim Travel: Midwest Director's Annual Meeting - Mahoney State Park nearAshland, NE (6/25 - 6/28)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, 28500 W Park Hwy, Ashland, NE 68003, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

All day Charisa - Leave (6/26 - 6/30)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who: Jim Kurth, Gregory Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Casey Hammond, Charisa Morris

12:07pm Flight UA5933 OMA to DEN
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Omaha, NE (OMA)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim and Inez) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek, Inez Uhl

3:05pm Flight UA461 DEN to IAD
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Denver, CO (DEN)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Thu Jun 29, 2017

All day Charisa - Leave (6/26 - 6/30)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who: Jim Kurth, Gregory Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Casey Hammond, Charisa Morris

10:30am
Review first batch of request for exemptions to the 2017 hiring controls
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Peg Romanik, Stephen Guertin, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup

1pm Follow-up

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Mary will come to Jim's office
Calendar: Mary Pletcher
Who: Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Mary Pletcher

2pm

Meeting to discuss tribal hunting in the Midwest ("Greg, Noah, Casey,Jim, Jerome Ford, Ben Jesup) – Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Linus Chen, Casey Hammond, Ken Richkus, Jerome Ford, Benjamin Jesup, Delores Bigby, Gregory Sheehan, Jim Kurth, brad_bortner@fws.gov, Noah Matson

2:30pm

Phone call (Jim and Robyn Thorson) to discuss general issues (Robyn should call (202) 208-4545) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Nicole Tsugawa, Jim Kurth, Robyn Thorson

3pm Budget meeting (Greg, Jim, Steve, Casey) Room 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

Fri Jun 30, 2017

All day Charisa - Leave (6/26 - 6/30)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who: Jim Kurth, Gregory Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Casey Hammond, Charisa Morris

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

All day

Jim Travel to Missoula, MT - Speak at Natl Wilderness Leadership Training - Carhart Training Ctr, Missoula, MT (6/30 - 7/2)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Missoula, MT, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who: Thomas Irwin, Jim Kurth

9am

Phone call (Jim and Inez) on diversity issues (Inez should call (202) 208-4545 and transferred to Jim's cell)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Lisa Danaceau

10:30am Budget (Greg, Jim, Steve, Casey)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

2:45pm Flight UA696 IAD to DEN

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

9:01pm Flight UA4747 DEN to MSO

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Denver, CO (DEN)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Sat Jul 1, 2017

All day

Jim Travel to Missoula, MT - Speak at Natl Wilderness Leadership Training - Carhart Training Ctr, Missoula, MT (6/30 - 7/2)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Missoula, MT, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who: Thomas Irwin, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Sun Jul 2, 2017

All day
Jim Travel to Missoula, MT - Speak at Natl Wilderness Leadership Training - Carhart Training Ctr, Missoula, MT (6/30 - 7/2)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Missoula, MT, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who: Thomas Irwin, Jim Kurth

2:25pm Flight UA517 MSO to ORD
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Missoula, MT (MSO)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

6:52pm Flight UA225 ORD to IAD
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Chicago, IL (ORD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Jul 3, 2017

All day Jim - out
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Roslyn, Leave 7/3 - 7/5
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Gregory Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

11am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Paul Souza, Jim Kurth, Janine Velasco, Greg Sheehan, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Casey Hammond, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Chris Nolin, Georgia Basso, Brian Bloodsworth, Jerome Ford, David Hoskins, Kenneth Taylor, Gregory Sheehan, Cynthia Martinez, Denise Sheehan, Honora Gordon, Gary Frazer (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Paul Rauch, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Charisa Morris

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Denise Sheehan, Cynthia Martinez, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Maureen Foster, Jim Kurth, Jerome Ford, Janine Velasco, Kenneth Taylor, Greg Sheehan, Georgia Basso, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Casey Hammond, Honora Gordon, Paul Rauch, Brian Bloodsworth, Gary Frazer, Paul Souza, David Hoskins, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan

Tue Jul 4, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 7/3 - 7/5

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Gregory Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Wed Jul 5, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 7/3 - 7/5

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Gregory Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

9am Meeting re: Upcoming Diversity VTC (Jim, Jessie, Inez, Paul) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10:30am

Program Briefings with Greg (Refuges, Partners and Coastal) - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Shaun Sanchez, Jim Kurth, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Cynthia Martinez, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin

1pm FLMA Priorities Meet & Greet/Fish & Wildlife Service

Where: Department of the Interior Main Building, Room 3351
Calendar: jacqueline.alston@dot.gov
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
Bobba, Corey (FHWA), Hess, Timothy (FHWA), Graves, James (FHWA), Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, Robert Miller, Johnson, Scott (FHWA), Nathan Caldwell, Fox, Amy (FHWA)

2pm

Conference call (Jim, Cynthia Martinez and Greg Siekaniec) on transformation (Greg should call (202) 208-4545 and transferred to Jim's office) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Greg Siekaniec, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, Tauline Davis

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Henry Schlitzer, Clayton McBride, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Janine Velasco, Brian Bloodsworth, Michael Gale, Eugene Sivigny, Casey Hammond, Mario Flemate, Kashif Askari, Wanda Cantrell, Edward Grace, Pamela Michalegko, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Denise Thompson

Thu Jul 6, 2017

9am Status Update (Jim, Brian and Cynthia) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Jim's Office
Calendar: Brian Bloodsworth
Who: Jim Kurth, Brian Bloodsworth, Cynthia Martinez

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am

[To be rescheduled] Budget briefing for A/S FWP (Greg, Jim and Steve) - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Gregory Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup

12:30pm Meeting (Jim, Greg, Steve and Gary) on ESA - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, greg_sheehan@fws.gov, Lois Wellman, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Gregory Sheehan

3pm

Meet & Greet: Jim Kurth/William Hall, Director, Office of Collaborative Action and Dispute Resolution - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: William Hall, Jim Kurth

4:30pm Alaska predator rule (Greg, Jim, Virginia) - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Gregory Sheehan, Tasha Robbins, Virginia Johnson, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Jul 7, 2017

1pm
OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, [redacted], [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Dial: [redacted], Code: [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, [redacted] Stephen Guertin, Gregory Sheehan, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, [redacted]

2pm Speak to Zeta Phi Beta and youth auxiliary members - Room 3038
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3:30pm
Phone call: Jim Kurth/Steve Guertin/Bud Cribley - Dial: [redacted]
Code: [redacted]
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: bcribley@blm.gov, Eileen Frost, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

Sun Jul 9, 2017

All day Jim Travel: WAFWA Meeting in Vail, CO (7/9 - 7/11)
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Vail, CO 81657, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:20am Flight UA403 IAD to DEN
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

1:17pm Flight UA4461 DEN to EGE
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Departing Denver, CO (DEN)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Mon Jul 10, 2017

All day Jim Travel: WAFWA Meeting in Vail, CO (7/9 - 7/11)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Vail, CO 81657, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth

11am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Charisa Morris, Maureen Foster, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted] David Hoskins, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Chris Nolin, Paul Rauch, Georgia Basso, Jim Kurth, Denise Sheehan, Jerome Ford, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Cynthia Martinez, Brian Bloodsworth, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Gary Frazer, Paul Souza, william_c_woody@fws.gov

11am AD Staff meeting -- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, betsy_hildebrandt@fws.gov, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco

2pm Phone Call re: Juliana Vs U.S.

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Vail Marriott, Ballroom Salon J or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Siekaniec, Noreen Walsh, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Larry Mellinger, Gregory Sheehan, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm

[1pm MDT] Check- in Meeting at WAFWA in Vail, CO (Only those attending WAFWA)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Vail Marriot, Ballroom Salon J
Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Paul Rauch, Anya Rushing, Brian Bloodsworth, David Hoskins, Benjamin Tuggle, Jim Kurth, Gary Frazer, Stephen Guertin, Robyn Thorson, Seth Mott, Cynthia Martinez, Denise Sheehan, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, william_c_woody@fws.gov, Greg Siekaniec, Jerome Ford, Michael Gale, Charisa Morris, (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only), Gregory Sheehan, Tom Melius, Wendi Weber, Kenneth Taylor, Noreen Walsh, Paul Souza, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov

3pm

[1pm MDT] Check- in Meeting at WAFWA in Vail, CO (Only those attending WAFWA)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Vail Marriot, Ballroom Salon J
Calendar: Gregory Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Noreen Walsh, Charisa Morris, Gregory Sheehan, Seth Mott, Michael Gale, Jim Kurth, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Denise Sheehan, David Hoskins, Cynthia Martinez, Kenneth Taylor, Anya Rushing, Gary Frazer, Jerome Ford, Tom Melius, Greg Siekaniec, Wendi Weber, Robyn Thorson, Benjamin Tuggle, Paul Souza, Paul Rauch, william_c_woody@fws.gov

Tue Jul 11, 2017

All day Jim Travel: WAFWA Meeting in Vail, CO (7/9 - 7/11)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Vail, CO 81657, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:42pm Flight UA4502 EGE to DEN

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Vail, CO (EGE)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

5:40pm Flight UA652 DEN to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Denver, CO (DEN)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Wed Jul 12, 2017

10:30am

Pre-brief for Senator McConnell meeting - Rm 3038-- Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Martin Kodis, Casey Hammond, Micah Chambers, Cynthia Martinez, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Devin Helfrich, Angela Gustavson, Barbara Wainman, Matthew Huggler, Jim Kurth, Jeffrey Fleming, David Viker, Shaun Sanchez

1pm Phone Call - Jim Kurth/Robyn Thorson; Robyn will call Jim at 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Robyn will call Jim at 202-208-4545
Calendar: Robyn Thorson
Created by: Nicole Tsugawa
Who: Jim Kurth, Robyn Thorson

2pm Phone call (Jim and Deb Rocque) - Deb to call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Deborah Rocque, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Benjamin Tuggle, Jim Kurth, Gary Frazer, Gregory Sheehan, Kathleen King, Thomas Irwin, Rebekah Giddings, Jim Willis, Karen Clark, Conni Conner, Robyn Thorson, Gina Shultz, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Greg Sheehan, Joy Nicholopoulos, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Theresa Rabot, john_tramack@fws.gov, Kenneth Taylor, Henry Schlitzer, Robert Garfinkel, Eugene Sivigny, Paul Souza, Janine Velasco, Acquanetta Reese, Nicole Tsugawa, Matt Hogan, Edward Grace, Clayton McBride, David Hoskins, Jay Slack, Denise Sheehan, Jesse Brent, Stacey Garcia, Denise Thompson, Stephen Guertin, Susan White, Greg Siekaniec, Robert Curry, Charisa Morris, Denise Sanchez, Barbara Wainman, Jerome Ford, John Schmerfeld, Gloria Bell, Pamela Michalegko, Larry Rabin, Seth Mott, Deborah Rocque, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez, Shelley Hartmann, Michae Gale, Stephanie Potter, Tom Melius, JoAn Mundt, Roslyn Sellars, Charles Wooley, Virginia Takang Paul Rauch, Michael Oetker, Jody Holzworth, Chris Jensen, Matthew Huggler, Brian Bloodsworth, Azuredee Perkins, Anne Badgley, Lois Wellman, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Margaret Hardy, Delores Bigby, Wanda Cantrell, Noreen Walsh, Janine Velasco, Wendi Weber, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Anya Rushing, Tauline Davis, Shelly Senior, Lori Mendoza, Mike Johnson

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Thomas Irwin, Robert Curry, Gregory Sheehan, Jay Slack, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Michael Oetker, john_tramack@fws.gov, Matthew Huggler, Delores Bigby, Tauline Davis, Paul Souza, Gary Frazer, Wanda Cantrell, Acquanetta Reese, Matt Hogan, Denise Thompson, Pamela Michalegko, Mike Johnson, Anya Rushing, Benjamin Tuggle, Robyn Thorson, Jim Kurth, Kenneth Taylor, David Hoskins, Rebekah Giddings, Greg Siekaniec, Greg Sheehan, Brian Bloodsworth, Larry Rabin, Denise Sheehan, Nicole Tsugawa, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Janine Velasco, Wendi Weber, Gloria Bell, Michael Gale, Deborah Rocque, Chris Jensen, Virginia Takang, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Henry Schlitzer, Gina Shultz, Theresa Rabot, Stephen Guertin, Eugene Sivigny, Margaret Hardy, Conni Conner, Janine Velasco, Charles Wooley, Jerome Ford, Denise Sanchez, Clayton McBride, Robert Garfinkel, Edward Grace, Cynthia Martinez, Noreen Walsh, Jim Willis, Paul Rauch, (b) (6), (b) (5) C P [redacted] Only), Stephanie Potter, Anne Badgley, John Schmerfeld, JoAn Mundt, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Seth Mott, Shelly Senior, Joy Nicholopoulos, Shaun Sanchez, Charisa Morris, Lois Wellman, Lori Mendoza, Stacey Garcia, Azuredee Perkins, Roslyn Sellars, Jesse Brent, Barbara Wainman, Kathleen King, Jody Holzworth, Karen Clark, Tom Melius, Shelley Hartmann

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Jul 13, 2017

9am

Briefing: (Greg, Jim, Jerome, Mike, Kari, Robert and Sarah) on upcoming North American Wetlands Conservation Council teleconference - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jim Kurth, Kari Duncan, Greg Sheehan, Robert Ford, Jerome Ford, Mike Johnson, Sarah Mott

10:30am

Phone call (Jim and Mike Oetker) to discuss investment proposals (Mike should call 202-208-4545 and transferred to Jim's office - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Laura Maloof, Michael Oetker

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Peg Romanik, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup, Wendy Fink

Fri Jul 14, 2017

12pm

NAWCA council conference call (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **) (POC: Sarah Mott)**
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth

12pm

NAWCA council conference call (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **) (POC: Sarah Mott)**
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Sarah Mott, Jim Kurth, Mike Johnson, Jerome Ford, Kari Duncan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Mon Jul 17, 2017

6:45am TRAVEL: To NCTC - Rm 105 I-East

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:45am Speaker at Realty Academy - NCTC (7/17)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9:45am TRAVEL: To MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Casey Hammond, Denise Sheehan, Greg Sheehan, Gary Frazer, Jerome Ford, Paul Rauch, Janine Velasco, Paul Souza, Cynthia Martinez, (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Only), Brian Bloodsworth, Maureen Foster, Edward Grace, Jim Kurth, Georgia Basso, Gregory Sheehan, Chris Nolin, Kenneth Taylor, Stephen Guertin, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Charisa Morris, David Hoskins

11am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Janine Velasco, Maureen Foster, Paul Rauch, Edward Grace, Greg Sheehan, Paul Souza, David Hoskins, Denise Sheehan, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Cynthia Martinez, Charisa Morris, Jerome Ford, Chris Nolin, Brian Bloodsworth, Georgia Basso, Stephen Guertin, Gregory Sheehan, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer

12pm Teleworking from home

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Jul 18, 2017

9:30am Greg Sheehan's ESA Hearing Murder Board Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Edward Grace, Dominic Maione, Greg Sheehan, Micah Chambers, Gary Frazer, Barbara Wainman, Charisa Morris, Craig Hoover, Lisa Jones, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Martin Kodis, Matthew Huggler, Stephen Guertin

1:30pm

Briefing (Greg, Jim, Steve and David Hoskins) on transferring Meridian NFH to City of Meridian, MS - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, David Hoskins, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

4:30pm

Briefing re: Meeting with Congressman McCarthy re: Bitter Creek Refuge (Greg, Paul Souza, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez) - Rm 3358--Dial (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jim Kurth, Cynthia Martinez, Paul Souza, Wanda Cantrell, Greg Sheehan, Barbara Wainman, Shaun Sanchez

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4:30pm

Briefing re: Meeting with Congressman McCarthy re: Bitter Creek Refuge (Greg, Paul Souza, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez) - Rm 3358--Dial (b) (5) CIP **Code:** (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Barbara Wainman, Paul Souza, Jim Kurth, Wanda Cantrell, Shaun Sanchez, Cynthia Martinez, (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP Only)
Greg Sheehan

Wed Jul 19, 2017

All day Travel to Portland, OR (Region 5 Award Ceremony)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

10:15am

Flight Washington, DC (IAD) to Chicago, IL (ORD) Confirmation: E2RNKQ

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12:18pm Flight Chicago, IL (ORD) to Portland, OR (PDX) Confirmation: E2RNKQ

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Henry Schlitzer, Edward Grace, Michael Gale, Casey Hammond, Clayton McBride, Jim Kurth, Brian Bloodsworth, Denise Thompson, Pamela Michalegko, Kashif Askari, Greg Sheehan, Wanda Cantrell, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Mario Flemate, Janine Velasco

Thu Jul 20, 2017

All day Travel to Portland, OR (Region 5 Award Ceremony)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

8:30am Sportsmen's access - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Michael Gale, Casey Hammond, Greg Sheehan, Barbara Wainman, Stephen Guertin

Fri Jul 21, 2017

All day Travel to Portland, OR (Region 5 Award Ceremony)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

1:55pm Flight UA679 PDX to ORD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Portland, OR (PDX)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

4pm Meeting Regarding Delisting Petitions

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: 1849 C Street Northwest, Washington, DC, United States, Room 3144
Calendar: Tameka Lewis-Robinson
Who:
Tasha Robbins, Aurelia Skipwith, Jim Kurth, margaret@americanstewards.us, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Wendy Fink

6:52pm Flight UA225 ORD to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Chicago, IL (ORD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

11:11pm Flight Portland, OR (PDX) to Chicago, IL (ORD) Confirmation: E2RNKQ

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Sat Jul 22, 2017

12am Flight Portland, OR (PDX) to Chicago, IL (ORD) Confirmation: E2RNKQ

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

8:25am Flight Chicago, IL (ORD) to Washington, DC (IAD) Confirmation: E2RNKQ

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Mon Jul 24, 2017

10am

Discuss House mark (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **- Rm 3357**
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Benjamin Tuggle, Jim Kurth, Matthew Huggler, Stacey Garcia, Barbara Wainman, Seth Mott, Denise Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Chris Nolin

11am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Gary Frazer, Charisa Morris, Janine Velasco, Georgia Basso, Kenneth Taylor, David Hoskins, Chris Nolin, Paul Souza, Cynthia Martinez, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Denise Sheehan, Casey Hammond, Maureen Foster, Jerome Ford, Stephen Guertin, Brian Bloodsworth, Paul Rauch, (b) (6), (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Only), Edward Grace, Gregory Sheehan, Jim Kurth

11am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Edward Grace, Denise Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Stephen Guertin, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Brian Bloodsworth, Gregory Sheehan, Paul Rauch, Casey Hammond, Chris Nolin, Jim Kurth, Georgia Basso, Jerome Ford, Charisa Morris, Cynthia Martinez, Maureen Foster, Paul Souza, David Hoskins, Greg Sheehan, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer

12pm Lunch w/Charlie W

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Jul 25, 2017

9:30am Meet with Andrew Goodrich

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Charisa Morris
Who: Andrew Goodrich, Jim Kurth

2pm

Transition Update (Jim, Steve, Cynthia and Greg Siekaniec) Room 3359--
Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Cynthia Martinez, Charisa Morris, Greg Siekaniec, Jim Kurth, Tauline Davis, Azuredee Perkins, Stephen Guertin

2:30pm prep for afternoon leadership meetings

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Directors Office
Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who: Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Gareth Rees, Casey Stemler, John Bockmier, Roslyn Sellars, Bob Vogel, Susan Combs, Todd Willens, James Cason, Aurelia Skipwith, Lena McDowall, James Voyles, Maureen Foster, Stephen Guertin, David Bernhardt, Scott Hommel, Gregory Sheehan, Gary Lawkowski, Michael Reynolds, Marshall Critchfield, Rick Obernesser, Downey Magallanes, Richard Goeken, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Christine Powell, Janice DeSordi, Jim Kurth, Thomas Irwin, Greg Sheehan, Matthew Dermody, Charisa Morris, John Tanner, Tasha Robbins, Todd Wynn, Katie Mills

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Jul 26, 2017

11:30am

Workforce Management Strategy (Greg, Steve, Casey, Jim, Rebekah Giddings, Denise Sheehan, Charisa) -Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Rebekah Giddings, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Denise Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Charisa Morris

1pm

Hornshell Final Rule & Texas HCP Issue - (Greg, Gary & Benjamin Tuggle, Jim Kurth) --Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **- Rm 3358**
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Stacey Garcia, Benjamin Tuggle, Greg Sheehan, Lois Wellman, Jim Kurth, Sarah Quamme, Bridget Fahey, Gary Frazer

2pm Discuss initiatives - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Barbara Wainman, Michael Gale, Charisa Morris, Greg Sheehan, Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Clayton McBride, Brian Bloodsworth, Edward Grace, Janine Velasco, Greg Sheehan, Denise Thompson, Wanda Cantrell, Henry Schlitzer, Kashif Askari, Jim Kurth, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Michael Gale, Mario Flemate, Casey Hammond, Pamela Michalegko

3pm

"Important Places for Important Faces" Follow Up (Greg, Barbara Wainman, Matt Huggler, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez) - Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Mark Newcastle, Linda Walker, Jim Kurth, Kayt Jonsson, Barbara Wainman, Greg Sheehan, Shaun Sanchez, Cynthia Martinez, Kristen Gilbert, Stephen Guertin, Nancy Monroe, Matthew Huggler, David Yeargin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Jul 27, 2017

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink

1pm MBCC/MBCF Overview + Amending the FY17 MBCF Work Plan- Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Casey Hammond, Cynthia Martinez, Ken Fowler, A Alvarez, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Shaun Sanchez, Stephen Guertin

2:30pm Christy Plumer

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Fri Jul 28, 2017

10:30am Waiver Signatures (Jim, Jessie Cheek) Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth

11am Bi-weekly diversity meeting - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek

2pm

Phone call: Jim/Greg Siekaniec/Mitch Ellis--Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:**
(b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Greg Siekaniec, Jim Kurth, Mitch Ellis

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm Phone call re: Deputies group agenda topic--Mike to call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Michael Oetker, Laura Maloof, Shaun Sanchez

Mon Jul 31, 2017

10am Directorate Meeting Agenda

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jim or Steve's Office
Calendar: Michael Gale
Who: Michael Gale, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edward Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill

1pm Phone call: Jim/Noreen--Noreen to call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Noreen Walsh

4:30pm

[New Room 3359] Cooperative Agricultural Policy (Greg, Jim, Refuges staff)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359 or Dial (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Peg Romanik, Ella Wagener, Shaun Sanchez, Aaron Mize, Greg Sheehan, Cynthia Martinez, Sherry Kaswell, jeff_rupert@fws.gov

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Aug 1, 2017

2pm

Transformation Team Report (Greg, Jim, Steve, Cynthia Martinez, Greg Siekaniec-in person from Region 7)--Room 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Lynne Santos, Shaun Sanchez, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Greg Siekaniec, Cynthia Martinez

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Wed Aug 2, 2017

9:30am Check-in w/ Facilitator - Sportsman's Access Summit

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Main Interior, South Penthouse
Calendar: Michael Gale
Who:
Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth, Susan Goodwin, Barbara Wainman, Jerome Ford, David Hoskins, pfield@cbuilding.org, Michael Gale, Shaun Sanchez, Stephen Guertin

10am Sportmen's Access Sumit

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Henry Schlitzer, Denise Thompson, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Pamela Michalegko, Clayton McBride, Brian Bloodsworth, Casey Hammond, Michael Gale, Wanda Cantrell, Edward Grace, Janine Velasco, Mario Flemate, Kashif Askari

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm Boards / Commissions / Advisory Councils discussion

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Jim Kurth, Matthew Huggler, Greg Sheehan, Casey Hammond, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Barbara Wainman

5pm Sportsmen's Access reception - Rm 6154

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Thu Aug 3, 2017

8am Keep open

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9am International Affairs issue

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Jim Kurth, Craig Hoover, Stephen Guertin, Gloria Bell

10am Mark Smith/Ric Ortega

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11am Review capability statements

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Michael Gale, Barbara Wainman, Charisa Morris, Matthew Huggler

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Wendy Fink, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Benjamin Jesup

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

12pm Geoff

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm Jon Andrew retirement

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

4pm Court-ordered listings

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jim's office
Calendar: Gina Shultz
Created by: Lois Wellman
Who: Jim Kurth, Gina Shultz

5pm Charisa check-in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth

Fri Aug 4, 2017

All day Annual leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Aug 7, 2017

All day US NABCI Committee Meeting

Where: Bureau of Land Management, 20 M St SE, Washington, DC 20003
Calendar: salbert@birdpop.org
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
Anne Kinsinger, Butcher, Gregory, Jim Kurth, Breck Carmichael, Elaine Leslie, salbert@birdpop.org, dpashley@abcbirds.org, Mike Johnson, Dalsimer, Allyn A (Alison) CTR (US), Danielle Flynn, Emily Jo Williams, dmehlman@tnc.org, Gordon Myers, Geoffrey Walsh, Stephen Brown, Ron Regan, Herrighty, Larry, Gray Anderson, Scott Yaich, Brad Andres, Tammy VerCauteren, Thomas Moorman, Iain Stenhouse, Ken Rosenberg, Dave Trevino, Roslyn Sellars, Steven Hilburger, Frances Greenway, Keith Norris, John Alexander, Jerome Ford, David Hoge, david.whitehurst@dgif.virginia.gov, Delores Bigby, skip.hyberg@wdc.usda.gov, Judith Scarl, Todd Fearer, Glenn Olson, Randy Myers, Brad Bortner (Brad_Bortner@fws.gov), J Gordon, Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:50am Departmental Passback - FWS

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: MIB 5121
Calendar: Denise Flanagan
Created by: Jaclyn Corona
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Irwin, Chris Nolin, Jim Kurth, Denise Flanagan, Maureen Foster, Rachel Merkel, Steven Farrell, Adrianne Moss, Tasha Robbins, Olivia Ferriter, Scott Cameron, Todd Willens, Aurelia Skipwith, Catherine Gulac, Jason Freihage

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359--Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Casey Hammond, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Gregory Sheehan

2:30pm Travel to Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3:30pm

Speaking Engagement: Visit of Chinese Specialists in Wildlife Refuge Management - Location: Graduate School USA headquarters located nearthe L'Enfant Plaza Metro Station, 600 Maryland Avenue, S.W. Wash., DC
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

3:45pm

Phone call: Greg/Jim/Steve re: Passback-Rm 3357--Greg to call 202-208-4545
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Aug 8, 2017

All day US NABCI Committee Meeting

Where: Bureau of Land Management, 20 M St SE, Washington, DC 20003
Calendar: salbert@birdpop.org
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
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All day US NABCI Committee Meeting

Where: Bureau of Land Management, 20 M St SE, Washington, DC 20003
Calendar: jscarl@fishwildlife.org
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
Mike Johnson, Keith Norris, Tammy VerCauteren, Thomas Irwin, Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Moorman, Breck Carmichael, Elaine Leslie, Judith Scarl, Ron Regan, Gordon Myers, david.whitehurst@dgif.virginia.gov, J Gordon, Dalsimer, Allyn A (Alison) CTR (US), Gray Anderson, Glenn Olson, Delores Bigby, Scott Yaich, Jim Kurth, Herrighty, Larry, Steven Hilburger, Danielle Flynn, Iain Stenhouse, Jerome Ford, Butcher, Gregory, dpashley@abcbirds.org, Dave Trevino, Stephen Brown, dmehlman@tnc.org, skip.hyberg@wdc.usda.gov, Ken Rosenberg, Anne Kinsinger, Randy Myers, John Alexander, Geoffrey Walsh, Frances Greenway, Brad Andres, Steve Albert, David Hoge, Emily Jo Williams, Brad Bortner (Brad_Bortner@fws.gov), Todd Fearer

11:30am

Cache River Briefing (Todd Willens, Aurelia, Jim, Cindy Dohner, Anne Navaro) Todd's office - Rm 6116, Cindy to call (b) (5) CIP **passcode** (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Conference room 6120, Todd's call in information - (b) (5) CIP passcode (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Ann Navaro, Roslyn Sellars, Tasha Robbins, Todd Willens, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Aurelia Skipwith, Greg Sheehan, Richard Goeken, Catherine Gulac

2pm

Briefing re: Agenda for WHHCC teleconference (Jim, Joshua Winchell, Shaun Sanchez, Linda Walker) Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Joshua Winchell, Jim Kurth, Linda Walker, Shaun Sanchez

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Wed Aug 9, 2017

All day US NABCI Committee Meeting

Where: Bureau of Land Management, 20 M St SE, Washington, DC 20003
Calendar: salbert@birdpop.org
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
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All day US NABCI Committee Meeting

Where: Bureau of Land Management, 20 M St SE, Washington, DC 20003
Calendar: jscarl@fishwildlife.org
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
Mike Johnson, Keith Norris, Tammy VerCauteren, Thomas Irwin, Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Moorman, Breck Carmichael, Elaine Leslie, Judith Scarl, Ron Regan, Gordon Myers, david. whitehurst@dgif.virginia.gov, J Gordon, Dalsimer, Allyn A (Alison) CTR (US), Gray Anderson, Glenn Olson, Delores Bigby, Scott Yaich, Jim Kurth, Herrighty, Larry, Steven Hilburger, Danielle Flynn, Iain Stenhouse, Jerome Ford, Butcher, Gregory, dpashley@abcbirds.org, Dave Trevino, Stephen Brown, dmehlman@tnc.org, skip.hyberg@wdc.usda.gov, Ken Rosenberg, Anne Kinsinger, Randy Myers, John Alexander, Geoffrey Walsh, Frances Greenway, Brad Andres, Steve Albert, David Hoge, Emily Jo Williams, Brad Bortner (Brad_Bortner@fws.gov), Todd Fearer

1pm Internal Meeting - w/JCason re: Yakima Nation

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: 6120
Calendar: Catherine Gulac
Who:
Gavin Clarkson, Amanda Kaster, Jim Kurth, Scott Bergstrom, Carol LeaderCharge, Catherine Gulac, mike.black@bia.gov, Greg Sheehan, Eric Shepard

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim and Inez) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Paul Rauch, Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Jessie Cheek

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Thomas Irwin, Robert Curry, Gregory Sheehan, Jay Slack, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Michael Oetker, john_tramack@fws.gov, Matthew Huggler, Delores Bigby, Tauline Davis, Paul Souza, Gary Frazer, Wanda Cantrell, Acquanetta Reese, Matt Hogan, Denise Thompson, Pamela Michalegko, Mike Johnson, Anya Rushing, Benjamin Tuggle, Robyn Thorson, Jim Kurth, Kenneth Taylor, David Hoskins, Rebekah Giddings, Greg Siekaniec, Greg Sheehan, Brian Bloodsworth, Larry Rabin, Denise Sheehan, Nicole Tsugawa, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Janine Velasco, Wendi Weber, Gloria Bell, Michael Gale, Deborah Rocque, Chris Jensen, Virginia Takang, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Henry Schlitzer, Gina Shultz, Theresa Rabot, Stephen Guertin, Eugene Sivigny, Margaret Hardy, Conni Conner, Janine Velasco, Charles Wooley, Jerome Ford, Denise Sanchez, Clayton McBride, Robert Garfinkel, Edward Grace, Cynthia Martinez, Noreen Walsh, Jim Willis, Paul Rauch, (b) (6), (b) (5) C P [redacted] Only), Stephanie Potter, Anne Badgley, John Schmerfeld, JoAn Mundt, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Seth Mott, Shelly Senior, Joy Nicholopoulos, Shaun Sanchez, Charisa Morris, Lois Wellman, Lori Mendoza, Stacey Garcia, Azuredee Perkins, Roslyn Sellars, Jesse Brent, Barbara Wainman, Kathleen King, Jody Holzworth, Karen Clark, Tom Melius, Shelley Hartmann

Thu Aug 10, 2017

All day US NABCI Committee Meeting

Where: Bureau of Land Management, 20 M St SE, Washington, DC 20003
Calendar: salbert@birdpop.org
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
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8am International Grants (Greg, Charisa, Jim, Steve) Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Peg Romanik, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink

3:15pm

Meeting re: Import of Zimbabwe Elephant Trophies (Greg, John Jackson of Conservation Force, Craig Hoover, Tim VanNorman, Russell Husen-SOL)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Russell Husen, Gloria Bell, Tim Vannorman, Greg Sheehan, Craig Hoover, Jim Kurth

4:15pm

Letter from Central Texas Congressional Delegation re: Leander Independent School District - Rm 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Gina Shultz, travis@lucas-compton.com, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Lois Wellman

Fri Aug 11, 2017

All day US NABCI Committee Meeting

Where: Bureau of Land Management, 20 M St SE, Washington, DC 20003
Calendar: salbert@birdpop.org
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
Anne Kinsinger, Butcher, Gregory, Jim Kurth, Breck Carmichael, Elaine Leslie, salbert@birdpop.org, dpashley@abcbirds.org, Mike Johnson, Dalsimer, Allyn A (Alison) CTR (US), Danielle Flynn, Emily Jo Williams, dmehlman@tnc.org, Gordon Myers, Geoffrey Walsh, Stephen Brown, Ron Regan, Herrighty, Larry, Gray Anderson, Scott Yaich, Brad Andres, Tammy VerCauteren, Thomas Moorman, Iain Stenhouse, Ken Rosenberg, Dave Trevino, Roslyn Sellars, Steven Hilburger, Frances Greenway, Keith Norris, John Alexander, Jerome Ford, David Hoge, david.whitehurst@dgif.virginia.gov, Delores Bigby, skip.hyberg@wdc.usda.gov, Judith Scarl, Todd Fearer, Glenn Olson, Randy Myers, Brad Bortner (Brad_Bortner@fws.gov), J Gordon, Thomas Irwin

2:30pm Discuss end of year listing workplan (Greg, Jim, Gina Shultz)-Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Greg Sheehan, Gina Shultz, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4pm

Phone Call: Waters of the United States Rulemaking (Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Peg Romanik, Sarah Greenwalt of EPA) Rm 3358--Dial: (b) (5) C P
Code: (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, bolen.brittany@epa.gov, dominguez.alexander@epa.gov, greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov, Gina Shultz, Peg Romanik, Gary Frazer

4:30pm

Fish & Aquatic Conservation Briefing (Greg Sheehan, Dave Hoskins. John Schmerfeld) Room 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: David Hoskins, Jim Kurth, John Schmerfeld, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan

Mon Aug 14, 2017

9am International Affairs Grant Packages
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357 MIB
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Stephen Guertin, Gloria Bell, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Craig Hoover

9:15am Western Great Lakes Wolf briefing
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference room - 3144
Calendar: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Wendy Fink, Casey Hammond, Maureen Foster, Gary Frazer, Peg Romanik, Benjamin Jesup, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Sharon Pudwill, Richard Goeken, Aurelia Skipwith, Catherine Gulac, Roslyn Sellars, Tasha Robbins, Todd Willens

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edward Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:15pm
Science Program & LCC Briefing (Greg, Ben Tuggle-in person, Seth Mott) Room 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Benjamin Tuggle, Seth Mott, Jim Kurth

3:30pm ES Pesticide BO Briefing (Greg, Casey, Jim, Steve, Gary) Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Nancy Golden, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Gary Frazer, Tasha Robbins, Jim Kurth, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Casey Hammond, Todd Willens, Gina Shultz, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Patrice Ashfield, Craig Aubrey, Greg Sheehan, Aurelia Skipwith

Tue Aug 15, 2017

All day Directorate meeting (Directorate Only) - Washington, DC (8/15 - 8/16)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who:
Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Gregory Sheehan, FWS Directorate Secretaries

All day Directorate meeting (Directorate Only) - Washington, DC (8/15 - 8/17)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Only),
FWS Directorate & Deputies, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Paul Souza, FWS Directorate Secretaries, Gregory Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris

11am FWS Directorate Meet & Greet with David Bernhardt - Room 5160
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Michael Gale, Todd Willens, Wendy Fink, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Gareth Rees, Greg Sheehan, Catherine Gulac, Maureen Foster, Marshall Critchfield, Peg Romanik, Tasha Robbins, Aurelia Skipwith

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Wed Aug 16, 2017

All day Directorate meeting (Directorate Only) - Washington, DC (8/15 - 8/16)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who:
Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Gregory Sheehan, FWS Directorate Secretaries

All day Directorate meeting (Directorate Only) - Washington, DC (8/15 - 8/17)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Only),
FWS Directorate & Deputies, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Paul Souza, FWS Directorate Secretaries, Gregory Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Wanda Cantrell, Casey Hammond, Denise Thompson, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Clayton McBride, Edward Grace, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Michael Gale, Henry Schlitzer, Brian Bloodsworth, Mario Flemate, Janine Velasco, Pamela Michalegko, Kashif Askari

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Aug 17, 2017

All day Directorate meeting (Directorate Only) - Washington, DC (8/15 - 8/17)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Only),
FWS Directorate & Deputies, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Paul Souza, FWS Directorate Secretaries, Gregory Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris

9:30am Phone call: Jim Kurth/Martha Ansty

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Martha Ansty to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Martha Ansty, Jim Kurth

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup

12:30pm USGS Interactions with FWS and NPS

Where: 6641 and dial (b) (5) C P [redacted], code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Michelle Mebane
Created by: William Lukas
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Todd Willens, April Slayton, Betsy Hildebrandt, Casey Hammond, Reed Murray, William Werkheiser, Michelle Mebane, Andrea Travnicek, Maureen Foster, Anne-Berry Wade, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Aurelia Skipwith, Tasha Robbins, Laura Rigas, John Organ, Heather Swift, Kerry Rae, Russell Newell, Carol Schuler, William Lellis, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Jennifer Wyse, ASWS Conference Room, Bob Vogel, William Lukas, Anne Kinsinger, Jeremy Barnum, Barbara Wainman, Ryan Nichols, Daniel Jorjani, Colette Charbonneau, USGS/ASWS Meetings

4pm

Meeting re: Initiatives to improve sportsmen's access to public lands and improve recreation opportunities on wildlife refuges (Greg, Jim, Lori Mccullogh-Great Outdoors Fund) -Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3358-MIB
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Who: lori@thegreatoutdoorsfund.org, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Aug 18, 2017

1pm

Briefing: (Greg and Refuges staff) to review September 6 MBCC meeting proposals (Greg, Jim, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez, Jerome Ford, Mike Johnson, Ken Fowler, Sarah Mott) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Shaun Sanchez, Jerome Ford, Sarah Mott, Ken Fowler, Azuredee Perkins, Stephen Guertin, A Alvarez, Greg Sheehan, Mike Johnson, Jim Kurth, Cynthia Martinez

2pm NFWF Follow up (Jim, Paul Rauch) Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth

2:30pm Phone call: Jim/Deb Rocque-- Deb to call 208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Deborah Rocque, Jim Kurth, Lori Mendoza

3:30pm

Briefing for Greg's 8/23 Meeting with OMB re: ESA (Greg, Gary, Jim) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Gina Shultz, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Gary Frazer

Sun Aug 20, 2017

All day Farallon Islands NWR, Fremont, CA (8/20 - 8/22)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Aug 21, 2017

All day Farallon Islands NWR, Fremont, CA (8/20 - 8/22)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Aug 22, 2017

All day Farallon Islands NWR, Fremont, CA (8/20 - 8/22)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Wed Aug 23, 2017

9am

Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) & Waterfowl Hunting Season Internal briefing w/Todd Willens

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 6120
Calendar: Catherine Gulac
Who:
Delores Bigby, Greg Gould, Harry Humbert, Steve Glomb, Jim Kurth, Richard Goeken, Casey Hammond, Catherine Gulac, Tracie Lassiter, Tasha Robbins, Jerome Ford, Roslyn Sellars, Greg Sheehan, Richard Cardinale, Todd Willens, Katharine MacGregor

10:30am Hold: R3 Realty Positions

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Charlie Wooley will call Jim Kurth
Calendar: Conni Conner
Who: Charles Blair, Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Irwin, Conni Conner, Charles Wooley, Jim Kurth

11am Jared

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

12pm Lunch: Jim/Jared

Where:
United States Department of the Interior 1849 C St NW, Washington, DC 20240, United States
Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who: Jared Brandwein, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm
Phone call re: AHTNA Memorandum of Agreement (Jim/Greg Siekaniec)--Greg to call 202-208-4545
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Greg Siekaniec, Jim Kurth, Tauline Davis

2:30pm Weekly Directorate VTC: Transition Check-In--Room 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Clayton McBride, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Wanda Cantrell, Denise Thompson, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Henry Schlitzer, Edward Grace, Mario Flemate, Brian Bloodsworth, Janine Velasco, Kashif Askari, Michael Gale, Pamela Michalegko, Casey Hammond

3pm Directive for the Vacancy Database System (Jim/Jessie Cheek) - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth

Thu Aug 24, 2017

All day Advanced Refuge Academy - 6pm NCTC
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9:30am Friends Academy/Advanced Refuge Academy - NCTC
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am
Call w/Mayor Stinson, Doug Friedlander RE: White River Bridge at Clarendon
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3144 or call (b) (5) CIP [redacted] passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Aurelia Skipwith, Tasha Robbins, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, doug@whiteriverbridge.org, Wendy Fink, Richard Goeken, (b) (6) [redacted]@yahoo.com, gill@gill-law.com, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Greg Sheehan, Ann Navaro, jwimpy@gill-law.com, Micah Chambers

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Aug 25, 2017

All day Jim - Annual leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Aug 28, 2017

All day Save the Date: Cindy Dohner Retirement (1p - 3p, Atlanta)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Created by: Jim Kurth
Who: Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

9:30am

Briefing for 8/30 WHHCC meeting/teleconference (Greg, Jim, Joshua) Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Joshua Winchell, Linda Walker

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edward Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Tim Radtke, Kevin Misenheimer, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Denise Flanagan, Larry Gillick, Jim Kurth, Rebecca Matulka, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Harry Humbert, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Martin Pursley, Roderick Anderson, WatchOffice DOI, Craig Lasser, Sylvia Burns, Denise Flanagan, William Leith, Scott Mabry, Rebecca Matulka, jhudson@blm.gov, James Delp, Terrell Leonard, Lisa Branum, John Holmes, Joshua Mahan, Bryan Rice, Joshua Nadas, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Edward Keable, susan.king@bia.gov, Dennis Bosak, Margaret Treadway, David Applegate, Scott Bodet, Douglas Glenn, Robert Maclean, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Peter Sauve, Ted Woronka, Mary Pletcher, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Laura Rigas, Michele Singer, Richard Farr, Louis Rowe, Matthew Costello, Joy Buhler, Pamela Barkin, Mark Bathrick, Karis Graham, Shawn Buckner, Walter Cruickshank, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Deborah Hartley, Stephen Hardgrove, Nikolao Pula, Micah Chambers, Darren Cruzan, Juanita Mendoza, Darren Cruzan, Bradley Koeckeritz, Larry Gillick, Kaiini Kaloi, Karen Senhadji, Debra Sonderman, James Gallagher, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Timothy Wight, bmuller@usbr.gov, ppercell@usbr.gov, Harry Humbert, juanita.mendoza@bie.edu, Tim Radtke, Rick Obernesser, Bruce Downs, Rinda Tisdale, Glenda Owens, Shayla Simmons, Robert Garbe, James Anderton, James Anderson, Jerold Gidner, David Garcia, Michaela Noble, BOEM Director Calendar, Joe Nassar, Kate Sawyer, Jason Thompson, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Natalie Sexton, Raymond Limon, Kaprice Tucker, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Brian Hall, Robert Smith

Tue Aug 29, 2017

All day Save the Date: Cindy Dohner Retirement (1p - 3p, Atlanta)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Created by: Jim Kurth
Who: Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

8:34am Flight UA6201 IAD to ATL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm Cindy Dohner Retirement Event - Regional Office, Atlanta, GA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Who: Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Bruce Downs, Rinda Tisdale, Larry Gillick, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Joshua Nadas, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Margaret Treadway, Terrell Leonard, David Garcia, Jim Kurth, Joshua Mahan, Martin Pursley, Brian Hall, WatchOffice DOI, Scott Bodet, Matthew Costello, Kate Sawyer, Dennis Bosak, Kaprice Tucker, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Douglas Glenn, John Holmes, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Rebecca Matulka, Harry Humbert, Robert Smith, Micah Chambers, Tim Radtke, Craig Lasser, Pamela Barkin, Denise Flanagan, Peter Sauve, Robert Garbe, Darren Cruzan, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Joy Buhler, Natalie Sexton

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4pm August 29 Mussels Team Check-in Call

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Conference Call in #: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Linda Swanson
Who:
Timothy Counihan, Marijke van Heeswijk, Richard Ferrero, Thomas Dabolt, Linda Swanson, Keith Hatch, Bryan Bowker, Scott Cameron, June Shoemaker, John Goldsmith, Leonard Schilling, Rob Billerbeck, Jacklynn Gould, Karen Senhadji, Theresa Thom, Kimberly Dow, Andrea Travnicek, Charles Denton, David Hoskins, Deborah Lawler, Jolene Trujillo, Scott Lightcap, Rick Obernesser, Bryan Horsburgh, Darryl LaCounte, Billy Shott, Diane Waller, Alan Mikkelsen, John Kilpatrick, Noreen Walsh, Jon Amberg, Gary Latzke, Kathryn Stangl, Elaine Leslie, Lorri Gray, Judith Gordon, David Downes, Guy Adema, Michael Doherty, Laura Joss, Jim Kurth, Colleen Allen, Jamie Reaser, Sue Masica, Charisa Morris, Myrna Walking Eagle, Richard Hotaling, ddlynch@usgs.gov, Rudy Schuster, Herbert Frost, tmurphy@blm.gov, Robin Hawks, Jhoset Burgos Rodriguez, Stephen Waste, Adam Sepulveda, Michelle Mebane, John Nelson, Anne Kinsinger, Dan Foster, Jill Rolland, stanley.speaks@bia.gov, Michael Philbin, Mark Sogge, Lisa Vehmas, Jeff Mow, Terrance Fulp, Stewart Jacks, Roy Elicker, Joe Starinchak, David Miko, Nicole Tsugawa, dhosler@usbr.gov, Stephanie Carman, Raymond Sauvajot, Eric Smith, Benjamin Tuggle, Ryan Close, Sarah Ryker, Raymond Suazo, Cynthia Kolar, Joanne Grady, Robyn Thorson, Kristin Bail, Lizette Richardson, Roxanne Peterson, Sarah Abdelrahim, rick_kahn@nps.gov, Stanley Burgiel, Jason Freihage, linda_beck@fws.gov, David Raff, Susan Pasko, Jennifer Carrington, Meghan Lyons, Jamie Connell Kevin Garlick, Michael Ryan, Mark Anderson, Mike Wrigley, Barak Shemai, Ryan Nichols, Daniel Drucker, Johnna Roy, Craig Martin, Claudia Regan, dbloom@usbr.gov, William Lukas, Alan Ellsworth, Johnny (Mark) Sappington, Hilary Smith, Jennifer Bayer, Delmar Seagle, Joy Nicholopoulos, phaverland@usgs.gov, Michael Thabault, Joel Clement, Stefanie Jordan, Christie Vanover, Bryan Landry, Jamie Velkoverh, John Wullschleger, Gregory Fuhrer, Patrick Gubbins, William Lellis, Forrest Harvey, Karen Kelleher, David Wooten, lizette_richardson@nps.go, Christina Kalavritinos, andrea_travenick@ios.doi.gov

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4pm August 29 Mussels Team Check-in Call

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference Call in #: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: John Nelson
Who:
Scott Cameron, Ryan Close, rick_kahn@nps.gov, Myrna Walking Eagle, Hilary Smith, Andrea Travnicek, Diane Waller, dhosler@usbr.gov, Bryan Landry, Jason Freihage, Stephanie Carman, Richard Ferrero, Cynthia Kolar, John Goldsmith, Robin Hawks, tmurphy@blm.gov, John Kilpatrick, Kevin Garlick, Roxanne Peterson, Stanley Burgiel, Jim Kurth, Theresa Thom, Robyn Thorson, Susan Pasko, stanley.speaks@bia.gov, Linda Swanson, Joy Nicholopoulos, Jennifer Carrington, Christina Kalavritinos, linda_beck@fws.gov, Billy Shott, Patrick Gubbins, Craig Martin, Lisa Vehmas, Charles Denton, David Hoskins, Michelle Mebane, Michael Philbin, Claudia Regan, Gregory Fuhrer, Bryan Bowker, Ryan Nichols, Bryan Horsburgh, Colleen Allen, Rick Obernesser, Kristin Bail, Alan Ellsworth, Richard Hotaling, Terrance Fulp, Jeff Mow, Mike Wrigley, Forrest Harvey, Lizette Richardson, Judith Gordon, David Downes, Joanne Grady, Joe Starinchak, Jon Amberg, Nicole Tsugawa, Roy Elicker, dbloom@usbr.gov, Sarah Abdelrahim, lizette_richardson@nps.go, Keith Hatch, John Nelson, William Lukas, ddlynch@usgs.gov, Dan Foster, Raymond Sauvajot, Lorri Gray, Johnny (Mark) Sappington, Michael Thabault, Johnna Roy, Deborah Lawler, Christie Vanover, Leonard Schilling, Raymond Suazo, Rob Billerbeck, John Wullschleger, David Wooten, Adam Sepulveda, Jamie Reaser, Elaine Leslie, Jacklynn Gould, Charisa Morris, andrea_travenick@ios.doi.gov, Sue Masica, Scott Lightcap, Marijke van Heeswijk, Stewart Jacks, Gary Latzke, Guy Adema, William Lellis, Michael Ryan, Joel Clement, Alan Mikkelsen, Rudy Schuster, Barak Shemai, Jamie Connell, Jill Rolland, Kathryn Stangl, Jhoset Burgos Rodriguez, Mark Sogge, June Shoemaker, Anne Kinsinger, Mark Anderson, Delmar Seagle, Laura Joss, Michael Doherty, David Raff, Noreen Walsh, Meghan Lyons, phaverland@usgs.gov, Jennifer Bayer, Timothy Counihan, Jamie Velkoverh, Jolene Trujillo, Herbert Frost, Stephen Waste, Sarah Ryker, Darryl LaCounte, Thomas Dabolt, Karen Kelleher, Karen Senhadji, Eric Smith, Benjamin Tuggle, Daniel Drucker, Stefanie Jordan, David Miko, Kimberly Dow

7:36pm Flight UA6305 ATL to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Atlanta, GA (ATL)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Wed Aug 30, 2017

9am

WHHCC Teleconference (Background Attached)-- Dial (b) (5) C P [redacted], **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Casey Hammond

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am

Call re: Silvio Conte NWR (Jim, Wendi, Cynthia, Deb, Scott Kahan, Shaun Sanchez) --Rm 3359 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP **Code:** (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Cynthia Martinez, Lori Mendoza, Deborah Rocque, Shaun Sanchez, Scott Kahan, Jim Kurth, Wendi Weber, Kathleen King

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP MUTED PIN: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Rebecca Matulka, Margaret Treadway, Brian Hall, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Joshua Nadas, Larry Gillick, Natalie Sexton, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Tim Radtke, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Denise Flanagan, Jim Kurth, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Jim Kurth, Matthew Costello, Margaret Treadway, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Larry Gillick, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Kate Sawyer, Micah Chambers, Craig Lasser, Peter Sauve, Dennis Bosak, Rinda Tisdale, Joy Buhler, David Garcia, Denise Flanagan, Pamela Barkin, WatchOffice DOI, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Joshua Mahan, Kaprice Tucker, Robert Smith, Douglas Glenn, John Holmes, Scott Bodet, Darren Cruzan, Harry Humbert, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Rebecca Matulka, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Martin Pursley, Natalie Sexton, Terrell Leonard, Tim Radtke, Robert Garbe, Bruce Downs, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Brian Hall, Joshua Nadas

2:15pm Briefing on Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: FWS conference room - 3038 - See attached briefing paper
Calendar: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Thomas Irwin, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Catherine Gulac, Greg Sheehan, Cynthia Martinez, Tasha Robbins, Todd Willens, Casey Hammond, Shaun Sanchez

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm
Phone call re: Science Applications Positions (Jim, Robyn Thorson, Terry Rabot)--Robyn/Terry dial 202-208-4545
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Nicole Tsugawa, Jim Kurth, Robyn Thorson, Theresa Rabot

4pm Phone call: Meeting Susan White/Jim Kurth-- Susan to call 202-208-4545
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Susan White, Jim Kurth, Wanda Cantrell

5pm Steven Kohl
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Thu Aug 31, 2017

9:30am Aurelia/Jim re: John Jackson - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who: Aurelia Skipwith, Tasha Robbins, Jim Kurth

10am Briefing on Diversity MOU and Diversity Joint Venture (DJV)-Rm 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Greg Sheehan, Jim Serfis, Jim Kurth, Seth Mott, Inez Uhl

11am Regulatory Ranking (Charisa, Jim, Streve) Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Peg Romanik, Benjamin Jesup, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

12pm Check-in meeting - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Charisa Morris, Michael Gale, Greg Sheehan, Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

12:30pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Jim Kurth, Brian Hall, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Natalie Sexton, Larry Gillick, Rebecca Matulka, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Denise Flanagan, Tim Radtke, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Joshua Nadas, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Margaret Treadway

1:30pm

EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey, IOC Conf. Rm or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Brian Hall, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Harry Humbert, David Garcia, Margaret Treadway, Rebecca Matulka, Peter Sauve, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Jimmy Gibson Jr., DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Robert Smith, Craig Lasser, Micah Chambers, Denise Flanagan, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Natalie Sexton, Joshua Nadas, Martin Pursley, Douglas Glenn, Jim Kurth, Pamela Barkin, Dennis Bosak, Joy Buhler, Rinda Tisdale, John Holmes, Kaprice Tucker, Tim Radtke, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Joshua Mahan, Terrell Leonard, Robert Garbe, Bruce Downs, Kate Sawyer, WatchOffice DOI, Larry Gillick, Darren Cruzan, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Matthew Costello, Scott Bodet

4:30pm

Conference call (Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin and Bud Cribley) Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) C P [redacted] - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Casey Hammond, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, bcribley@blm.gov

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Sep 1, 2017

All day Annual leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
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Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
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Who:
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1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey

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(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
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Who:
DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Micah Chambers, Larry Gillick, John Holmes, Craig Lasser, Jim Kurth, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Rinda Tisdale, David Garcia, Harry Humbert, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Joshua Mahan, Kate Sawyer, Peter Sauve, Joshua Nadas, Pamela Barkin, Martin Pursley, Joy Buhler, Rebecca Matulka, Douglas Glenn, Natalie Sexton, WatchOffice DOI, Brian Hall, Kaprice Tucker, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Bruce Downs, Tim Radtke, Denise Flanagan, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Darren Cruzan, Terrell Leonard, Matthew Costello, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Margaret Treadway, Scott Bodet, Dennis Bosak, Robert Garbe, Robert Smith

Sat Sep 2, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
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Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
Denise Flanagan, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Joshua Nadas, Larry Gillick, Tim Radtke, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Natalie Sexton, Jim Kurth, Brian Hall, Margaret Treadway, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Rebecca Matulka

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey

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Sun Sep 3, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
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Who:
DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Denise Flanagan, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Tim Radtke, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Margaret Treadway, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Rebecca Matulka, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Larry Gillick, Joshua Nadas, Brian Hall, Jim Kurth, Natalie Sexton

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
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Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
WatchOffice DOI, Kaprice Tucker, Rebecca Matulka, Harry Humbert, Scott Bodet, Rinda Tisdale, Pamela Barkin, Darren Cruzan, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Natalie Sexton, Terrell Leonard, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Jim Kurth, Joshua Nadas, David Garcia, Dennis Bosak DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Joy Buhler, Kate Sawyer, Robert Smith, Tim Radtke, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Craig Lasser, Micah Chambers, Martin Pursley, Peter Sauve, Margaret Treadway, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Robert Garbe, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, John Holmes, Brian Hall, Douglas Glenn, Joshua Mahan, Larry Gillick, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Bruce Downs, Denise Flanagan, Matthew Costello, Jimmy Gibson Jr.

Mon Sep 4, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

All day Labor Day Holiday

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth
Going? Yes

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who:
Stephen Guertin, Gregory Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 -9/6

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gary Frazer, Seth Mott, Maureen Foster, Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Edward Grace, Kenneth Taylor, Denise Sheehan, Zachariah Gambill, Casey Hammond, David Hoskins, Paul Rauch, Greg Sheehan, Chris Nolin, Janine Velasco, Paul Souza, Gregory Sheehan, Cynthia Martinez, Stephen Guertin, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Georgia Basso, Bud Cribley

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Denise Flanagan, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Tim Radtke, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Margaret Treadway, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Rebecca Matulka, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Larry Gillick, Joshua Nadas, Brian Hall, Jim Kurth, Natalie Sexton

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Jason Goldberg, Tim Radtke, Douglas Glenn, Pamela Barkin, Denise Flanagan, David Garcia, WatchOffice DOI, Brian Hall, Joshua Mahan, Craig Lasser, Matthew Costello, Harry Humbert, Micah Chambers, Joshua Nadas, Terrell Leonard, Rinda Tisdale, Robert Garbe, Peter Sauve, Patricia Bright, Natalie Sexton, Rebecca Matulka, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, John Holmes, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Martin Pursley, Larry Gillick, Bruce Downs, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Kate Sawyer, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Kaprice Tucker, Dennis Bosak, Robert Smith, Margaret Treadway, Jim Kurth, Joy Buhler, Scott Bodet, Marie Peppler, Darren Cruzan

Tue Sep 5, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who:
Stephen Guertin, Gregory Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 -9/6

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

9am Coordination

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

10am Meeting on Diversity Program: Jim/Inez -Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth

10:30am

Phone call: Jim/Mike Oetker and Shaun Sanchez (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]**) - Rm 3359**
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Laura Maloof, Michael Oetker, Shaun Sanchez

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
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Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) , (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Charisa) Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP , Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gregory Sheehan, Casey Hammond, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6)

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Robert Garbe, Harry Humbert, Joshua Nadas, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Darren Cruzan, Martin Pursley, Craig Lasser, Denise Flanagan, Dennis Bosak, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Kaprice Tucker, Terrell Leonard, David Garcia, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Joshua Mahan, Jason Goldberg, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Kate Sawyer, Brian Hall, Matthew Costello, Peter Sauve, Robert Smith, Marie Peppler, Larry Gillick, Micah Chambers, Pamela Barkin, Bruce Downs, Douglas Glenn, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Kristin Young, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Tim Radtke, Margaret Treadway, Laura Kidwell, Patricia Bright, John Holmes, Joy Buhler, Rebecca Matulka, Jim Kurth, Natalie Sexton, Scott Bodet, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Rinda Tisdale, WatchOffice DOI

2:15pm VTC - Hurricane Harvey response
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3038
Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Chris Wilcox, Henry Schlitzer, Paul Souza, Robert Garfinkel, Jim Kurth, Terrina Harford, Kashif Askari, FWS Directorate & Deputies, FWS Directorate Secretaries, Charisa Morris, Clayton McBride, Michael Gale, (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP
Only)

2:15pm VTC - Hurricane Harvey response
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who:
Chris Wilcox, FWS Directorate Secretaries, Jim Kurth, Henry Schlitzer, Terrina Harford, Robert Garfinkel, Greg Sheehan, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Kashif Askari, Michael Gale, Clayton McBride

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:15pm VTC - Hurricane Harvey response update

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Scott Hommel, Michael Reynolds, Gary Lawkowski, Maureen Foster, Marshall Critchfield, Bob Vogel, Rick Obernesser, Tasha Robbins, Downey Magallanes, Aurelia Skipwith, James Voyles John Tanner, Stephen Guertin, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Lena McDowall, Katie Mills, John Bockmier, Matthew Dermody, Casey Stemler, Gareth Rees, Janice DeSordi, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Todd Willens, Richard Goeken, Greg Sheehan, Thomas Irwin, David Bernhardt, Todd Wynn, Gregory Sheehan, Susan Combs, James Cason, Charisa Morris, Christine Powell

5pm (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Wed Sep 6, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who:
Stephen Guertin, Gregory Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 -9/6

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

9am

[Cynthia M. to attend for Jim] Meeting: Jim Kurth, Kristen Miller and Lynda Weiss-Alaska Wilderness League and Jenny Keatinge-Defenders of Wildlife & Desiree Groves - NWRA - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Kristen Miller, Jim Kurth, Cynthia Martinez, Desiree Sorenson-Groves

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
Jim Kurth, Larry Gillick, Margaret Treadway, Denise Flanagan, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Natalie Sexton, Joshua Nadas, Rebecca Matulka, Brian Hall, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Tim Radtke

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Harry Humbert, Pamela Barkin, Jim Kurth, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Tim Radtke, Joshua Nadas, Brian Hall, Douglas Glenn, Jimmy Gibson Jr., David Garcia, Darren Cruzan, Rinda Tisdale, Scott Bodet, Micah Chambers, Natalie Sexton, Rebecca Matulka, Blake Deeley, Terrell Leonard, Marie Peppler, Margaret Treadway, Bruce Downs, Robert Smith, Craig Lasser, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Jason Goldberg, Joy Buhler, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, John Holmes, Robert Garbe, Joshua Mahan, Kaprice Tucker, Larry Gillick, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Dennis Bosak, Patricia Bright, Kate Sawyer, Matthew Costello, WatchOffice DOI, Denise Flanagan, Peter Sauve, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Martin Pursley

Thu Sep 7, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who:
Stephen Guertin, Gregory Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

10am

Briefing for FWS FY19 OMB Budget Briefing (Greg, Steve, Jim, Chris Nolin) Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Chris Nolin

11:30am DOI Regional Point of Contact for Harvey Recovery Activities

Calendar: Bryan Arroyo
Created by: Lajuan Randolph
Who:
Terrina Harford, Jennifer Wellock, Bob Vogel, Bryan Arroyo, Lena McDowall, Thomas Irwin, F Hitchcock, Jim Kurth, Jeanette Harriz, Janice DeSordi

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Peg Romanik, Wendy Fink, Jim Kurth, Benjamin Jesup

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
Natalie Sexton, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Larry Gillick, Denise Flanagan, Margaret Treadway, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Tim Radtke, Joshua Nadas, Brian Hall, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Rebecca Matulka, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Matthew Costello, Margaret Treadway, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Dennis Bosak, Brian Hall, Patricia Bright, Robert Garbe, Jason Goldberg, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, John Holmes, Joshua Mahan, WatchOffice DOI, Tim Radtke, Jim Kurth, Joy Buhler, Jimmy Gibson Jr., DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Micah Chambers, Martin Pursley, Peter Sauve, Douglas Glenn, Kate Sawyer, Robert Smith, Natalie Sexton, Pamela Barkin, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Darren Cruzan, Larry Gillick, Denise Flanagan, David Garcia, Marie Peppler, Harry Humbert, Craig Lasser, Bruce Downs, Rebecca Matulka, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Rinda Tisdale, Kaprice Tucker, Scott Bodet, Joshua Nadas, Terrell Leonard

Fri Sep 8, 2017

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/1 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

All day Roslyn, Leave 9/4 - 9/8

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who:
Stephen Guertin, Gregory Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

11am

To meet w/Wyoming County Officials - Conference room 2023 - main corridor
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: conference room 2023 - main corridor
Calendar: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Aurelia Skipwith, Tasha Robbins, Roslyn Sellars, Cynthia Moses-Nedd, Thomas Irwin, Thomas Garcia

12pm Lunch with Natalie Sexton

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
Margaret Treadway, Larry Gillick, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Brian Hall, Rebecca Matulka, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Jim Kurth, Denise Flanagan, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Tim Radtke, Joshua Nadas, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Natalie Sexton

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Natalie Sexton, Pamela Barkin, Kate Sawyer, Joy Buhler, David Garcia, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Patricia Bright, Robert Garbe, Matthew Costello, Bruce Downs, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Robert Smith, Peter Sauve, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Terrell Leonard, Larry Gillick, Rebecca Matulka, Tim Radtke, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Martin Pursley, Craig Lasser, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Margaret Treadway, Joshua Mahan, Marie Peppler, WatchOffice DOI, Scott Bodet, Darren Cruzan, John Holmes, Micah Chambers, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Douglas Glenn, Harry Humbert, Joshua Nadas, Dennis Bosak, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Jason Goldberg, Kaprice Tucker, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Jim Kurth, Rinda Tisdale, Brian Hall, Denise Flanagan

Sat Sep 9, 2017

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
Margaret Treadway, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Natalie Sexton, Larry Gillick, Joshua Nadas, Rebecca Matulka, Denise Flanagan, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Jim Kurth, Tim Radtke, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Brian Hall, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Joy Buhler, Douglas Glenn, Patricia Bright, Martin Pursley, Brian Hall, Bruce Downs, Rebecca Matulka, Matthew Costello, Dennis Bosak, Jim Kurth, Natalie Sexton, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Kate Sawyer, Marie Peppler, Larry Gillick, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Robert Smith, Joshua Nadas, Margaret Treadway, Harry Humbert, Rinda Tisdale, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, WatchOffice DOI, Joshua Mahan, Peter Sauve, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Scott Bodet, David Garcia, Terrell Leonard, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Pamela Barkin, Robert Garbe, Craig Lasser, John Holmes, Micah Chambers, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Darren Cruzan, Kaprice Tucker, Tim Radtke, Jason Goldberg, Denise Flanagan

Sun Sep 10, 2017

All day TRAVEL: AFWA Meeting, Snowbird UT (9/10 - 9/13)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Snowbird, UT
Calendar: Jim Kurth

10:15am Flight UA485 IAD to ORD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Tim Radtke, Jim Kurth, Rebecca Matulka, Brian Hall, Natalie Sexton, Denise Flanagan, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Margaret Treadway, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Joshua Nadas, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Larry Gillick

1:29pm Flight UA521 ORD to SLC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Chicago, IL (ORD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Denise Flanagan, Matthew Costello, Joshua Nadas, Harry Humbert, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Bruce Downs, Natalie Sexton, Joshua Mahan, Scott Bodet, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Robert Garbe, Pamela Barkin, Patricia Bright, Jason Goldberg, Larry Gillick, Jim Kurth, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Margaret Treadway, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Micah Chambers, Kaprice Tucker, Rebecca Matulka, John Holmes, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Robert Smith, Joy Buhler, Brian Hall, WatchOffice DOI, Douglas Glenn, Terrell Leonard, Kate Sawyer, Darren Cruzan Rinda Tisdale, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Dennis Bosak, Craig Lasser, Peter Sauve, Tim Radtke, Marie Peppler, David Garcia, Martin Pursley

Mon Sep 11, 2017

All day TRAVEL: AFWA Meeting, Snowbird UT (9/10 - 9/13)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Snowbird, UT
Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Acting Director, Shaun Sanchez

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
Tim Radtke, Denise Flanagan, Brian Hall, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Larry Gillick, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Natalie Sexton, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Margaret Treadway, Jim Kurth, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Rebecca Matulka, Joshua Nadas, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Martin Pursley, Jason Goldberg, Larry Gillick, Rinda Tisdale, Rebecca Matulka, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Denise Flanagan, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Tim Radtke, Matthew Costello, Craig Lasser, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Pamela Barkin, WatchOffice DOI, Marie Peppler, Joy Buhler, John Holmes, Joshua Mahan, Brian Hall, Kate Sawyer, Patricia Bright, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Harry Humbert, David Garcia, Robert Garbe, Scott Bodet, Dennis Bosak, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Douglas Glenn, Robert Smith, Terrell Leonard, Joshua Nadas, Micah Chambers, Peter Sauve, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Bruce Downs, Natalie Sexton, Kaprice Tucker, Jim Kurth, Darren Cruzan, Margaret Treadway

7pm [5:00pm Mtn Time] AFWA Leadership Meeting - Snowbird Resort Wasatch Broom

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Snowbird Resort Wasatch B room
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Wendi Weber, Paul Rauch, Charles Wooley, Stephen Guertin, Cynthia Martinez, Michael Gale, Tom Melius, Matt Hogan, David Hoskins, Benjamin Tuggle, Robert Curry, Jim Kurth, Greg Siekaniec, Greg Sheehan, Amy Lueders, Charisa Morris, Karen Clark, Theresa Rabot, Jay Slack, Jerome Ford, Deborah Rocque, Noreen Walsh, Robyn Thorson, Gary Frazer

Tue Sep 12, 2017

All day TRAVEL: AFWA Meeting, Snowbird UT (9/10 - 9/13)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Snowbird, UT
Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Acting Director, Shaun Sanchez

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am

[8:00am Mtn Time] AFWA Leadership Meeting - Cirque Board Room, locatedon Level C of the Cliff Lodge

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Cirque Board Room, located on Level C of the Cliff Lodge
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Deborah Rocque, Robyn Thorson, Michael Gale, Charisa Morris, David Hoskins, Robert Curry, Benjamin Tuggle, Theresa Rabot, Jerome Ford, Wendi Weber, Gary Frazer, Jay Slack, Tom Melius, Amy Lueders, Greg Siekaniec, Charles Wooley, Noreen Walsh, Greg Sheehan, Karen Clark, Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth, Matt Hogan, Stephen Guertin, Cynthia Martinez

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Brian Hall, Natalie Sexton, Larry Gillick, Tim Radtke, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Denise Flanagan, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Joshua Nadas, Margaret Treadway, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Jim Kurth, Rebecca Matulka

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Martin Pursley, Larry Gillick, Harry Humbert, Rinda Tisdale, Jim Kurth, Robert Smith, Matthew Costello, Douglas Glenn, Pamela Barkin, Craig Lasser, Bruce Downs, John Holmes, Darren Cruzan, Denise Flanagan, Jason Goldberg, Joshua Nadas, Kate Sawyer, Kaprice Tucker, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Peter Sauve, Marie Peppler, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, David Garcia, Joshua Mahan, Margaret Treadway, Brian Hall, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Tim Radtke, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, WatchOffice DOI, Rebecca Matulka, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Dennis Bosak, Micah Chambers, Patricia Bright, Robert Garbe, Natalie Sexton, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Scott Bodet, Joy Buhler, Terrell Leonard

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Sep 13, 2017

All day TRAVEL: AFWA Meeting, Snowbird UT (9/10 - 9/13)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Snowbird, UT
Calendar: Jim Kurth

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Jim Kurth, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Natalie Sexton, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Brian Hall, Larry Gillick, Rebecca Matulka, Margaret Treadway, Tim Radtke, Joshua Nadas, Denise Flanagan

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Joshua Mahan, Kaprice Tucker, Pamela Barkin, Harry Humbert, Peter Sauve, Martin Pursley, Micah Chambers, Marie Peppler, Kate Sawyer, WatchOffice DOI, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Denise Flanagan, Patricia Bright, Darren Cruzan, Rebecca Matulka, Brian Hall, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Margaret Treadway, Tim Radtke, Matthew Costello, Douglas Glenn, John Holmes, Jim Kurth, Joy Buhler, Natalie Sexton, Rinda Tisdale, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Dennis Bosak, Larry Gillick, David Garcia, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Craig Lasser, Joshua Nadas, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Scott Bodet, Terrell Leonard, Bruce Downs, Robert Garbe, Jason Goldberg, Robert Smith

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Wanda Cantrell, Pamela Michalegko, Conni Conner, Monique Manning, Stacey Garcia, Acquanetta Reese, Nicole Tsugawa, Kathleen King, Henry Schlitzer, Jim Kurth, Xiomara Labiosa, Lillian Moore, Azuredee Perkins, Jesse Brent, Lynne Santos, Rose Reed, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Lois Wellman, JoAn Mundt, Sharon Showalter, Stephanie Potter, Kashif Askari, Marilyn Brower, Shelly Senior, Margaret Hardy, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Delores Bigby

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Sep 14, 2017

All day

Travel to Federal Duck Stamp award in Stevens Point, Wisconsin (Event is on 9/16)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
Brian Hall, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Joshua Nadas, Rebecca Matulka, Larry Gillick, Denise Flanagan, Jim Kurth, Tim Radtke, Margaret Treadway, Natalie Sexton, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Rinda Tisdale, Marie Peppler, Patricia Bright, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Robert Smith, Darren Cruzan, Joshua Nadas, WatchOffice DOI, Margaret Treadway, Kate Sawyer, Harry Humbert, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Dennis Bosak, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Martin Pursley, Scott Bodet, Micah Chambers, Peter Sauve, Joshua Mahan, Matthew Costello, Robert Garbe, Larry Gillick, Brian Hall, Rebecca Matulka, Tim Radtke, Kaprice Tucker, Terrell Leonard, Natalie Sexton, Bruce Downs, Craig Lasser, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Denise Flanagan, Joy Buhler, John Holmes, Jim Kurth, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, David Garcia, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Douglas Glenn, Pamela Barkin, Jason Goldberg, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead

2:12pm UA Flight 221 Departs IAD @ 2:21p.m.

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

5:10pm Flight UA5686 ORD to CWA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Chicago, IL (ORD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Fri Sep 15, 2017

All day

Travel to Federal Duck Stamp award in Stevens Point, Wisconsin (Event is on 9/16)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8am Labcorp

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Rebecca Matulka, Joshua Nadas, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Larry Gillick, Jim Kurth, Tim Radtke, Margaret Treadway, Brian Hall, Denise Flanagan, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Natalie Sexton

Sat Sep 16, 2017

All day

Travel to Federal Duck Stamp award in Stevens Point, Wisconsin (Event is on 9/16)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
Larry Gillick, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Jim Kurth, Tim Radtke, Denise Flanagan, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Rebecca Matulka, Joshua Nadas, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Natalie Sexton, Margaret Treadway, Brian Hall

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:54pm Flight UA5313 CWA to ORD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Wausau, WI (CWA)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

7pm Flight UA225 ORD to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Chicago, IL (ORD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Sun Sep 17, 2017

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
Joshua Nadas, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Tim Radtke, Natalie Sexton, Larry Gillick, Rebecca Matulka, Denise Flanagan, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Jim Kurth, Brian Hall, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Margaret Treadway

Mon Sep 18, 2017

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edward Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
Natalie Sexton, Larry Gillick, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Margaret Treadway, Rebecca Matulka, Tim Radtke, Jim Kurth, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Brian Hall, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Joshua Nadas, Denise Flanagan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm Phone call w/Phyllis P Edmonds (Phyllis will call (202) 208-4545) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: pedmonds7, Jim Kurth

4:30pm Phone call re: Ethics Issues (Jim/Anne Badgley) - Anne to call 208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Anne Badgley, Jim Kurth

Tue Sep 19, 2017

10am Senior Executive Emergency Management Council Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Conference Room 3447 (Teleconference (b) (5) CIP [redacted]; Access Code (b) (5) C P [redacted])
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jonathan Rosen
Who:
jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Sylvia Burns, Deborah Hartley, Mary Pletcher, Walter Cruickshank, Douglas Glenn, Lisa Branum, Michele Singer, Matthew Costello, Megan Olsen, Rick Obernesser, Karis Graham, bmuller@usbr.gov, Roderick Anderson, James Gallagher, Edward Keable, Michaela Noble, William Leith, Louis Rowe, Stephen Guertin, Shayla Simmons, BOEM Director Calendar, Karen Knight, Bruce Downs, Ted Woronka, Brent Range, James Anderton, Juanita Mendoza, Harry Humbert, James Anderson, Darren Cruzan, Timothy Wight, Laura Rigas, Charles Addington, Tammy Bagley, Mark Bathrick, Richard Farr, Jason Thompson, Shawn Buckner, Anzanette Randall, Joe Nassar, James Delp, Stephen Hardgrove, Jerold Gidner, Debra Sonderman, juanita.mendoza@bie.edu, Robert Maclean, David Applegate, Juliette Lillie, Glenda Owens, Shayla Simmons, Karen Senhadji, Denise Flanagan, Raymond Limon, Jim Kurth, Nikolao Pula, Kaiini Kalo Bryan Rice, Scott Mabry

11:30am
Debrief: (Jim and Scott A.) to discuss recent "train the trainer" session - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Scott Aikin, Jim Kurth, January Johnson

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
Brian Hall, Larry Gillick, Rebecca Matulka, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Tim Radtke, Denise Flanagan, Jim Kurth, Joshua Nadas, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Natalie Sexton, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Margaret Treadway, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Rebekah Giddings, Denise Sanchez, John Schmerfeld, Jerome Ford, Jody Holzworth, Azuredee Perkins, Gloria Bell, Pamela Michalegko, Amy Lueders, Michael Oetker, Eugene Sivigny, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Cynthia Martinez, Wendi Weber, Theresa Rabot, Thomas Irwin, David Hoskins, Anne Badgley, Paul Rauch, Conni Conner, Janine Velasco, Shelley Hartmann, Kathleen King, Deborah Rocque, Robyn Thorson, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Janine Velasco, Henry Schlitzer, Clayton McBride, Greg Siekaniec, Larry Rabin, Edward Grace, Wanda Cantrell, Gina Shultz, Delores Bigby, Virginia Takang, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Matt Hogan, Karen Clark, Paul Souza, Tom Melius, Shaun Sanchez, Nicole Tsugawa, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Jim Willis, Chris Jensen, Denise Thompson, Lois Wellman, Benjamin Tuggle, Acquanetta Reese, Matthew Huggler, Kenneth Taylor, Roslyn Sellars, Stacey Garcia, Shelly Senior, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Robert Curry, Joy Nicholopoulos, Denise Sheehan, JoAn Mundt, Tauline Davis, Brian Bloodsworth, Charisa Morris, Charles Wooley, Jesse Brent, Jay Slack, Stephanie Potter, Gregory Sheehan, john_tramack@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Robert Garfinkel, Seth Mott, Noreen Walsh, Mike Johnson, Margaret Hardy, Lori Mendoza, Barbara Wainman, Michael Gale, Gary Frazer

2pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] code (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
Greg Siekaniec, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, JoAn Mundt, veronica_barrientos@fws.gov, Tom Melius, Kenneth Taylor, Jim Kurth, Gloria Bell, David Hoskins, Denise Thompson, Denise Sheehan, Pamela Michalegko, Stephen Guertin, Michael Oetker, Margaret Hardy, Henry Schlitzer Deborah Rocque, Wendi Weber, Paul Souza, Seth Mott, Chris Jensen, Eugene Sivigny, Nicole Tsugawa, Charles Wooley, Matt Hogan, Charisa Morris, (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Only), Greg Sheehan, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Delores Bigby, Barbara Wainman, Shelley Hartmann, Denise Sanchez, Virginia Takang, Jody Holzworth, Clayton McBride, Wanda Cantrell, Thomas Irwin, Mike Johnson, Janine Velasco, Roslyn Sellars, Noreen Walsh, Theresa Rabot, Jim Willis, Michael Gale, Robyn Thorson, Karen Clark, Shaun Sanchez, John Schmerfeld, Robert Curry, Cynthia Martinez, Jerome Ford, Gregory Sheehan, Shelly Senior, Tauline Davis, Rebekah Giddings, Benjamin Tuggle, Stacey Garcia, Stephanie Potter, Gary Frazer, john_tramack@fws.gov, Larry Rabin, Jesse Brent, Amy Lueders, Matthew Huggler, Azuredee Perkins, Brian Bloodsworth, Kathleen King, Anne Badgley, Jay Slack, Joy Nicholopoulos, Gina Shultz, Paul Rauch, Lois Wellman, Acquanetta Reese, Janine Velasco, Edward Grace, Robert Garfinkel, Lori Mendoza, Conni Conner

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

3:30pm Meeting: Jim Kurth/Sue Wilkinson - Rm 3359-MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Charisa Morris, Susan Wilkinson, Jim Kurth

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Gary Lawkowski, Rick Obernesser, Katie Mills, Richard Goeken, David Bernhardt, Thomas Irwin, Gareth Rees, Charisa Morris, Casey Stemler, Todd Willens, Greg Sheehan, John Tanner, Christine Powell, Roslyn Sellars, Janice DeSordi, Lena McDowall, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Matthew Dermody, Susan Combs, Scott Hommel, Bob Vogel, James Voyles, Michael Reynolds, Jim Kurth, James Cason, Tasha Robbins, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Downey Magallanes, Marshall Critchfield, Todd Wynn, John Bockmier, Stephen Guertin, Gregory Sheehan

Wed Sep 20, 2017

All day On Travel: Ohio trip (Out of Office 9/20 - 9/26)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Denise Flanagan, Jim Kurth, Rebecca Matulka, Larry Gillick, Natalie Sexton, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Brian Hall, Tim Radtke, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Margaret Treadway, Joshua Nadas, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm

[To be rescheduled] Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Inez Uhl

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Rinda Tisdale, Craig Lasser, Darren Cruzan, Margaret Treadway, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Douglas Glenn, Peter Sauve, Larry Gillick, Terrell Leonard, Shelley Hartmann, Jason Goldberg, Natalie Sexton, Matthew Costello, Harry Humbert, Scott Bodet, Robert Garbe, Micah Chambers, Pamela Barkin, John Holmes, David Garcia, Elaine Bond, Kate Sawyer, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, WatchOffice DOI, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Patricia Bright, Robert Smith, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Denise Flanagan, Kaprice Tucker, Joshua Mahan, Joy Buhler, Martin Pursley, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Jim Kurth, Dennis Bosak, Rebecca Matulka, Tim Radtke, Marie Peppler, Matt Derosier, Bruce Downs, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Christopher Lawson, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov

Thu Sep 21, 2017

All day On Travel: Ohio trip (Out of Office 9/20 - 9/26)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
Brian Hall, Larry Gillick, Jim Kurth, Natalie Sexton, Rebecca Matulka, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Denise Flanagan, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Joshua Nadas, Margaret Treadway, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Tim Radtke

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Natalie Sexton, Kate Sawyer, Peter Sauve, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Matthew Costello, Rinda Tisdale, Patricia Bright, Larry Gillick, Rebecca Matulka, Robert Garbe, Robert Smith, Joy Buhler, Douglas Glenn, WatchOffice DOI, Jason Goldberg, Tim Radtke, Joshua Nadas, Scott Bodet, Craig Lasser, Margaret Treadway, David Garcia, Brian Hall, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Darren Cruzan, Denise Flanagan, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Terrell Leonard, Pamela Barkin, Bruce Downs, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Joshua Mahan, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Marie Peppler, Micah Chambers, Jim Kurth, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, John Holmes, Kaprice Tucker, Harry Humbert, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Dennis Bosak, Martin Pursley

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
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Fri Sep 22, 2017

All day On Travel: Ohio trip (Out of Office 9/20 - 9/26)

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Calendar: Jim Kurth

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
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Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
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Who:
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Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

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Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
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Who:
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3pm ABMO Issues (Greg, Janine, Brian, Michael Sciortino, Keri James) - Rm 3358

Video call:
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Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Brian Bloodsworth, Janine Velasco, Pamela Michalegko, Greg Sheehan, keri_james@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Michael Sciortino

Sat Sep 23, 2017

All day On Travel: Ohio trip (Out of Office 9/20 - 9/26)

Video call:
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Calendar: Jim Kurth

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
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Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
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Who:
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Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

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Who:
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Sun Sep 24, 2017

All day On Travel: Ohio trip (Out of Office 9/20 - 9/26)

Video call:
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Calendar: Jim Kurth

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
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1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
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Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Mon Sep 25, 2017

All day On Travel: Ohio trip (Out of Office 9/20 - 9/26)

Video call:
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Calendar: Jim Kurth

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
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Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edward Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
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Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
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Who:
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1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

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Tue Sep 26, 2017

All day On Travel: Ohio trip (Out of Office 9/20 - 9/26)

Video call:
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Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
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Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
Tim Radtke, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Joshua Nadas, Denise Flanagan, Jim Kurth, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Natalie Sexton, Larry Gillick, Brian Hall, Margaret Treadway, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Rebecca Matulka, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

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Who:
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1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

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Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
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Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Wed Sep 27, 2017

10am Meeting (Jim and Sue Wilkinson) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Susan Wilkinson, Jim Kurth

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
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Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
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Who:
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1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

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Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
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Who:
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Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm NISC with Jim Kurth (Scott will call Jim on 208-4545)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Scott Cameron
Created by: Jean Parrish
Who: Thomas Irwin, Jim Kurth, Scott Cameron

3pm

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Where: Room 3144 - (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Aurelia Skipwith
Created by: Thomas Garcia
Who:
Thomas Irwin, Lois Wellman, Aurelia Skipwith, Thomas Garcia, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Eric Hein, Rollie White, Eric Rickerson, Rose Reed, Robyn Thorson, Theresa Rabot Brad Thompson

Thu Sep 28, 2017

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
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Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
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Who:
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Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

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2:30pm

Meeting (Jim, Gary, Cynthia and Alan Mintz) on NWR and ESA matters - Rm 3359

Video call:
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Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Gary Frazer, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez, Alan Mintz, Jim Kurth, Azuredee Perkins, Lois Wellman

3pm Meeting (Greg, Jim and Inez Uhl) on Diversity Program - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Lisa Danaceau, Greg Sheehan, Inez Uhl

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Sep 29, 2017

9am

Phone call (Jim and Mike Oetker) to discuss the Secretary's upcoming visit to R4 (Mike should call (202) 208-4545
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Laura Maloof, Michael Oetker

10:30am

Meeting (Greg, Jim, Steve, Cynthia M. and Shaun S.) on Access Positions - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Cynthia Martinez, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Shaun Sanchez

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
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Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
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Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
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1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

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Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm

Meeting (Jim Kurth and Danielle Chesky) to discuss binational wildlife management - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: danielle.chesky@international.gc.ca, Jim Kurth

3pm

Foreign Travel Packages Discussion (For Greg's 10/2 Meeting with Todd)--- Greg, Jim, Steve, Charisa - Rm 3359

Video call:
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Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

Sat Sep 30, 2017

12:30pm FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
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Where: IOC Conference Room 3447 / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] PIN (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
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1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

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Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Sun Oct 1, 2017

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) C P Passcode: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Christopher Lawson, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Natalie Sexton, Elaine Bond, Jason Goldberg, Rebecca Matulka, Marie Peppler, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Kate Sawyer, WatchOffice DOI, Robert Smith, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Joy Buhler, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Kaprice Tucker, Bruce Downs, Patricia Bright, Scott Bodet, Jimmy Gibson Jr., DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Harry Humbert, Micah Chambers, Robert Garbe, Jim Kurth, John Holmes, David Garcia, Rinda Tisdale, Darren Cruzan, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Matt Derosier, Tim Radtke, Craig Lasser, Dennis Bosak, Shelley Hartmann, Martin Pursley, Peter Sauve, Denise Flanagan, Larry Gillick, Margaret Treadway, Douglas Glenn, Pamela Barkin, Matthew Costello, Terrell Leonard, Joshua Mahan

Mon Oct 2, 2017

9:30am Meeting: Greg, Jim, Steve, Bud - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Bud Cribley, Michael Gale, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

10am DFP 2018 (Jim, Jessie Cheek) Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edward Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) , (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Charisa) Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP , Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Casey Hammond, Jim Kurth, Gregory Sheehan, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6)

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Christopher Lawson, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Matthew Costello, Craig Lasser, Robert Smith, Margaret Treadway, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Joy Buhler, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Martin Pursley, Denise Flanagan, Harry Humbert, Jason Goldberg, Elaine Bond, John Holmes, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Rebecca Matulka, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Pamela Barkin, WatchOffice DOI, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Bruce Downs, Patricia Bright, Dennis Bosak, Natalie Sexton, Kate Sawyer, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Kaprice Tucker, Douglas Glenn, Larry Gillick, Jim Kurth, Joshua Mahan, Terrell Leonard, Tim Radtke, Darren Cruzan, Micah Chambers, Rinda Tisdale, Marie Peppler, Shelley Hartmann, David Garcia, Peter Sauve, Matt Derosier, Scott Bodet, Robert Garbe

4pm FWS Foreign Travel discussion

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference room - 3144
Calendar: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Roslyn Sellars, Maureen Foster, Catherine Gulac, Thomas Irwin, Todd Willens, Jason Larrabee, Tasha Robbins, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

Tue Oct 3, 2017

All day

Private Lands Day - Bangor, ME (10/4 - 10/5)-- Flight departs Dulles 8:15a on 10/3
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Bangor, ME 04401, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:15am Flight UA1472 IAD to EWR

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10:25am Flight UA3442 EWR to BGR

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing New York/Newark, NJ (EWR)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Rebecca Matulka, Joy Buhler, Jimmy Gibson Jr., DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Kate Sawyer, Elaine Bond, Dennis Bosak, Natalie Sexton, Douglas Glenn, Bruce Downs, Shelley Hartmann, Robert Smith, David Garcia, Joshua Mahan, Patricia Bright, Micah Chambers, Jim Kurth, Larry Gillick, Craig Lasser, Darren Cruzan, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Martin Pursley, Kaprice Tucker, Christopher Lawson, Scott Bodet, Pamela Barkin, Matt Derosier, Terrell Leonard, Peter Sauve, Margaret Treadway, Matthew Costello, Jason Goldberg, Rinda Tisdale, John Holmes, Denise Flanagan, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Robert Garbe, WatchOffice DOI, Tim Radtke, Marie Peppler, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Harry Humbert

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Lena McDowall, Gareth Rees, Stephen Guertin, Susan Combs, Roslyn Sellars, Greg Sheehan, Bob Vogel, Thomas Irwin, Maureen Foster, Gregory Sheehan, Katie Mills, Richard Goeken, John Bockmier, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, David Bernhardt, Jim Kurth, Rick Obernesser, Scott Hommel, Casey Stemler, Downey Magallanes, Michael Reynolds, Charisa Morris, James Voyles, Marshall Critchfield, Tasha Robbins, John Tanner, Janice DeSordi, Todd Willens, Christine Powell, Gary Lawkowski, James Cason, Todd Wynn, Matthew Dermody, Aurelia Skipwith

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Oct 4, 2017

All day

Private Lands Day - Bangor, ME (10/4 - 10/5)-- Flight departs Dulles 8: 15a on 10/3
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Bangor, ME 04401, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9am Impacted Employee Support Planning Team

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room or (b) (5) C P [redacted] PIN: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: John Juskie
Who:
Kaprice Tucker, Holly Weyers, Rebekah Giddings, Sara Hemmer, Kristin Young, Cecilia King, WatchOffice DOI, Ellen Bliss, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Armando Galindo, Jim Kurth, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Martin Pursley, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Rod Bloms, David Schuller, John Juskie

3pm

Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting/Conference call (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul)
Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **- Room 3359**
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth, Jessie Cheek, Inez Uhl

Thu Oct 5, 2017

All day

Private Lands Day - Bangor, ME (10/4 - 10/5)-- Flight departs Dulles 8: 15a on 10/3
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Bangor, ME 04401, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri Oct 6, 2017

All day

Private Lands Day - Bangor, ME (10/4 - 10/5)-- Flight departs Dulles 8: 15a on 10/3
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Bangor, ME 04401, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

12:39pm Flight UA3410 BGR to EWR

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Bangor, ME (BGR)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm

Briefing (Greg, Jim, NWRS and Reg 1) on Tern Island (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]) - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Matthew Brown, Samantha Brooke, Cynthia Martinez, Azuredee Perkins, Kim Trust, Shannon Smith, Shaun Sanchez, Jim Kurth, Pete Leary, Kevin Foerster, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Robert Miller, Greg Sheehan

1:30pm EMC Meeting - Hurricane Harvey and Irma

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: IOC Conference Room / Conference Line (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Kevin Misenheimer
Who:
Joshua Mahan, fema-nrcc-doi@fema.dhs.gov, Natalie Sexton, Darren Cruzan, Rebecca Matulka, David Garcia, Elaine Bond, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, Shelley Hartmann, John Holmes, Craig Lasser, Matt Derosier, Jim Kurth, WatchOffice DOI, Pamela Barkin, Rinda Tisdale, Patricia Bright, Jason Goldberg, Kaprice Tucker, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, Marie Peppler, Margaret Treadway Martin Pursley, Denise Flanagan, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Robert Garbe, Tim Radtke, Matthew Costello, Joy Buhler, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Kate Sawyer, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Harry Humbert, Bruce Downs, Micah Chambers, Douglas Glenn, Dennis Bosak, Scott Bodet, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Larry Gillick, Terrell Leonard, Robert Smith, Jimmy Gibson Jr., Peter Sauve, Christopher Lawson

2pm Fish and Wildlife Service Budget Briefing w/PDAS, Jason Larrabee

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP conference room - 3144
Calendar: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jason Larrabee, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Chris Nolin, Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Irwin, Tasha Robbins

3:05pm Flight UA1992 EWR to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing New York/Newark, NJ (EWR)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Sun Oct 8, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Tue Oct 10, 2017

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (10/10)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth
Going? Yes

10am Phone Interview re: Midway (Jim Kurth, Phyllis Edmonds)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Ms. Edmonds will dial 202-208-4545
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: pedmonds7, Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Wed Oct 11, 2017

All day TRAVEL: NWRA Board meeting - Onalaska, Wisconsin

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9:30am TRAVEL: To Rayburn HOB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am Refuge Expo - Rayburn HOB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus and the Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2pm TRAVEL: Rtn to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Wanda Cantrell, Pamela Michalegko, Conni Conner, Monique Manning, Stacey Garcia, Acquanetta Reese, Nicole Tsugawa, Kathleen King, Henry Schlitzer, Jim Kurth, Xiomara Labiosa, Lillian Moore, Azuredee Perkins, Jesse Brent, Lynne Santos, Rose Reed, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Lois Wellman, JoAn Mundt, Sharon Showalter, Stephanie Potter, Kashif Askari, Marilyn Brower, Shelly Senior, Margaret Hardy, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Delores Bigby

3:30pm REMINDER: United Flight 511 Departs Dulles at 6:05p.m.

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Oct 12, 2017

All day TRAVEL: NWRA Board meeting - Onalaska, Wisconsin

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Wendy Fink, Benjamin Jesup

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Oct 13, 2017

All day TRAVEL: NWRA Board meeting - Onalaska, Wisconsin

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Oct 16, 2017

7:30am TRAVEL: To NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9:30am

SPEAKING at "Conversation with a Deputy Director" for Refuge MgmtAcademy at NCTC - Room 201 I-East

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am TRAVEL: To MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Zachariah Gambill, Paul Souza, Brian Bloodsworth, Cynthia Martinez, Denise Sheehan, Kenneth Taylor, Barbara Wainman, Seth Mott, Gary Frazer, Stephen Guertin, Paul Rauch, Maureen Foster, Jerome Ford, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, David Hoskins, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Bud Cribley, Edward Grace, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Chris Nolin, Georgia Basso, Gregory Sheehan, Casey Hammond

Tue Oct 17, 2017

9am Midway Atoll Meeting (Aurelia, Greg, Jim Kurth, Jim Noone & JimD'Angelo of Mercury)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3144
Calendar: Aurelia Skipwith
Created by: Thomas Garcia
Who:
Thomas Irwin, Jim Kurth, Aurelia Skipwith, Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Garcia, Greg Sheehan, jnoone@mercuryllc.com

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am

Phone call (Jim and Susan Holmes, Policy Director, Wildlands Network) role of wildlife corridors in protecting biodiversity (Susan will call (202) 208-4545)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: susan@wildlandsnetwork.org, Jim Kurth

10:30am

Conference call (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul) to discuss agenda Item for Director's Meeting (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **- Rm 3359**
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] passcode (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jessie Cheek
Who: Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Thomas Irwin, Inez Uhl, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek

11am

Meeting on Enhanced Findings on 3 Species (Downey Magallanes, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Scott Hommel) Rm 6136
Where: Room 6136
Calendar: Downey Magallanes
Created by: Timothy Nigborowicz
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Elinor Werner, Thomas Irwin, Scott Hommel, Greg Sheehan

1pm

Conference Call (Jim, Inez and Regional Chiefs) Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], **Passcode:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **- Rm 3359**
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Lisa Danaceau, Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Bob Vogel, Tasha Robbins, Marshall Critchfield, Lisa Mendelson, Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars, Katie Mills, Matthew Dermody, Todd Willens, Casey Stemler, Charisa Morris, Gregory Sheehan, Susan Combs, Scott Hommel, Christine Powell, Greg Sheehan, Downey Magallanes, Michael Reynolds, Aurelia Skipwith, Lena McDowall, John Bockmier, Thomas Irwin, James Voyles, John Tanner, James Cason, Maureen Foster, Rick Obernesser, Jim Kurth, Todd Wynn, Richard Goeken, Janice DeSordi, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Gareth Rees, Gary Lawkowski, David Bernhardt

Wed Oct 18, 2017

All day Jim: FWS Retirees 20th Anniversary Event - NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm Greg Speaking Event: Science ARD Meeting - Rm 3038 (POC: Seth Mott)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Steve Delehanty, Seth Mott, Benjamin Tuggle

3pm Travel to NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Thu Oct 19, 2017

All day Jim: FWS Retirees 20th Anniversary Event - NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

9am Speaking Event: FWS Retirees Event - NCTC, Roosevelt Room

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: NCTC Roosevelt Room
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10:30am Vidyo Conference - Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan

Where: Greg while at NCTC, Jay Slack's Conf. Room, 256 Instructional West-2nd floor
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Noreen Walsh, Stacey Garcia, Seth Willey, Henry Schlitzer, Clayton McBride, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Don Morgan, Sherry Barrett, Amy Lueders, Gary Frazer, Ted Koch, Joy Nicholopoulos, Gerardo Gajeton, Jim Kurth, Lois Wellman, Everett Justice

Fri Oct 20, 2017

All day Jim: FWS Retirees 20th Anniversary Event - NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8:30am Return from NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Oct 23, 2017

11:15am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Casey Hammond, Gary Frazer, bryan_arroyo@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edward Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill

Tue Oct 24, 2017

10am Secretary's Bat Week Event

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Courtyard adjacent to the Bison Bistro in the Main Interior Building. If there is inclement weather, the event will be in the Bison Bistro.
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Zachariah Gambill, Charisa Morris, Michael Gale, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm Performance Review (Jim/Anne Badgley)--Anne to call 208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Anne Badgley, Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Catherine Gulac, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift

4pm

Phone call (Jim and Inez) to discuss EEO (Inez should call 208-4545 and transferred to Jim's office) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Lisa Danaceau, Jim Kurth

Wed Oct 25, 2017

8am Phone call: Jim/Inez--Inez to call 208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth

11am

Meeting/Call re: Hiring waiver packages (Steve, Jim, Michael Gale, Rebekah Giddings or Jessie Cheek) POC: Michael Gale

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Michael Gale, Rebekah Giddings, Jessie Cheek, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Oct 26, 2017

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Benjamin Jesup, Jim Kurth, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris

3pm Update on Puerto Rico

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 5160
Calendar: Douglas Domenech
Created by: Shirley Lewis
Who:
Jim Kurth, Lisa Branum, mario.a.loyola@ceq.eop.gov, Michaela Noble, Greg Sheehan, Christopher Weaver, David Mihalic, Harry Humbert, Pedro Meléndez-arreaga, Casey Hammond, Bryan Arroyo, Ryan Nichols, Douglas Domenech, Jason Larrabee, Nikolao Pula, Marshall Critchfield, Michael Reynolds, Micah Chambers, Maria Lurie, Scott Cameron, Todd Willens, Gregory Sheehan

Fri Oct 27, 2017

All day Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

10:30am Pre-Briefing for meeting with Jason Larrabee on Service Regulations Committee - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Delores Bigby, brad_bortner@fws.gov, Ken Richkus, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Jerome Ford

Sat Oct 28, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Sun Oct 29, 2017

2:12pm Flight UA498 ORD to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Chicago, IL (ORD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Mon Oct 30, 2017

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edwarc Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

11am

[Per Cynthia, Keep for 10/30] Briefing on Status of Regional Hunt Fish Chiefs/HQ Coordination Efforts (Cynthia Martinez & Refuge Staff) - -Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) C P [redacted] **- Rm 3359**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Katherine Harrigan, Shaun Sanchez, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, Aaron Mize, Shannon Smith, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Xiomara Labiosa

11:30am

Joint Admin. Status Meeting (Steve, Janine Velasco and Brian Bloodsworth) - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Brian Bloodsworth, Pamela Michalegko, Jim Kurth, Janine Velasco, Denise Thompson

1pm

Barrier Analysis Meeting with Booz Allen Hamilton (Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek, Inez Uhl, Rickey Siggal, Julia Bumbaca, Hector Zarate, Nitin Bangera)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, bangera_nitin@bah.com, Inez Uhl, Paul Rauch, Julia Bumbaca, Jessie Cheek, Rickey Siggal, Hector Zarate, elizabeth_oms@fws.gov, Leopoldo Miranda, Rebekah Giddings

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Oct 31, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: Firefighter Memorial Dedication and Pulaski Award Ceremony - Titusville, FL
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am

Arctic NWR Hearing Preparation for Greg Sheehan - Murder Board - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Blake Deeley, Christopher Salotti, Martin Kodis, Downey Magallanes, Dominic Maione, Barbara Wainman, Amanda Kaster, Micah Chambers, Greg Sheehan, Bud Cribley, Jim Kurth

11am FEMA Inter-Agency VTC - Hurricane Harvey

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Who:
Tim Radtke, Jacquelynne (Jackie) Mead, Rebecca Matulka, DOI_CMS_EC02A_EMCoordinators, Jim Kurth, DOI_CMS_EC29_SILC, DOI_CMS_EC02B_EMCoordinatorsAlternates, Harry Humbert, DOI_CMS_EC12_NRFPlanners, DOI_CMS_EC02C_EMCExecutives, Larry Gillick, Kevin Misenheimer, Denise Flanagan

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Jason Larrabee, Wendy Fink, Tasha Robbins, Todd Willens, Heather Swift, Stephen Guertin, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Catherine Gulac, Aurelia Skipwith, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Richard Goeken, Maureen Foster, Marshall Critchfield, Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Irwin, Peg Romanik

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Marshall Critchfield, Roslyn Sellars, Katie Mills, Gregory Sheehan, John Tanner, Janice DeSordi, Richard Goeken, Thomas Irwin, Todd Willens, James Cason, Downey Magallanes, Rick Obernesser, Gareth Rees, Aurelia Skipwith, James Voyles, Maureen Foster, Christine Powell, John Bockmier, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, David Bernhardt, Matthew Dermody, Scott Hommel, Michael Reynolds, Susan Combs, Todd Wynn, Greg Sheehan, Gary Lawkowski, Jim Kurth, Lena McDowall, Bob Vogel, Casey Stemler, Lisa Mendelson, Stephen Guertin, Tasha Robbins, Charisa Morris

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

5:30pm REMINDER: United #419 Departs Dulles

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Wed Nov 1, 2017

All day

TRAVEL: Firefighter Memorial Dedication and Pulaski Award Ceremony - Titusville, FL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am

External Meeting - Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (Jim Cason, Jason Larrabee, Aurelia Skipwith, Kathleen Benedetto, Todd Willens, Michael Nedd)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 6120 or call (b) (5) C P [redacted], PC(b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

6:06pm REMINDER: United #208 Arrives Dulles

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Thu Nov 2, 2017

9:30am

WFLC Meeting (Robert Eaton to staff Jim) - USDA Whitten Building, Rm 104A

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Peg Romanik, Charisa Morris, Benjamin Jesup, Wendy Fink, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm Meet & Greet w/ FWS FEMP Award Winners

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWS Corridor at MIB
Calendar: Brian Bloodsworth
Who:
Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Janine Velasco, Berkeley Chatot, Thomas Irwin

Fri Nov 3, 2017

All day Roslyn - Out of Office (9a- 11a)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

7am TRAVEL: To NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9am

SPEAKER to Advanced Leadership Development Program (ALDP Cohort 16) - Auditorium

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am TRAVEL: To MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm

Meeting between Dept of the Navy/FWS/USGS re: Guam National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Memorandum of Agreement

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 1849 C Street NW, Room 3038, Wash., DC or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Margo Harris, Shaun Sanchez, Wendy Fink, Cynthia Martinez, (b) (6) [redacted] @navy.mil, William Werkheiser, (b) (6) [redacted] @navy.mil, Zachariah Gambill, (b) (6) [redacted] @navy.mil, Robyn Thorson, (b) (6) [redacted] @navy.mil, Jim Kurth, Theresa Rabot (b) (6) [redacted] @usmc.mil, (b) (6) [redacted] @navy.mil, Greg Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Mon Nov 6, 2017

All day Roslyn - Out of office all day (11/6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan
Going? Yes

9am Check in (Jim, Steve, Barbara, Brian, Janine, HR staff)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Janine Velasco, Jessie Cheek, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Denise Sheehan, Brian Bloodsworth, Matthew Huggler, Barbara Wainman, Rebekah Giddings, Stephen Guertin

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edwarc Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

11am

Meeting/Call (Steve, Jim, Jay/Jim and Rebekah) to discuss proposed NCTC reorganization with Director's Office - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359 (Jim's Office)
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Jim Willis, Stephen Guertin, Rebekah Giddings, Jay Slack, Jim Kurth

2pm

Meeting (Jim, Gary Frazer and Representatives from San Diego County, California) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Lois Wellman, lmkessler@vsadc.com

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Nov 7, 2017

1pm
Monthly Phone call re: Ethics Issues (Jim/Anne Badgley) - Anne to call 208-4545
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Anne Badgley, Jim Kurth

2pm
Meeting (Jim, Steve and Charisa) to discuss Directorate meeting and VTC agenda - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

2:30pm FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Zachariah Gambill, Todd Willens, Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Tasha Robbins, Jim Kurth, Barbara Wainman, Wendy Fink, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Richard Goeken, Peg Romanik, Maureen Foster, Aurelia Skipwith, Heather Swift, Jason Larrabee, Marshall Critchfield, Thomas Irwin, Catherine Gulac

Wed Nov 8, 2017

1pm Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul) - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch

2pm Meeting (Jim and Inez) complaint status - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Lisa Danaceau, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Wanda Cantrell, Pamela Michalegko, Conni Conner, Monique Manning, Stacey Garcia, Acquanetta Reese, Nicole Tsugawa, Kathleen King, Henry Schlitzer, Jim Kurth, Xiomara Labiosa, Lillian Moore, Azuredee Perkins, Jesse Brent, Lynne Santos, Rose Reed, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Lois Wellman, JoAn Mundt, Sharon Showalter, Stephanie Potter, Kashif Askari, Marilyn Brower, Shelly Senior, Margaret Hardy, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Delores Bigby

3:30pm REMINDER - the Operations Meeting on 11/14 - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Stephen Guertin

Thu Nov 9, 2017

9am

Briefing (Aurelia, Greg, Steve, David Hoskins and Reg 5) on Menhaden sportsmen - Rm 3144

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Aurelia Skipwith, Sherry White, Jason Larrabee, Virginia Takang, David Hoskins, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Thomas Garcia, Stephen Guertin

10:30am Meeting (Jim and Inez) complaint status - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Lisa Danaceau, Jim Kurth

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Benjamin Jesup, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Wendy Fink

12pm Annual FWS Office of the Director Sponsored Chili Cookoff - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm
Briefing (A/S FWP and FWS) on Space X (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P Passcode: (b) (5) CIP - Rm 3144
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: A/S FWP Conference 3144
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jody Holzworth, Gary Frazer, Wanda Cantrell, Zachariah Gambill, Steve Henry, Jim Kurth, Michael Gale, Aurelia Skipwith, Thomas Garcia, Charisa Morris, Paul Souza, Gina Shultz, Lois Wellman

Fri Nov 10, 2017

All day Veterans Day
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Who: Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

Sat Nov 11, 2017

10am check in (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: (Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Zachariah Gambill, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Jerome Ford, Casey Stemler, Barbara Wainman

Mon Nov 13, 2017

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Jerome Ford, Chris Nolin, Paul Rauch, Bud Cribley, Denise Sheehan, Aurelia Skipwith, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Seth Mott, Zachariah Gambill, Edward Grace, David Hoskins, Maureen Foster, Cynthia Martinez, Charisa Morris, Kenneth Taylor, Paul Souza, Barbara Wainman, Brian Bloodsworth, Gary Frazer

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Charisa) Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP, Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
(b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan

Tue Nov 14, 2017

8am LabCorp
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm

EOY Performance Review (Jim and Scott Aikin) Scott will be in-person - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Scott Aikin, Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Maureen Foster, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Marshall Critchfield, Aurelia Skipwith, Charisa Morris, Richard Goeken, Thomas Irwin, Jason Larrabee, Jim Kurth, Barbara Wainman, Zachariah Gambill, Heather Swift, Catherine Gulac, Tasha Robbins, Todd Willens, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3144
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Todd Willens, Marshall Critchfield, Roslyn Sellars, Gregory Sheehan, Greg Sheehan, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Jim Kurth, Tasha Robbins, Todd Wynn, John Bockmier, Janice DeSordi, Katie Mills, James Cason, Maureen Foster, Michael Reynolds, Charisa Morris, Christine Powell, Casey Stemler, Downey Magallanes, David Bernhardt, Gareth Rees, Thomas Irwin, Bob Vogel, Aurelia Skipwith, Matthew Dermody, Gary Lawkowski, Richard Goeken, Rick Obernesser, James Voyles, Lena McDowall, John Tanner, Susan Combs, Sue Masica, Stephen Guertin, Scott Hommel

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Nov 15, 2017

10:30am

Meeting with Regional Hunting and Fishing Chiefs (Jim, Steve, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez, Aaron Mize, Shannon Smith, Mitch Ellis, Laila Lienesch, Rob Larranaga, Deborah Beck, Kevin Lowry, Chris Dwyer, Otto Jose, Ryan Mollnow, Curt McCasland, Katherine Harrigan) Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
deborah_beck@fws.gov, Laila Lienesch, Chris Dwyer, curt_mccasland@fws.gov, Shaun Sanchez, Jim Kurth, Aaron Mize, Rob Larranaga, Katherine Harrigan, Cynthia Martinez, Otto Jose, Ryan Mollnow, Shannon Smith, Kevin Lowry, Mitch Ellis, Stephen Guertin

12:45pm Meeting: Jim Kurth/Jack Haugrud/Bud Cribley

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Kevin Haugrud, Jim Kurth, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Bud Cribley

1pm Directorate VTC re: Barrier Analysis (Presented by Inez Uhl)

Where: [Attachment Added] Room 3038
Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gloria Bell, Barbara Wainman, David Hoskins, Monique Manning, Hector Zarate, Pamela Michalegko, elizabeth_oms@fws.gov, Paul Rauch, john_tramack@fws.gov, Kashyap Patel, Jesse Brent, Conni Conner, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Tauline Davis, Stacey Garcia, Acquanetta Reese, Julia Bumbaca, Robert Garfinkel, Greg Siekaniec, Leopoldo Miranda, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Rickey Siggal, Xiomara Labiosa, Lori Mendoza, Clayton McBride, Lois Wellman, Azuredee Perkins Shelly Senior, Delores Bigby, Inez Uhl, Gary Frazer, Benjamin Tuggle, Jessie Cheek, Charisa Morris, Anne Hammond, Will Meeks, Kenneth Taylor, Brian Bloodsworth, Jim Kurth, Jerome Ford, Rose Reed, Denise Sanchez, Janine Velasco, Denise Sheehan, Cynthia Martinez, JoAn Mundt, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Paul Souza, Sharon Showalter, Tom Melius, Seth Mott, Margaret Hardy, Robyn Thorson, Michael Gale, Stephanie Potter, Wendi Weber, Kashif Askari, Noreen Walsh, Nicole Tsugawa, Wanda Cantrell, Lillian Moore, Kathleen King, Henry Schlitzer

2pm Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek, Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Nov 16, 2017

9am
FWS/Partners for Conservation Meeting/Blackfoot Challenge/Intermountain West Joint Venture/and Family Farm Alliance
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038 (PFC Meeting attendee list attached)
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Shannon Smith, Shaun Sanchez, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, info@partnersforconservation.org, Xiomara Labiosa

9am
Internal Meeting - Public/Private Partnerships (Jim Cason, Jason Larabee, Mike Reynolds, Austin Ewell, Bryan Rice, Jeff Reinbold, John Tahsuda, Tony Dearman, Michael Nedd, Olivia Ferriter) Rm 6120
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Conf Rm 6120 or call (b) (5) CIP [redacted], Participant Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted], JCason's Leader Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Catherine Gulac
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Tasha Robbins, Christina Kalavritinos, Anita Personius, Thomas Irwin, lthurn@blm.gov, krussell@usbr.gov, Olivia Ferriter, Greg Sheehan, Janice DeSordi, Tracie Lassiter, Jason Larrabee, Kerry Rae, James Cason, Michelle Mebane, Maureen Foster, Evann Rogers, Roslyn Sellars, Austin Ewell, Katharine MacGregor, tony.dearman@bie.edu, Richard Cardinale, Alan Mikkelsen, Jim Kurth, Anna Owens-Brown, Terzinda Vinson, Marisa Craft, John Tahsuda, Jennifer Wyse, Willow Iron Cloud, Andrea Travnicek, Brian Steed, Bryan Rice, Grayford Payne, Michael Nedd, Yolando Mack-Thompson, Robert Wolf, Michael Reynolds, Carol LeaderCharge, Jeffrey Reinbold, Catherine Gulac, bart.stevens@bie.edu, Lisa Mendelson

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Stephen Guertin, Wendy Fink, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth

12:30pm TRAVEL: To Skyline - Rachel Carson Room
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm Budget & Admin All Hands - Rachel Carson Conf Center at Skyline
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Nov 17, 2017

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Kashyap Patel, Jim Kurth, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Michael Gale, Stephen Guertin

10am

Phone call OIG re: Reassignments ([redacted]) Dial: [redacted], Code: [redacted]
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: [redacted]
Who: [redacted], Jim Kurth

11am Status of the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Lawsuit

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: MIB Directors Conference Room
Calendar: Cynthia Martinez
Created by: Xiomara Labiosa
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, A Alvarez, Jim Kurth, Thomas Irwin, Cynthia Martinez, Azuredee Perkins, Shaun Sanchez
Going? Maybe

2pm Deb Rocque

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Nov 20, 2017

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edwarc Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

12pm Follow up on workforce management strategy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Rebekah Giddings, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Matthew Huggler, Jim Kurth, Brian Bloodsworth, Jessie Cheek, Zachariah Gambill, Janine Velasco, Denise Sheehan, Michael Gale, Stephen Guertin

Tue Nov 21, 2017

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Wendy Fink, Aurelia Skipwith, Jim Kurth, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Peg Romanik, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Roslyn Sellars, Catherine Gulac, Marshall Critchfield, Jason Larrabee, Zachariah Gambill, Barbara Wainman, Heather Swift, Stephen Guertin, Tasha Robbins

Wed Nov 22, 2017

All day Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Roslyn - Out of Office 4 - 5:30p

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth
Going? Yes

8am Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

8am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Nov 23, 2017

All day Thanksgiving

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Benjamin Jesup, Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Wendy Fink, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin

Fri Nov 24, 2017

All day Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

8am Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Nov 27, 2017

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edwarc Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am

Meeting/Conference Call (Steve, Jim, Benjamin and Seth) on Action -- lead for session at upcoming USFWS Directorate Meeting (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) C P - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Benjamin Tuggle, Jim Kurth, Seth Mott, Stephen Guertin

1pm Diversity meeting (Jim, Paul Rauch, Inez, Rebekah and Jessie) - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Rebekah Giddings, Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth, Delores Bigby, Jessie Cheek

2pm Year end close out strategy - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

3pm

Meeting/call (Greg, Jim, Tom Melius and Zack) to discuss Seven Hills Mine, Indiana Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Zachariah Gambill, Charles Wooley, Conni Conner, Tom Melius, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth

Tue Nov 28, 2017

9am

Meeting (Jim, Steve, Bud, Barbara and Zack) to discuss 1002 area in Alaska - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am Performance Review (Steve, Jim, Charisa)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Barbara Wainman, Jason Larrabee, Marshall Critchfield, Roslyn Sellars, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Jim Kurth, Heather Swift, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Catherine Gulac, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Todd Willens, Wendy Fink, Tasha Robbins, Charisa Morris, Zachariah Gambill, Richard Goeken

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Sue Masica, Michael Reynolds, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, John Tanner, Gregory Sheehan, Aurelia Skipwith, Matthew Dermody, Casey Stemler, Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Irwin, Katie Mills, Scott Hommel, Greg Sheehan, Gareth Rees, Lena McDowall, James Voyles, Jim Kurth, John Bockmier, David Bernhardt, Marshall Critchfield, Richard Goeken, Bob Vogel, Gary Lawkowski, Todd Willens, Susan Combs, Charisa Morris, Downey Magallanes, Janice DeSordi, James Cason, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Todd Wynn, Tasha Robbins, Rick Obernesser, Christine Powell

Wed Nov 29, 2017

11am Meeting with Regional Hunting and Fishing Chiefs Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth

2pm Meeting (Jim and Inez) to discuss EEO - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Nov 30, 2017

10am

Program Offices check-in with Steve (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP - Rm 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Gary Frazer, Denise Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Kenneth Taylor, Jerome Ford, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Barbara Wainman, Gloria Bell Edward Grace, Seth Mott

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup, Jim Kurth, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin

1pm Meeting (Jim and Inez) EOY Performance - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth

Fri Dec 1, 2017

9am

Workforce Management Strategy (Steve, Greg, Jim, Zack, Janine, Brian, Denise, Rebekah and Jessie)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Brian Bloodsworth, Rebekah Giddings, Greg Sheehan, Zachariah Gambill, Janine Velasco, Denise Sheehan, Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

1:30pm Pre-meeting for 12/4 Midway Atoll Meeting with Jim Noone - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Shaun Sanchez, Greg Sheehan, Cynthia Martinez

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Mon Dec 4, 2017

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

All day Thomas Out of Office All Day - Roslyn In the office at 9:30a

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Who: Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

9am

Midway Atoll Follow Up (Greg Sheehan, Jim Noone, Jim Kurth, Aurelia Skipwith-invited) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Aurelia Skipwith, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, OIEA OS, Stephen Guertin, jnoone@mercuryllc.com

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edwarc Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Charisa) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP, Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Dec 5, 2017

All day Directorate Meeting - Murie Conference Room (3N057)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who: Jim Kurth, FWS Directorate Secretaries, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Amy Lueders
Going? No

All day Directorate Meeting - Murie Conference Room (3N057)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
FWS Directorate & Deputies, Charisa Morris, (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Only), Paul Souza, Jim Kurth, FWS Directorate Secretaries, Amy Lueders
Going? No

1pm

Monthly Phone call re: Ethics Issues (Jim/Anne Badgley) - Anne to call 208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Anne Badgley, Jim Kurth

5pm Ducks Unlimited Conservation Partnerships Reception

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Kenndy Caucus Room -Russell Senate Office Bldg. 325
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Wed Dec 6, 2017

All day Directorate Meeting - Murie Conference Room (3N057)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who: Jim Kurth, FWS Directorate Secretaries, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Amy Lueders
Going? No

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

All day Directorate Meeting - Murie Conference Room (3N057)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
FWS Directorate & Deputies, Charisa Morris, (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Only), Paul Souza, Jim Kurth, FWS Directorate Secretaries, Amy Lueders
Going? No

9am Annual Holiday Breakfast - Rachel Carson Room Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am Senior Executive Emergency Management Council Meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
IOC Conference Room 3447 (Teleconference (b) (5) C P [redacted] Access Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted])
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jonathan Rosen
Who:
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted], Lisa Branum, Mary Pletcher, Bruce Downs, Shayla Simmons, Raymond Limon, Stephen Guertin, Anzanette Randall, Shayla Simmons, Timothy Wight, Robert Maclean, Shawn Buckner, Jim Kurth, Juanita Mendoza, Jerold Gidner, Karen Knight, bmuller@usbr.gov, Laura Rigas, Megan Olsen, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted], Karen Senhadji, Louis Rowe, Ted Woronka, Shaun Sanchez, Craig Leff, Douglas Glenn, Matthew Costello, Michaela Noble, Scott Mabry, Tammy Bagley, Sylvia Burns, Roderick Anderson, David Applegate, Harry Humbert, William Leith, Joe Nassar, Jason Thompson, Debra Sonderman, Denise Flanagan, Kaiini Kaloi, Walter Cruickshank, Jerold Gidner, Mark Bathrick, Deborah Hartley, Greg Gould, Lawrence Ruffin, James Anderton, Stephen Hardgrove, Charles Addington, Darren Cruzan, Rick Obernesser, BOEM Director Calendar, Karis Graham, James Anderson, Juliette Lillie, Edward Keable, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Nikolao Pula, Glenda Owens, juanita.mendoza@bie.edu, Michele Singer

Thu Dec 7, 2017

All day Directorate Meeting - Murie Conference Room (3N057)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who: Jim Kurth, FWS Directorate Secretaries, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Amy Lueders
Going? No

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

All day Directorate Meeting - Murie Conference Room (3N057)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Skyline
Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Only)
Created by: Mike Edwards
Who:
FWS Directorate & Deputies, Charisa Morris, (b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Only), Paul Souza, Jim Kurth, FWS Directorate Secretaries, Amy Lueders
Going? No

Fri Dec 8, 2017

All day Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

12:45pm Flight UA6167 IAD to CMH

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Sat Dec 9, 2017

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Sun Dec 10, 2017

2:45pm Flight UA6162 CMH to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Columbus, OH (CMH)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Dec 11, 2017

All day Roslyn - Out of Office until 12:30p

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

9am Meeting (Greg, Jim and Steve) year end close out - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edwarc Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

11am Director's Office 2018 Budget - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Chris Nolin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan

Tue Dec 12, 2017

8am

(Jim to attend) Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA) Advisory Group - Location: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: 1133 Fifteenth St., N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, DC
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Mike Johnson, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Jerome Ford

9am

Collaborating to Control Aquatic Invasive Species - USFWS and USGS Featured Work

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 5160
Calendar: Scott Cameron
Created by: Jean Parrish
Who:
David Applegate, Ryan Nichols, Hilary Smith, Greg Sheehan, Teresa Lewis, Robin Calfee, Rip Shively, Aurelia Skipwith, Scott Cameron, Jason Larrabee, Mark Gaikowski, Aaron Woldt, Jim Kurth, Cynthia Kolar, Jamie Reaser, William Lellis, Jon Amberg, William Werkheiser, Stephen Guertin, Anne Kinsinger, Andrea Travnicek, Todd Turner, Greg Conover, Shawn Buckner, David Hoskins

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Maureen Foster, Zachariah Gambill, Richard Goeken, Catherine Gulac, Marshall Critchfield, Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Irwin, Todd Willens, Greg Sheehan, Heather Swift, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Wendy Fink, Jason Larrabee, Barbara Wainman, Peg Romanik, Tasha Robbins, Aurelia Skipwith

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Lena McDowall, Roslyn Sellars, Rick Obernesser, David Bernhardt, Susan Combs, Todd Willens, Downey Magallanes, Katie Mills, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, James Voyles, Bob Vogel, John Tanner, Aurelia Skipwith, Todd Wynn, Greg Sheehan, Gareth Rees, Tasha Robbins, Gregory Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Michael Reynolds, Richard Goeken, John Bockmier, Gary Lawkowski, James Cason, Scott Hommel, Stephen Guertin, Marshall Critchfield, Maureen Foster, Casey Stemler, Charisa Morris, Christine Powell, Thomas Irwin, Matthew Dermody, Janice DeSordi

5pm FWS/Wild Foundation

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Grand Cru Wine Bar and Bistro, 4301 Wilson Blvd #100, Arlington, VA 22203, USA
Calendar: John Schmerfeld
Who: Adam Hanson, (b) (6) @gmail.com, John Schmerfeld, Vance Martin, Jim Kurth

Wed Dec 13, 2017

8am

(Jim to attend) North American Wetlands Conservation (NAWC) Council meeting - Location: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: 1133 Fifteenth St., N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, DC
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

4pm

[Steve Guertin for Greg Sheehan] Meeting re: Sage Grouse with TRCP, WMI, Pheasants Forever and Mule Deer Foundation re: Sage Grouse) - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Cassidy, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, OIEA OS, cplumer@trcp.org, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Dec 14, 2017

10am

Directorate VTC - Mandatory Update (AD, RD or Deputy - No Actings) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: FWS Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Robyn Thorson, Stephanie Potter, Greg Sheehan, Rebekah Giddings, Greg Siekaniec, Henry Schlitzer, Jay Slack, Wanda Cantrell, Barbara Wainman, Seth Mott, David Hoskins, Lisa Danaceau, Paul Souza, Charisa Morris, Larry Rabin, Jody Holzworth, Edward Grace, Jim Kurth, Gregory Sheehan, Robert Curry, Pamela Michalegko, Jerome Ford, Shelly Senior, Zachariah Gambill, Kenneth Taylor, Inez Uhl, Wendi Weber, Shaun Sanchez, Benjamin Tuggle, Conni Conner, Jim Willis, Karen Clark, Gina Shultz, Matt Hogan, Gloria Bell, Paul Rauch, Virginia Takang Azuredee Perkins, Mike Johnson, Tom Melius, Jesse Brent, Shelley Hartmann, Brian Bloodsworth, john_tramack@fws.gov, Michael Oetker, Denise Sanchez, Lori Mendoza, Eugene Sivigny, Tauline Davis, Michael Gale, Kathleen King, Cynthia Martinez, Roslyn Sellars, Denise Thompson, Noreen Walsh, Clayton McBride, Chris Jensen, Stephen Guertin, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Deborah Rocque, JoAn Mundt, Robert Garfinkel, John Schmerfeld, Joy Nicholopoulos, Janine Velasco, Stacey Garcia, Margaret Hardy, Gary Frazer, Delores Bigby, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Acquanetta Reese, Matthew Huggler, Denise Sheehan, Charles Wooley, Amy Lueders, Lois Wellman, Nicole Tsugawa, Theresa Rabot, Anne Badgley

11am Check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup

1pm Epermit/digital passes demo (Greg, Jim, Steve, Cynthia Martinez) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Cynthia Martinez, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, jeffery.nulf@egov.com, Shaun Sanchez, Jim Kurth, OIEA OS

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm FWS & Research - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jim's office - 3359
Calendar: Aurelia Skipwith
Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Aurelia Skipwith

Fri Dec 15, 2017

8am TRAVEL: To NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am
"Directorate Closing Phase I" (Jim Kurth) at FY18 Stepping Up To Leadership - NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Jim Kurth, Janelle Quinn

11:30am TRAVEL: Rtn to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Mon Dec 18, 2017

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edwarc Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

11am
Meeting with Jason Larrabee re: Memo on Management Practices at FWS Region 5 - Rm 3152

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jason's office - 3152
Calendar: Tasha Robbins
Who: Jim Kurth, Thomas Irwin, Roslyn Sellars, Tasha Robbins, Jason Larrabee

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am
Phone call (Jim, Charlie Wooley and Charlie Blair) on personnel issue - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Charles Wooley, Charles Blair, Conni Conner, Jim Kurth

1pm Harassment Briefing (Jim/Inez) - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Ronald Niemann, Julia Bumbaca, Rickey Siggal

Tue Dec 19, 2017

10am
BRIEFING (Greg, Jim, Eric Alvarez and Katy Hopper) on 2019 LWCF land acquisition project list - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Azuredee Perkins, A Alvarez, Greg Sheehan, Katy Hopper

2pm Heather Urban
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:45pm [CANCELLED] FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Marshall Critchfield, Richard Goeken, Jim Kurth, Todd Willens, Catherine Gulac, Wendy Fink, Aurelia Skipwith, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Peg Romanik, Maureen Foster, Tasha Robbins, Heather Swift, Stephen Guertin, Zachariah Gambill, Jason Larrabee, Thomas Irwin, Roslyn Sellars

Wed Dec 20, 2017

All day annual leave
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am Enterprise Investment Strategy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Martha BalisLarsen, Charisa Morris, David Hoskins, Gina Shultz, Shaun Sanchez, Gary Frazer, Stephen Guertin, Kenneth Taylor, Brian Bloodsworth, Chris Nolin, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth

11am

Meet & Greet/Border Briefing (Greg, Gina Shultz for Gary Frazer, Mitch Ellis for Cynthia Martinez, Harry Humbert, Brent Range-DOI Borderland Coordinator) - Rm 5128
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 5128
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Mitch Ellis, Brent Range, Gina Shultz, Harry Humbert

12pm

Director's Office Holiday Potluck Extravaganza (Sign up Sheet will be in the Director's Hallway Kitchen) - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Thomas Irwin, Denise Thompson, Jerome Ford, Bud Cribley, Shaun Sanchez, Martin Kodis, Stephen Guertin, Edward Grace, Michael Gale, Monique Manning, Rebekah Giddings, Matthew Huggler, Paul Rauch, Pamela Michalegko, David Hoskins, Jesse Brent, Jim Kurth, Gloria Bell, Lillian Moore, Angela Gustavson, Shelly Senior, Azuredee Perkins, JoAn Mundt, Gina Shultz, Benjamin Tuggle, Denise Sheehan, Sharon Showalter, Seth Mott, Zachariah Gambill, Kashyap Patel, Margaret Hardy, Charisa Morris, Janine Velasco, Kenneth Taylor, Lois Wellman, Greg Sheehan, Chris Tollefson, Cynthia Martinez, Brian Bloodsworth, Xiomara Labiosa, Gary Frazer, Delores Bigby, Barbara Wainman

Thu Dec 21, 2017

All day annual leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Dec 22, 2017

All day annual leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Mon Dec 25, 2017

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Maureen Foster, Paul Souza, Greg Sheehan, Kenneth Taylor, Aurelia Skipwith, Seth Mott, Jerome Ford, Janine Velasco, Denise Sheehan, Edward Grace, Barbara Wainman, Charisa Morris, Brian Bloodsworth, Paul Rauch, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Gary Frazer, Georgia Basso, Stephen Guertin, Chris Nolin, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, Gregory Sheehan, David Hoskins

Tue Dec 26, 2017

All day Annual leave (12/26- 12/29)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Roslyn - Leave 12/26 - 12/29

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan

2pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Gregory Sheehan, Maureen Foster, Jerome Ford, David Bernhardt, John Bockmier, Tasha Robbins, Greg Sheehan, Thomas Irwin, Todd Wynn, Richard Goeken, Susan Combs, Michael Reynolds, Janice DeSordi, Bob Vogel, John Tanner, Downey Magallanes, Katie Mills, James Voyles Charisa Morris, Gary Lawkowski, Stephen Guertin, Scott Hommel, Jim Kurth, Christine Powell, Matthew Dermody, Roslyn Sellars, Aurelia Skipwith, James Cason, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Rick Obernesser, Marshall Critchfield, Gareth Rees, Casey Stemler, Todd Willens, Lena McDowall

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Dec 27, 2017

All day Annual leave (12/26- 12/29)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Roslyn - Leave 12/26 - 12/29

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan

Thu Dec 28, 2017

All day Annual leave (12/26- 12/29)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Roslyn - Leave 12/26 - 12/29

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan

Fri Dec 29, 2017

All day Annual leave (12/26- 12/29)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Roslyn - Leave 12/26 - 12/29

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan

Mon Jan 1, 2018

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Jan 2, 2018

All day annual leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

Wed Jan 3, 2018

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

Thu Jan 4, 2018

All day TRAVEL: To WAFWA mid winter meeting - San Diego (1/4 - 1/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:35am Flight UA1479 IAD to SAN

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

9am Pre-meeting on Mandatory Training

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Rebekah Giddings
Who: Inez Uhl, Jay Slack, Rebekah Giddings, Jim Kurth, Shelley Hartmann, Denise Sheehan

10:30am
Funding recommendation for National Outreach and Communication Program

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357; Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Brad Gunn, Doug Hobbs, Jim Kurth, Valerie Fellows, David Hoskins, Linda Walker, Christopher Deets, Drew Burnett

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth

Fri Jan 5, 2018

All day TRAVEL: To WAFWA mid winter meeting - San Diego (1/4 - 1/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am Internal Meeting - Public/Private Partnerships

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
Conf Rm 5160 or call (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participant Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted], JCason's Leader Code (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Catherine Gulac
Who:
Lacey Smethers, Maureen Foster, Yolando Mack-Thompson, Brian Steed, Terzinda Vinson, lthurn@blm.gov, Katharine MacGregor, tony.dearman@bie.edu, Casey Stemler, Jim Kurth, Alan Mikkelsen, Anna Owens-Brown, Janice DeSordi, Olivia Ferriter, Marisa Craft, Aurelia Skipwith, Kerry Rae, Jill Moran, Austin Ewell, Willow Iron Cloud, Andrea Travnicek, Thomas Irwin, Anita Personius, Brenda Burman, Evann Rogers, Carol LeaderCharge, Michael Nedd, krussell@usbr.gov, Roslyn Sellars, Bryan Rice, Casey Hammond, Tasha Robbins, Michael Hershfeld, Jason Larrabee, Jeffrey Reinbold, Grayford Payne, Robert Wolf, James Cason, Lisa Mendelson, John Tahsuda, Stephen Guertin, Todd Willens, Tracie Lassiter, Joseph Balash, Christina Kalavritinos, bart.stevens@bie.edu, Douglas Domenech, Michelle Mebane, Jennifer Wyse, Greg Sheehan, Michael Reynolds, Downey Magallanes, Catherine Gulac

11am NAWPA Meeting: US Steering Committee Members Informal Lunch

Where: Muze-Mandarin Oriental 1330 Maryland Ave SW, Washington, DC 20024
Calendar: Adam Hanson
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
Valgentina Bolden, Xiomara Labiosa, Leslie Weldon, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, Swazy-Wallace, Crystal J -FS, Raymond Sauvajot, Christopher McAlear, Claire Shields, Susan Spear

Sat Jan 6, 2018

All day TRAVEL: To WAFWA mid winter meeting - San Diego (1/4 - 1/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Sun Jan 7, 2018

All day TRAVEL: To WAFWA mid winter meeting - San Diego (1/4 - 1/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:35pm Flight UA1129 SAN to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing San Diego, CA (SAN)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Jan 8, 2018

All day Jim - Telework

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9:30am

FWS/OIG meeting re: Audits (Greg Sheehan, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] **, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Paul Rauch)**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Matthew Elliott, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Kimberly McGovern, Mary Kendall, Paul Rauch

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edwarc Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am

Refuge meeting (Zach, Jim, Steve, Cynthia Martinez, Kashyap, Charisa) -- POC: Zack
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Zachariah Gambill
Who:
Kashyap Patel, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Zachariah Gambill, Charisa Morris, Cynthia Martinez, Greg Sheehan

12pm Jim - Telework
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm End of Year Review (Jim & BT) Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Ben & Jim to call: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Benjamin Tuggle, Jim Kurth

2pm

Briefing: DOI Office of Law Enforcement and Security Changes (Greg Sheehan, Darren Cruzan-Director of DOI Law Enforcement & Security) - Rm 3358 (Copy of memo in description)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3358
Calendar: Darren Cruzan
Created by: Maureen Woods
Who:
Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, John Keating, Jim Kurth, Thomas Irwin, Greg Sheehan, Darren Cruzan

3pm

End of Year Performance Review (Jim Kurth & TM) Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Tom Melius, Conni Conner, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3:45pm
End of Year Performance Review (Jim Kurth & WW) Dial-in: [redacted] **Passcode:** [redacted]
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Wendi Weber, Kathleen King

4:30pm End of Year Review (Jim & GS) Dial: [redacted] **Code:** [redacted]
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Greg Siekaniec, Jim Kurth, Tauline Davis

Tue Jan 9, 2018

10am
FY 2018 Budget Issues (Greg, Steve, Jim, Barbara, Charisa, Chris Nolin, Denise Sheehan)-3357
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Chris Nolin, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Denise Sheehan

11am
Meeting with ConocoPhillips Alaska re: Projects in the NationalPetroleum Reserve–Alaska/Western North Slope (Greg Sheehan/Region 7-viaphone/Jim Kurth/Bud Cribley)
Dial-in: [redacted] Passcode: [redacted] Rm 3038
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Conference Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Karen Clark, Mary Colligan, Greg Sheehan, Tauline Davis, Greg Siekaniec, Bud Cribley, OIEA OS

12pm Lunch Meeting
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Old Ebbitt Grill, 675 15th St NW, Washington, DC 20005, USA
Calendar: Cynthia Martinez
Who: Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm

Hunting Opening Process with Cynthia Martinez & Shaun Sanchez - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Katherine Spomer, Mitch Ellis, Stephen Guertin, Cynthia Martinez, Xiomara Labiosa, Jim Kurth, Shaun Sanchez, Greg Sheehan

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Gary Lawkowski, Gregory Sheehan, James Voyles, Todd Wynn, Marshall Critchfield, Lena McDowall, Susan Combs, Bob Vogel, Maureen Foster, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Casey Stemler, Michael Reynolds, John Tanner, James Cason, John Bockmier, David Bernhardt, Tasha Robbins, Gareth Rees, Rick Obernesser, Matthew Dermody, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Charisa Morris, Thomas Irwin, Scott Hommel, Katie Mills, Stephen Guertin, Christine Powell, Paul (Dan) Smith, Todd Willens, Janice DeSordi, Roslyn Sellars, Downey Magallanes, Aurelia Skipwith, Richard Goeken

Wed Jan 10, 2018

8:30am Save the Date for Interior's Leadership Summit - MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

1pm Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth

Thu Jan 11, 2018

8am

[To Be Rescheduled] End of Year Performance Review (Jim Kurth & RT) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Robyn Thorson, Rose Reed

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

9am Save the Date for Interior's Leadership Summit - MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

2:30pm Meeting with Greg Sheehan, ADs and RDs - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: FWS Directors Conf. Room 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
David Hoskins, Greg Sheehan, Denise Sheehan, Jerome Ford, Gloria Bell, Charisa Morris, Seth Mott, Gary Frazer, Stephen Guertin, Wendi Weber, Janine Velasco, Brian Bloodsworth, Michael Oetker, Cynthia Martinez, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Paul Rauch, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Edward Grace, Jim Kurth, Greg Siekaniec, Barbara Wainman, Kenneth Taylor, Robyn Thorson, Amy Lueders, Noreen Walsh, Benjamin Tuggle, Deborah Rocque, Tom Melius, Kashyap Patel, Paul Souza

3:30pm
Meeting (Greg, Jim, Steve, Tom Melius-in person) on FY 18 Strategic Allocation Investment for Pollinators and Ludington Sea Lamprey office replacement (Steve and David H. for Sea Lamprey) - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Tom Melius, Greg Sheehan, Virginia Takang, Conni Conner, David Hoskins

4:30pm End of Year Review (Jim/Noreen-in person) Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Stephanie Potter, Jim Kurth, Noreen Walsh

Fri Jan 12, 2018

9am End of Year Performance Review (Jim Kurth & PS) In-Person - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Paul Souza, Jim Kurth, Wanda Cantrell

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am Workforce management

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Matthew Huggler, Barbara Wainman, Chris Tollefson, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Janine Velasco, Denise Sheehan, Jessie Cheek, Brian Bloodsworth, Rebekah Giddings

11am

BRIEFING (Jim, Paul Souza and Robyn Thorson) to discuss effort to incorporate lessons learned and improve diversity - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Deputy Director Operations-Office's Vidyo Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Paul Souza, Jim Kurth, Wanda Cantrell, Robyn Thorson, Rose Reed, Theresa Rabot, Jody Holzworth, Kashif Askari, Kevin Bumatay, David Clark, Henry Schlitzer

1pm Out of Office

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:30pm

[Steve G. to cover for Director] Internal Meeting - Status Check - Sportsmen SO 3356
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 6023
Calendar: Catherine Gulac
Who:
Benjamin Cassidy, Brenda Burman, lthurn@blm.gov, Michael Reynolds, Brian Steed, Greg Sheehan, Joseph (Gene) Seidlitz, Jim Kurth, Kathleen Benedetto, Todd Willens, Jason Larrabee, Stephen Guertin, Natalie Davis, Casey Hammond, Andrea Travnicek, Brian Carlstrom, Catherine Gulac, Raymond Sauvajot

Mon Jan 15, 2018

All day MLK Holiday

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Zachariah Gambill, Paul Souza, Gregory Sheehan, Kenneth Taylor, Stephen Guertin, Chris Nolin, Jim Kurth, Janine Velasco, Jerome Ford, Aurelia Skipwith, Denise Sheehan, Edward Grace, Barbara Wainman, Georgia Basso, Charisa Morris, Bud Cribley, Gary Frazer, Greg Sheehan, Seth Mott, Cynthia Martinez, Brian Bloodsworth, Maureen Foster, David Hoskins, Paul Rauch

Tue Jan 16, 2018

10am Workforce management

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Matthew Huggler, Barbara Wainman, Janine Velasco, Brian Bloodsworth, Jim Kurth, Denise Sheehan, Rebekah Giddings

2pm Vidyo Directorate check-in VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Clayton McBride, Stephen Guertin, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Jim Kurth, FWS Assistant Directors, Kashif Askari, Henry Schlitzer, Robert Garfinkel

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Thomas Irwin, Barbara Wainman, Maureen Foster, Roslyn Sellars, Wendy Fink, Charisa Morris, Aurelia Skipwith, Richard Goeken, Jim Kurth, Marshall Critchfield, Todd Willens, Peg Romanik, Susan Combs, Stephen Guertin, Catherine Gulac, Tasha Robbins, Heather Swift

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Jan 17, 2018

2pm

Meeting/Call re: Service's anti-harassment strategy (Jim, Barbara, Garylnez, Janine, Jay, karen Clark, Noreen, Rebekah) Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Inez Uhl, Lisa Danaceau, Gary Frazer, Jay Slack, Stephanie Potter, Karen Clark, Rebekah Giddings, Janine Velasco, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Jim Kurth, Tauline Davis, Barbara Wainman, Lois Wellman, Noreen Walsh, Stephen Guertin

Thu Jan 18, 2018

9:30am

Planning for the joint AFWA/FWS session at the North American (Greg, Steve, Jim, Paul Rauch) Rm 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth

10am Review with Todd Willens - Rm 6116

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 6116
Calendar: Catherine Gulac
Who: Tasha Robbins, Thomas Irwin, Jim Kurth, Catherine Gulac, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Willens

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink

2pm renew Credentials

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 1320 MIB
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Jan 19, 2018

9am Refuge Update (Jim, Cynthia, Shaun, Mitch, Rich) -Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Richard Johnston, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez, Jim Kurth, Thomas Irwin, Mitch Ellis

10am Meeting (Jim and Inez) on Diversity Program - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Lisa Danaceau, Jim Kurth

1pm

Internal Meeting - Wilderness Study Areas (Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) This meeting is requested by Associate Deputy Secretary Jim Cason. - to discuss status of WSAs and potential actions to bring closure to 30-year old recommendations) - Rm 6120

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

2:30pm

Alaska Funding Studies (Todd Willens, James Voyles, Jason Larrabee, Jim Kurth, Andrea Travnicek, Jim Cason, Stev Guertin) Rm 6641

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6641; Call (b) (5) CIP [redacted]; PC: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Leader: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Michelle Mebane
Who:
Joseph Hayes, Stephen Wackowski, Roslyn Sellars, William Lukas, James Cason, Jason Larrabee, Stephen Guertin, Andrea Travnicek, Greg Sheehan, Todd Willens, Catherine Gulac, Kerry Rae, ASWS Conference Room, Michelle Mebane, Joseph Balash, Tasha Robbins, Jim Kurth, Thomas Irwin, James Voyles

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm VTC: Directorate and Deputies (Actings are Allowed) - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jesse Brent, Robyn Thorson, Denise Thompson, Rose Reed, Jerome Ford, Cynthia Martinez, Monique Manning, Noreen Walsh, Wendi Weber, Henry Schlitzer, Sharon Showalter, Lillian Moore, Greg Siekaniec, Pamela Michalegko, Denise Sanchez, cynthia_dohner@fws.gov, Stephen Guertin, Gloria Bell, Xiomara Labiosa, Seth Mott, Nicole Tsugawa, Paul Rauch, Stephanie Potter, Jim Kurth, Delores Bigby, Kashif Askari, Lori Mendoza, Robert Garfinkel, Lois Wellman, Kenneth Taylor, Kashyap Patel, john_tramack@fws.gov, Margaret Hardy, David Hoskins, Acquanetta Reese, Barbara Wainman, Edward Grace, Janine Velasco, Azuredee Perkins, JoAn Mundt, Conni Conner, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Shelly Senior, Kathleen King, Brian Bloodsworth, Wanda Cantrell, Tauline Davis, Paul Souza, Kristin Young, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Tom Melius, Benjamin Tuggle, Stacey Garcia, Gary Frazer, Denise Sheehan, Clayton McBride, Charisa Morris

Sun Jan 21, 2018

11am Director's Office check in

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 1-(b) (5) CIP [redacted] (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Barbara Wainman, Kashyap Patel, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Zachariah Gambill

Mon Jan 22, 2018

All day
"Postponed" NAWPA Annual Executive Committee Meeting - Location to be determined

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8:15am
[CANCELLED] Speaking to Advanced Leadership Development Program (ALDP) Cohort 17 Welcome - NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Alison Duncan, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Jim Kurth, Dan Canham

1pm Daily Directorate Shutdown Coordination Call (Directorate-only)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 1-(b) (5) CIP [redacted] (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who: Marilyn Brower, Jim Kurth, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Brad Iarossi

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Jan 23, 2018

All day

"Postponed" NAWPA Annual Executive Committee Meeting - Location to be determined

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2:45pm NOTE: NEW LOCATION - FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Wendy Fink, Aurelia Skipwith, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Maureen Foster, Barbara Wainman, Marshall Critchfield, Catherine Gulac, Richard Goeken, Heather Swift, Tasha Robbins, Susan Combs, Thomas Irwin, Peg Romanik, Todd Willens, Roslyn Sellars, Greg Sheehan

Wed Jan 24, 2018

All day

"Postponed" NAWPA Annual Executive Committee Meeting - Location to be determined

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm FWS Enforcement Program

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: SOL 6342
Calendar: Mariagrazia Caminiti
Who:
Aurelia Skipwith, Edward Grace, Cynthia Martinez, Richard Goeken, Peg Romanik, Jason Larrabee, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Jim Kurth, Daniel Jorjani

Thu Jan 25, 2018

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm

Meeting w/Mayor Angelo Cruz Re: Roosevelt Roads in Ceiba, Puerto Rico(Jason Larrabee, Mike Oetker-via phone, Jeffrey Reinbold, Jim Kurth,Joel Lynch, Dan Smith – Rm 3144

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP conference room - (b) (5) CIP passcode (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Sheila Wakisa, Roslyn Sellars, Jeffrey Reinbold, Michael Oetker, Paul (Dan) Smith, Sue Masica, Jim Kurth, Jason Larrabee, Maureen Foster, Joel Lynch, Thomas Irwin, Tasha Robbins, Janice DeSordi

Fri Jan 26, 2018

9am Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jessie Cheek, Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth

10am

Meeting: FWS & Midas Gold re: Stibnite Mine project in Central Idaho (Greg, Jim, Robyn Thorson-via phone, Terry Rabot) - Rm 3358 or Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Theresa Rabot, Rose Reed, lsayer@midasgoldinc.com, Jim Kurth, OIEA OS, Robyn Thorson

11am "Meet & Greet" (Jim Kurth and Mike Hiller) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: mchiller@fbi.gov, Jim Kurth

1pm

BRIEFING (Cynthia Martinez/Shaun Sanchez, Jim Kurth, Eric Alvarez and Ken Fowler) for Proposed FY18 MBCF Work Plan - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jim Kurth, Ken Fowler, Azuredee Perkins, Shaun Sanchez, Greg Sheehan, A Alvarez, Cynthia Martinez

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm

Briefing re: Mazama Pocket Gopher (Greg, Aurelia, Jim, Gary, RobynThorson via phone) Rm 3358—Robyn will call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Lois Wellman, Greg Sheehan, Gary Frazer, Tasha Robbins, Aurelia Skipwith, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Kashyap Patel, Robyn Thorson, Thomas Garcia, Rose Reed

2:30pm

State of the Agency MD-715 Briefing (Greg, Jim, Steve, Inez, Paul, Rickey Siggal, Julia Bumbaca, Jessie Cheek, Rebeka Giddings) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Inez Uhl, Rebekah Giddings, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Rickey Siggal, Julia Bumbaca, Stephen Guertin, Jessie Cheek, Lisa Danaceau

4pm Briefing with FWS, NPS and BLM

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: David Bernhardt
Created by: Gareth Rees
Who:
Paul (Dan) Smith, James Cason, Lacey Smethers, David Bernhardt, Thomas Irwin, Janice DeSordi, Todd Willens, Jason Larrabee, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Brian Steed, Tasha Robbins, Roslyn Sellars, Downey Magallanes, Greg Sheehan

10:30pm Flight UA352 IAD to BOS

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Sat Jan 27, 2018

All day Bill Ashe event

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

7:35pm Flight UA2136 BOS to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Boston, MA (BOS)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Mon Jan 29, 2018

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Cynthia Martinez, Greg Sheehan, Paul Souza, David Hoskins, Paul Rauch, Gregory Sheehan, Edward Grace, Jerome Ford, Seth Mott, Denise Sheehan, Chris Nolin, Kenneth Taylor, Stephen Guertin, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Bud Cribley, Georgia Basso, Zachariah Gambill, Gary Frazer, Janine Velasco, Barbara Wainman, Brian Bloodsworth

11am 2018 Trilateral Committee Briefing (Greg and IA staff) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Valencia Richardson, Melida Tajbakhsh, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, richard_ruggiero@fws.gov, Charisa Morris, Gloria Bell, Jim Kurth

12pm

TRAVEL: Muze Restaurant located inside the Mandarin Oriental- 1330 Maryland Ave SW

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12:30pm

NAWPA U.S. Steering Committee Lunch Meeting (Ray Sauvajot-NPS and Leslie Weldon-USFS)

Where:
Muze Restaurant located inside the Mandarin Oriental- 1330 Maryland Ave SW, Washington, DC 20024
Calendar: Adam Hanson
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
Swazy-Wallace, Crystal J -FS, Jim Kurth, Xiomara Labiosa, Leslie Weldon, Raymond Sauvajot, Susan Spear, Cynthia Martinez, Claire Shields, Christopher McAlear

2:30pm TRAVEL: Rtn to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm Directorate Diversity VTC (POC/Lead: Paul Rauch/Inez Uhl) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Clayton McBride, Stephen Guertin, Robert Garfinkel, Inez Uhl, Paul Rauch, Lisa Danaceau, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Jim Kurth, Samir Dave

4pm USGS/FWS Science Communication Meeting

Where: Room 6641 or Dial (b) (5) CIP [redacted], code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Michelle Mebane
Created by: William Lukas
Who:
Colette Charbonneau, Jim Kurth, Aurelia Skipwith, ASWS Conference Room, Michelle Mebane, Anne Kinsinger, Thomas Garcia, Andrea Travnicek, William Lukas, Raymond Sauvajot

Tue Jan 30, 2018

10:30am

Briefing: Process for filling vacancies on the North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Greg, Jerome, Jim, Steve, Sarah Mott, Kari Duncan) Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Mike Johnson, Stephen Guertin, Jerome Ford, Sarah Mott, Kari Duncan, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth

11:30am NEPA Streamlining - FWS

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 5062
Calendar: Conference room 5062
Created by: Lajuan Randolph
Who:
Michaela Noble, Carol Braegelmann, Jerome Ford, Cynthia Martinez, Shawn Alam, Stephen Guertin, Bryan Arroyo, Jim Kurth, Gina Shultz, Roslyn Sellars

1pm Phone call (Jim, Noreen Walsh and Matt Hogan) on personnel - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Stephanie Potter, Jim Kurth, Matt Hogan, Noreen Walsh

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm URGENT NEW ASSIGNMENT -- ALL HANDS ON DECK NEXT 48 HOURS

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3038 Director's Conference Room
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
John Schmerfeld, Steven Farrell, Barbara Wainman, Denise Sheehan, Shelley Hartmann, Matthew Huggler, Gina Shultz, Mike Johnson, Janine Velasco, David Hoskins, Paul Rauch, Stepher Guertin, Jerome Ford, Kashyap Patel, Rebekah Giddings, Gloria Bell, Jim Kurth, Brian Bloodsworth Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Cynthia Martinez, Chris Nolin, Robert Curry, Edward Grace, Benjamin Tuggle, Seth Mott, Shaun Sanchez

1:30pm Catch-up meeting (Jim and Kim Thorsen) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Kim Thorsen, Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Aurelia Skipwith, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Wendy Fink, Marshall Critchfield, Todd Willens, Roslyn Sellars, Richard Goeken, Barbara Wainman, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Maureen Foster, Catherine Gulac, Tasha Robbins, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Susan Combs, Heather Swift

Wed Jan 31, 2018

9:30am Pick up credentials

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 1320
Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm

Briefing: Wildlife trafficking law enforcement tool (Greg, LE staff, Gloria Freund of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence) - Rm 3038
Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
David Hubbard, Edward Grace, Jeanne Van Lancker, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan

3pm Meeting re: video approval (Jim/Jessie Cheek)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Feb 1, 2018

9:30am

Join Secretary Zinke event honoring the 75th anniversary of Mitchell Jamieson's mural - Sidney Yates Auditorium MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Sidney Yates Auditorium in the Main Interior Building
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Wendy Fink, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Benjamin Jesup, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth

2pm

Secretary Town Hall Meeting - Sidney Yates Auditorium at the Main Interior Building

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Sidney Yates Auditorium at the Main Interior Building
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Mon Feb 5, 2018

All day (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Who: Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edwarc Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) , (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Charisa) Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP, Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Charisa Morris, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Casey Hammond, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Gregory Sheehan

Tue Feb 6, 2018

1pm

Monthly Phone call re: Ethics Issues (Jim/Anne Badgley) - Anne to call 208-4545
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Anne Badgley, Jim Kurth

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Richard Goeken, Barbara Wainman, Marshall Critchfield, Stephen Guertin, Tasha Robbins, Roslyn Sellars, Wendy Fink, Aurelia Skipwith, Maureen Foster, Todd Willens, Peg Romanik, Heather Swift, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Thomas Irwin, Catherine Gulac, Charisa Morris, Susan Combs

4:15pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Janice DeSordi, Christine Powell, Jim Kurth, Katie Mills, Bob Vogel, Downey Magallanes, Tasha Robbins, James Cason, Matthew Dermody, Richard Goeken, Gregory Sheehan, John Bockmier, Casey Stemler, Gary Lawkowski, Aurelia Skipwith, Todd Willens, Todd Wynn, Maureen Foster, Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Irwin, Rick Obernesser, Lena McDowall, Gareth Rees, Greg Sheehan, Scott Hommel, Marshall Critchfield, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Paul (Dan) Smith, James Voyles, David Bernhardt, Susan Combs, John Tanner, Michael Reynolds

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

5:15pm Briefing with FWS, NPS and BLM

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: David Bernhardt
Created by: Catherine Gulac
Who:
James Voyles, Paul (Dan) Smith, David Bernhardt, Matthew Dermody, Lacey Smethers, James Cason, Todd Willens, Downey Magallanes, Jim Kurth, Harry Humbert, Jason Larrabee, Brian Steed, Tasha Robbins, Greg Sheehan, Janice DeSordi, Thomas Irwin, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin

Wed Feb 7, 2018

9:30am

Meeting w/FWS SOL and Aurelia Skipwith re: Past Litigation/Use of genetically Modified Crops on Refuges (Aurelia, Ben Jessup, Cynthia Martinez, Nancy Brown Kobil, Cynthia Moses Ned) - Room 3144

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Aurelia Skipwith
Created by: Thomas Garcia
Who:
Thomas Garcia, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Aurelia Skipwith, Thomas Irwin, Benjamin Jesup, Cynthia Martinez, Cynthia Moses-Nedd, Nancy Brown-Kobil

1pm

Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul) Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **- Room 3359**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth

2pm

Meeting re: Collaboration (Jim Kurth, Seth Mott and Chad Bishop, Director, Wildlife Biology Program, University of Montana, President, National Association of University Fish and Wildlife Programs) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: chad.bishop@umontana.edu, Jim Kurth, Seth Mott

2:30pm FY 2018 performance plan

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Denise Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4:30pm

Meeting re: USAID/DOI Collaboration (Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin, Gloria Bell & USAID staff, Kaush Arha, Jose Perez and Carey Thompson) - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
cthompson@usaid.gov, Greg Sheehan, jperez@usaid.gov, Stephen Guertin, Gloria Bell, karha@usaid.gov, Jim Kurth

Thu Feb 8, 2018

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup

2:30pm

Phone call RE: AFWA/FWS Communications (Greg Sheehan, Ron Regan, Barbara Wainman) - Rm 3358 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
arnelson@fishwildlife.org, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, rregan@fishwildlife.org, Jim Kurth, Jen Mock Schaeffer, Barbara Wainman

3pm

Meeting (Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Steve Guertin and Will Hall, DOI-CADR) to discuss rolling out organizational ombuds services to the bureaus - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, William Hall, Jim Kurth

3:30pm travel to Skyline
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4:30pm

Internal communications/anti-harassment efforts (Jim, Barbara Wainman, Matt Huggler, Rebekah Giddings)--EA Lynx Conference Room - Skyline 2N059
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Barbara Wainman, Xiomara Labiosa, Jim Kurth, Matthew Huggler, Rebekah Giddings, Nancy Monroe

Fri Feb 9, 2018

9:30am

Meeting (Jim and Cynthia) to discuss/characterize the forest resources of the NWRS - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Xiomara Labiosa, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth

10am

Meeting with Aurelia and Frank Vitello and John Seyjagat, Executive Director, Zoological Association of America - Rm 3144
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP conference room - 3144
Calendar: Tasha Robbins
Who: Thomas Garcia, Aurelia Skipwith, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Tasha Robbins, Thomas Irwin

1pm

Phone call re: Florida Pythons (Marshall Critchfield, Jim Kurth-optional, Cynthia Martinez, Mike Oetker-via phone) Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Acquanetta Reese, Marshall Critchfield, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, Michael Oetker, David Viker, Kathleen Burchett, Ernest Clarke, Rolf Olson, William Thomas, Rebekah Gibble

Mon Feb 12, 2018

All day Thomas - Annual Leave (2/12 -2/16)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth
Going? Yes

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Edward Grace, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Zachariah Gambill, Seth Mott, Paul Rauch, Gregory Sheehan, Barbara Wainman, Gary Frazer, Jerome Ford, Jim Kurth, Kenneth Taylor, Cynthia Martinez, Brian Bloodsworth, David Hoskins, Chris Nolin, Charisa Morris, Maureen Foster, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Aurelia Skipwith, Janine Velasco, Bud Cribley

11am

Phone Call: Jim Kurth and Susan Holmes to discuss wildlife corridors (Susan Holmes to call 202-208-4545)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: susan@wildlandsnetwork.org, Jim Kurth

1pm Phone Interview with Gisela Chapa, SUTL cohort 35 - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359 or call Jim Kurth on 208-4545
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Gisela Chapa, Jim Kurth

2pm Susan Combs

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Tue Feb 13, 2018

All day Thomas - Annual Leave (2/12 -2/16)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth
Going? Yes

All day Reminder: Meeting with the Canadian Wildlife Service (2/13)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

9am FWS-Canadian Wildlife Service Joint Meeting - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
David Bernhardt, Jerome Ford, Jason Larrabee, Charisa Morris, Todd Willens, Kashyap Patel, Jim Kurth, David Hoskins, Edward Grace, Cynthia Martinez, OIEA OS, Greg Sheehan, Bud Cribley, Gary Frazer, Barbara Wainman, Zachariah Gambill, Benjamin Tuggle, Stephen Guertin, Gloria Bell

12pm

Budget Call with Stakeholders (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: FWS (b) (5) CIP [redacted]) - MIB Rm 1548
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 1548
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Barbara Wainman, Greg Sheehan, Chris Tollefson, Chris Nolin, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Gavin Shire, Gary Frazer, Cynthia Martinez, Matthew Huggler, Jerome Ford, Charisa Morris, Rachel Merkel, Doug Hobbs

5:30pm Embassy of Canada Environment and Energy Section Dinner

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Siroc Restaurant, 915 15th Street, NW, Wash., DC
Who: Jim Kurth, OIEA OS, Roslyn Sellars, Charisa Morris, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

Wed Feb 14, 2018

All day Thomas - Annual Leave (2/12 -2/16)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth
Going? Yes

9am Personnel discussion: Jim/Wendi Weber--Wendi to call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Wendi Weber, Kathleen King

9:30am Wilderness meeting with DOI (Jim Kurth/Roger Semler)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Roger Semler, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am 2018 DFP (Jim/Jessie Cheek) Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth

2pm

All Employee Message/Town Hall re: Budget - Rachel Carson Conference Center, Skyline

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Chris Tollefson, Charisa Morris, Kashyap Patel, FWS Directorate Secretaries, Greg Sheehan

3:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Stacey Garcia, Sharon Showalter, Marilyn Brower, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Conni Conner, Monique Manning, Lillian Moore, Jesse Brent, JoAn Mundt, Acquanetta Reese, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Shelly Senior, Rose Reed, Jim Kurth, Pamela Michalegko, Stephanie Potter, Xiomara Labiosa, Lynne Santos, Kashif Askari, Wanda Cantrell, Nicole Tsugawa, Henry Schlitzer, Delores Bigby, Margaret Hardy, Azuredee Perkins, Lois Wellman, Kathleen King

5pm

Sea Urchins and Sea Cucumbers (Aurelia, Jim Kurth, Peg Romanik, Richard Goeken) Rm 3144

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference room - 3144
Calendar: Aurelia Skipwith
Who: Jim Kurth, Richard Goeken, Greg Sheehan, Aurelia Skipwith, Roslyn Sellars, Peg Romanik

Thu Feb 15, 2018

All day Thomas - Annual Leave (2/12 -2/16)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Who: Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth
Going? Yes

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am

Phone interview with Kathleen Gaines-The Compass Group-- Kathleen will call 202-208-4545
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: ghaskett@refugeassociation.org, Jim Kurth

3:30pm

"Meet & Greet" (Jim Kurth, Cynthia Martinez and Kevin Sloan, American Conservation Experience) on a potential partnership between So Cal FWS (Refuges and ES) and ACE to hire interns - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Xiomara Labiosa, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, ksloan@usaconservation.org, Shaun Sanchez

4pm Burying Beetle

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

4:45pm Peter Burba

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Fri Feb 16, 2018

All day Thomas - Annual Leave (2/12 -2/16)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth
Going? Yes

10am Followup meeting with Aurelia - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jim's Office
Calendar: Aurelia Skipwith
Who: Aurelia Skipwith, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm

Meeting: Arch Coal Co & FWS consultation issues with a harbor project in Norfolk (Greg Sheehan, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Wendi Weber or Deb Rocque- via phone, Rachel Rogier & Jay Martin-Arch Coal)--Room 3358 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3358 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Gary Frazer, Deborah Rocque, Wendi Weber, rrogier@archcoal.com

Mon Feb 19, 2018

All day Presidents Day Holiday
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

All day TRAVEL: FWS Deputies Meeting - San Diego, CA (2/19 - 2/21)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Chris Nolin, Gary Frazer, Kenneth Taylor, Edward Grace, Brian Bloodsworth, Zachariah Gambill, Charisa Morris, Seth Mott, David Hoskins, Denise Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Stephen Guertin, Bud Cribley, Jerome Ford, Paul Rauch, Greg Sheehan, Barbara Wainman, Georgia Basso, Jim Kurth, Paul Souza, Maureen Foster, Gregory Sheehan, Cynthia Martinez, Aurelia Skipwith

Tue Feb 20, 2018

All day TRAVEL: FWS Deputies Meeting - San Diego, CA (2/19 - 2/21)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am
Briefing re: Black Vulture Depredation in Tennessee (Jerome Ford, Jason Larrabee, Steve Guertin, Jim Kurth) - Jason's office
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Stephen Guertin, Tasha Robbins, Jason Larrabee, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Jerome Ford

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Wendy Fink, Susan Combs, Heather Swift, Stephen Guertin, Thomas Irwin, Roslyn Sellars, Marshall Critchfield, Todd Willens, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Maureen Foster, Catherine Gulac, Peg Romanik, Aurelia Skipwith, Barbara Wainman, Tasha Robbins, Richard Goeken, Greg Sheehan

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Bob Vogel, Michael Reynolds, Greg Sheehan, Aurelia Skipwith, Stephen Guertin, Katie Mills, Gary Lawkowski, James Cason, Paul (Dan) Smith, Matthew Dermody, Gregory Sheehan, Scott Hommel, Rick Obernesser, Richard Goeken, Todd Wynn, Gareth Rees, Thomas Irwin, Casey Stemler, Todd Willens, Downey Magallanes, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, John Tanner, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Lena McDowall, Christine Powell, David Bernhardt, James Voyles, Janice DeSordi, Marshall Critchfield, Maureen Foster, John Bockmier, Susan Combs, Tasha Robbins, Charisa Morris

Wed Feb 21, 2018

All day TRAVEL: FWS Deputies Meeting - San Diego, CA (2/19 - 2/21)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1:50pm Flight UA1982 SAN to DEN
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing San Diego, CA (SAN)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

5:10pm Flight UA652 DEN to IAD
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Denver, CO (DEN)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Feb 22, 2018

9am

Briefing for Greg and Jim for 2/22 NAWCC teleconference (Greg, Jim, Jerome, Mike Johnson, Sarah Mott, Kari Duncan, Robert Ford) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Robert Ford, Mike Johnson, Greg Sheehan, Kari Duncan, Sarah Mott, Jerome Ford, Jim Kurth

10:30am Meeting (Jim Kurth and John Bockmier) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jim's office - Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: John Bockmier, Jim Kurth

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Peg Romanik, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup, Stephen Guertin, Wendy Fink, Jim Kurth

1pm

Fwd: Follow up from Directorate / AFWA Ex Com meeting (Steve, Jim, Rauch) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Stephen Guertin, Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth

2pm

Teleconference: North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Greg or Jim)--Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **(Agenda Attached)-Rm 3359**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Jerome Ford, Delores Bigby, Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4pm

Monthly FWS Anti-Harassment Action Plan Meeting/Call (Jim Kurth, Inez Uhl, Gary Frazer, Barbara Wainman, Rebekah Giddings, Janine Velasco, Jay Slack, Noreen Walsh, Steve Guertin, Robert Garfinkel) - Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gary Frazer, Robert Garfinkel, Jay Slack, Barbara Wainman, Inez Uhl, Noreen Walsh, Jim Kurth, Janine Velasco, Stephen Guertin, Tauline Davis, Stephanie Potter, Rebekah Giddings, Karen Clark

Fri Feb 23, 2018

9am Diversity program (Jim/Inez) Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth

1pm Operating Guidance
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Janine Velasco, Jessie Cheek, Charisa Morris, Rebekah Giddings, Kashyap Patel, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin

Sun Feb 25, 2018

All day TRAVEL: Pacific Regional Office and site visit to Rose Atoll (2/25 - 3/7)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:15am Flight UA403 IAD to DEN
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:15am
Flight# UA403 from IAD -> DEN (4 hours and 5 mins.) Layover of 1 hour and 10 mins. Flight# 328 from DEN -> HNL (7 hours and 37 mins.)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm Flight UA328 DEN to HNL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Departing Denver, CO (DEN)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Feb 26, 2018

All day TRAVEL: Pacific Regional Office and site visit to Rose Atoll (2/25 - 3/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edward Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

9:40pm Flight# HA465 from HNL -> PPG

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Feb 27, 2018

All day TRAVEL: Pacific Regional Office and site visit to Rose Atoll (2/25 - 3/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

10am

Meeting (Greg Sheehan, Jason Larabee and Western Municipal Water District) on status of Western projects - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Thomas Garcia, Jim Kurth, tdykstra@tfgnet.com, Greg Sheehan, Jason Larrabee, OIEA OS, Tasha Robbins, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Heather Swift, Tasha Robbins, Richard Goeken, Peg Romanik, Stephen Guertin, Catherine Gulac, Thomas Irwin, Roslyn Sellars, Aurelia Skipwith, Todd Willens, Charisa Morris, Greg Sheehan, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Susan Combs, Wendy Fink, Maureen Foster, Marshall Critchfield

3:30pm

Meeting: FWS/Intermountain West Joint Venture Partners re: privatelands conservation needs, opportunities, and ways for IWJV and PFC toincreasingly support FWS in the West - Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jim Kurth, Stephanie Potter, Mike Johnson, OIEA OS, Greg Sheehan, Delores Bigby, Dave Smith, Jerome Ford, Noreen Walsh, dykstra@tfgnet.com, Stephen Guertin

Wed Feb 28, 2018

All day TRAVEL: Pacific Regional Office and site visit to Rose Atoll (2/25 - 3/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

9:30am

M-Opinion Reg (Greg, Steve, Jim, Gary, Ed Grace, Peg Romanik, Ben Jesup, Jerome Ford, Mike Johnson)--Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Mike Johnson, Edward Grace, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Benjamin Jesup, Stephen Guertin, Gary Frazer, Jerome Ford

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm
Meeting with CITES Secretary General, John Scanlon (Greg Sheehan, Jason Larrabee, Todd Willens, Aurelia Skipwith, Gloria Bell, Craig Hoover, Laura Noguchi, Rosemarie Gnam) - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Tasha Robbins, Jim Kurth, Laura Noguchi, Gloria Bell, Gareth Rees, Todd Willens, Greg Sheehan, Rosemarie Gnam, Craig Hoover, OIEA OS, Stephen Guertin, Aurelia Skipwith, Jason Larrabee, Thomas Garcia

Thu Mar 1, 2018

All day TRAVEL: Pacific Regional Office and site visit to Rose Atoll (2/25 - 3/7)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Benjamin Jesup, Stephen Guertin

1pm Re: Data call
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Janine Velasco, Jessie Cheek, Rebekah Giddings, Charisa Morris

Fri Mar 2, 2018

All day TRAVEL: Pacific Regional Office and site visit to Rose Atoll (2/25 - 3/7)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Paul Rauch Acting Director
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

All day Paul Rauch Acting Director

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12am New Event

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Sat Mar 3, 2018

All day TRAVEL: Pacific Regional Office and site visit to Rose Atoll (2/25 - 3/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Sun Mar 4, 2018

All day TRAVEL: Pacific Regional Office and site visit to Rose Atoll (2/25 - 3/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Mar 5, 2018

All day TRAVEL: Pacific Regional Office and site visit to Rose Atoll (2/25 - 3/7)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Cynthia Martinez, Brian Bloodsworth, Seth Mott, Stephen Guertin, Janine Velasco, Denise Sheehan, Bud Cribley, Chris Nolin, David Hoskins, Gregory Sheehan, Gary Frazer, Edward Grace, Maureen Foster, Jim Kurth, Aurelia Skipwith, Jerome Ford, Paul Rauch, Charisa Morris, Kenneth Taylor, Paul Souza, Barbara Wainman, Zachariah Gambill, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3:15pm

Briefing: Nashville Crayfish Delisting Decision (Greg, Mike Oetker & Region 4 staff via phone)--Dial: (b) (5) CIP **Code:** (b) (5) CIP **RM 3358**
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3358, Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gary Frazer, mary_e_jennings@fws.gov, Michael Oetker, Acquanetta Reese, Michelle Eversen, Don Morgan, Matthew Dekar, Aaron Valenta, Drew Becker, Jack Arnold, Leopoldo Miranda, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Bridget Fahey, Kashyap Patel, Laura Maloof

Tue Mar 6, 2018

All day TRAVEL: Pacific Regional Office and site visit to Rose Atoll (2/25 - 3/7)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Wed Mar 7, 2018

All day TRAVEL: Pacific Regional Office and site visit to Rose Atoll (2/25 - 3/7)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

8am Out of Office
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

10am Senior Executive Emergency Management Council Meeting
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where:
IOC Conference Room 3447 (Teleconference (b) (5) C P; Access Code (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jonathan Rosen
Who:
Louis Rowe, Deborah Hartley, Denise Flanagan, Mark Bathrick, Karen Senhadji, Joe Nassar, James Anderson, bmuller@usbr.gov, Shayla Simmons, Karis Graham, William Leith, Jason Thompson, James Anderton, Sid Caesar, Bruce Downs, Ted Woronka, Timothy Wight, Greg Gould, Darren Cruzan, Deb Dumontier, Brent Range, Debra Sonderman, Walter Cruickshank, Jerold Gidner, Juliette Lillie, Scott Mabry, Raymond Limon, Mary Pletcher, BOEM Director Calendar, Rick Obernesser, James Gallagher, Douglas Glenn, Megan Olsen, jeff_rupert@fws.gov, Jim Kurth, Roderick Anderson, Nikolao Pula, Shayla Simmons, Tammy Bagley, Juanita Mendoza, Sylvia Burns, Kaiini Kaloi, Stephen Guertin, Laura Rigas, Bryan Arroyo, juanita.mendoza@bie.edu, David Applegate, Robert Maclean, Harry Humbert, Matthew Costello, Charles Addington, Shawn Buckner, Anzanette Randall, Michele Singer, Jerold Gidner, Karen Knight, Stephen Hardgrove, Lisa Branum, Michaela Noble, Craig Leff, Edward Keable, Glenda Owens

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Mar 8, 2018

10am

Meeting re: FWS climate adaptation activities (Greg/Steve/Jim/Seth/Ben Tuggle) - Rm 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Stephen Guertin, Benjamin Tuggle, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Seth Mott

10:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Benjamin Jesup, Jim Kurth, Peg Romanik, Stephen Guertin

11:30am

[BPC] Briefing re: Ludington building contaminates (Greg, Jim, Steve, Tom Melius, Charlie Wooley, Todd Turner and Aaron Woldt) - Rm 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Todd Turner, Stephen Guertin, David Hoskins, Conni Conner, Kashyap Patel, Tom Melius, Jim Kurth, Aaron Woldt, Greg Sheehan, Charles Wooley

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Stephen Guertin, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Casey Hammond, Greg Sheehan, Gregory Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm
Monthly FWS Anti-Harassment Action Plan Meeting/Call - Rm 3038 or Dial: [redacted] **Code:** [redacted]
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Rm 3038 or Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted]
Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Jay Slack, Barbara Wainman, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Gary Frazer, Karen Clark, Rebekah Giddings, Thomas Irwin, Noreen Walsh, Janine Velasco, Jessie Cheek, Inez Uhl

3pm Bi-weekly Diversity meeting
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Lisa Danaceau, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek

3:30pm Aurelia
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Fri Mar 9, 2018

All day Annual leave
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:20am Flight UA2002 IAD to TPA
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Sun Mar 11, 2018

2:13pm Flight UA236 TPA to IAD
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Departing Tampa, FL (TPA)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Mon Mar 12, 2018

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edwarc Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

1pm TRAVEL to NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

3pm SPEAKING "Directorate Welcome" for FY18 Stepping Up To Leadership - NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Tue Mar 13, 2018

10am Meeting (Jim Kurth and Evan Hirsche) re IRTM challenges - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: evan@discovernatureapps.com, Jim Kurth

11am

Diversity (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul) - Rm 3359--Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek

Wed Mar 14, 2018

8am work from home

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: 5900 Fort Drive Suite 425 Centreville, VA 20121
Calendar: Jim Kurth

10am (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm BRIEFING (Jim and Refuge Program) on an oil and gas issue - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez, Patrick O'Dell, Xiomara Labiosa, Jim Kurth, Azuredee Perkins, Robert Williams, Bud Cribley, Scott Covington

1:30pm Marshall Critchfield

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2pm Meeting (Jim and Cynthia) on Carlyle Lake) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Xiomara Labiosa, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Wanda Cantrell, Sharon Showalter, Jim Kurth, Marilyn Brower, Kashif Askari, Stacey Garcia, Rose Reed, JoAn Mundt, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Kathleen King, Conni Conner, A Alvarez, Xiomara Labiosa, Nicole Tsugawa, Margaret Hardy, Jesse Brent, Stephanie Potter, Lois Wellman, Pamela Michalegko, Azuredee Perkins, Lynne Santos, Monique Manning, Henry Schlitzer, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Shelly Senior, Lillian Moore, Acquanetta Reese, Delores Bigby

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Natalie Lasher
Who:
Pamela Michalegko, Conni Conner, Natalie Lasher, Henry Schlitzer, Azuredee Perkins, Monique Manning, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Rose Reed, Kashif Askari, Acquanetta Reese, Margaret Hardy, Wanda Cantrell, A Alvarez, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Stephanie Potter, Sharon Showalter, Jim Kurth, Lillian Moore, Lois Wellman, Jesse Brent, Nicole Tsugawa, Shelly Senior, Delores Bigby, Stacey Garcia, Christopher Amundson, Lynne Santos, JoAn Mundt, Kathleen King, Xiomara Labiosa

3:30pm Catch up

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Jim's Office
Calendar: Aurelia Skipwith
Who: Jim Kurth, Aurelia Skipwith

4pm Meeting with Partners offsite

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Thu Mar 15, 2018

10am Phone call (Jim and Jessie Cheek)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup

2:30pm Meeting: Jim/Inez-Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Mar 16, 2018

3pm Call with Sarena

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon Mar 19, 2018

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edwarc Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

1pm

Interagency Shared Leadership Meeting (Forest Service-Glenn Casamassa, Chris French, Leslie Weldon, Viki Christiansen, Jaelith Hall-Rivera; FWS-Greg & Jim; BLM-Brian Steed, Mike Nedd, Kristian Ball; BIA-Brian Rice, Jim James) - RM 5653

Where: BLM, MIB RM 5653 Conference Room
Calendar: ttooke@fs.fed.us
Created by: Jim Kurth
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, chris french, Donna Stump, Rodriguez-Franco, Carlos -FS, Casamassa, Glenn -FS, Leslie Weldon, Christiansen, Victoria C -FS, Jim Kurth

Tue Mar 20, 2018

1:30pm Hurricane recovery needs (Jim, Steve, Bryan Arroyo) Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Bryan Arroyo

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Wendy Fink, Susan Combs, Heather Swift, Stephen Guertin, Thomas Irwin, Roslyn Sellars, Marshall Critchfield, Todd Willens, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Maureen Foster, Catherine Gulac, Peg Romanik, Aurelia Skipwith, Barbara Wainman, Tasha Robbins, Richard Goeken, Greg Sheehan

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

5pm Grand Cru
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: John Schmerfeld
Who: John Schmerfeld, Jim Kurth, Deborah Rocque, Mitch Ellis, Cindy Hall, (b) (6) [redacted]@gmail.com

Wed Mar 21, 2018

10am
Phone call (Wendi and Jim) on DCR (Wendi should call (202) 208-4545) - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Wendi should call (202) 208-4545
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Wendi Weber, Kathleen King

11:30am
[BPNA] Calif. Water Fix Briefing (Greg, Jim, Jason Larrabee and Region 8) --Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) C P [redacted] **- Rm 3358**
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3358 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) C P [redacted]
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Jason Larrabee, Thomas Garcia, Tasha Robbins, Charisa Morris, Kaylee Allen, Dan Castleberry, Wanda Cantrell, Jody Holzworth, Kashyap Patel, Paul Souza

2pm Diversity Program Enterprise (Jim, Inez Uhl, Rickey Siggal) Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Rickey Siggal

Thu Mar 22, 2018

11:15am (b) (6) [redacted]
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Mar 23, 2018

9am Pine snake

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11am Check in (Steve, Greg, Jim)-Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3358
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

1pm

Phone call to catch-up (Jim, Noreen and Matt) Dial: 202-208-4545 - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Stephanie Potter, Jim Kurth, Matt Hogan, Noreen Walsh

2pm Directorate VTC re: SO 3355/NEPA - - -Rm 3038 (POC: Gary Frazer)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Pamela Michalegko, Kevin Foerster, Lynne Santos, Kashif Askari, Jesse Brent, JoAn Mundt, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Kashyap Patel, Rose Reed, Shelly Senior, Greg Sheehan, Henry Schlitzer, Charisa Morris, Stacey Garcia, Robert Garfinkel, Sharon Showalter, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Vicki Finn, Larry Rabin, Stephanie Potter, Jim Kurth, Acquanetta Reese, Conni Conner, Kathleen King, Clayton McBride, Nicole Tsugawa, Wanda Cantrell, Delores Bigby, Lois Wellman, Rollie White, Xiomara Labiosa

3pm Diversity program enterprise (Jim, Inez Uhl, Rickey Siggal) Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Rickey Siggal

Mon Mar 26, 2018

All day

Travel - North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (Norfolk, VA)--3/26 -3/30
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Hilton Norfolk, The Main, 100 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23502
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

9am N. American Conference (Norfolk, VA)--3/26 -3/30

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Tue Mar 27, 2018

All day

Travel - North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (Norfolk, VA)--3/26 -3/30
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Hilton Norfolk, The Main, 100 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23502
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9am N. American Conference (Norfolk, VA)--3/26 -3/30

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1pm

Optional Pre-Meeting Prior to Joint Meeting with State Directors - Location: North American Conf., Norfolk, VA, Hilton Hotel, Ghent room
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Hilton Norfolk THE MAIN, 100 E Main St, Norfolk, VA 23510, USA
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Robyn Thorson, Amy Lueders, Kashyap Patel, Matt Hogan, Janine Velasco, Noreen Walsh, Barbara Wainman, Michael Oetker, Jerome Ford, David Hoskins, Jim Kurth, FWS Assistant Directors, A Alvarez, Paul Rauch, Greg Siekaniec, Tom Melius, Gary Frazer, Greg Sheehan, Edward Grace, Wendi Weber, Paul Souza, Robert Curry, Charisa Morris, Kenneth Taylor, Benjamin Tuggle

Wed Mar 28, 2018

All day

Travel - North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (Norfolk, VA)--3/26 -3/30
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Hilton Norfolk, The Main, 100 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23502
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

9am N. American Conference (Norfolk, VA)--3/26 -3/30

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Thu Mar 29, 2018

All day

Travel - North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (Norfolk, VA)--3/26 -3/30
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Hilton Norfolk, The Main, 100 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23502
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9am N. American Conference (Norfolk, VA)--3/26 -3/30

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Fri Mar 30, 2018

All day

Travel - North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (Norfolk, VA)--3/26 -3/30
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Hilton Norfolk, The Main, 100 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23502
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9am N. American Conference (Norfolk, VA)--3/26 -3/30

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Sat Mar 31, 2018

9am N. American Conference (Norfolk, VA)--3/26 -3/30

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Mon Apr 2, 2018

All day SUTL Shadow with Ryan Fogerty - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Ryan Fogerty, Jim Kurth

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Kenneth Taylor, Denise Sheehan, Gregory Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jerome Ford, Seth Mott, Stephen Guertin, Cynthia Martinez, Maureen Foster, Edward Grace, Gary Frazer, Georgia Basso, David Hoskins, Paul Souza, Brian Bloodsworth, Chris Nolin, Susan Combs, Greg Sheehan, Tasha Robbins, Janine Velasco, Charisa Morris, Bud Cribley, Barbara Wainman, Aurelia Skipwith, Zachariah Gambill

11:30am Lunch w Jim

Where:
United States Department of the Interior 1849 C St NW, Washington, DC 20240, United States
Calendar:
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Created by: Jim Kurth
Who: Jared Brandwein, Jim Kurth

11:30am Lunch with Jared

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Gregory Sheehan, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm

NOTE: New Time - FWS Budget Overview and Hurricane Briefing/ w/Susan Combs

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: AS/FWP conference room - 3144
Calendar: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Susan Combs, Tasha Robbins, Chris Nolin, Jim Kurth, Thomas Irwin, Roslyn Sellars, Maureen Foster, Greg Sheehan

3pm Diversity Program Enterprise (Jim, Inez Uhl, Rickey Siggal) Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Rickey Siggal

Tue Apr 3, 2018

All day (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10:30am

Meeting re: Commitment & Planning Support (CPS) Inter-agency Agreement (IAG)--Greg Sheehan/Mary Josie Blanchard - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Greg Sheehan, Mary Josie Blanchard, Jim Kurth

Wed Apr 4, 2018

12pm

Prep for 2018 Operations Plan Meeting with Susan Combs (Greg, Chris Nolin, Jim, Steve) Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Chris Nolin, Kashyap Patel, Barbara Wainman

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2pm

Prep for Hurricane Budget Briefing - Rm 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP, Code: (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: (Code corrected) Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, William Thomas, Stephen Jackson, Edwin Muniz, Kelly McDowell, John Stricklan, Greg Sheehan, Chris Nolin, Robert Miller, Daniel Garcia, Laura Whorton, Stephen Guertin

4:30pm

Hurricane Budget Briefing with PMB, FWS & NPS (David Bernhardt, Scott Cameron, Susan Combs, Steve Guertin, Chris Nolin, Denise Flanagan, Daniel Garcia, Edwin Muniz, John Strickland, Maureen Foster, Olivia Ferriter, Robert Miller, Stephen Jackson) Rm 6120

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 6120 - Call-in (b) (5) C P Code (b) (5) C P (Leader Code (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

Thu Apr 5, 2018

9am

Fish and Wildlife Service Ombuds (Jim Kurth, William Hall-Director of Collaborative Action and Dispute Resolution and Jose Fernando Caetano) - Rm 3359-MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3359-MIB
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Jose Caetano, William Hall, Stephen Guertin

9:30am

[Confirmed] Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jessie Cheek, Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch

10:30am B&A JAO Listening Session

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: FWS Skyline - Rachel Carson Conference Center (1W104 - 1W112)
Calendar: Brian Bloodsworth
Who:
Shelley Hartmann, FWHQ_BPHC_All, Kenneth Taylor, Pamela Sirotzky, Kevin Bumatay, FWS BMO All Employees, Jim Kurth, Kristin Young, Greg Sheehan, Rebekah Giddings, Janine Velasco, Stephen Guertin, Martha Spadafore, FWHQ ITM HQ Federal Staff, Brian Bloodsworth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10:30am Check in

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 or call in
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Chris Nolin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Benjamin Jesup, Stephen Guertin, Wendy Fink

1pm Forestry Meeting - OS-MIB Rm 4441

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
OS-MIB Rm 4441 OWF Conference Room, OS-OWF 1 Conference Bridge (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
PC(b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm JAO Listening Session - All Customers

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: FWS Skyline - Rachel Carson Conference Center (1W104 - 1W112)
Calendar: Brian Bloodsworth
Who:
Stephen Guertin, John Schmerfeld, David Hoskins, FWHQ_BPHC_All, Gloria Bell, Pamela Sirotzky, Denise Sheehan, Shelley Hartmann, Barbara Wainman, Seth Mott, Kevin Bumatay, FWHQ ITM HQ Federal Staff, Brian Bloodsworth, Robert Curry, Greg Sheehan, Kristin Young, Mike Johnson, Shaun Sanchez, Matthew Huggler, Janine Velasco, Paul Rauch, Gary Frazer, Jerome Forc Charisa Morris, Edward Grace, Carol Greeley, James Gale, Gina Shultz, Benjamin Tuggle, Kenneth Taylor, Jim Willis, Jim Kurth, FWS BMO All Employees, Rebekah Giddings, Cynthia Martinez, Steve Chase, Martha Spadafore

2:30pm

Monthly FWS Anti-Harassment Action Plan Meeting/Call (Jim, Steve, Gary, Inez, Janine Velasco, Jay Slack, Rebekah Giddings, Barbara Wainman, Noreen Walsh, Karen Clark) - Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Janine Velasco, Rebekah Giddings, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Jay Slack, Noreen Walsh, Gary Frazer, Karen Clark, Inez Uhl, Thomas Irwin, Jessie Cheek, Stepher Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm

Hurricane Budget Briefing with PMB, FWS & NPS (David Bernhardt, Scott Cameron, Susan Combs, Steve Guertin, Chris Nolin, Denise Flanagan, Daniel Garcia, Edwin Muniz, John Strickland, Maureen Foster, Olivia Ferriter, Robert Miller, Stephen Jackson) Rm 6120

Where: Room 6120 - Call-in (b) (5) C P Code (b) (5) C P (Leader Code (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: David Bernhardt
Created by: Gareth Rees
Who:
Roslyn Sellars, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Daniel Garcia, Susan Combs, Olivia Ferriter, John Stricklan, Stephen Jackson, Tasha Robbins, Laura Nicholson, David Bernhardt, Chris Nolin, Thomas Irwin, Maureen Foster, Kelly McDowell, Denise Flanagan, Edwin Muniz, Scott Cameron, Jim Kurth, Robert Miller

Fri Apr 6, 2018

All day Hadley RO visit

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

8am On TRAVEL: Regional Site Visit - Hadley, MA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1:30pm

Discuss feedback from Hurricane Budget Briefing -- action plan for next steps - Rm 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: (Code corrected) Dial: (b) (5) CIP, Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Daniel Garcia, Laura Whorton, William Thomas, Kelly McDowell, Chris Nolin, Robert Miller, Stephen Guertin, Cynthia Martinez, Rachel Merkel, Edwin Muniz, Hillary Harms, Michael Oetker, John Stricklan, Jim Kurth, Stephen Jackson

Mon Apr 9, 2018

All day Charisa AL

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who:
Nikki Randolph, Donnise Hancock, Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Xiomara Labiosa, Bud Cribley, Barbara Wainman, Thomas Irwin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Kashyap Patel, Maureen Foster, Zachariah Gambill, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

6:45am TRAVEL: To NCTC Room 201 I-East

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:45am

SPEAKING: “A Leadership Perspective” session for Realty for RefugePersonnel & “Conversation with a Deputy Director” - NCTC Room 201 I-East

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: National Conservation Training Center - Room 201 I-East
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9:45am TRAVEL: Rtn to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm

Meeting (Steve and Benjamin) to discuss data management items for the Directorate agenda - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Benjamin Tuggle, Stephen Guertin, Seth Mott, Jim Kurth

2:30pm

Allocation Issue - Investments/ongoing commitments (Greg, Steve, Jim, Chris Nolin, Ken Taylor, Shelley Hartman, Matt Huggler, Shaun Sanchez) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Barbara Wainman, Shelley Hartmann, Kenneth Taylor, Jim Kurth, Matthew Huggler, Chris Nolin, Shaun Sanchez, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm

Allocation Issue - LCC Funding (Greg, Steve, Jim, Chris Nolin, Ben Tuggle, Seth Mott) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Benjamin Tuggle, Seth Mott, Matthew Huggler, Jim Kurth, Chris Nolin, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Barbara Wainman

3:30pm

BRIEFING (Greg, Cynthia Martinez, Eric Alvarez, Ken Fowler, Mike Johnson and Sarah Mott) to review 4/25 MBCC meeting proposals - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, A Alvarez, Jim Kurth, Mike Johnson, Stephen Guertin, Sarah Mott, Xiomara Labiosa, Cynthia Martinez, Greg Sheehan, Shaun Sanchez, Ken Fowler, Azuredee Perkins

Tue Apr 10, 2018

All day Roslyn - Out of Office until noon

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth
Going? Yes

10am

Meeting re: audit recommendations for IRTM (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Ken Taylor and Shelley Hartmann) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Sharon Showalter, Shelley Hartmann, Charisa Morris, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Jim Kurth, Kenneth Taylor, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Andrey Andreyev, Don Henry

11am Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am

Appropriations Language (Greg, Jim, Steve, Chris, Barbara, Marty) Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Martin Kodis, Rachel Merkel, Jim Kurth, Barbara Wainman, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Chris Nolin

1pm

Briefing: Grays Lake Settlement (Jim Kurth, Jonathan Bloomfield-R1, Robyn Thorson, Kevin Foerster, Terry Rabot, Tracy Casselman) - Rm 3359 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Nicole Tsugawa, Kevin Foerster, Theresa Rabot, Rose Reed, Kim Trust, Jim Kurth, Vicki Finn, Jonathan Bloomfield, Robyn Thorson, Ken Fowler

2pm

Meeting re: Commitment & Planning Support (CPS) Inter-agency Agreement (IAG)--Jim Kurth/Mary Josie Blanchard - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Mary Josie Blanchard, Jim Kurth

2:45pm NOTE: New Location: room 3038 FWS weekly check in meeting

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Barbara Wainman, Greg Sheehan, Peg Romanik, Marshall Critchfield, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Aurelia Skipwith, Tasha Robbins, Richard Goeken, Roslyn Sellars, Charisa Morris, Maureen Foster, Susan Combs, Heather Swift, Joy Nicholopoulos, Stephen Guertin, Catherine Gulac, Wendy Fink, Jim Kurth

3:30pm Diversity Program Enterprise (Greg, Jim, Steve and Inez Uhl) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Lisa Danaceau, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Rickey Siggal

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Apr 11, 2018

1pm Harry Humbert

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm Meet with Jim

Calendar:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Created by: Jim Kurth
Who: Harry Humbert, Jim Kurth

2:30pm Catch-up

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jim's Office
Calendar: Aurelia Skipwith
Who: Aurelia Skipwith, Jim Kurth

Thu Apr 12, 2018

10am Annual Continuity of Operations Training (COOP) - IOC, Rm 3447

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm

Meeting (Aurelia Skipwith and Jim Kurth) on License Application for Concept One - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Aurelia Skipwith, Jim Kurth, Peg Romanik

Fri Apr 13, 2018

11am

Phone call with David Scott (Greg Sheehan/Jim Kurth) David will call (202) 208-4545

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, (b) (6) [redacted]@yahoo.com

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

12:30pm Monthly Briefing - ESA Actions - Rescheduled from 4/3, 11:00 - 12:00

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: 3038
Calendar: Todd Willens
Created by: Catherine Gulac
Who:
Thomas Irwin, Greg Sheehan, Bridget Fahey, Todd Willens, Gina Shultz, Sarah Quamme, Roslyn Sellars, Catherine Gulac, Lois Wellman, Aurelia Skipwith, Thomas Garcia, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Tasha Robbins, Don Morgan, Jason Larrabee, Maureen Foster, Susan Combs

2:30pm

VTC for Jim Kurth to meet with the Executive Diversity Committee (EDC) - Jim Kurth's Ofc, Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Jim Kurth's Ofc, Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Inez Uhl, Benjamin Tuggle, Lisa Danaceau, Rebekah Giddings, Wanda Cantrell, Janine Velasco, Jesse Brent, Paul Rauch, Jim Kurth, Jessie Cheek, Paul Souza, Greg Siekaniec, Pamela Michalegko, Kashif Askari, Henry Schlitzer

3:30pm

Phone call with Casey Stemler (Greg Sheehan/Jim Kurth) - Casey to call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Casey Stemler

Mon Apr 16, 2018

9am

Meeting (Jim, Steve, Ben Jesup, Carrie Hyde-Michaels, Larry Mellinger and Shelley Hartmann) on FOIA - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Shelley Hartmann, Carrie Hyde-Michaels, Kashyap Patel, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Larry Mellinger, Benjamin Jesup, Barbara Wainman

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Barbara Wainman, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Georgia Basso, Paul Souza, Cynthia Martinez, Chris Nolin, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Brian Bloodsworth, Aurelia Skipwith, Gary Frazer, Bud Cribley, Gregory Sheehan, Paul Rauch, Edward Grace, Seth Mott, Jim Kurth, Janine Velasco, Maureen Foster, Jerome Ford, Kenneth Taylo

1pm In-Person meeting (Jim and Anne Badgley) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Anne Badgley, Jim Kurth

2:30pm Vacancies and Waivers (Greg, Jim, Steve) Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Kashyap Patel, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan

3:30pm Mary Josie Blanchard/Jim Kurth - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Mary Josie Blanchard, Jim Kurth

5:30pm TRAVEL: To Metropolitan Club

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

6pm

Ducks Unlimited & Wetlands America Trust Reception - The Metropolitan Club

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: The Metropolitan Club, 1700 H St NW, Washington, DC 20006, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Tue Apr 17, 2018

All day Directorate Meeting (ADs and RDs only) - Falls Church, VA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Falls Church, VA, USA
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Greg Sheehan, FWS Directorate Secretaries, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Jim Kurth

Wed Apr 18, 2018

All day Directorate Meeting (ADs and RDs only) - Falls Church, VA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Falls Church, VA, USA
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Greg Sheehan, FWS Directorate Secretaries, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Jim Kurth

2:30pm

Meeting/Conference Call (Greg, Jim, Steve, Jerome, Robyn and Terry) on Eagle permit issue (Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rachel Carson Conference Center room 1W112

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
(Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Skyline HQ - Rachel Carson Conference Center room 1W112
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Theresa Rabot, Rose Reed, Jim Kurth, Delores Bigby, Robyn Thorson, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

Thu Apr 19, 2018

All day Directorate Meeting (ADs and RDs only) - Falls Church, VA

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Falls Church, VA, USA
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Greg Sheehan, FWS Directorate Secretaries, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:30pm

Meet and Greet (FWS Directorate and Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Susan Combs) - Kiowa Room (Bison Bistro)-Main Interior Bldg

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Kiowa Room (Bison Bistro)
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Wendi Weber, Charisa Morris, Benjamin Tuggle, Kashyap Patel, Susan Combs, Edward Grace, Barbara Wainman, Cynthia Martinez, Greg Siekaniec, Robyn Thorson, Tasha Robbins, Greg Sheehan, Paul Rauch, Gary Frazer, Jerome Ford, Paul Souza, David Hoskins, Noreen Walsh, Denise Sheehan, Amy Lueders, Tom Melius, Jim Kurth, Michael Oetker, Thomas Garcia, Janine Velasco, Stephen Guertin, Kenneth Taylor, A Alvarez

2pm

Meet and Greet (FWS Directorate and Deputy Director for NPS, Danny Smith) - Kiowa Room (Bison Bistro)-- Main Interior Bldg

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Kiowa Room (Bison Bistro)- Main Interior Bldg
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
David Hoskins, Jim Kurth, Noreen Walsh, A Alvarez, Denise Sheehan, Greg Siekaniec, Kenneth Taylor, Paul Souza, Charisa Morris, Kashyap Patel, Wendi Weber, Janine Velasco, Jerome Ford, Janice DeSordi, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Gary Frazer, Michael Oetker, Robyn Thorson, Edward Grace, Cynthia Martinez, Paul (Dan) Smith, Barbara Wainman, Paul Rauch, Tom Melius, Benjamin Tuggle

Fri Apr 20, 2018

10:30am

Refuges FY18 Allocation Briefing (Greg, Steve, Jim, Cynthia, Shaun, Ketti Spomer, Rachel Merkel, Chris Nolin, Hillary Harm) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Cynthia Martinez, Hillary Harms, Greg Sheehan, Katherine Spomer, Charisa Morris, Shaun Sanchez, Lydia Collins, Chris Nolin, Stephen Guertin, Rachel Merkel, Kashyap Pate

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am
CSKT Presentation for FWS - Rm 3038 - -Region 6 via phone (Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3038 - -Region 6 via phone (Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Noreen Walsh, Tasha Robbins, Alan Mikkelsen, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Catherine Gulac, Benjamin Jesup, Gareth Rees, OIEA OS, Kashyap Patel, Cynthia Martinez, Will Meeks, John Tahsuda, Scott Aikin, george@georgewaters.com, Zachariah Gambill, Stephen Guertin, Stephanie Potter, Greg Sheehan, Barbara Wainman, DJ Monette, Charisa Morris, Susan Combs, James Cason, Anita Personius

Mon Apr 23, 2018

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Aurelia Skipwith, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Cynthia Martinez, Gregory Sheehan, Zachariah Gambill, Barbara Wainman, Seth Mott, Paul Rauch, Edward Grace, Kenneth Taylor, Chris Nolin, Paul Souza, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Brian Bloodsworth, Maureen Foster, Gary Frazer, Jerome Ford, Denise Sheehan, Bud Cribley, Janine Velasco, David Hoskins

11:30am Keep open
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm
Internal FWS Briefing for Meeting with Monsanto (Greg, Tom Melius, Charlie Wooley, Chuck Traxler, Craig Czarnecki, Monsanto Staff) - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Room 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Barbara Wainman, Conni Conner, Benjamin Tuggle, Seth Mott, Craig Czarnecki, Jim Kurth, Charles Wooley, Stephen Guertin, Tom Melius, Charles Traxler

2pm City of Tallahassee (Jim, Gary and Alan Mintz) - Rm 3038
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: MIB - Conference Room 3038 (conference line (b) (5) CIP Passcode (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman
Who: Jim Kurth, Gary Frazer, Alan Mintz

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3:30pm Budget discussion with Greg/Steve Guertin

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Who: Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan

4:15pm Program Allocation Meeting w/Science Applications - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Rachel Merkel, Seth Mott, Lydia Collins, Stephen Guertin, Autemesa Palmer, Jim Kurth, Cecilia Todd, Dana Bivens, Benjamin Tuggle, Chris Nolin, Kashyap Patel

Tue Apr 24, 2018

11am FWS Construction Account Flexibility

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Room 3144
Calendar: Scott Cameron
Created by: Jean Parrish
Who:
Scott Cameron, Denise Flanagan, Jim Kurth, Steven Farrell, Chris Nolin, Olivia Ferriter, Roslyn Sellars, Jason Freihage, Susan Combs, Tasha Robbins, Adrianne Moss, Abigail Miller, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), Greg Sheehan

3pm Migratory Bird Budget Allocation Briefing - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jerome Ford, Greg Sheehan, Scott Carleton, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Kashyap Patel, Mike Johnson, Chris Nolin, Charisa Morris, Ken Richkus, Sarah Mott, Dan Patterson

Wed Apr 25, 2018

All day Administrative Professionals Day

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am International Affairs FY18 Allocation Briefing - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Chris Nolin, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Craig Hoover, Carol Greeley, Greg Sheehan, A Alvarez, Gloria Bell

11:30am Critical Vacanies (Greg, Jim and Steve) - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Kashyap Patel

1pm Jim/Inez for midyear review-Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth

1:30pm

Meeting (Jim, Steve, Chris, Shaun, David and Gary) to select project list for $50 m dm funding - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
David Hoskins, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Lois Wellman, Xiomara Labiosa, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez, Stephen Guertin, Chris Nolin, Virginia Takang

Thu Apr 26, 2018

All day Refuge Academy -NCTC (4/26 - 4/27)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

8am Refuge Academy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

9:30am

Greg Sheehan/Delta Waterfowl Mtg re: Priorities for wildlife conservation in the upcoming 2018 Farm Bill-Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3038
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, william@naturalresourceresults.com, Dave Walker, Stephen Guertin, OIEA OS, Cynthia Martinez

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Benjamin Jesup, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Peg Romanik, Wendy Fink

Fri Apr 27, 2018

All day Roslyn - Annual Leave (all day)

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Who: Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

8am Refuge Academy

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

12pm Admin Professionals Lunch - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gary Frazer, Kashyap Patel, A Alvarez, Janine Velasco, Jim Kurth, Jerome Ford, Lois Wellman, Barbara Wainman, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Greg Sheehan, Paul Rauch, Donnise Hancock, Xiomara Labiosa, Delores Bigby

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Mon Apr 30, 2018

8am SPEAKING to Welcome ALDP Phase I (ALDP Cohort 17) - NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where:
National Conservation Training Center, 698 Conservation Way, Shepherdstown, WV 25443, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edward Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

Tue May 1, 2018

10am

Fisheries Allocation (Greg, Steve, Jim, Dave Hoskins, John Schmerfeld, Nancy Labatte) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Nancy LaBatte, David Hoskins, Chris Nolin, Stephen Guertin, John Schmerfeld, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth

1pm

Monthly Phone call re: Ethics Issues (Jim/Anne Badgley) - Anne to call 208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Anne Badgley, Jim Kurth

2pm Undercover cases/Waivers (Steve, Jim, Ed Grace) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Edward Grace

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm Phone call: Jim/Robyn Thorson--Robyn call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Robyn Thorson, Jim Kurth

Wed May 2, 2018

All day Roslyn-Annual Leave (9a - 1p)

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Who: Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan
Going? Yes

1pm

NBR check-in Conference Call (Steve, Greg, Jim, Cynthia, Will Meeks, Noreen Walsh) Dial-in (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Rm 3357**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Noreen Walsh, Stephen Guertin, Cynthia Martinez, Will Meeks, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan

2pm

Monthly Anti-Harassment Action Plan Mtg (Jim, Steve, Janine Velasco, Inez, Jay Slack, Rebekah Giddings, Barbara Wainman, Noreen Walsh) - Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gary Frazer, Janine Velasco, Jim Kurth, Rebekah Giddings, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Karen Clark, Noreen Walsh, Jessie Cheek, Jay Slack, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Barbara Wainman, Inez Uhl

3pm Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Inez Uhl

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu May 3, 2018

9am

Pre-brief for 5/9 Budget meeting with David Bernhardt (Greg, Steve, Chris, Jim) -Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Chris Nolin, Lydia Collins, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

9:45am Office of Law Enforcement FY18 Allocation Briefing - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Matthew Thorburn, Chris Nolin, Kathleen Scully, Andrew Brown, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Edward Grace

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup, Stephen Guertin, Peg Romanik

1pm

Native American Policy Team Budget Allocations (Jim, Scott Aikin, DJ Monette, Dan Patterson) - Rm 3359

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: DJ Monette, Jim Kurth, Dan Patterson, Scott Aikin

2pm

Monthly meeting/Conference Call for Executive Diversity Committee (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Karen Clark, Greg Siekaniec, Benjamin Tuggle, Paul Souza, Lisa Danaceau, Wanda Cantrell, Janine Velasco, Jesse Brent, Delores Bigby, Inez Uhl, Francisca Gutierrez, Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth, Rebekah Giddings, Shaun Sanchez, Paul Rauch, Lucille Frerich

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri May 4, 2018

All day Steve - (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

All day Thomas - On Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Sat May 5, 2018

2pm (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon May 7, 2018

All day FWS retirees meeting - Lincoln City, Oregon

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Who: Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

8:20am Flight UA1950 IAD to DEN

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Gregory Sheehan, Zachariah Gambill, Jerome Ford, Maureen Foster, Stephen Guertin, Paul Souza, Brian Bloodsworth, Paul Rauch, Georgia Basso, Jim Kurth, Chris Nolin, Barbara Wainman, Kenneth Taylor, Greg Sheehan, Seth Mott, Aurelia Skipwith, Cynthia Martinez, Gary Frazer, David Hoskins, Bud Cribley, Edward Grace, Janine Velasco

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1:35pm Flight UA1257 DEN to PDX

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Departing Denver, CO (DEN)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Tue May 8, 2018

All day FWS retirees meeting - Lincoln City, Oregon

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

Wed May 9, 2018

All day FWS retirees meeting - Lincoln City, Oregon

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

12pm (b) (6)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:30pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Marilyn Brower, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Stephanie Potter, Pamela Michalegko, Kashif Askari, Shelly Senior, Stacey Garcia, Henry Schlitzer, Lois Wellman, Azuredee Perkins, Wanda Cantrell, Monique Manning, Lynne Santos, Margaret Hardy, JoAn Mundt, Nicole Tsugawa, Acquanetta Reese, Delores Bigby, Seth Willey, Conni Conner, Sharon Showalter, Rose Reed, Lillian Moore, Kathleen King, Xiomara Labiosa, Jesse Brent, Jim Kurth, FWS Directorate & Deputies

3:30pm

Meeting with AZA (Greg, Eric Alvarez, Ed Grace, Jim Gale, Gloria Bell, Jeff Newman, Gary Frazer, Gina Shultz) - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jeff Newman, solson@aza.org, A Alvarez, Greg Sheehan, Edward Grace, Gloria Bell, Jim Kurth, Gina Shultz, James Gale, Gary Frazer, Kashyap Patel, OIEA OS, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu May 10, 2018

All day FWS retirees meeting - Lincoln City, Oregon

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

2pm Flight UA679 PDX to ORD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Portland, OR (PDX)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

7:02pm Flight UA225 ORD to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Chicago, IL (ORD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Fri May 11, 2018

All day Annual Leave - (b) (6) [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

12:45pm Flight UA3909 IAD to CMH

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon May 14, 2018

All day Annual leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Roslyn - Annual leave 5/14 - 5/15

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: [redacted] Code: [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

10am **AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038**
Video call:
[redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edwarc Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

11am
Department of the Interior's 11th Annual Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Ceremony - Sidney R. Yates Auditorium - MIB
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Sidney R. Yates Auditorium - MIB
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Kashyap Patel, Charisa Morris

2:35pm **Flight UA3906 CMH to IAD**
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Departing Columbus, OH (CMH)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Tue May 15, 2018

All day **Roslyn - Annual leave 5/14 - 5/15**
Video call:
[redacted]

Who: Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

9am
OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, [redacted], [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359
Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Dial [redacted], Code: [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
Gregory Sheehan, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, [redacted] Charisa Morris, Casey Hammond, [redacted] Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am

Bi-Weekly Hiring Waiver Review Meeting (Steve, Jim, Janine, Rebekah, Jessie) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Stephen Guertin, Rebekah Giddings, Jim Kurth, Janine Velasco, Jessie Cheek

11am

Meeting (Jim, Steve and Laurie Gillespie) on SES FY 18 performance plans - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Laurie Gillespie, Stephen Guertin

1pm

Discuss Operations with Mike Nedd of BLM- Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted], Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Ursula Massey
Who: Michael Nedd, Ursula Massey, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Yolando Mack-Thompson

1:30pm

FY18 Assessments for Aviation (Steve, Jim, Jerome, Dan Patterson) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Stephen Guertin, Dan Patterson, Jerome Ford, Jim Kurth

2pm Meeting (Jim, Inez and Rickey) ODIWM program update - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Lisa Danaceau, Jim Kurth, Rickey Siggal

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Maureen Foster, Wendy Fink, Roslyn Sellars, Barbara Wainman, Todd Willens, Heather Swift, Susan Combs, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Tasha Robbins, Peg Romanik, Catherine Gulac, Richard Goeken, Thomas Irwin, Marshall Critchfield, Greg Sheehan, Aurelia Skipwith

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3:30pm
Phone call (Jim and Mike Oetker) on Hurricane projects, AFWA and the Gulf (Mike should call 202-208-4545) - Rm 3358
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Mike should call 202-208-4545 - Rm 3358
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Acquanetta Reese, Jim Kurth, Michael Oetker

4pm DOI Operations Meeting - AS/FWP
Where: Room 6120
Calendar: Gareth Rees
Who:
Susan Combs, Rick Obernesser, Scott Hommel, Gary Lawkowski, Todd Willens, Bob Vogel, Todd Wynn, Christine Powell, John Tanner, Tameka Lewis-Robinson, Downey Magallanes, Greg Sheehan, James Cason, Janice DeSordi, James Voyles, John Bockmier, Matthew Dermody, Katie Mills, Stephen Guertin, Lena McDowall, Roslyn Sellars, Charisa Morris, Thomas Irwin, Jim Kurth, Gregory Sheehan, Casey Stemler, Paul (Dan) Smith, Gareth Rees, David Bernhardt, Marshall Critchfield, Aurelia Skipwith, Tasha Robbins, Maureen Foster, Richard Goeken

4:30pm Wild HH at Grand Cru
Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: John Schmerfeld
Who: Cynthia Martinez, Nancy Roeper, Adam Hanson, Jim Kurth, John Schmerfeld, Vance Martin

Wed May 16, 2018

All day Travel to Albuquerque for Project Leaders Meeting (5/16 -5/19)
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:06am Flight UA374 IAD to ORD
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

11:31am Flight UA4498 ORD to ABQ
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Chicago, IL (ORD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu May 17, 2018

All day Travel to Albuquerque for Project Leaders Meeting (5/16 -5/19)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Benjamin Jesup, Peg Romanik, Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Greg Sheehan

Fri May 18, 2018

All day Travel to Albuquerque for Project Leaders Meeting (5/16 -5/19)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

All day Jerome Ford - Acting Director

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Sat May 19, 2018

All day Travel to Albuquerque for Project Leaders Meeting (5/16 -5/19)

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth

11:39am Flight UA5548 ABQ to DEN

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Albuquerque, NM (ABQ)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

2:30pm Flight UA461 DEN to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Denver, CO (DEN)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Mon May 21, 2018

7:10am TRAVEL: To NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

9:10am

Travel: SPEAKER to Directorate Fellows Program Orientation Welcome - NCTC Roosevelt Room

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: NCTC Roosevelt Room
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

9:45am TRAVEL: Rtn to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edwarc Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm Admin Hiring Waivers discussions

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Steve's office
Calendar: Janine Velasco
Who: Janine Velasco, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Thomas Irwin, Roslyn Sellars

Tue May 22, 2018

All day Roslyn- Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars
Going? Yes

10am

FWS FY 2018 Mid-Year Internal Control & Audit Follow Up Progress & Issue Resolution Meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 5529 Main Int Bldg, Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: PFM Conference Room 5529 Scheduler
Created by: Sharon Blake
Who:
Jim Kurth, Ord Bargerstock, Kathryn Bender, Sherry Martin, Casey Meng, Amy Billings, Melanie Sorenson, Kaprice Tucker, Bryttava Olson, Kenneth Taylor, Jean Kvasnicka, Charles Haman, Douglas Glenn, Megan Olsen, Stephen Jones, Stephen Guertin, Olivia Ferriter, Allen Lawrence, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Don Henry, Marleah Domergue, OCIO_Audit_Mgmt, Carl Nelson, Shelley Hartmann, Michael Sciortino, Christopher Stubbs, Teresa Hunter, Mike Piccirilli, Greg Sheehan, Moe Kabiri

Wed May 23, 2018

All day Roslyn- Annual Leave

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Who: Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Michael Gale, Barbara Wainman, Zachariah Gambill, Bud Cribley

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

1pm Monthly Briefing - ESA Actions ((b) (5) C P Passcode (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: MIB - Conference Room 3144
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman
Who:
Seth Willey, Maureen Foster, Ted Koch, Catherine Gulac, Gina Shultz, Aurelia Skipwith, Jeff Newman, Greg Sheehan, Gary Frazer, Thomas Irwin, Downey Magallanes, Susan Combs, Katie Mills, Bridget Fahey, Thomas Garcia, Tasha Harris, Jim Kurth, Todd Willens, Roslyn Sellars, Lisa Ellis, Don Morgan

Thu May 24, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

10am Phone call (Jim and Mike Oetker) Mike to call (202) 208-4545 - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Acquanetta Reese, Jim Kurth, Michael Oetker

11am FWS DIRECTOR'S HALL SPRING FLING PICNIC!

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Hains Point Picnic Area, 2301 Ohio Dr SW, Washington, DC 20024, USA
Calendar: Charisa Morris
Who:
Jeffery Rupert, Delores Bigby, Shelley Hartmann, Brian Bloodsworth, Greg Sheehan, Michael Gale, Barbara Wainman, John Schmerfeld, Donnise Hancock, JoAn Mundt, Jessie Cheek, Benjamin Tuggle, Stephen Guertin, David Hoskins, Kashif Askari, Nicola Sanchez, Denise Sheehan, Azuredee Perkins, Gary Frazer, Thomas Irwin, Inez Uhl, Mike Johnson, Matthew Huggler Gina Shultz, Gloria Bell, Cynthia Martinez, Bud Cribley, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) Jim Kurth, Nikki Randolph, Robert Curry, Kenneth Taylor, Seth Mott, Edward Grace, Shaun Sanchez, Janine Velasco, Kashyap Patel, Paul Rauch, Charisa Morris, Xiomara Labiosa, Parks Gilbert, Jerome Ford, Georgia Basso, Anya Rushing, Roslyn Sellars, Lois Wellman, A Alvarez, Cade London
Going? Yes

5pm Travel to speaking engagements

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

5:30pm National Wildlife Refuge Association's Annual Awards Dinner -Washington, D.C.

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Washington, D.C.
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Fri May 25, 2018

All day Roslyn - Out of Office 2 - 5p

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Who: Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Charisa Morris
Going? Yes

All day Thomas - Out of Office at 1:00p

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Roslyn Sellars, Greg Sheehan

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

1pm Meeting Andy Loranger - Skyline - 3N004C Bluestem Team Meeting Room

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Skyline - 3N004C Bluestem Team Meeting Room
Calendar: Cynthia Martinez
Created by: Xiomara Labiosa
Who: Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, Andy Loranger, Shaun Sanchez, Azuredee Perkins

Mon May 28, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Aurelia Skipwith, Edward Grace, Jerome Ford, Paul Souza, Denise Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Jim Kurth, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Greg Sheehan, Brian Bloodsworth, Janine Velasco, Gregory Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Bud Cribley, Chris Nolin, Gary Frazer, Zachariah Gambill, Stephen Guertin

11am

Bi-Weekly Hiring Waiver Review Meeting (Steve, Jim, Janine, Rebekah, Jessie) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Rebekah Giddings, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Janine Velasco, Jessie Cheek

Tue May 29, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

9am Bi-weekly Vacancy approval meeting

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Steve's office
Calendar: Janine Velasco
Who: Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Irwin, Stephen Guertin, Janine Velasco, Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth

10am

Meeting (Steve, Jim, Charisa, Kashyap, Shelley and Carrie) for FOIA check-in - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Kashyap Patel, Charisa Morris, Shelley Hartmann, Carrie Hyde-Michaels, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am Ludington

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: (b) (5) CIP PC: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Conni Conner
Who:
Stuart Radde, Charles Wooley, David Hoskins, Michael Reed, Aaron Woldt, Conni Conner, Roslyn Sellars, Todd Turner, Thomas Irwin, Jim Kurth, Kevin Alban

1pm

Hurricane Program Implementation Executive Oversight Team - Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP **Code:** (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Room 3357 or Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) C P
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
David Hoskins, Barbara Wainman, Cynthia Martinez, Janine Velasco, Acquanetta Reese, Amy Lueders, Jim Kurth, Michael Oetker, Stephen Guertin, Anne Hammond

2pm Meeting (Greg, Jim, Steve and Charisa) on AFWA Awards - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Kashyap Patel, Greg Sheehan

Wed May 30, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

10am

2020 DOI submit Meeting (Greg, Jim, Steve, Chris and Rachel Merkel) - Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Chris Nolin, Kim Howze, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Rachel Merkel, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Kashyap Patel

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am

Additional budget updates (Greg, Jim, Steve, Chris Nolin, Charisa, Kashyap) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Jim Kurth, Kashyap Patel, Rachel Merkel, Paul Rauch, Greg Sheehan, Chris Nolin, Stephen Guertin, Charisa Morris

12:10pm

Partners Outdoors/Great Outdoors Beacon Awards Lunch -Jim's office or Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

1:15pm Beacon Awards (Partners Outdoors/Great Outdoors) - MIB Auditorium

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

2pm

Section 7 - Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (Auerlia Skipwith, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Gary Frazer, Noreen Walsh, Matt Hogan & FWS Region 6 staff via phone)-Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) C P [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3038 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gary Frazer, Stephanie Potter, Jim Kurth, Kevin Shelley, Aurelia Skipwith, Nicole Alt, Michael Thabault, Matt Hogan, Austin Ewell, Timothy Petty, Lois Wellman, Gina Shultz, Greg Sheehan, Noreen Walsh, Andrea Travnicek, Scott Larson

4pm

Status of the Red Wolf/Mexican Wolf study (Greg, Steve, Jim, Ben Tuggle, Seth Mott, Gary Frazer or Gina Shultz) Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Gary Frazer, Greg Sheehan, Gina Shultz, Jim Kurth, Benjamin Tuggle, Seth Mott, Lois Wellman, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu May 31, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

9:30am

Permit Fee Schedule Rule (Greg, Jim, Steve, Eric A./Gloria B., Jerome F. /Mike J.) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Jerome Ford, Mike Johnson, Gloria Bell, Stephen Guertin, A Alvarez, Kashyap Patel, Greg Sheehan

11am Deputies meeting

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Skyline
Calendar: Jim Kurth

1pm U.S. Fish & Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: FWS Director's Conference Room - MIB 3038
Calendar: JoAn Mundt
Who:
Aurelia Skipwith, Jeanne Van Lancker, David Hubbard, Gary Lawkowski, P Souphanya, JoAn Mundt, Edward Grace, James Gale, Jim Kurth

Fri Jun 1, 2018

All day Roslyn - Out of Office until 2pm

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Who: Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Greg Sheehan, Roslyn Sellars, Stephen Guertin
Going? Yes

8:15am TRAVEL: To NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am SPEAKING at (10:00a.m. - 10:15a.m.) the ODIWM Workshop - NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1pm TRAVEL: Rtn to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Mon Jun 4, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edwarc Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

1pm

OIG monthly status update meeting/conference call (Jim, Steve, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted], (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa) Room 3359 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted], Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Who:
(b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted] Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Casey Hammond, Gregory Sheehan, Greg Sheehan, (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) [redacted]

2:30pm Meeting (Jim and Aurelia Skipwith) to discuss Garrison - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Aurelia Skipwith, Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3pm

Conservation Leaders for tomorrow (Steve, Jim, Jay Slack, Charisa, Kashyap)--Rm 3357-Jay to call 202-208-4545

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357-Jay to call 202-208-4545
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Stephen Guertin, Kashyap Patel, Charisa Morris, Jay Slack, Jim Kurth

3:30pm Leadership Interview (Jim and Lara Drizd) - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Gina Shultz, Lara Drizd

Tue Jun 5, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Zachariah Gambill, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley

10am

Meeting/Conference Call on SO 3366 check in / update (Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Passcode:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **- Rm 3357**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Linda Walker, David Miko, Shaun Sanchez, Brad Gunn, Kashyap Patel, Stephen Guertin, Barbara Wainman, Greg Sheehan

12:45pm

Kenai Rule Discussion: Jim/Cynthia/Greg/Karen/Mitch/Andy. Call: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] **Participants pc:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Participants pc: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Leader (Mitch): (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Maria Romero
Who:
Mitch Ellis, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, Maria Romero, Karen Clark, Andy Loranger, Greg Siekaniec

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Wed Jun 6, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Zachariah Gambill

10am Quarterly SE-EMC Meeting

Where:
IOC Conference Room 3447 (Teleconference (b) (5) C P Access Code (b) (5) C P

Calendar: DOI Emergency Management Council (EMC) Calendar
Created by: Jason Marineau
Who:
Tim Radtke, Pamela Barkin, Ted Woronka, Joe Nassar, Rick Obernesser, Jeffery Rupert, Nikolao Pula, Megan Olsen, William Leith, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) , Lisa Branum, Tammy Bagley, Timothy Wight, James Beall, Douglas Glenn, Deborah Hartley, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) , Michaela Noble, Stephen Guertin, Shawn Buckner, John Haines, Roderick Anderson, Bruce Downs, Denise Flanagan, Mark Bathrick, Harry Humbert, Scott Swanson, James Anderson, Jason Thompson, Scott Mabry, Juliette Lillie, Robert Maclean, Charles Addington, Shayla Simmons, Sylvia Burns, Jim Kurth, Jerold Gidner, Kaiini Kaloi, Karen Senhadji, Juanita Mendoza, Laura Rigas, Louis Rowe, juanita.mendoza@bie.edu, Bryan Arroyo, David Applegate, Raymond Limon, Edward Keable, Darren Cruzan, Greg Gould, Anzanette Randall, Matthew Costello, James Anderton, Karis Graham

1pm Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch

2pm JAO update (Steve, Jim, Janine, Brian) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Room 3357
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who: Jim Kurth, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Kevin Bumatay, Janine Velasco

3:30pm

Monthly Anti-Harassment Action Plan Mtg (Jim, Steve, Janine Velasco, Inez, Jay Slack, Rebekah Giddings, Barbara Wainman, Noreen Walsh) - Rm 3359 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3359 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Inez Uhl, Gary Frazer, Jay Slack, Karen Clark, Rebekah Giddings, Janine Velasco, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Jim Kurth, Thomas Irwin, Jessie Cheek, Stephen Guertin, Barbara Wainman, Noreen Walsh, Dawn Lagrotteria

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Thu Jun 7, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Bud Cribley, Stephen Guertin, Zachariah Gambill, Barbara Wainman, Greg Sheehan

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Benjamin Jesup, Greg Sheehan, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik

1pm

Monthly Phone call re: Ethics Issues (Jim/Anne Badgley) - Anne to call 208-4545

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Anne Badgley, Jim Kurth

2pm VTC on Executive Diversity/Barrier Analysis Team (BAT) Results - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3038
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Inez Uhl, Benjamin Tuggle, Rebekah Giddings, Janine Velasco, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek, Greg Siekaniec, Paul Souza, Julia Bumbaca, Hector Zarate, Rickey Siggal, Lisa Danaceau, Leopoldo Miranda, Daffny Pitchford, Eric Taylor, Cecilia Todd, Kashif Askari, Henry Schlitzer

4pm Call with Jim re: Attu. Call in number: (b) (5) CIP **Passcode:** (b) (5) C P

Where: Karen's Office or Call in number: 1-(b) (5) C P Passcode: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Regional Director's Office
Created by: Karen Clark
Who: Steve Delehanty, Greg Siekaniec, Jim Kurth, Sara Boario, Socheata Lor, Karen Clark

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Fri Jun 8, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Bud Cribley, Barbara Wainman, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Zachariah Gambill

9:30am Meeting (Jim and Linda Walker) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Linda Walker, Jim Kurth

10am

Briefing re: FY20 LWCF Projects (Greg, Jim, Steve, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez, Ken Fowler, Eric Alvarez) rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Steven Seibert, Cynthia Martinez, Shaun Sanchez, Ken Fowler, A Alvarez, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth

Mon Jun 11, 2018

All day TRAVEL: WFLC Meeting - Colorado Springs, CO

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Colorado Springs, CO
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Stephen Guertin, Barbara Wainman, Charisa Morris, Jim Kurth, Bud Cribley, Greg Sheehan, Zachariah Gambill

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edward Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

2pm

ES Briefing -- petition findings on northern spotted owl and lesser prairie-chicken

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Where: MIB - Conference Room 3038 (Conference line (b) (5) CIP Passcode (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Gary Frazer
Created by: Lois Wellman
Who:
James Voyles, Aurelia Skipwith, Roslyn Sellars, Maureen Foster, Ted Koch, Jim Kurth, Katie Mills, Paul Henson, Catherine Gulac, Gary Frazer, Greg Sheehan, Rollie White, Todd Willens, Thomas Irwin, Susan Combs, Tasha Robbins, Bridget Fahey

Tue Jun 12, 2018

All day TRAVEL: WFLC Meeting - Colorado Springs, CO

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Colorado Springs, CO
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Wed Jun 13, 2018

All day TRAVEL: WFLC Meeting - Colorado Springs, CO

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Colorado Springs, CO
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11:30am

Meet & Greet with Craig Potter and Discussion of CITES-related issues on behalf of the San Diego Zoo - Rm 3358

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3:15pm Monthly FWS Directorate VTC - Room 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: FWS MIB Dir.Conf. Rm 3038
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Shelly Senior, Acquanetta Reese, Henry Schlitzer, Kashif Askari, Nicole Tsugawa, Stephanie Potter, Rose Reed, Kathleen King, Conni Conner, Lois Wellman, Kelly Kennedy Bechdel, Clayton McBride, Stacey Garcia, Sharon Showalter, Jim Kurth, Marilyn Brower, JoAn Mundt, FWS Directorate & Deputies, Pamela Michalegko, Delores Bigby, Lillian Moore, Wanda Cantrell, Monique Manning, Lynne Santos, Azuredee Perkins, Jesse Brent, Xiomara Labiosa, Margaret Hardy

Thu Jun 14, 2018

All day TRAVEL: WFLC Meeting - Colorado Springs, CO

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Colorado Springs, CO
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

All day Thomas - AL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

1:10pm Flight UA5377 COS to DEN

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Colorado Springs, CO (COS)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

2:53pm Flight UA2401 DEN to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Denver, CO (DEN)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Fri Jun 15, 2018

All day Thomas - AL

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

7am TRAVEL: To NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Zachariah Gambill, Bud Cribley, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Barbara Wainman

9am

SPEAKER to Commencement Address Speaker for SUTL 35 Graduation - NCTC, Classroom 151 IW

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: NCTC, Classroom 151 IW
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

11am TRAVEL: Rtn to MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Mon Jun 18, 2018

7am Travel: NCTC

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

9am

SPEAKING at Directorate Resource Assistant Fellows Program (DFP) - NCTC Roosevelt Room

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where:
National Conservation Training Center, 698 Conservation Way, Shepherdstown, WV 25443, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

10am AD Staff meeting - Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Jerome Ford, Brian Bloodsworth, Stephen Guertin, Maureen Foster, Kenneth Taylor, Gary Frazer, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Cynthia Martinez, David Hoskins, Charisa Morris, Denise Sheehan, Paul Souza, Chris Nolin, Gregory Sheehan, Georgia Basso, Greg Sheehan, Janine Velasco, Edward Grace, Seth Mott, Barbara Wainman, Bud Cribley, Zachariah Gambill, Aurelia Skipwith

10am Travel: MIB

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin

12:30pm

Izembek Follow-up (Greg Sheehan, Greg Siekaniec, Jim Kurth, Cynthia Martinez)-Rm 3358 or Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] **Code:** (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3358 or Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Greg Sheehan, Xiomara Labiosa, Cynthia Martinez, Lucille Frerich, Karen Clark, Greg Siekaniec, Jim Kurth

2pm Phone call with Mike Oetker to discus settlement authority - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Jim Kurth, Laura Maloof, Michael Oetker

Tue Jun 19, 2018

10:30am BP process

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Calendar: Kashyap Patel
Who: Kashyap Patel, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am

[To Be Rescheduled] Phone call re: Alaska Maritime Refuge/Attu Island (Jim Kurth, Steve Delehanty-Alaska Maritime Refuge and Helena Schmidt) - - Dial: (b) (5) C P **Code:** (b) (5) C P
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Steve Delehanty, Jim Kurth, Socheata Lor, Helena Pagano, Karen Clark, haschmitz@anthc.org

2pm

Phone call (Jim Kurth and Robyn Thorson) on Malheur criminal defendants (arson conviction) - Robyn will call (202) 208-4545 - Rm 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Nicole Tsugawa, Jim Kurth, Robyn Thorson, Rose Reed, Theresa Rabot

Wed Jun 20, 2018

All day TRAVEL: Forsythe NWR for meeting with Refuge Chiefs - Galloway, NJ
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:33am Flight UA6071 IAD to PHL
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Departing Washington, DC (IAD)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Thu Jun 21, 2018

All day TRAVEL: Forsythe NWR for meeting with Refuge Chiefs - Galloway, NJ
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P Code: (b) (5) CIP – Rm3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3357

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3357
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Benjamin Jesup, Greg Sheehan, Charisa Morris, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik

2:40pm Flight UA6161 PHL to IAD

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Departing Philadelphia, PA (PHL)
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Fri Jun 22, 2018

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Bud Cribley, Charisa Morris, Barbara Wainman, Jim Kurth, Zachariah Gambill, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin

10am

Meeting (Jim Kurth and Nick Anuzis) to discuss history and formation of CARE - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359 [Conversation to be recorded]
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: nanuzis@refugeassociation.org, Jim Kurth

10:30am

Meeting: Jim Kurth/Jeff Rupert-DOI Office of Wildland Fire Managementre: Implementing the Secretary's Directive on Active Management andLand Management - Rm 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Rm 3359
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jim Kurth, Tamika Wheeler

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

11am

Pre-Brief for 6/26 Call with Nez Perce Tribe (Greg, Region 1 Staff, Scott Aikin) --Dial: (b) (5) CIP **Code:** (b) (5) C P **- Rm 3358**

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3358
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Robyn Thorson, Kashyap Patel, Scott Aikin, Greg Sheehan, Roy Elicker, Nathan Dexter, Charisa Morris, Judith Gordon, Vicki Finn, Jim Kurth

11:30am Budget discussion check in (Greg, Steve, Jim, Asst. Directors) Rm 3038

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3038
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Kenneth Taylor, David Hoskins, Edward Grace, A Alvarez, Barbara Wainman, Gina Shultz, Jerome Ford, Chris Nolin, Greg Sheehan, Paul Rauch, Janine Velasco, Cynthia Martinez, Jim Kurth, Benjamin Tuggle, Stephen Guertin, Gary Frazer, Denise Sheehan, Charisa Morris

1pm

FWS/DOI meeting re: Following up on Izembek (Greg, Jim, Bud, Greg Siekaniec, John Ross-DOI, Shaun Sanchez, Shirley Milli-DOI, Tanya Henderson-DOI) - Rm 3038 or --Dial: (b) (5) C P **Code:** (b) (5) CIP

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3038 or --Dial: (b) (5) CIP Code: (b) (5) C P
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Shirley Milli, Bud Cribley, John Ross, Shaun Sanchez, Stephen Wackowski, Greg Sheehan, Elena Gonzalez, Jim Kurth, Tanya Henderson, Cynthia Martinez, Greg Siekaniec

2pm

Bi-Weekly Hiring Waiver Review Meeting (Steve, Jim, Janine, Rebekah, Jessie) Rm 3357

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP

Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who: Jessie Cheek, Jim Kurth, Rebekah Giddings, Stephen Guertin, Janine Velasco

Sun Jun 24, 2018

All day TRAVEL: MAFWA - Bismarck, ND

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Bismarck, ND
Calendar: Jim Kurth

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

Mon Jun 25, 2018

All day TRAVEL: MAFWA - Bismarck, ND

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Bismarck, ND
Calendar: Jim Kurth

8:30am Director's Office Meeting – (Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] – Rm3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Barbara Wainman, Charisa Morris, Bud Cribley, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Zachariah Gambill

11am

[10:00a.m.Central] Phone call (Jim and Amy Lueders) Amy should call Jim's cell (202) 423-8229

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: While Jim is on travel
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Amy Lueders, Jim Kurth, Pamela Hicks

12pm

[11:00a.m.Central] Phone call (Jim and Greg S.) Greg should call Jim's cell (202) 423-8229

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted] n

Where: While Jim is on travel
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Lucille Frerich, Greg Siekaniec, Jim Kurth

3pm

[2:00p.m.Central] Phone call (Jim and Wendi W.) Wendi should call Jim's cell (202) 423-8229

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Who: Jim Kurth, Wendi Weber, Kathleen King

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Tue Jun 26, 2018

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12:30pm Liaison for SO 3362 – Rm 3357, Dial: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (6), (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Where: Room 3357 - Dial: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Code: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Stephen Guertin
Who:
Jody Holzworth, Amy Lueders, Robyn Thorson, Matt Hogan, Charisa Morris, Noreen Walsh, Paul Souza, Kashyap Patel, Theresa Rabot, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth

2pm

HOLD: Conference call (FWS and Kate MacGregor) to discuss Broadband
(Dial-in: (b) (5) C P [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6) [redacted]

Where: Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP [redacted] Passcode: (b) (5) CIP [redacted]
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who:
Charisa Morris, Shaun Sanchez, Stephen Guertin, Richard Johnston, Cynthia Martinez, Xiomara Labiosa, Amanda Long, Aurelia Skipwith, Greg Sheehan, Jim Kurth, Ken Fowler, Kashyap Patel, Katharine MacGregor

2:45pm FWS weekly check in meeting

Where: AS/FWP Conference Room -- 3144
Calendar: Maureen Foster
Created by: Tasha Robbins
Who:
Roslyn Sellars, Thomas Irwin, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Heather Swift, Tasha Robbins, Susan Combs, Jim Kurth, Charisa Morris, Peg Romanik, Marshall Critchfield, Catherine Gulac, Maureen Foster, Barbara Wainman, Aurelia Skipwith, Richard Goeken, Wendy Fink, Todd Willens

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

4:30pm

Phone Call: Hagerman NFH G to G Consultation between the FWS and the Nez Perce Tribal Council (Greg, Robyn Thorson & R1 staff, Scott Aikin)--
Dial-in: (b) (5) C P **Passcode:** (b) (5) CIP
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Dial-in: (b) (5) CIP Passcode: (b) (5) CIP
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Theresa Rabot, Scott Aikin, David Hoskins, Greg Sheehan, Robyn Thorson, Jim Kurth, Vicki Finn, Nicole Tsugawa, Stephen Guertin

Wed Jun 27, 2018

All day TRAVEL: NWRA Board meeting - Oklahoma City, OK

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth

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Who:
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10am 2020 Budget Check In - Greg, Steve, Chris Nolin, Susan Combs - Rm 3144

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3144
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Tasha Robbins, Greg Sheehan, Stephen Guertin, Jim Kurth, Aurelia Skipwith, Ryan Hambleton, Susan Combs, Maureen Foster, Chris Nolin

3pm

[To Be Rescheduled] Bi-Weekly Diversity meeting (Jim, Inez, Jessie and Paul) - Room 3359

Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Inez Uhl, Jim Kurth, Paul Rauch, Jessie Cheek

Jim Kurth, FWS Deputy Director for Operations

3:30pm
Pre-brief for 7/6 Mtg with DOI re: FWS Pacific SW Region Briefing for NEPA Review Team on the public draft EIS for the Green Diamond Habitat Conservation Plan (Greg, Steve, Gary, Region 9 via phone) Rm 3358--Dial: 866--747-1718, Code: (b) (5) C P
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Rm 3358--Dial (b) (5) CIP, Code: (b) (5) C P
Calendar: Greg Sheehan
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Michael Senn, Jennifer Norris, Stephen Guertin, Michael Fris, Paul Souza, Gary Frazer, Lois Wellman, Gina Shultz, Dan Cox, Dan Everson, Jim Kurth, Greg Sheehan, Jody Holzworth

Thu Jun 28, 2018

All day TRAVEL: NWRA Board meeting - Oklahoma City, OK
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

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11:30am Weekly FWS/SOL Meeting - Room 3359
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars
Who:
Charisa Morris, Wendy Fink, Peg Romanik, Jim Kurth, Stephen Guertin, Greg Sheehan, Benjamin Jesup

Fri Jun 29, 2018

All day
TRAVEL: To SPEAK: Interagency National Wilderness Leadership Training - Missoula, MT
Video call:
(b) (5) CIP, (b) (6)

Where: Missoula, MT, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

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Video call:
[redacted]

Where: While Jim is on travel
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Thomas Irwin
Who: Nicole Tsugawa, Jim Kurth, Robyn Thorson

Sat Jun 30, 2018

All day

TRAVEL: To SPEAK: Interagency National Wilderness Leadership Training - Missoula, MT

Video call:
[redacted]

Where: Missoula, MT, USA
Calendar: Jim Kurth
Created by: Roslyn Sellars

From:	justin_wilkinson@ios.doi.gov on behalf of OS, OS FOIA
To:	Scott Angelle; Joseph Balash; Thomas Baptiste; Kathleen Benedetto; John Bockmier; Caroline Boulton; Brenda Burman; Scott Cameron; James Cason; Benjamin Cassidy; Micah Chambers; Gavin Clarkson; Susan Combs; Critchfield, Marshall; Natalie Davis; Vincent Devito; Doug Domenech; Douglas Domenech; Jason Funes; Zachariah Gambill; Leila Getto; Casey Hammond; Alex Hinson; Scott Hommel; Virginia Johnson; Daniel Jorjani; Amanda Kaster; Katharine MacGregor; Downey Magallanes; Lori Mashburn; David Mihalic; Alan Mikkelsen; Eli Nachmany; Russell Newell; Timothy Petty; James Schindler; Greg Sheehan; Aurelia Skipwith; Steven Smith; Swift, Heather; John Tahsuda; Aaron Thiele; Vander Voort, Faith; James Voyles; Stephen Wackowski; Wackowski, Stephen; Todd Willens; Timothy Williams; wadi_yakhour@ios.doi.gov; Gareth Rees
Cc:	Gabriel Lohr; Clarice Julka
Subject:	Awareness Review for Active Litigation - 1:17-cv-01779-RDM/OS-2017-00938
Date:	Wednesday, June 6, 2018 9:35:08 AM
Attachments:	00938cu Post Gen Law (Swift ERDMS part one).pdf 00938cz Post Gen Law Mashburn no attachments Part 5.pdf

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All,

Pursuant to the Awareness Process for FOIA Productions memorandum, dated May 24, 2018, I am seeking comments from all PAS, NCSE, or Schedule C employees whose names appear in the attached records.

If you are receiving this message, then your name appears in one or both of the attached files. In accordance with the aforementioned memorandum, **you have up to 72 hours to review and comment on these records.** If no comment is received, then the Department will assume you have none.

Assistants for Secretary Zinke and Deputy Secretary Bernhardt should note that these records may concern both the assistants and principles. They should be reviewed as such.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Justin

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From: Benjamin Wolfgang
To: Swift, Heather
Subject: Alaska issues
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 8:26:29 AM

Heather, is this report true? https://www.adn.com/politics/2017/07/26/trump-administration-signals-that-murkowskis-health-care-vote-could-have-energy-repercussions-for-alaska/

Is the administration changing positions on King Cove, ANWR, or anything else solely because of Murkowski's health care vote?

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From: Newell, Russell
To: Heather Swift; Alex Hinson
Subject: Alaska memo
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017 6:34:40 PM

Some of the queries on this that Alex responded to might need more than that statement, or have some specific questions for which the statement isn't relevant. Alex, Casey Hammond might be able to help with info in these cases.

From: valerie.volcovici@thomsonreuters.com
To: heather_swift@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Alaska
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 10:49:48 AM

Hi Heather,

Just wanted to check in to confirm whether reports that Secretary Zinke warned the two Alaska Senators about energy policies in light of Senator Murkowski's healthcare stance are accurate.

Thanks,
Valerie

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From: Swift, Heather
To: Hinson, Alex; Russell Newell
Subject: Alex
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017 5:40:01 PM

Alex, can you please respond to all the reporters asking about the alaska memo with the following

Insinuating any predetermined results based upon a review is premature. Statements by external groups stating that a policy has been set are not accurate. The Department is committed to working with the people of Alaska on how to best manage their wildlife and habitat. -- Heather Swift, Department of the Interior press secretary

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From:	Henry Brean
To:	Laura Rigas; Swift, Heather
Subject:	Any word on Secretary Zinke"s plans to visit Nevada?
Date:	Tuesday, July 25, 2017 12:48:02 PM

The rumor mill suggests the Secretary might be planning to tour Nevada's monuments on Monday, but the rumor mill has been wrong plenty of times before.

Please let me know when you can. Thank you.

Henry Brean
Reporter
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P. 702.383.0350

From:	Krauss, Jeff
To:	Laura Rigas
Cc:	Matthew Allen; Megan Crandall; Heather Swift; Donna Hummel; Ronald (Rudy) Evenson
Subject:	BLM NM and NV Press/Video Contacts
Date:	Thursday, July 20, 2017 5:10:36 PM

Laura,

I spoke to the BLM folks in New Mexico and Nevada today. BLM Nevada said Caroline Boulton had already contacted them about the upcoming trip.

Your contact in New Mexico will be Donna Hummel, BLM NM Communications Chief (505) 954-2018 w or (b) (6) mobile, dhummel@blm.gov. Donna will be the BLM press lead on the ground in Las Cruces, Santa Fe and Albuquerque. Sherman Hogue will be the videographer. I have asked BLM New Mexico to assemble a media list for you for Las Cruces as well as Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

Your contact in Nevada will be Rudy Evenson, Acting BLM NV Communications Chief, (775) 861-6629 w or (b) (6) mobile. Rudy will be the BLM press lead on the ground in Las Vegas. John Asselin (BLM Public Affairs Las Vegas) will be the videographer/photographer. BLM Nevada has assembled a media list and will highlight some reporters that cover the BLM.

Please let me know if you need anything else. Let me know if we should set up a call with you, Donna, Rudy and WO BLM Communications.

Jeff

Jeff

From:	Swift, Heather
To:	Magallanes, Downey; Laura Rigas; Daniel Jorjani; Vincent Devito; Katharine Macgregor
Subject:	BLM Press Release fracking
Date:	Monday, July 24, 2017 1:27:53 PM
Attachments:	DRAFT_HF_Rule_NewsRelease 7.25.2015_MMC.docx

Attached is a BLM press release they would like to issue tomorrow morning on the fracking rule.

Any issues?

Thanks
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U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

News Release

Washington, D.C.
For immediate release

Contact: blm_press@blm.gov
Date: July 25, 2017

BLM Proposes to Rescind Rule on Hydraulic Fracturing

Action Supports President's Priorities for Streamlining Permitting

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ADDRESSES:

Mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Director (630), Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 2134LM, 1849 C St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, Attention: 1004-AE52.

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From:	Clutter, Stephen
To:	Paul Ross
Cc:	Heather; Laura; Joseph (Gene) Seidlitz; Gregory Fuhs
Subject:	BLM Proposes to Rescind Rule on Hydraulic Fracturing
Date:	Monday, July 24, 2017 12:43:50 PM
Attachments:	DRAFT_HF_Rule_NewsRelease 7.25.2015.docx

Paul, FYI this will publish in the Federal Register tomorrow - the proposed draft release is below and attached and has a quote from ASLM. She may have well already seen it when the package was in DTS but looping Gene Seidlitz in for awareness. We plan to post it tomorrow - public comment period is 60 Days. Steve

News Release

Washington, D.C. **Contact**: blm_press@blm.gov

For immediate release **Date**: July 25, 2017

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From: Hughes, Jillian
To: Swift, Heather
Subject: CBS q
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 9:18:12 AM

Heather –

Reaching out to see if the Secretary has any comment on this Alaska Dispatch story. Specifically, if he made the calls in this paragraph.

> Early Wednesday, Trump took to Twitter to express displeasure with Murkowski's vote. By that afternoon, each of Alaska's two Republican senators had received a phone call from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke letting them know the vote had put Alaska's future with the administration in jeopardy.

Many thanks,
Jillian

Jillian B. Hughes
White House Producer, CBS News
(443) 528-2493

From: Erica Martinson
To: Heather Swift
Subject: Call to AK senators
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 5:34:04 PM

Hi Heather-
Can you confirm that Secretary Zinke called each of Alaska's senators today at the request of the president?
Did he tell them that Alaska-focused projects are coming to a "complete" stop? And that it is a White House response to Sen Murkowski's healthcare vote on Tuesday?
I'm on my cell- 202-436-4234. Working on a story for ASAP.
Thanks,
Erica
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Erica Martinson
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From:	Laura Rigas
To:	Downey Magallanes; Katharine MacGregor; vincent_devito@ios.doi.gov; douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov; Micah Chambers
Cc:	Heather Swift
Subject:	Can the isolated Alaska Peninsula town of King Cove get its road under the Trump administration? - Alaska Dispatch News
Date:	Monday, July 17, 2017 9:33:16 PM

FYI. This is the result of a FOIA.

https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/2017/07/17/can-the-isolated-alaska-peninsula-town-of-king-cove-get-its-road-under-the-trump-administration/

Laura Keehner Rigas
Communications Director
U.S. Department of the Interior
(202) 897-7022 cell
@Interior

From: Esther Whieldon
To: Heather Swift; Interior Press
Subject: Checking on reports re Zinke and Murkowski re healthcare vote
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 10:39:23 AM

Hey, any statement from Interior and can you confirm the recent article about Zinke calling Murkowski and Sullivan yesterday to say there would be repercussions for Murkowski's vote on healthcare regarding Interior advancing their Alaska related goals from the agency? What exactly did he threaten to do or not do as a result and to what extent would that affect the administration's energy goals? Also, did he call Sen. Collins re her vote on healthcare and did he bring up any things she may want that the agency may or may not do that are now in danger? If so, what was discussed.

Thanks, Esther

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From: Benjamin Wolfgang
To: Swift, Heather
Cc: Interior Press
Subject: Circling back on Zinke/health care
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 1:55:23 PM

Wanted to touch base one more time for a response on this Zinke/Murkowski/health care situation. Rep. Grijalva just said released a statement about the whole situation, calling the Secretary a "bag man" and likening him to Kremlin officials.

“Running a department of the federal government means you serve the American people as a protector of their rights and freedoms,” Rep. Raul Grijalva, Arizona Democrat and ranking member on the House Natural Resources Committee, said in a statement. “It doesn’t mean you serve the president as a bag man for his political vendettas. Threatening to punish your rivals as political blackmail is something we’d see from the Kremlin. Secretary Zinke’s willingness to deliver these threats speaks volumes about his ethical standards and demonstrates that Interior’s policy positions are up for political grabs, rather than based on science or the public interest.”

Does Interior have a response to that, or any other general comment on this?

Thanks,

Ben

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From:	Esther Whieldon
To:	Heather Swift; Interior Press; OS, OS FOIA
Cc:	Nick Juliano; Anthony Adragna
Subject:	Comment on Zinke"s calendar postings?
Date:	Tuesday, July 25, 2017 6:02:31 PM
Attachments:	17-00792ab.pdf 17-00792ca Electronic Enclosure.pdf

Details in Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's calendars have become sparser. The agency's Freedom of Information Act Office has posted Zinke's calendar from March through June, but only one of those -- April -- offers topic descriptions and names of non-staff attendees of the meetings.

Did the secretary change his policy on what parts of the calendar he makes available or how the calendar is kept? A response, tonight, if possible would be great but I am interested in finding out the answer in general even after deadline. Thanks, Esther

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From: Esther Whieldon
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 5:30 PM
To: Nick Juliano
Subject: Fw: FOIA Request - Final Response Letter

From: karmen_young@ios.doi.gov <karmen_young@ios.doi.gov> on behalf of OS, OS FOIA <osfoia@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:47 PM
To: Esther Whieldon
Subject: FOIA Request - Final Response Letter

Dear Ms. Whieldon,

Please find attached the final response letter and electronic enclosures for FOIA request OS-2017-00792.

v/r,
Karmen

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Office of the Secretary, FOIA Office
1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328

Washington, D.C. 20240
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
7202.4-OS-2017-00792

July 25, 2017

Via email: ewhieldon@politico.com

Esther Whieldon
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Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Ms. Whieldon:

On July 5, 2017, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

> Copies of Zinke's calendars for March, April and May.

On July 6, 2017, we acknowledged your request and advised you of your fee status under the FOIA. Your request states, "I am not waiving any material as non-responsive." We are writing to respond to your request on behalf of the Office of the Secretary. A search for responsive documents located 70 pages in aggregate. Of these, no pages are being withheld, therefore all 70 pages are being released in full. Please find attached one file consisting of 70 pages of responsive documents.

Portions of the enclosed documents have been redacted pursuant to Exemption 5 of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5)) under the following privileges:

Confidential Commercial Information

Exemption 5 allows an agency to withhold "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party... in litigation with the agency" 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5). As such, the Exemption 5 "exempt[s] those documents... normally privileged in the civil discovery context." National Labor Relations Bd. v. Sears, Roebuck & Co., 421 U.S. 132, 149 (1975). The exemption incorporates the privileges that protect materials from discovery in litigation. These privileges include deliberative process, confidential commercial information, attorney work-product, and attorney-client. See id.; see also Federal Open Market Committee v. Merrill, 443 U.S. 340, 363 (1979) (finding a confidential commercial information privilege under Exemption 5).

Confidential Commercial Information Privilege

When the government enters the marketplace as an ordinary commercial buyer or seller, the government information is protected from competitive disadvantage under Exemption 5. Government Land Bank v. General Services Administration, 671 F.2d 663, 665 (1st Cir. 1982). Exemption 5 prevails "where the document contains 'sensitive information not otherwise available,' and disclosure would significantly harm the government's commercial interest." Id. at 666; see also Merrill, 443 U.S. at 363.

Pursuant to the confidential commercial information privilege, conference call codes and passcodes have been withheld under Exemption 5. This information constitutes "intra-agency" documents because they are only shared with members of the Department of the Interior for the purpose of conducting official government business. Moreover, this information qualifies as "confidential commercial information" because the government entered the marketplace as an ordinary commercial buyer.

In line with Land Bank and Merrill, the information is "sensitive and not otherwise available." If the information was released, the government's financial interest would be significantly harmed. The conference calls would no longer be private since unknown, non-governmental parties would have the ability to listen in to the calls. The funds spent on purchasing the information would therefore be wasted, and the information would be of no use.

Because we reasonably foresee that the release of this information would significantly harm the government's financial interest by publicizing sensitive information, the Office of the Secretary is withholding it in accordance with Exemption 5 of the FOIA.

Portions of these documents have been redacted in part or withheld in full pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)) because they fit certain categories of information:

Home addresses and personal phone numbers
Personal email addresses
Personally identifiable information
Names of private individuals
Employment information of private individuals

Exemption 6 allows an agency to withhold "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." The courts have held that the phrase "similar files" involves all information that applies to a particular person. Hertzberg v. Veneman, 273 F. Supp. 2d 67, 85 n.11 (D.D.C. 2003).

To determine whether releasing requested information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, we are required to perform a "balancing test." This means that we must weigh the individual's right to privacy against the public's right to disclosure.

> (1)First, we must determine whether the individual has a discernable privacy interest in the information that has been requested.
> (2)Next, we must determine whether release of this information would serve "the public interest generally" (i.e., would "shed light on the performance of the agency's statutory duties").
> (3)Finally, we must determine whether the public interest in disclosure is greater than the privacy interest of the individual in withholding.

The information that we are withholding consists of personal information, and we have determined that the individual(s) to whom this information pertains have a substantial privacy interest in it. Additionally, we have determined that the disclosure of this information would shed little or no light on the performance of the agency's statutory duties and that, on balance, the public interest to be served by its disclosure does not outweigh the privacy interest of the individual(s) in question, in withholding it. Nat'l Ass'n of Retired Fed. Employees v. Horner, 879 F.2d 873, 879 (D.C. Cir. 1989).

Furthermore, the information that we are withholding consists of the Secretary's email address. We are withholding it based on our determination that the Secretary has a substantial privacy interest in the information that is not outweighed by the public interest to be served by its disclosure. *Shurtleff v. EPA*, 991 F. Supp. 2d 1, 39-40 (D.D.C. 2013).

In summation, we have determined that release of the information that we have withheld would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of these individuals, and that it therefore may be withheld, pursuant to Exemption 6.

Gabriel D. Lohr, Attorney-Advisor in the Office of the Solicitor, was consulted in reaching this decision. Clarice Julka, Office of the Secretary FOIA Officer, is responsible for making this decision.

Fees

Because your entitlements as a "media-use requester" (s*ee* 43 C.F.R. § 2.39) were sufficient to cover all applicable FOIA charges, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

This completes our response to your request.

Appeals

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal **no later than 90 workdays** from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe the Office of the Secretary's response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and Office of the Secretary concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and Office of the Secretary's response.

Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and Office of the Secretary will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

DOI FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office Contact Information

Department of the Interior
Office of the Solicitor 1849 C Street, N.W. MS-6556 MIB
Washington, DC 20240
Attn: FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office
Telephone: (202) 208-5339
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Email: FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

The 2007 FOIA amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

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Office of Government Information Services
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College Park, MD 20740-6001
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Fax: 202-741-5769
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Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

If you have any questions about our response to your request, do not hesitate to contact Karmen Young by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by email at osfoia@ios.doi.gov, or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328, Washington, D.C. 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka
Office of the Secretary
FOIA Officer

Electronic Enclosure

(b)(6) Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Sat Apr 1, 2017

All day USVI

Thu Mar 30, 2017 - Sun Apr 2, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

3:55pm - 7:06pm Flight: STX to MIA

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description:
American Flight 1293 Seat: 20F Flight Time: 3 hours, 11 minutes Confirmation No: NPDBYS

8:29pm - 11:06pm Flight: MIA to DCA

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description:
American Flight 1621 Seat: 15D Flight Time: 2 hours, 37 minutes Confirmation No: NPDBYS

Mon Apr 3, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Daniel Jorjani, (b)(6) Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Megan Bloomgren, Laura Rigas, Scott Hommel, James Cason, Micah Chambers, Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Nancy Guiden, Douglas Domenech, Lori Mashburn

10:15am - 10:30am Andrew Goodrich Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description: Attendees: Andrew Goodrich Topic: Dog Days at DOI

11am - 11:15am Depart DOI for Washington Hilton

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description: Drive Time: 15 minutes

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

11:25am - 11:45am

North American Building Trades Union Legislative Conference Speaker

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: 1919 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20009, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Wadi Yakhour, Heather Swift, Russell Roddy
Description:
Arrive 11:20 Speaking 11:25 POC: Sonia Ramirez, Government Affairs sramirez@buildingtrades.org (b)(6) Advance: Rusty Roddy, Wadi Yakhour

11:45am - 12pm Depart Washington Hilton en route DOI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: 1849 C St NW, Washington, DC 20240, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Russell Roddy

1pm - 2pm Hallway Tour

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of Policy Analysis, Room 3512
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Wadi Yakhour, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

1:55pm - 2:05pm Depart for White House

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2:05pm - 2:30pm Arrive White House

Where: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20500, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2:30pm - 3:30pm White House Press Briefing

Where: White House
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

3:30pm - 3:40pm Depart for DOI

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

3:45pm - 4:45pm PSA Filming

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: DOI/Tidal Basin
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Amy Mitchell
Description:
Conserve America National Parks Indian Craft Council 3PM: Tape IACB PSA, location TBD (Mike, please advise on telepromter and quilt placement in the studio). Tape second PSA if ready, blue backdrop. 3:30PM: Tape National Parks PSA, location Tidal Basin (if the CBs are still out) or Constitution Gardens.

5:30pm - 6:30pm Dick Boyce

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Tue Apr 4, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Daniel Jorjani, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Megan Bloomgren, Laura Rigas, Scott Hommel, James Cason, Micah Chambers, Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Nancy Guiden, Douglas Domenech, Lori Mashburn

10am - 11am Meeting with the IG

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Mary Kendall, Karen Edwards

11:15am - 12pm Interview: Salena Zito | Washington Examiner

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description: Topic: General profile Role as Secretary in guiding POTUS' agenda

12pm - 12:30pm Meeting with Governor of the Mariana Islands

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Downey Magallanes
Description: Attending: Governor Ralph Torres Vincent Torres Jason Osborne Michael Rubino

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

12:30pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1pm - 2pm Briefing on Wildland Fire in California

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Bryan Rice, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden

2pm - 2:30pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

2:30pm - 3pm Aurelia Skipwith

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

3pm - 4pm Domestic Energy Producers Alliance Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Katharine MacGregor
Description:
Attendees: Harold Hamm, Continental Resources Mike McDonald, Triad Energy Peter Regan, DEPA Tim Charters, National Stripper Well Association Ed Cross, Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association Jerry Simmons, National Association of Royalty Owners Blu Hulsey, Continental Resources Darlene Wallace, Columbus Oil Berry Mullennix, Panther Energy Company, LLC Tim Wigley, Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association Greg Schnacke, Denbery Resource, Inc. Shane Matson, Osage Producers Association Charles Wickstrom, Iron Hawk Energy Topic: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) -- Methane, Venting & Flaring

5:30pm - 6:30pm Admiral Losey

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description: Jack Daley Dan Malcolm Dick Boyce

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

6:40pm - 6:55pm Depart for MLK Memorial

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20245, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

7pm - 7:45pm MLK Wreath Laying

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20245, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Wadi Yakhour, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description: Arrive: 6:45PM Remarsk: 7-10 minute remarks Attire: business

7:45pm - 8pm Depart for Residence

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Wed Apr 5, 2017

7:45am - 7:55am Drive to Liaison Hotel

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

8am - 8:30am

Remarks to Equipment Dealers Association & Association of Equipment Distributors

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Liaison Hotel, 415 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description:
8:00am Welcome 8:05am Introduction of Secretary Zinke (Partridge) 8:05am-8:25am Remarks from Secretary Zinke on Trump Administration land management policy/environmental regulation issues/conservation issues. 8:25am-8:30am Dealer Questions for Secretary Zinke The onsite contact is Natalie Higgins with EDA (+1 (314) 302-6288)

8:30am - 8:45am Drive to DOI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Daniel Jorjani (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Megan Bloomgren, Laura Rigas, Scott Hommel, James Cason, Micah Chambers, Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Nancy Guiden, Douglas Domenech, Lori Mashburn

11am - 11:45am Team Never Quit Podcast Recording

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description:
Hosts: Marcus Luttrell Morgan Luttrell Topic: The questions we will be asking will mostly revolve around your greatest "Never Quit" story. We will want to know the story itself, who and what got you there, and what lessons you've learned from your amazing experience(s). The interview will be broken in two basic parts. The first part will include your story and the backstory. The second part will be centered around your lessons learned in order to provide great takeaways for our listeners.

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12:15pm - 12:45pm Senator Lee Call

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

12:45pm - 1pm Call with Former VP Cheney

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1pm - 1:30pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

1:30pm - 2pm National Alliance of Forest Owners Board of Directors

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Conference Room, Room 6151
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Timothy Williams, Casey Hammond
Description:
Attendees: Rep. Bruce Westerman (AR-04)--TBD Jonathan Shuffield,Legislative Director for Rep. Westerman--TBD Dave Tenny – CEO, NationalAlliance of Forest Owners Chip Murray – VP for Policy and GeneralCounsel, National Alliance of Forest Owners Doyle Simons - Presidentand CEO, Weyerhaeuser Company Craig Blair - President and CEO, Resource Management Service Douglas Reed - President, Green Diamond ResourceCompany Mark Emmerson - Chairman and CFO, Sierra Pacific IndustriesMike Covey - Chairman and CEO, Potlatch Corporation Peter Sikora –Chief Operating Officer, Giustina Resources Chris Zinkan - Chairman andCEO, The Forestland Group Peter Stein - Managing Director, The LymeTimber Co John Cashwell - Representative, BBC Land, LLC Rene Ancinas -President, Port Blakely Tree Farms Dan Christensen - Chairman, HancockNatural Resource Group Wesley Langdale - President, The LangdaleCompany Dick Molpus - President, Molpus Woodlands Group Michael Kelly -President, Forest Investment Associates Tom Colgan - President and CEO,Wagner Forest Management Topic: Federal issues affecting private forestowners and how to effectively partner with the federal government,voluntary management approaches to at-risk species

2pm - 2:30pm ExxonMobil Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description:
Attendees: Darren Woods, President and CEO, ExxonMobil Theresa Fariello, Vice President, Public and Government Affiars and head of ExxonMobil Washington, DC Office Daniel Easley, Senior Director Federal Affairs, ExxonMobil Topic: Introduction Discussion of ExxonMobil's U.S. operations

2:45pm - 3pm Mike Schauf | Western Montana Military Officers Association

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description: Coin presentation Attending: Mike Schauf, President

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

3:15pm - 4pm Chairman Bishop Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Amanda Kaster, Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description:
Topic: House Natural Resources Committee priorities Utah Land Issues (Bears Ears) Tribal trust lands, Indian water settlements, Border Patrol and Jones Act, Border Patrol and Memo of Understanding, energy development, environmental law and the military, territories, sage grouse, and national monuments, etc. Attending: Chairman Rob Bishop Jason Knox, Committee Staff Director Adam Stewart, Legislative Director

4pm - 4:30pm Gentry Beach Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

4:30pm - 5pm Chris Cox Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Chief of Staff
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description: Gentry Beach

5pm - 6pm Chris Cox, Gentry Beach Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description: Jeff Crane Chris Cox Gentry Beach

Thu Apr 6, 2017

6:45am - 7:10am Drive to White House

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

7:10am - 7:30am Arrive at White House

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

7:30am - 8:30am Interviews at White House

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20500, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description:
7:30 AM EST - FNC - FOX & Friends with Pete Hegseth (NATIONAL) 7:40 AM EST - Sinclair Broadcasting Group with Michelle Macaluso (REGIONAL) 7:50 AM EST - Gray TV with Jacqueline Policastro and Ted Fioraliso (REGIONAL) BREAK 8:10 AM EST - Sirius XM with Andrew Wilkow - "The Wilkow Majority" (RADIO) 8:20 AM EST - Nexstar Media with Mark Meredith (REGIONAL) 8:30 AM EST - Military Times with Leo Shane (PRINT)

8:20am - 8:30am Drive to White House

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

8:30am - 10am Wounded Warrior Ride with the President

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where:
White House East Wing, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20500, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Daniel Jorjani, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Megan Bloomgren, Laura Rigas, Scott Hommel, James Cason, Micah Chambers, Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Nancy Guiden, Douglas Domenech, Lori Mashburn

10am - 10:15am Drive to DOI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

10:30am - 11am Call with Tom Farrell

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description: Attendees: Tom Farrell, Dominion

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

11am - 12pm Briefing on California National Parks

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description:
Briefing: Maureen Foster Mike Reynolds Virginia Johnson Alexa Viets Tasha Robbins Topic: Yosemite Channel Islands Presidio

12:50pm - 1pm Depart for the Ritz Carlton

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1pm - 1:30pm Remarks at NOIA Annual Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: The Ritz-Carlton, Washington, D.C., 1150 22nd St NW, Washington, DC 20037, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Wadi Yakhour, Heather Swift, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description:
Secretary's remarks begin at 1:10PM Lunch will be in Salon 2 Lunch begins 12:30PM

1:35pm - 1:45pm Depart for DOI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2pm - 2:30pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

2:30pm - 3pm Port of San Diego Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description:
Attendees: Dan Malcolm, Port of San Diego Board of Port Commissioners Job Nelson, Assistant Vice President, External Relations Jason Giffen, Assistant Vice President, Planning and Green Port David Yow, Legislative Policy Advisor David Wetmore, Carpi and Clay Government Relations Topic: Fisheries Aquaculture and ocean management issues in the contiguous intersection of CA state and federal ocean waters off the California coast

3:15pm - 3:30pm Monica Morrill

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

3:30pm - 4pm California Natural Resources Agency Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Cameron, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description:
Attendees: John Laird, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency Joaquin Esquivel, Assistant Secretary for Federal Water Policy, California Natural Resources Agency Topic: Introduction Overview of California Water Priorities and California Water Action Plan

Fri Apr 7, 2017

8:30am - 8:45am Drive to Fox Studio

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: 400 North Capitol St NW, Washington, DC 20001, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

8:45am - 9:30am Interview: Varney & Co. | Fox Business

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: 400 North Capitol St NW
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description:
Hit time: 9:15AM Topic: What have you been up to? POTUS Donation of Salary to NPS POC: Jonathan St. John (b) (6)

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Daniel Jorjani, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Megan Bloomgren, Laura Rigas, Scott Hommel, James Cason, Micah Chambers, Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Nancy Guiden, Douglas Domenech, Lori Mashburn

9:30am - 9:45am Drive to DOI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

10am - 11am Briefing on ESA in California

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Gary Frazer, Paul Souza, Casey Hammond, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Cameron

11am - 11:30am Ray Chavez & Richard Rovesk

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Tami Heilemann, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description:
Attendees: Richard Rovesk, Spirit of Liberty Foundation Founder Ray Chavez, oldest survivor of Pearl Harbor

12:30pm - 1pm Call with Senator Portman

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Amanda Kaster
Description: Topic: Follow up on methane conversation

12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

1:45pm - 2:15pm Briefing on Inauguration Day

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Russell Roddy, Amy Mitchell

2pm - 2:30pm NFWF Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Casey Hammond
Description:
Attendees: Jeff Trandahl, NFWF Executive Director & CEO John Faraci, NFWF Board Chair Topic: NFWF mission and goals

Sat Apr 8, 2017

8am - 8:30am Drive to Stables via DOI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description: Note: needs to pick up hat in the office

8:30am - 10am Arrive at H-1 Stables / Prepare for Parade

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

10am - 12pm National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: National Mall, Washington, DC 20565, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12pm - 12:30pm Drive to Residence

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Sun Apr 9, 2017

6:10am - 6:30am Drive to Vietnam Memorial

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

6:30am - 8:30am Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Washing

Where: Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington, DC 20245, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

8:30am - 8:50am Drive to Residence

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Mon Apr 10, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Daniel Jorjani, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Megan Bloomgren, Laura Rigas, Scott Hommel, James Cason, Micah Chambers, Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Nancy Guiden, Douglas Domenech, Lori Mashburn

11am - 12pm Internal Meeting on South Interior Building

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description:
Jim Cason Scott Hommel Meg Bloomgren Downey Magallenes Amy Holley Olivia Ferriter

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1:30pm - 2pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

5:30pm - 6pm Drive to National Geographic

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

6pm - 8:30pm National Geographic Salon Dinner

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: National Geographic Society, 1145 17th St NW, Washington, DC 20036, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Amanda Kaster
Description:
Dinner at Hubbard Hall 5:50/6:00 p.m.: Secretary Zinke and guests arrive at NGS; parking in garage (confirm escort) 6:00 p.m.: Reception begins 7:00 p.m.: Jean Case invites guests to be seated, welcomes attendees/VIPs 7:35 p.m.: Gary Knell comes to the podium, delivers opening remarks and introduces NG Explorers Arthur Middleton and Erika Larsen 7:40 p.m.: Arthur Middleton 7:50 p.m.: Erika Larsen 8:00 p.m.: Gary Knell returns to the podium, introduces Secretary Zinke who will then address the audience 8: 15 p.m.: Zinke concludes remarks and floor will be open for a few questions 8:20 p.m.: Gary Knell closes the evening and invites guest upstairs to the boardroom to enjoy the historic exhibition

8:30pm - 9pm Drive to Residence

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Tue Apr 11, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Daniel Jorjani, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Megan Bloomgren, Laura Rigas, Scott Hommel, James Cason, Micah Chambers, Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Nancy Guiden, Douglas Domenech, Lori Mashburn

10:15am - 10:30am Tom & Beth Rolfe

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

10:30am - 11am Whitefish Christian Academy Visit

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description:
Joy Keuylian Joe Coco Cory Bristol Tami Miller Kids: Anoush Keuylian Maria Frampton Allison Miller Hannah Amuck Carson Restivo Alex Wojciechowski

11am - 12pm Briefing on NPS Fees at Parks

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Virginia Johnson, Scott Hommel, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Maureen Foster, Downey Magallanes, Megan Bloomgren, James Cason, Gareth Rees, Lena McDowall

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1pm - 1:30pm Call with Senator Risch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1:30pm - 2pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

2pm - 2:30pm Forrest Lucas Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Downey Magallanes, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Megan Bloomgren, Scott Hommel, Christine Bauserman, Nancy Guiden, Katharine MacGregor
Description:
Topics: 1. Wild Horse and Burro Program 2. BLM grazing program 3. ESA and Monument designations 4. Brief update of Proof Research Attendees Forest Lucas- CEO Lucas Oi Romona Hage Morrison (works for Forest) Dave Duquette (works for Forest) KK Jense- Proof Research- White Fish, MT Larry Murphy- CEO Proof Research- White Fish, MT John Clements- Proof Research- White Fish, MT Brian Kelly- Man About Town (loves White Fish, MT)

2:50pm - 3pm Phone Call with Sec. Ross

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description: Brooke Alexander (EA) will answer and get Sec. Ross on the line

3pm - 4pm Park Video Recording

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Thomas Baptiste, Heather Swift
Description:
Location: It's at the foot on 19th Street and around the bend a little bit, nice view of the pond, with Washington Monument in the background.

4pm - 5pm Interview: Shawn Regan | National Review Magazine

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description:
Topic: It will be a policy-focused profile piece, describing a bit of Zinke's background as a freshman congressman-turned-Interior Secretary but mostly looking at the issues facing the department today. I'd like to discuss Sec. Zinke's priorities and positions on major western land issues like energy development, the national park maintenance backlog, and the recent conflicts over grazing rights. I know he's mentioned many of those as priorities, including building front-line trust with local communities. Just trying to get some quotes to go along with the piece. It will largely be meant to introduce him to a national audience who may not know much about him, exploring his positions on the major issues and describing the challenges the department faces today.

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

6pm - 8:30pm Shakespeare and the Law Panel: The Rules of War

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Lansburgh Theatre
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description:
Paid for by Shakespeare Theater Company POC: Kathryn Burns-Yocum 816-853-3377 Event start: 7:00PM Walk through/mic check: 6-6:45pm

Wed Apr 12, 2017

All day California

Wed Apr 12, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Daniel Jorjani, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Megan Bloomgren, Laura Rigas, Scott Hommel, James Cason, Micah Chambers, Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Nancy Guiden, Douglas Domenech, Lori Mashburn

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Russell Roddy

12:30pm - 1pm Palmer Luckey & Charles Johnson Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Downey Magallanes, Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Megan Bloomgren
Description:
Topic: Border Wall building plans Attendees: Palmer Luckey, Founder of Oculus VR / Oculus Rift Charles Johnson, CEO of WeSearchr.com & Gotnews.com

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

1pm - 2pm Briefing on DOI Revenue Streams

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Daniel Jorjani, Scott Hommel, James Cason, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Gareth Rees, Amy Holley, Downey Magallanes, Denise Flanagan, Catherine Callaway, Megan Bloomgren, Olivia Ferriter, Adrianne Moss

2pm - 2:30pm Terry Maple

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Downey Magallanes, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Megan Bloomgren
Description:
Topic: Public-private partnerships to enhance the environment and the economy
ESA Concerns Follow up from Ron Forman meeting with RZ Attendees: Terry Maple, leadership consultant + member of the DELS committee at the National Academy of Sciences

2:30pm - 3pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

3pm - 3:30pm President Russell Begaye

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Downey Magallanes
Description: Speaker Lorenzo Bates Kirk Adams, Chief of Staff for Gov. Doug Ducey

4pm - 5pm Drive to Dulles Airport

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Russell Roddy

6:08pm - 11:54pm Flight: IAD to SMF

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Russell Roddy
Description:
Flight: United 291 RZ Seat: 30B Flight time: 5 hours, 46 minutes Confirmation: CCWZGX

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Thu Apr 13, 2017

All day California

Wed Apr 12, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Fri Apr 14, 2017

All day California

Wed Apr 12, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017
Video call:
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Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Sat Apr 15, 2017

All day California

Wed Apr 12, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Sun Apr 16, 2017

All day California

Wed Apr 12, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Mon Apr 17, 2017

All day California

Wed Apr 12, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Tue Apr 18, 2017

All day California

Wed Apr 12, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Wed Apr 19, 2017

All day California

Wed Apr 12, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Thu Apr 20, 2017

All day California

Wed Apr 12, 2017 - Fri Apr 21, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

All day Personal Travel: Montana

Thu Apr 20, 2017 - Mon Apr 24, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Fri Apr 21, 2017

All day Personal Travel: Montana

Thu Apr 20, 2017 - Mon Apr 24, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Sat Apr 22, 2017

All day Personal Travel: Montana

Thu Apr 20, 2017 - Mon Apr 24, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Sun Apr 23, 2017

All day Personal Travel: Montana

Thu Apr 20, 2017 - Mon Apr 24, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

7:55pm - 12am Flight: FCA to BWI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Mon Apr 24, 2017

12am - 5am Flight: FCA to BWI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

All day Derrick Crandall Event

Mon Apr 24, 2017 - Tue Apr 25, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

4:30pm - 4:40pm Drive to White House

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where:
Eisenhower Executive Office Building, 1650 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20502, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

4:45pm - 5:45pm Meeting on the Jones Act

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: EEOB Suite 252
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description:
4:45-5:45pm EDT: Meeting on the Jones Act Location: EEOB, Suite No. 252
Participants: Director Mulvaney (host) Secretary Kelly (invited) Gary Cohn Don McGahn Peter Navarro Andrew Bremberg Rick Dearborn USTR Principal

5:45pm - 5:55pm Drive to DOI / Residence

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

6pm - 7:30pm Outdoor Recreation Leaders

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Tue Apr 25, 2017

7:35am - 7:55am Drive to National Press Club

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: The National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20045, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

8am - 8:45am Outdoor Industry Association Press Event

Where: The National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20045, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Laura Rigas, Christine Bauserman
Description:
For the release of the Recreation Economy Report 8:13 introduction 8:15 remarks (up to 30 minutes) POC: Alex Boian aboian@outdoorindustry.org 303-327-3509

8:45am - 9am Drive to DOI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Daniel Jorjani, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Megan Bloomgren, Laura Rigas, Scott Hommel, James Cason, Micah Chambers, Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Nancy Guiden, Douglas Domenech, Lori Mashburn

10am - 11am Briefing on Offshore EO & Mineral Withdrawal

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Katharine MacGregor, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Downey Magallanes, Amanda Kaster, Megan Bloomgren, Scott Hommel, Laura Rigas, Nancy Guiden

11am - 11:30am Little Shell Tribe Meeting

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Amanda Kaster, Downey Magallanes, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Megan Bloomgren, James Cason, Gareth Rees
Description:
Attending: Chairman Gerald Gray Vice Chairman Clancy Siversten Josh Clause, Sixkiller Consulting Casey Sixkiller, Sixkiller Consulting Topic: Congratulations Little Shell Restoration Act Federal Recognition Lead Staff: Amanda Kaster Averill

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

11:30am - 12:30pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12:30pm - 1pm Review of Upcoming Secretarial Orders

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Daniel Jorjani, Scott Hommel, James Cason, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Downey Magallanes, Nancy Guiden

1pm - 1:30pm Western Energy Alliance

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Katharine MacGregor, Downey Magallanes, Megan Bloomgren, Christine Bauserman
Description:
Attendees: Rich Frommer, CEO, Great Western Oil and Gas Rick Grisinger, Senior VP, Halliburton Brad Johnson, Senior VP, Operations, Ultra Petroleum Sam Knaizer, Director, Government Affairs, Colorado, BP Lower 48 Shane Schulz, Director, Government Affairs, QEP Resources Gabrielle Gerholt, Senior Government Affairs Advisor Kathleen Sgamma, President, Western Energy Alliance Topic: Regulatory certainty on federal lands regarding leasing, NEPA analysis, rights-of-way, and permitting. Aligning agencies involved in energy development e.g., BLM, Fish & Wildlife Service, BIA, so that they encourage responsible development instead of hindering it Lead Staff: Kate MacGregor

1:30pm - 2pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

2:30pm - 3pm (b) (6)

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Nancy Guiden

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

3pm - 3:30pm University of Oregon President Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Christine Bauserman, Downey Magallanes, Scott Cameron, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Megan Bloomgren
Description:
Attendees: University of Oregon President Michael H. Schill ChuckLillis, Chair of the UO Board of Trustees David Conover, UO VicePresident for Research and Innovation and Professor of Biology DougToomey, UO Professor, Earth Sciences and Oregon faculty lead for the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network (a partnership with USGS) andShakeAlert John Vidale, University of Washington Professor of EarthSciences and the Director/Washington State lead for the PacificNorthwest Seismic Network and ShakeAlert Betsy Boyd, UO Associate VP,Federal Affairs Angela Wilhelms, UO Board Secretary (and former stafferto Congressman Greg Walden) Topics: Congratulations ShakeAlert and UO'sinvolvement with the US Geological Survey's Cascades VolcanoObservatory Lead Staff: Scott Cameron Meeting POC: Betsey Boyd (mobile: (b) (6) ; email: eaboyd@uoregon.edu)

3:30pm - 4:30pm Briefing on Monuments EO

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Conference Room, No. 6151
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Heather Swift, Scott Hommel, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Downey Magallanes, Laura Rigas, Megan Bloomgren

4:40pm - 4:55pm Drive to White House

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

5pm - 6pm White House Media Background Briefing on Monuments EO

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: White House Press Room
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Downey Magallanes, Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Wed Apr 26, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
James Cason, Lori Mashburn, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Downey Magallanes, Douglas Domenech, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Megan Bloomgren, Daniel Jorjani, Micah Chambers, Laura Rigas, Nancy Guiden, Katharine MacGregor

11:15am - 11:45am Executive Order Signing Ceremony: Antiquities

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Description:
11:10 POTUS Arrives 11:15 Secretary greets POTUS in reception area by Guard Station 11:20 Secretary walks to podium without POTUS 11:20-11:25 Secretary remarks/introduction of POTUS 11:25-11:30 POTUS remarks 11:30 EO Signing 11:40 POTUS Departs 20-25 attendees

12:30pm - 2pm Briefing on Reorganization

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Scott Hommel, James Cason, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Olivia Ferriter, Gareth Rees, Amy Holley, Downey Magallanes, Denise Flanagan, Nancy Guiden, Megan Bloomgren, Elena Gonzalez, Laura Rigas

2pm - 2:30pm Personnel Interview: (b) (6)

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Natalie Davis, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Lori Mashburn
Description: Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST)

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

2:30pm - 3pm Channel City Club Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Downey Magallanes
Description:
Attendees: Denice Spangler Adams Elena Alcerro Jill Ashcroft David Bates Keith Berry, Previews Estates Director, Coldwell Banker Previews International Darlene Bierig Robin Cederlof Edith M. Clark Donald Fareed Linda Fareed Judith Hill Cheri Jasinski Denise Lockhart Debra Papageorge Judy Robertson Brian Robertson, Robertson International Travel Consultants Joyce Vigneaud Robert Zeman Topic: Regulatory issues facing the Western U.S. in regards to agriculture; balancing environmental concerns with droughts concerns; Secretary's objectives in CA

3pm - 3:30pm Phone Call with Canadian Minister Jim Carr

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Karen Senhadji, Downey Magallanes, Ryan Close, Megan Bloomgren, Timothy Williams, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Christine Bauserman
Description:
Attendees: Jim Carr, Canadian Minister of Natural Resources POC: Aaron Annable, Counsellor (energy), Embassy of Canada

3:30pm - 4pm Rep. Emmer & Rep. Nolan Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Katharine MacGregor, Kathleen Benedetto, Micah Chambers (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Christine Bauserman, Amanda Kaster
Description:
Attendees: Rep Emmer Landon Zinda, Legislative Counsel Rep. Nolan Will Mitchell, staff Topic: Twin Metals Lease Lead Staff: Micah Chambers Lead Briefing: Kathy Benedetto Kate Macgregor

4pm - 4:30pm Western Governors Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Katharine MacGregor, Kathleen Benedetto, Timothy Williams, Christine Bauserman
Description:
Attendees: Governor John Hickenlooper (CO) John Swartout, Staffer Governor Mead (WY) Nephi Cole, Staffer Governor Sandoval (NV) Sandoval staffer Topic: Greater Sage Grouse Plans Western Land issues Lead Staff: Kate/Kathy

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

4:40pm - 4:55pm Drive to White House

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

5pm - 6pm White House First 100 Days Press

Where: Indian Treaty Room
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description: 5:00-5:10 Gray TV 5:10-5:20 Nexstar 5:20-5:30 Sinclair 5:30-5:30 WWMT (MI)

6pm - 9pm TRCP Capital Conservation Awards Dinner

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Andrew W Mellon Auditorium, 1301 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20240, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description: Cocktails 6:00pm Dinner 7:30pm 8:45pm Closing Remarks

Thu Apr 27, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Daniel Jorjani, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Megan Bloomgren, Laura Rigas, Scott Hommel, James Cason, Micah Chambers, Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Nancy Guiden, Douglas Domenech, Lori Mashburn

10am - 10:30am Tony Gumataotao Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

10:30am - 11am Depart for the Capitol

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

11am - 11:45am Governor Herbert & Utah Delegation

Where: 104 Hart SOB
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Christine Bauserman
Description: Lead Staff: Micah Chambers Downey

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

12pm - 1pm Remarks at Western Caucus Members Only Luncheon

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Rayburn 2247
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description:
69 Members in the Caucus 15 minutes remarks, 5 minute Q&A Format: -Grab lunch -Introductions around the room -Chairman Gosar gives introduction/reviews Caucus activity -Chairman Gosar introduces the Secretary -Remarks + Q&A -Informal discussion about how they can work together -Photo opportunity at end POC: Jeff Small, Executive Director of Congressional Western Caucus jeff.small@mail.house.gov 202-226-8272 (direct) 202-480-7931 (work cell)

1pm - 1:30pm Drive to White House

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1:30pm - 2:30pm NEC Principals Meeting: Paris Agreement

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: White House Situation Room
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2:30pm - 3pm Drive to Capitol

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

3pm - 3:45pm House Natural Resources Minority Caucus

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Longworth HOB 1324
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description: Off-the-record meeting to discuss member priorities

4pm - 4:45pm House Natural Resources Majority Caucus

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Longworth HOB 1324
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Description: Off-the-record meeting to discuss member priorities

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

5pm - 6pm Briefing on Offshore EO

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: EEOB 155
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

6pm - 6:30pm White House Media Background Briefing on Offshore EO

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: White House Press Room
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

6:30pm - 7pm Drive to REI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Fri Apr 28, 2017

All day Atlanta

Fri Apr 28, 2017 - Sat Apr 29, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

10:30am - 10:45am Executive Order Signing Ceremony: Offshore Energy

Video call:
(b)(5) rjhmse

Where: Roosevelt Room
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2:48pm - 3pm NRA-ILA's 2017 Leadership Forum

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where:
George World Congress Center, Hall A3, 285 Andrew Young International Blvd NW, Atlanta, Ga 30313
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Fri Mar 3, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

Mon Mar 6, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

Tue Mar 7, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Wed Mar 8, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Thu Mar 9, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Fri Mar 10, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Mon Mar 13, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Tue Mar 14, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Wed Mar 15, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Thu Mar 16, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Fri Mar 17, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Mon Mar 20, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

10:45am - 11:15am National Bison Range Briefing

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Office
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Caroline Boulton, James Cason, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Daniel Jorjani, Douglas Domenech, Gareth Rees, Catherine Gulac, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Nancy Guiden, Scott Hommel, Kevin Haugrud, Ann Navaro, Virginia Johnson, Amanda Kaster
Going? Yes

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

11:15am - 11:45am Sage Grouse Briefing

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Michael Anderson, Katharine Macgregor, Scott Hommel, James Cason, Catherine Gulac, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Gareth Rees, Tracie Lassiter, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, Nancy Guiden, Douglas Domenech, Daniel Jorjani, Kathleen Benedetto, Richard Cardinale, Caroline Boulton

12pm - 1pm Metropolitan Infrastructure for DOI Briefing

Where: 3400 West Wing Interior Operations Center
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Caroline Boulton, Nancy Guiden, James Cason, Gareth Rees, Susan Lang, Olivia Ferriter, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Daniel Jorjani, Elena Gonzalez, Jean Parrish, Scott Hommel, Amy Holley, Abigail Miller, Catherine Gulac, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, Douglas Domenech, Catherine Callaway, Debra Sonderman
Going? Yes

1pm - 1:30pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

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

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2:30pm - 3pm California Water Briefing

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Caroline Boulton, Scott Cameron, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Going? Yes

3pm - 3:30pm 9/11 Memorial and Museum Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Conference Room
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Caroline Boulton
Going? Yes

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

3:30pm - 4:30pm Hallway Tour: Office of Surface Mining

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: South Interior Building Auditorium
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Wadi Yakhour

5pm - 6pm Meeting with Members of Congress

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Micah Chambers, Caroline Boulton, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Going? Yes

Tue Mar 21, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

10:30am - 11am Phone Call with Rep. Mark Amodei

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Caroline Boulton
Going? Yes

11am - 12pm U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Directors Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Conference Room
Who: Caroline Boulton, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Going? Yes

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

1pm - 1:30pm Meeting with Chevron Leadership

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Conference Room #6151
Who:
Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, Katharine Macgregor, Caroline Boulton, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Timothy Williams
Going? Yes

1:30pm - 2pm Hallway Tour: Indian Arts & Crafts Board

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: #2528
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Wadi Yakhour, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

2pm - 2:30pm Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Conference Room
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Cameron, Timothy Williams

2:30pm - 3:30pm Meeting with Jean Sagouspe

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Caroline Boulton
Going? Yes

3:30pm - 4:30pm Personnel Interview

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Conference Room
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Caroline Boulton
Going? Yes

Wed Mar 22, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

10:30am - 11am Museum & Art Follow Up Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Caroline Boulton

11am - 11:30am Meeting with BP America

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Conference Room #6151
Who: Caroline Boulton, Scott Hommel, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Nancy Guiden
Going? Yes

12pm - 12:30pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12:30pm - 1pm Briefing on Secretarial Order on Coal Moratorium

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Katharine Macgregor, Caroline Boulton, Kathleen Benedetto, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

1pm - 1:30pm Personnel Interview

Video call:
(b)(5)

Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Caroline Boulton
Going? Yes

2pm - 2:30pm Tour a Hallway

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of Budget, room 4223
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Wadi Yakhour, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

2:30pm - 3pm Secretary's Meeting with Chief of Staff

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

3pm - 3:30pm Call with CSKT

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Amanda Kaster

3:30pm - 4pm Tom Colligan Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke
Boulton

4pm - 5pm Landon Ash

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Caroline Boulton
Going? Yes

5pm - 5:30pm WPX Energy

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Thu Mar 23, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

10:10am - 10:20am Drive to Trump International Hotel

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where:
Trump International Hotel Washington, D.C., 1100 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

10:30am - 11am Address API Board of Directors Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where:
Trump International Hotel Washington, D.C., 1100 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Timothy Williams, Heather Swift

11am - 11:15am Drive to Department of the Interior

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: 1849 C St NW, Washington, DC 20240, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12pm - 12:30pm Meeting with Governor Butch Otter

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Daniel Jorjani, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, Timothy Williams, Caroline Boulton, Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, Downey Magallanes
Going? Yes

12:30pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1pm - 1:30pm Ed Walker Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6) @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1:45pm - 2pm Astronaut Jeff Williams Stop By

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

2pm - 3pm Scott Faulkner & Lew Knopp

Video call:
(b)(5)

Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, Daniel Jorjani, Caroline Boulton
Going? Yes

3pm - 3:30pm Professional Photo with Tami

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

3:30pm - 4:30pm Tour a Hallway

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Bureau of Reclamation, 7600 hallway
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Wadi Yakhour, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

5pm - 6pm Zack Gambill

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Fri Mar 24, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

10am - 10:30am Call with Rep. Zeldin

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

10:30am - 11am Peter Horn Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

11:15am - 11:35am Interview: Julie Turkewitz | New York Times

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: 301 928 5072
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Heather Swift

11:45am - 12pm Depart DOI for the White House

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12pm - 1:30pm Lunch at White House

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1:30pm - 1:45pm Depart White House for DOI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2pm - 2:45pm Secretary's Briefing on Wild Horse & Burros

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Marshall Critchfield, Kristin Bail, Kathleen Benedetto, Dean Bolstad, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Michael Nedd

3pm - 3:30pm Jay Gilmore, WHMO

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Caroline Boulton, Russell Roddy, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Sun Mar 26, 2017

12pm - 3pm Harpers Ferry

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

7pm - 8:30pm Rep. Denham Dinner

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: The Capital Grille, 601 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Mon Mar 27, 2017

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

10am - 11am Meeting with Jim Cason

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1:30pm - 2pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

2pm - 2:30pm Call with Senator Hatch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

2:30pm - 2:45pm Drive to White House

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2:45pm - 4pm Oval Office Bill Signing Ceremony

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20500, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

4pm - 4:15pm Drive to DOI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

4:30pm - 5pm Interview: Charilie Spiering | Breitbart

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Tue Mar 28, 2017

6:15am - 6:30am Drive to Fox News

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

6:30am - 7:30am Interview: Fox News

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: 400 North Capitol St NW, Washington, DC 20001, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

7:30am - 7:45am Drive to Residence

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

9am - 10:30am HOLD: Personal

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

10:20am - 10:30am Interview: Kilmeade and Friends

Where: 212-938-1574
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

11am - 11:15am Test Teleprompter

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

11:35am - 11:50am Drive to Liaison Hotel

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12pm - 12:30pm

Public Lands Council Legislative Conference Lunch Keynote Speaker

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Liaison Hotel, 415 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Wadi Yakhour, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Heather Swift

12:20pm - 12:35pm Drive to DOI

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1pm - 1:30pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1:15pm - 1:30pm Drive to EPA

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2pm - 3pm Executive Order

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where:
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

3pm - 3:15pm Drive to DOI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

4pm - 4:30pm Chuck Roady Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Amanda Kaster, Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

4:40pm - 5:10pm Interview: Jenn Dlouhy | Bloomberg

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: 202-807-2159
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

6pm - 7pm
National Automobile Dealers Association PAC Board of Trustees Dinner

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Bobby Van's Grill, 1201 New York Ave NW, Washington, DC 20005, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Wed Mar 29, 2017

5:30am - 5:45am Drive to Fox Studio

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: 400 North Capitol St NW, Washington, DC 20001, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

5:45am - 6:30am Interview: Fox & Friends

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: 400 North Capitol St NW, Washington, DC 20001, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

6:30am - 6:45am Drive to Residence

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

10am - 11am Secretarial Orders

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

11am - 11:30am Jeff Crane

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

11:30am - 12pm Meeting with Nevada Attorney General Laxalt

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Timothy Williams, Downey Magallanes

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12pm - 1pm Regional Press Call on Secretarial Order

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Conference Room
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1pm - 1:30pm Ron Forman Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

1:30pm - 2pm Montana Stockgrowers Association Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2:45pm - 3pm Record Army OCS Graduation Video

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

3:15pm - 3:30pm Drive to White House

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

3:30pm - 4:30pm White House Meeting on Utah

Where:
Eisenhower Executive Office Building Room 234, Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, Washington, DC, United States
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

4:30pm - 4:45pm Drive to DOI

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

5pm - 6pm Chris Cox Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

6:15pm - 6:30pm Drive to Fox Studio

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

6:30pm - 7:15pm Interview: Lou Dobbs

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: 400 North Capitol St NW, Washington, DC 20001, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

7:15pm - 7:30pm Drive to Residence

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Thu Mar 30, 2017

All day USVI

Thu Mar 30, 2017 - Sun Apr 2, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

6:45am - 7:05am Drive to DCA

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

7:59am - 10:53am Flight: DCA to MIA

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Downey Magallanes, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Douglas Domenech, Micah Chambers, Lori Mashburn, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Megan Bloomgren

12:23pm - 3pm Flight: MIA to STX

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1:30pm - 2pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

5pm - 5:45pm Veterans Meet & Greet

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: #2 Old Hospital Grounds, Christiansted, St Croix
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

6pm - 8pm USVI Governor's Welcome Reception

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: King Street, King St, Christiansted, St Croix 00820, USVI
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Fri Mar 31, 2017

All day USVI

Thu Mar 30, 2017 - Sun Apr 2, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

9am - 10am Secretary Zinke's Daily Sr. Staff Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Immediate Office
Calendar: Nancy Guiden
Who:
Megan Bloomgren, Nancy Guiden, Katharine Macgregor, James Cason, Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Douglas Domenech

1:30pm - 2pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Sat Apr 1, 2017

All day USVI

Thu Mar 30, 2017 - Sun Apr 2, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

3:55pm - 7:06pm Flight: STX to MIA

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

8:29pm - 11:06pm Flight: MIA to DCA

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Mon May 1, 2017

All day Houston

Mon May 1, 2017 - Tue May 2, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1:30pm - 2pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Tue May 2, 2017

8:50am - 9:10am Drive to JW Marriott

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

9am - 9:45am National Tribal Energy Summit

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: JW Marriott Washington, DC, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Heather Swift, Laura Rigas

9:45am - 10am Drive to DOI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

10am - 10:30am Meet with Downey

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Downey Magallanes

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

10:30am - 11am San Juan County Commissioners

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Downey Magallanes, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Timothy Williams, Megan Bloomgren, Christine Bauserman

11am - 11:30am Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

11:30am - 12:30pm Personnel Interview: (b)(6)

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Natalie Davis, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Lori Mashburn

12:30pm - 1pm Meeting on Denver

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: David Mihalic, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, James Cason, Scott Hommel, Alan Mikkelsen

1pm - 2pm Arizona Stakeholder Meeting

Video call:
https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/cdr06?hceid=Y2RyMDZAaW9zLmRvaS5nb3Y.3vn0iu

Where: Secretary's Conference Room, No. 6151
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Daniel Jorjani, Alan Mikkelsen, Downey Magallanes, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Christine Bauserman

2pm - 3pm Personnel Interview: (b)(6)

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Natalie Davis, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Lori Mashburn

3pm - 3:30pm Meeting with California Assembly Members

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Downey Magallanes, Megan Bloomgren, Timothy Williams, Christine Bauserman, Scott Cameron

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

3:30pm - 4:30pm Personnel Interview: (b)(6)

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Natalie Davis, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Lori Mashburn

4:30pm - 5pm Partnership of Rangeland Trust Meeting

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Christine Bauserman, Katharine MacGregor, Downey Magallanes, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Wed May 3, 2017

7:40am - 7:55am Drive to Capitol

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

8am - 8:45am Land Trust Alliance

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: 2045 Rayburn House Office Building
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Christine Bauserman, Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, Micah Chambers

9:15am - 10am Meet the Cabinet GOP Conference Event

Where: HC-5
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Micah Chambers

10am - 10:30am Drive to DOI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

10:30am - 11am Briefing on Infrastructure

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Gareth Rees, James Cason, Amy Holley, Olivia Ferriter

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

11am - 12pm Personnel Interview: (b)(6)

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Natalie Davis, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Lori Mashburn

12pm - 12:45pm Meeting with the Office of American Innovation

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

1pm - 1:30pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1:30pm - 2pm Lunch

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2pm - 3pm Interior Appropriations Roundtable Prep

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
James Cason, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Gareth Rees, Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, Megan Bloomgren, Olivia Ferriter, Adrianne Moss, Denise Flanagan, Amanda Kaster

3pm - 3:30pm Briefing on Reorganization

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Gareth Rees, Downey Magallanes, James Cason, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

3:30pm - 4pm Personnel Interview: (b)(6)

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Natalie Davis, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Scott Hommel, Nancy Guiden, Lori Mashburn

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

4pm - 4:30pm (b)(6)

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

4:30pm - 5pm Northern Utes

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Downey Magallanes, James Cason, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

5pm - 5:30pm Fort Belknap

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Downey Magallanes, James Cason, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

5:30pm - 6:30pm (b)(6)Ryan Zinke

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

7pm - 9pm (b) (6)

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Thu May 4, 2017

7:30am - 8:30am Breakfast Meeting on NPS Issues

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: White House Mess
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Daniel Jorjani, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Mariagrazia Caminiti

9am - 9:30am Drive to Capitol

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

9:30am - 11am
Informal House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Roundtable
Where: Rayburn G-2007
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Christine Bauserman, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

11am - 11:30am Drive to DOI
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

11:30am - 12pm Doggy Day Discussion
Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of rhe Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Laura Rigas, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

12:15pm - 12:30pm Drive to USDA
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12:30pm - 1:30pm Meeting with Secretary Perdue
Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: 1400 Jefferson Drive SW
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Christine Bauserman, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Gareth Rees, James Cason

1:30pm - 1:45pm Drive to DOI
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2pm - 2:30pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff
Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2:30pm - 3pm Wayne LaPierre & Chris Cox
Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

3pm - 4pm Briefing on Klamath ROD

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
James Cason, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Alan Mikkelsen, Downey Magallanes, Scott Cameron, Megan Bloomgren, Christine Bauserman

4pm - 5pm Interview: CBS Morning Show

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Fri May 5, 2017

All day Doggy Day at Interior

Fri May 5, 2017 - Sat May 6, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

6:50am - 7am Interview: Hugh Hewitt

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Call **(b) (6)** | Backup **(b) (6)**
Calendar: (b)(6) Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

7:30am - 8am Drive to DOI

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

8am - 9am Interview: CBS Morning Live

Where: 1849 C St NW, Washington, DC 20240, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

11:30am - 12pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12pm - 1pm Doggy Day at Interior Event

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

1:40pm - 2pm Interview: SiriusXM Wilkow

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

2pm - 2:30pm Interview: Dana Perino | Fox News

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

5:27pm - 12am Flight: BWI to GTF

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Sat May 6, 2017

12am - 12:11am Flight: BWI to GTF

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

All day Havre, MT

Sat May 6, 2017 - Sun May 7, 2017
Video call:
https://plus.google.com/hangouts/_/doi.gov/cdr06?hceid=Y2RyMDZAaW9zLmRvaS5nb3Y.n4bqsc

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12pm - 2pm MSU-Northern Commencement Address

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Sun May 7, 2017

All day Salt Lake City, UT

Sun May 7, 2017 - Mon May 8, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Mon May 8, 2017

All day Bears Ears National Monument

Mon May 8, 2017 - Wed May 10, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Tue May 9, 2017

All day Bears Ears National Monument

Mon May 8, 2017 - Wed May 10, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

11am - 12pm

Bi-Weekly Meeting with Assistant Secretaries, Directors, & Advisors

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Secretary's Conference Room, No. 6151
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Wed May 10, 2017

All day Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

Wed May 10, 2017 - Thu May 11, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Thu May 11, 2017

All day California

Thu May 11, 2017 - Fri May 12, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Fri May 12, 2017

All day Billings with VPOTUS

Fri May 12, 2017 - Sun May 14, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Sat May 13, 2017

All day Billings with VPOTUS

Fri May 12, 2017 - Sun May 14, 2017
Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Tue May 16, 2017

8:45am - 11:04am Flight: FCA to DEN

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

11:45am - 3:04pm Flight: DEN to IAD

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

4:40pm - 4:55pm Drive to White House

Video call:
(b)(5) 6

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

5pm - 6pm NEC Principals Meeting: Infrastructure

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Roosevelt Room at the White House
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Christine Bauserman, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

6pm - 6:15pm Drive to DOI

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Wed May 17, 2017

10am - 11:30am Budget Rollout Walk Through

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Heather Swift, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Olivia Ferriter, Downey Magallanes, Adrianne Moss, Laura Rigas, Denise Flanagan, Micah Chambers, Megan Bloomgren, James Cason

11:30am - 12:30pm Briefing on the Everglades

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Christine Bauserman, Marshall Critchfield, Downey Magallanes, Virginia Johnson, Daniel Jorjani, James Cason, Gareth Rees, Shannon Estenoz

12:30pm - 1pm Lunch

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1pm - 1:30pm Meeting on Top 10

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Gareth Rees, Downey Magallanes, Scott Hommel, James Cason, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

1:30pm - 2pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Nancy Guiden

2pm - 2:30pm Alaska Federation of Natives

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Gareth Rees, James Cason, Christine Bauserman, Downey Magallanes

2:30pm - 3pm Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Christine Bauserman, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Alan Mikkelsen, davemihalic@bresnan.net

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

3:30pm - 4pm Meeting with Rep. Collins

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Christine Bauserman, Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Daniel Jorjani, Mariagrazia Caminiti

6pm - 6:30pm Call with Senator Barrasso

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Thu May 18, 2017

10:15am - 10:45am Call with Senator King

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

10:45am - 11am Call with Senator Collins

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

11am - 11:45am GQ Interview

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Megan Bloomgren, Heather Swift, Laura Rigas

12pm - 12:15pm Wert Yeager

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12:30pm - 1pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Nancy Guiden

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

1pm - 1:45pm Drive to Fort Meade

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

1:45pm - 3:15pm (b) (6)

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Fort Meade, MD, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Caroline Boulton, Heather Swift

3:15pm - 4pm Drive to DC

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

4:30pm - 5pm Record BLM Volunteer Day Video

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

5:30pm - 6:30pm Rep. Scott Taylor

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Fri May 19, 2017

10:45am - 11:15am Call with Rep. Tom Cole

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Gareth Rees, Daniel Jorjani, Mariagrazia Caminiti, James Cason, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Christine Bauserman, Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers

12pm - 12:30pm Lunch

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12:30pm - 1pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Nancy Guiden

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

1:15pm - 1:45pm Call with Rep. Greg Walden

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: (b) (6)
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Micah Chambers, Christine Bauserman, Downey Magallanes

2pm - 3pm Interview: Michael Carpel | Fox News

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

3:30pm - 4:30pm Meeting with Mary Kendall

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Daniel Jorjani, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Mary Kendall, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, Mariagrazia Caminiti, Karen Edwards, Vincent Devito

4:30pm - 5pm Personnel Interview: (b)(6)

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Natalie Davis, Lori Mashburn, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Mon May 22, 2017

10:30am - 11am White Stallion Energy

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Aaron Thiele, Christine Bauserman, Downey Magallanes, Vincent Devito, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

11am - 11:45am Budget Rollout Pre-Brief

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6) Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Heather Swift, James Cason, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Olivia Ferriter, Gareth Rees, Downey Magallanes, Adrianne Moss, Denise Flanagan, Laura Rigas

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

11:45am - 1pm HOLD: Run

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Aurelia Skipwith, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

1pm - 1:30pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2pm - 2:30pm Meeting with Senator Cortez Masto

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Christine Bauserman, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers

2:30pm - 3pm American Petroleum Institute Meeting

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Christine Bauserman, Aaron Thiele, Vincent Devito, Gisella Ojeda-dodds, Downey Magallanes

3pm - 4pm Great Outdoors Month Video Recording

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

Tue May 23, 2017

10:30am - 11am Set Up International Travel Phone

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

11am - 11:30am Meeting with Scott Angelle

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Christine Bauserman, Downey Magallanes, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

11:30am - 12:30pm Lunch

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

12:30pm - 1:30pm Media Call on Budget

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Heather Swift, Olivia Ferriter, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Christine Bauserman, Adrianne Moss, Downey Magallanes, Denise Flanagan, Laura Rigas

2pm - 3pm Stakeholder Call on Budget

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Heather Swift, Olivia Ferriter, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Christine Bauserman, Adrianne Moss, Downey Magallanes, Denise Flanagan, Laura Rigas, Micah Chambers, Timothy Williams

3pm - 3:30pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

3:45pm - 4pm Call with Senator Tillis

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: **(b) (6)**
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

6:30pm - 7:30pm **(b) (6)**

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

Wed May 24, 2017

11am - 11:30am Meeting with CLUB 20

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Christine Bauserman, Downey Magallanes, Timothy Williams

11:30am - 12pm Personnel Interview: (b)(6)

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Natalie Davis, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Katharine MacGregor

(b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

12pm - 12:30pm National Association Home Builders

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Scott Hommel, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Kathleen Benedetto

1pm - 1:30pm Newfield Exploration Company

Video call:
(b)(5)

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Christine Bauserman, Katharine MacGregor, Downey Magallanes, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Vincent Devito

1:30pm - 2pm Secretary's Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton

2pm - 2:30pm Call with Governor Scott

Video call:
(b)(5)

Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Daniel Jorjani, Christine Bauserman, Downey Magallanes, Mariagrazia Caminiti, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Marshall Critchfield

2:45pm - 3pm Blackfeet Tribe Stop By

Where: Office of the Secretary
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Alan Mikkelsen, Amanda Kaster

3pm - 3:30pm Call with Governor Kate Brown

Video call:
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3:30pm - 4pm Meeting with Chairman Lamar Smith

Video call:
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Who:
Christine Bauserman, Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Daniel Jorjani, Amanda Kaster

4:30pm - 5pm Mayor Bowser Meeting

Where: Office of the Secretary
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Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who:
Daniel Jorjani, Christine Bauserman, Downey Magallanes, Mariagrazia Caminiti, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov

5pm - 6pm Staff Reception

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6:30pm - 8pm (b) (6)

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Thu May 25, 2017

10:30am - 11am US Oil & Gas Association Board Meeting

Video call:
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Where: Hay-Adams Hotel, Washington, DC 20006, USA
Calendar: (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov
Created by: Caroline Boulton
Who: Laura Rigas, Heather Swift, (b)(6)Ryan Zinke @ios.doi.gov, Katharine MacGregor, Vincent Devito

Fri May 26, 2017

All day Norway

Fri May 26, 2017 - Sat May 27, 2017
Video call:
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Sat May 27, 2017

All day Greenland/Alaska

Sat May 27, 2017 - Sun May 28, 2017
Video call:
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Created by: Caroline Boulton

Sun May 28, 2017

All day Denali

Sun May 28, 2017 - Tue May 30, 2017
Video call:
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Created by: Caroline Boulton

Mon May 29, 2017

All day Denali

Sun May 28, 2017 - Tue May 30, 2017
Video call:
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Created by: Caroline Boulton

Tue May 30, 2017

All day Anchorage, AK

Tue May 30, 2017 - Thu Jun 1, 2017
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Wed May 31, 2017

All day Anchorage, AK

Tue May 30, 2017 - Thu Jun 1, 2017
Video call:
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Created by: Caroline Boulton

From:	Smith, William
To:	Heather Swift
Cc:	Ross, Paul; Katelyn Kasperian
Subject:	DOI and NPS Grant Press Release Draft
Date:	Tuesday, July 18, 2017 3:55:46 PM
Attachments:	Alaska DOI NPS Awards.docx

Hi Heather,

Here's the state press release template for the DOI and NPS parks and rec grants. Let us know what you think and we'll finish up the other state releases.

Thanks,
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The U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service announced this grant as part of $13.3 million to assist 22 cities in 17 states with projects to plan, build, and enhance parks and other outdoor recreation facilities in underserved communities. These public-private partnerships leverage Federal funding with resources provided by partners to improve accessibility of playgrounds, create canoe and kayak launches and fishing piers, restore vacant industrial land for park uses, and make other important investments in parks across the country.

“Every kid deserves the opportunity to get outside and play. Whether it's downtown Detroit or rural Wyoming, investing in public lands is an investment in communities. The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program is an innovative public-private-partnership which revitalizes communities through improving infrastructure, creating jobs, and enhancing neighborhoods,” said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. “It connects people to the great outdoors by encouraging and enabling a variety of recreational opportunities in under-served communities.”

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City of Newark	New Jersey	Jesse Allen Park	$750,000
City of Raleigh	North Carolina	Central Plaza John Chavis Memorial Park Revitalization	$747,600
Metroparks of the Toledo Area	Ohio	Manhattan Marsh park Development	$475,000
City of Austin	Texas	Edward Rendon Sr Metro Park - further development	$750,000
City of Houston	Texas	Buffalo Bend Hidalgo Park Greenway	$750,000
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To: Swift, Heather; Interior Press; U.S. Department of the Interior
Subject: Does Interior have any statement re Zinke calls with Murkowski/Sullivan?
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 1:38:47 PM

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Thanks,

Ben Geman
ENERGY REPORTER
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From: Nachmany, Eli
To: Vincent Devito
Cc: Laura Rigas; Heather Swift; Newell, Russell
Subject: FINAL COPY: Remarks for the morning
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 10:22:21 PM
Attachments: 0727 DeVito Remarks.docx

Vincent,

Below and attached, please find remarks for tomorrow. Thank you for taking the time to discuss these with me, and please let me know if I can ever be of help with a speech in the future!

Sincerely,
Eli Nachmany
Writer, U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of Communications

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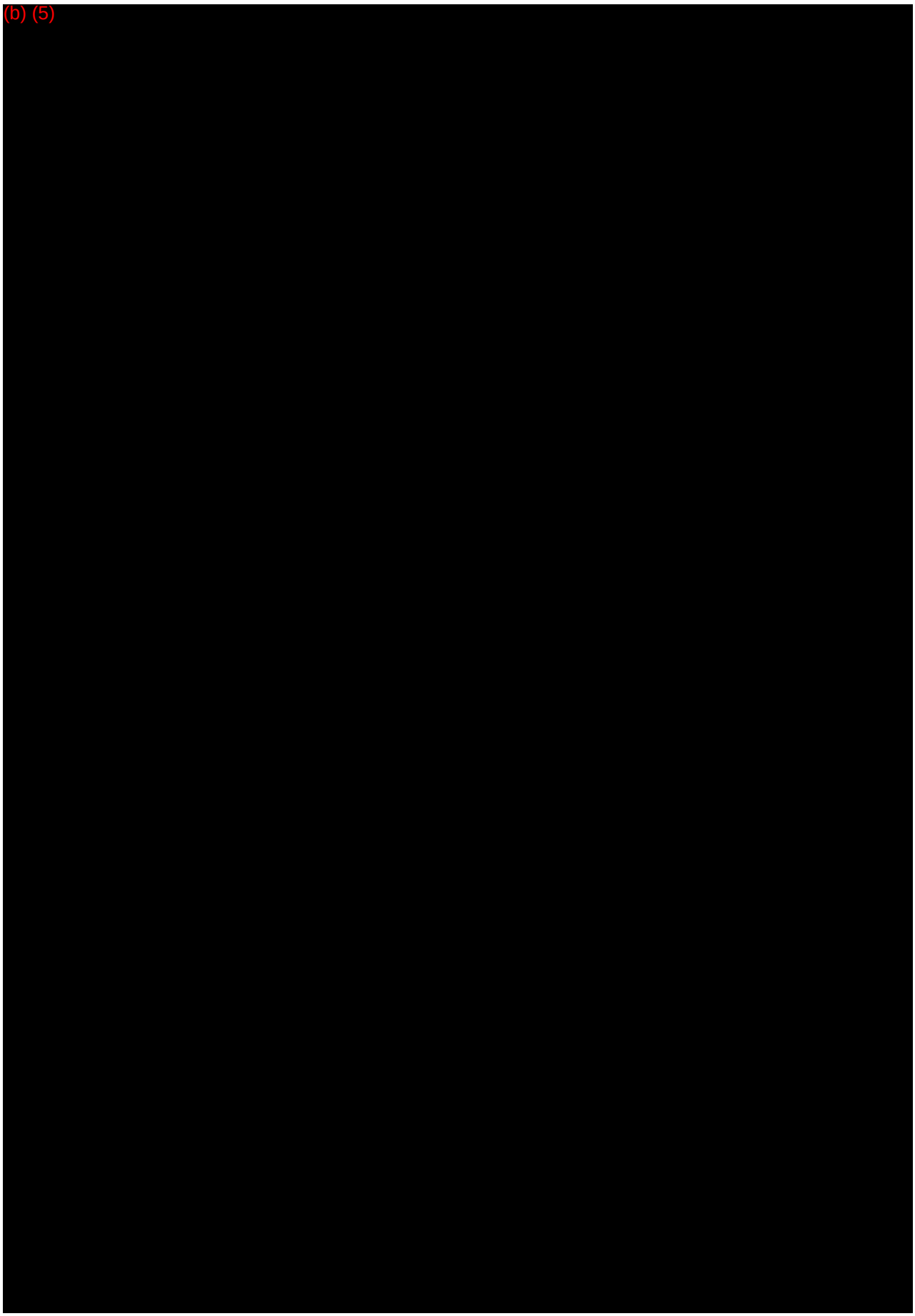
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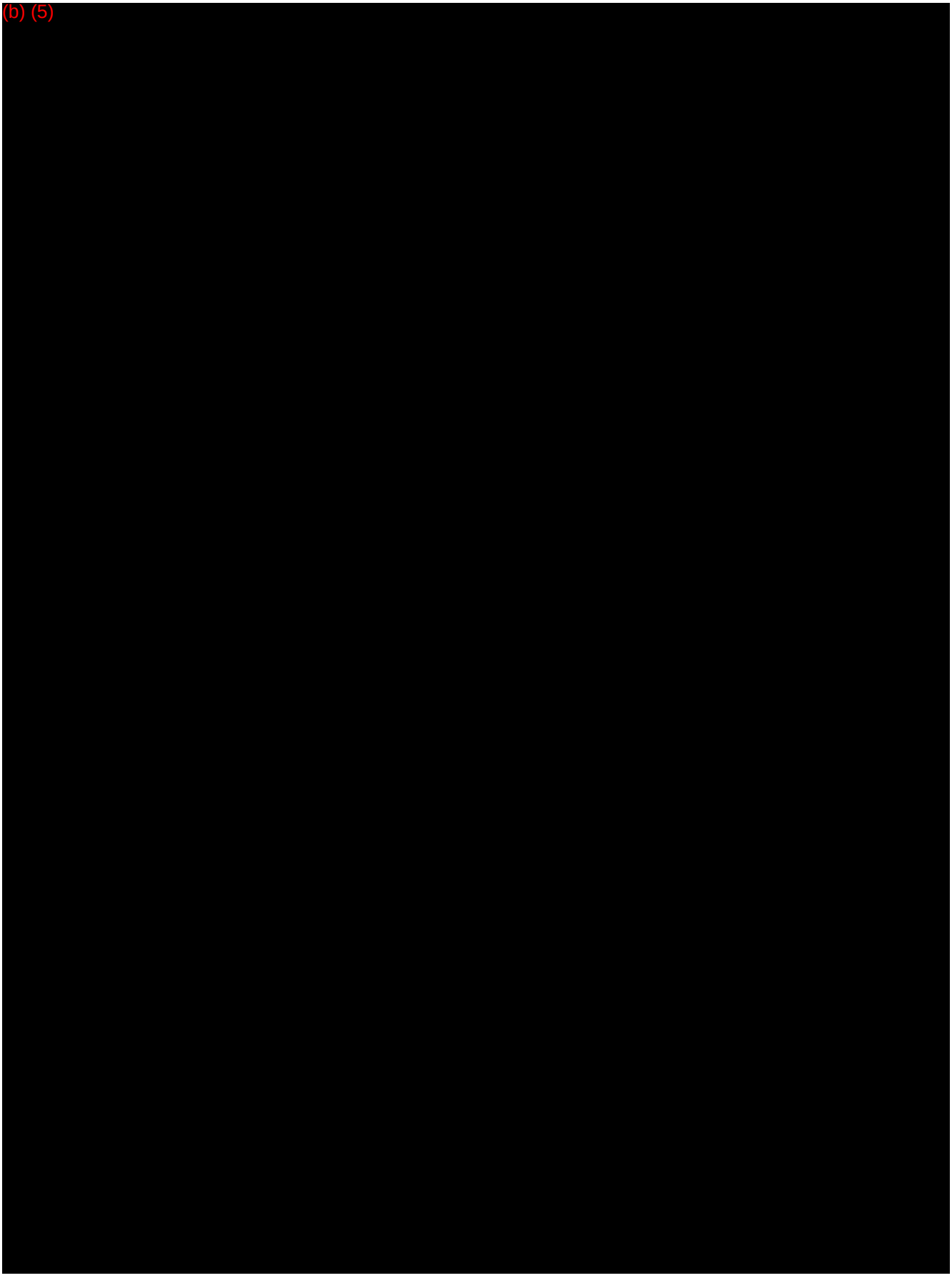
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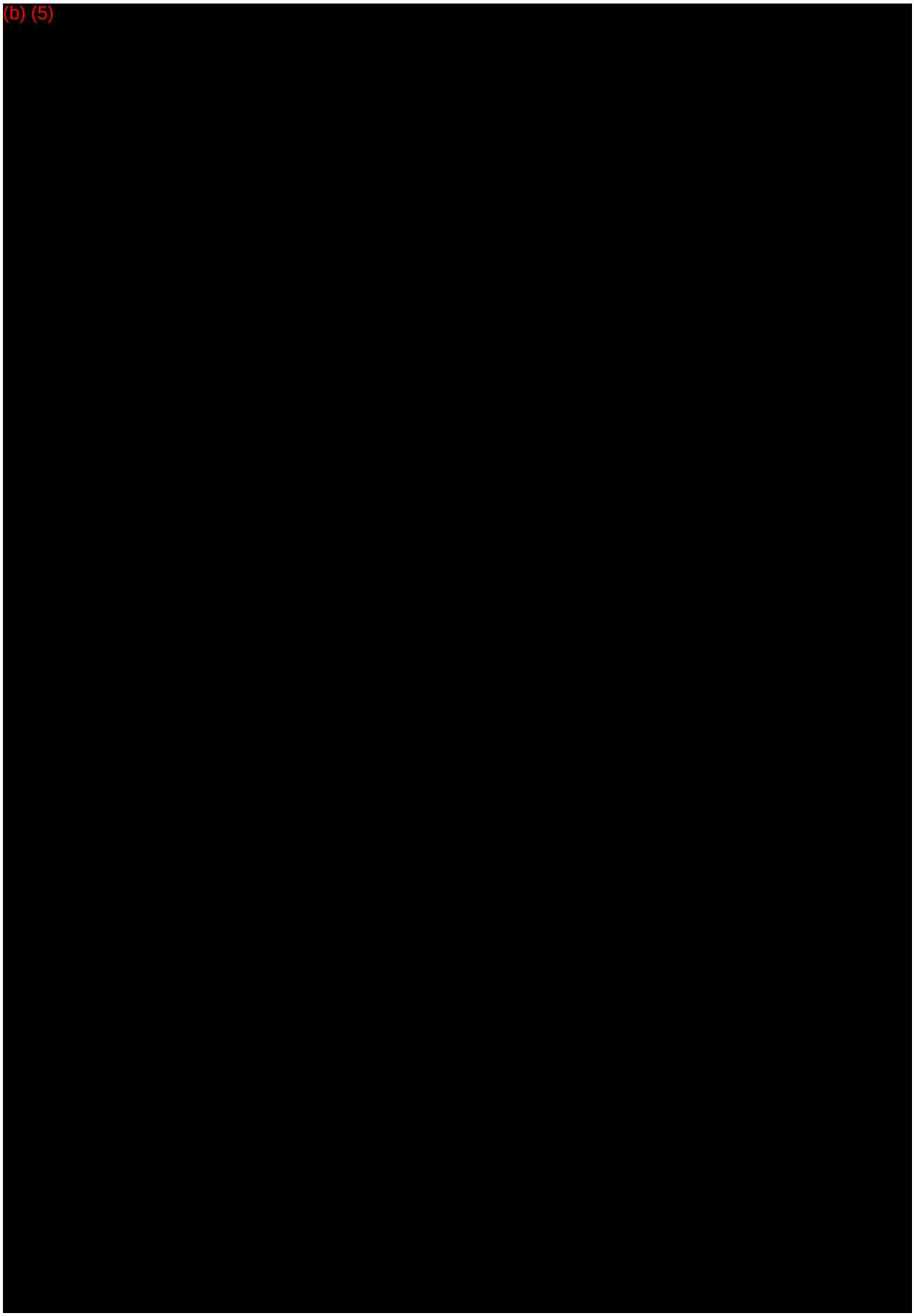
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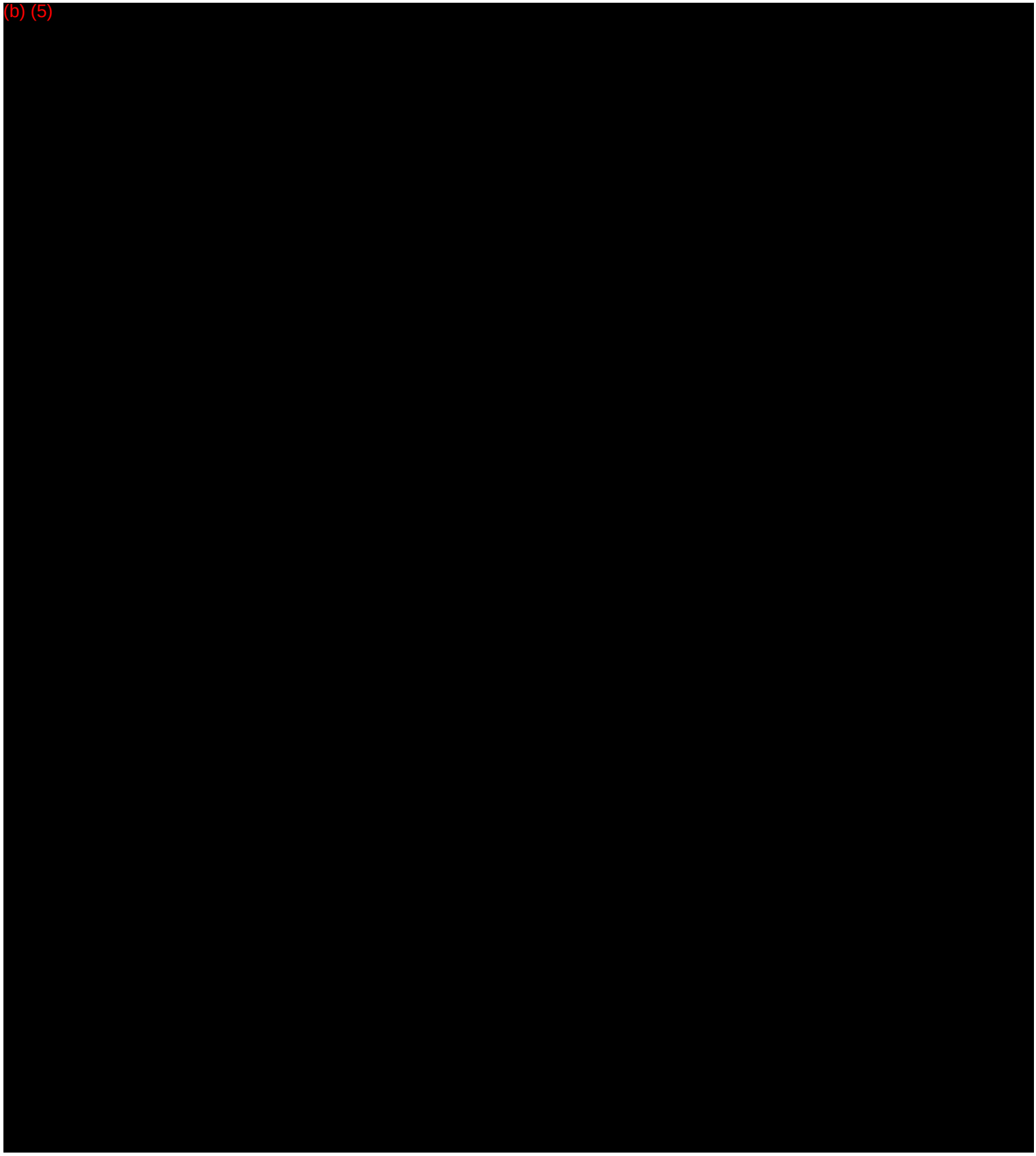

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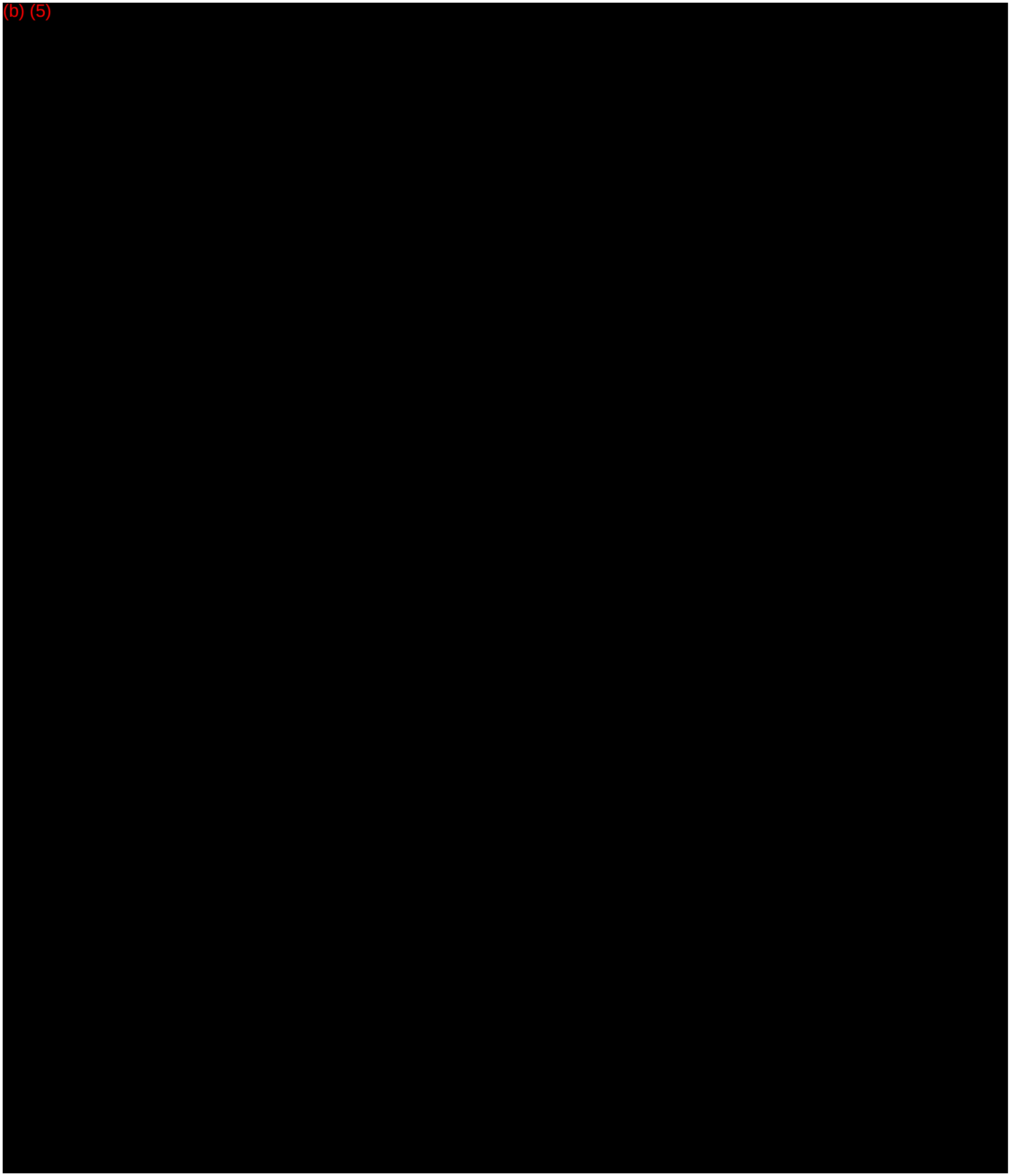

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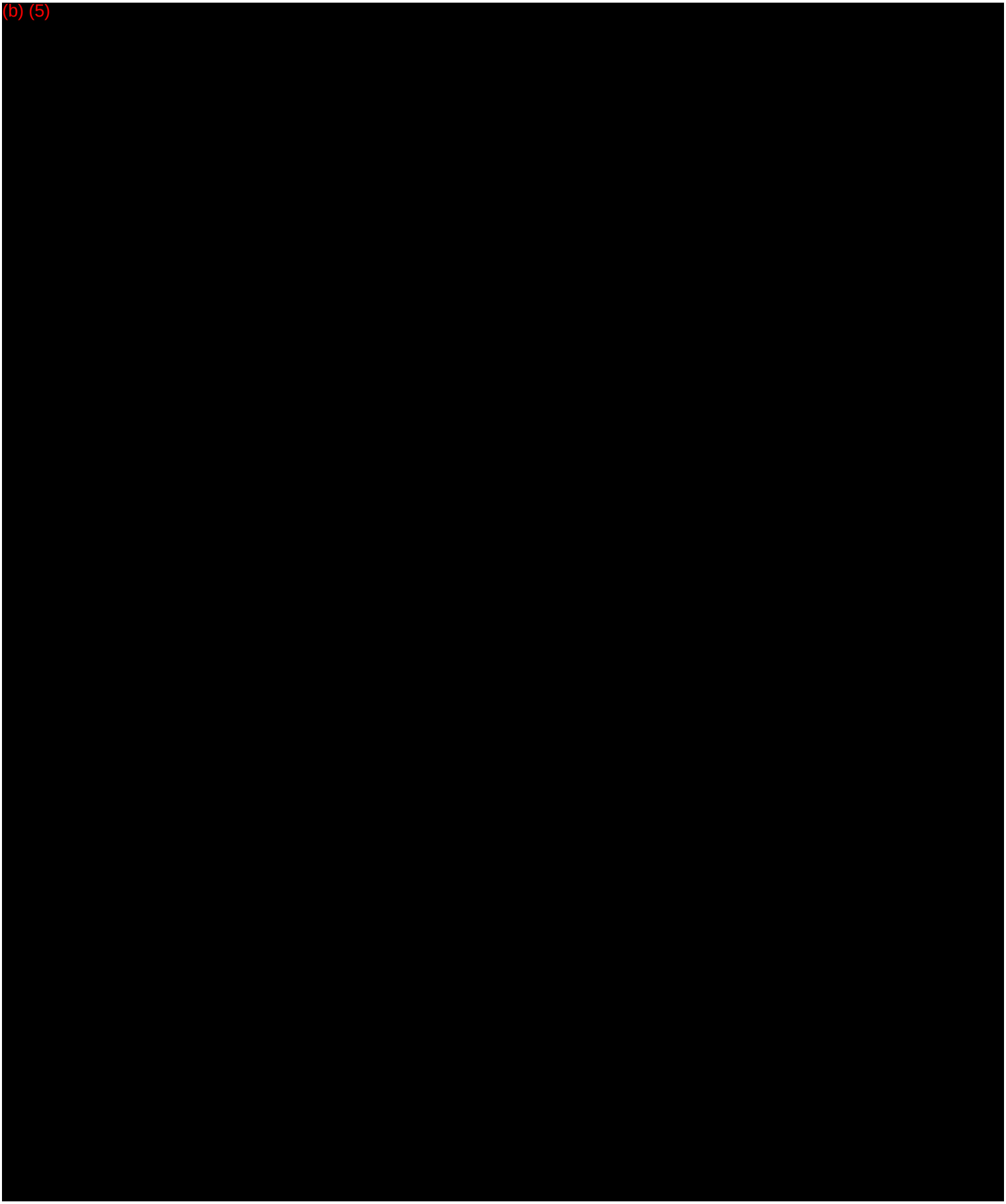
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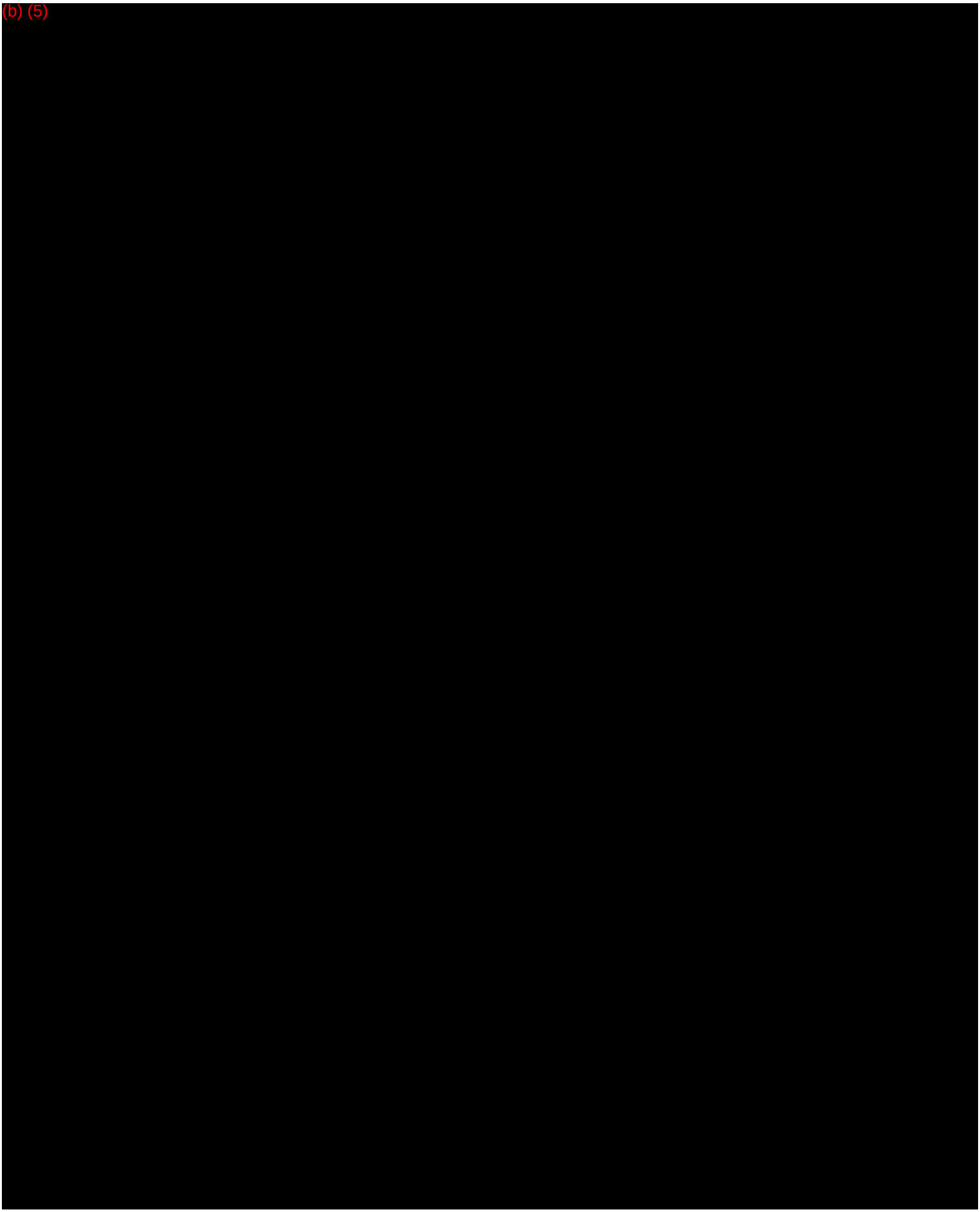

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Subject: FINAL REVIEW: Proclamation re: Nat"l Hunting & Fishing
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:11:59 PM

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From: Nachmany, Eli
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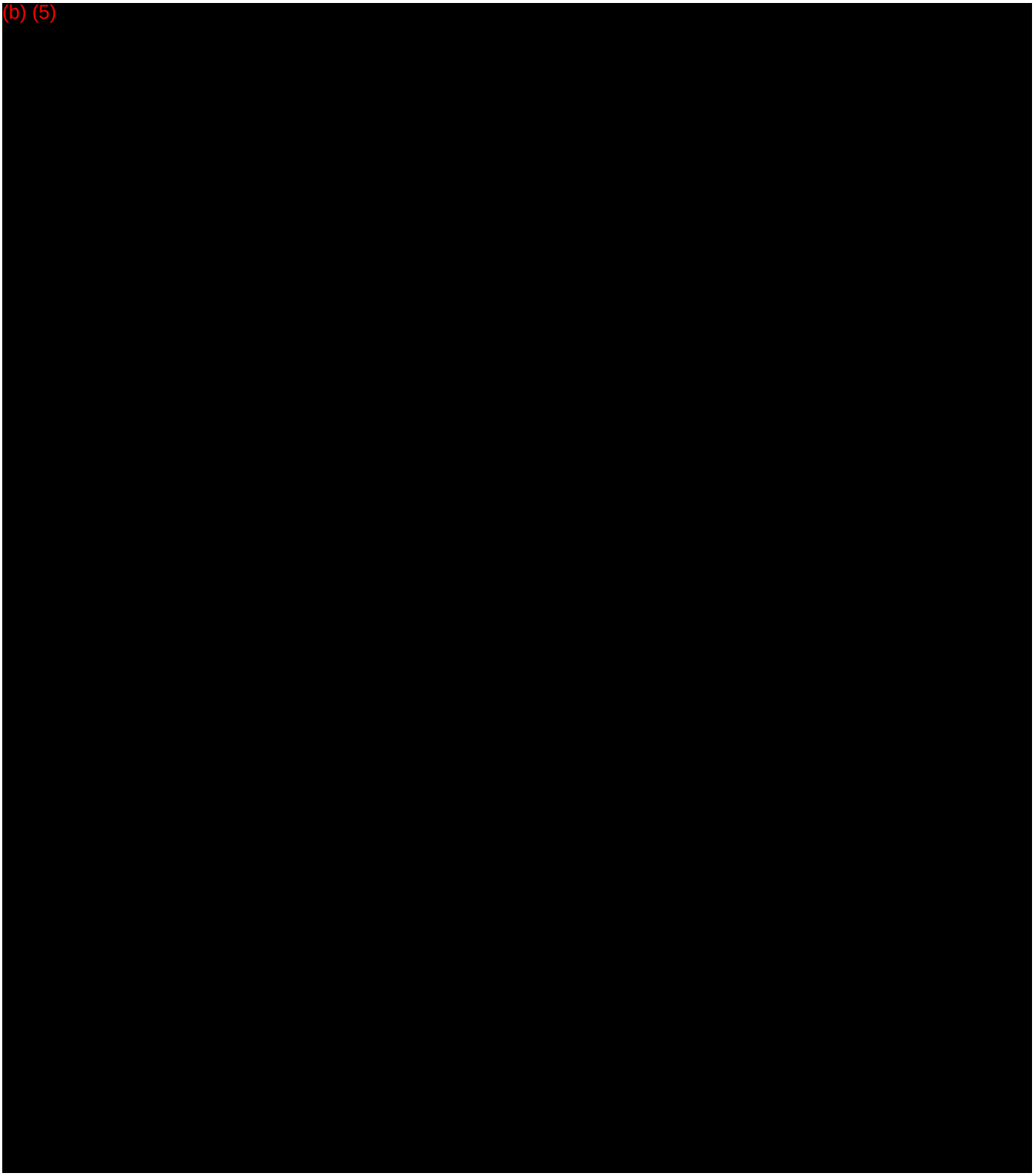

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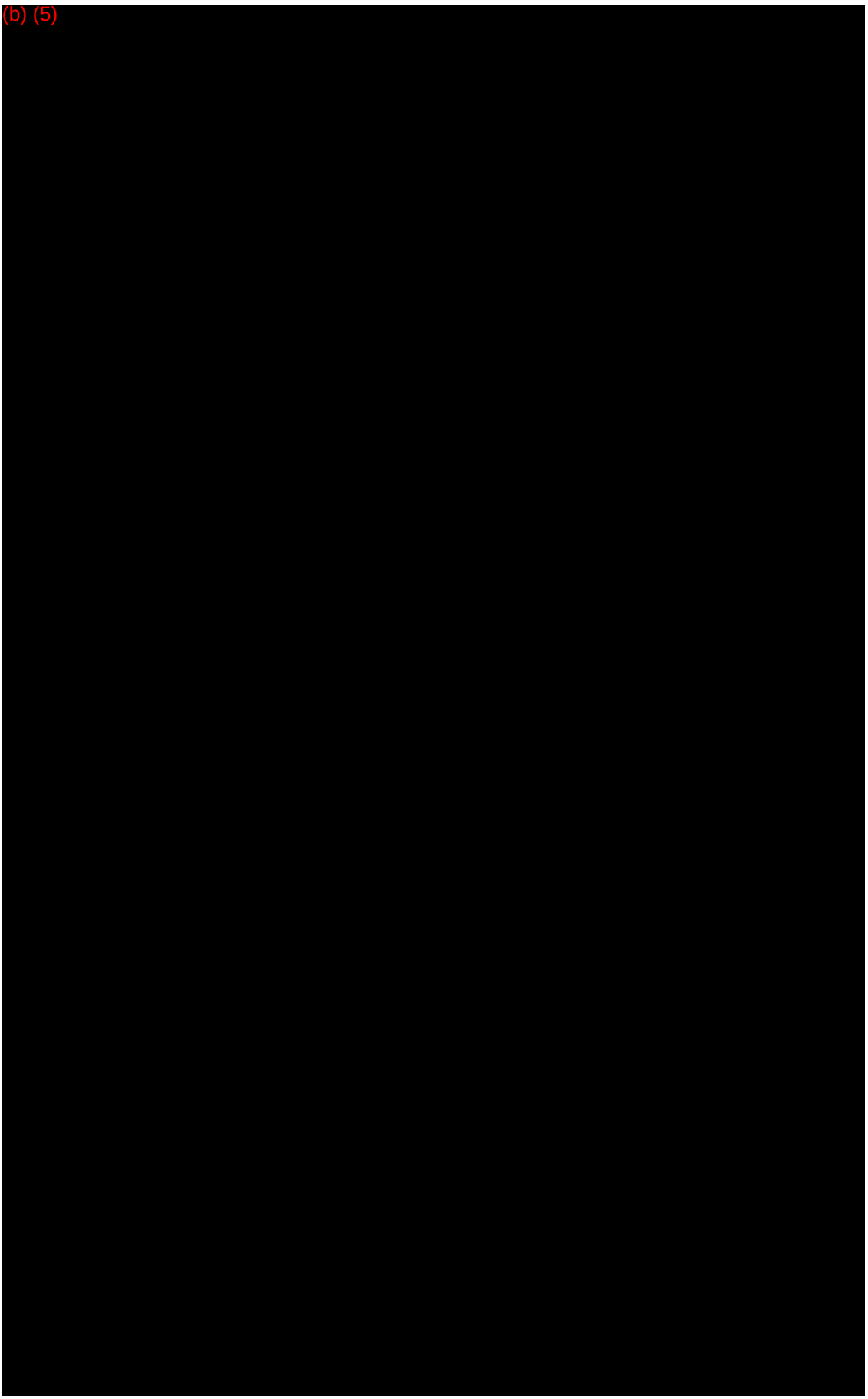
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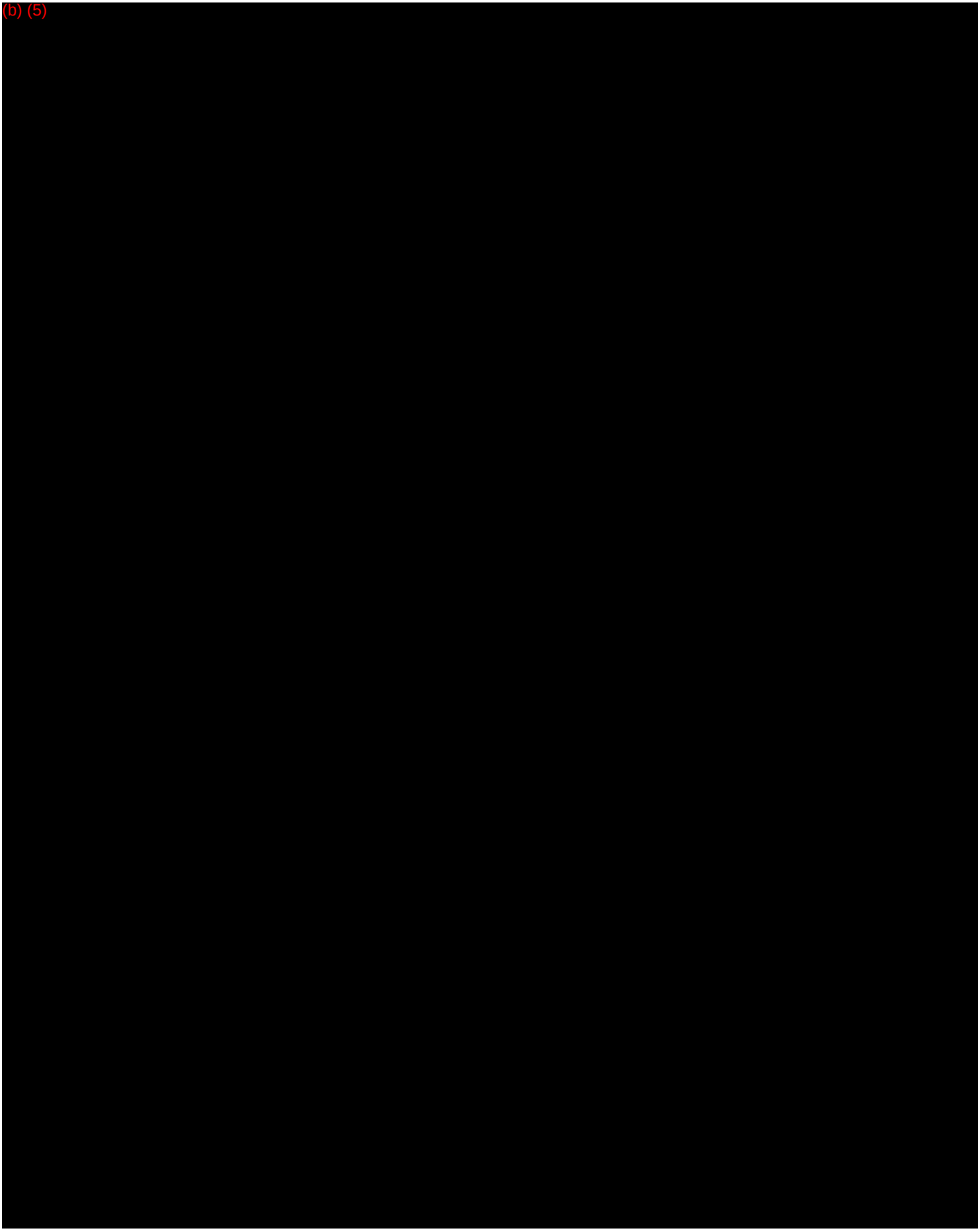
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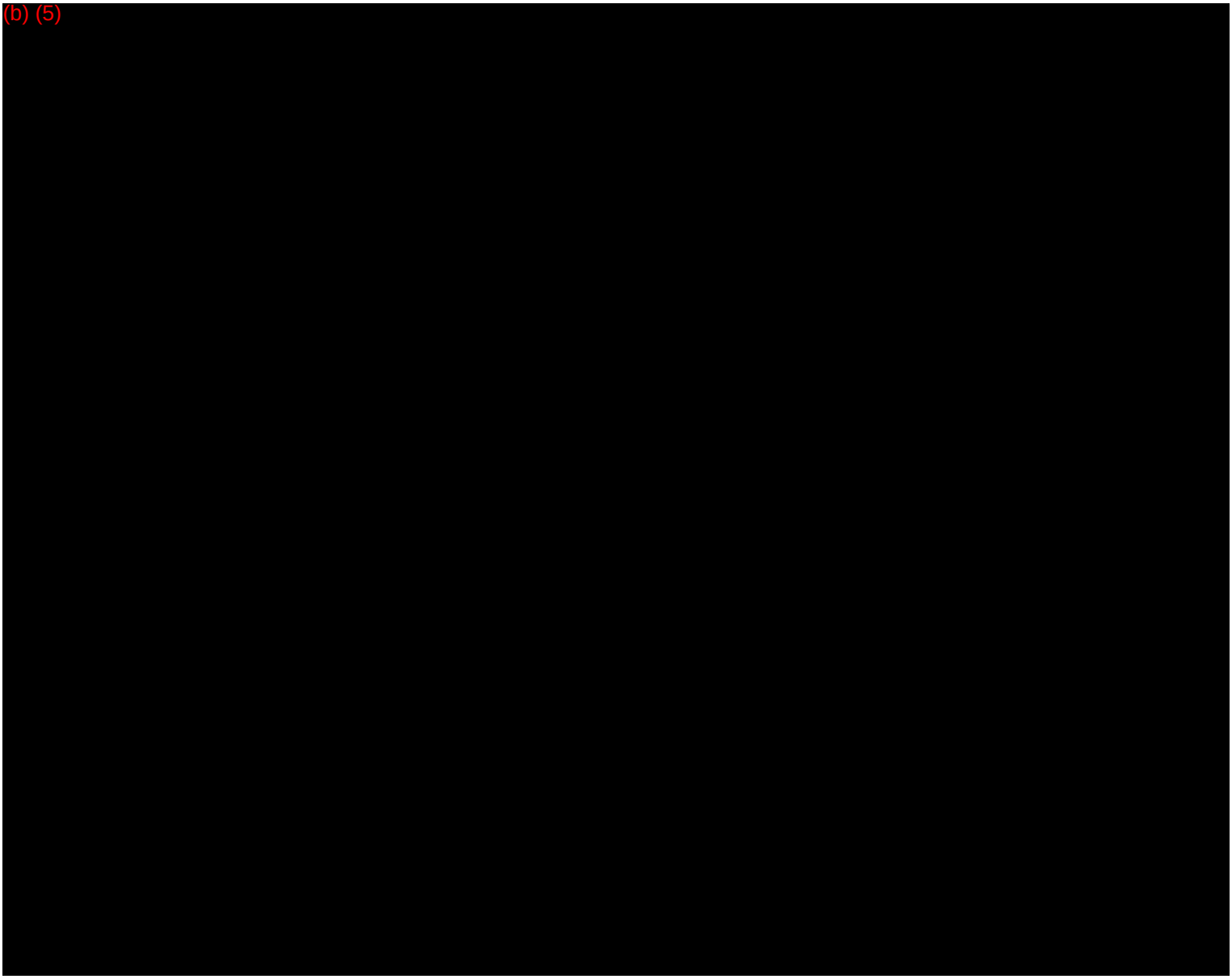
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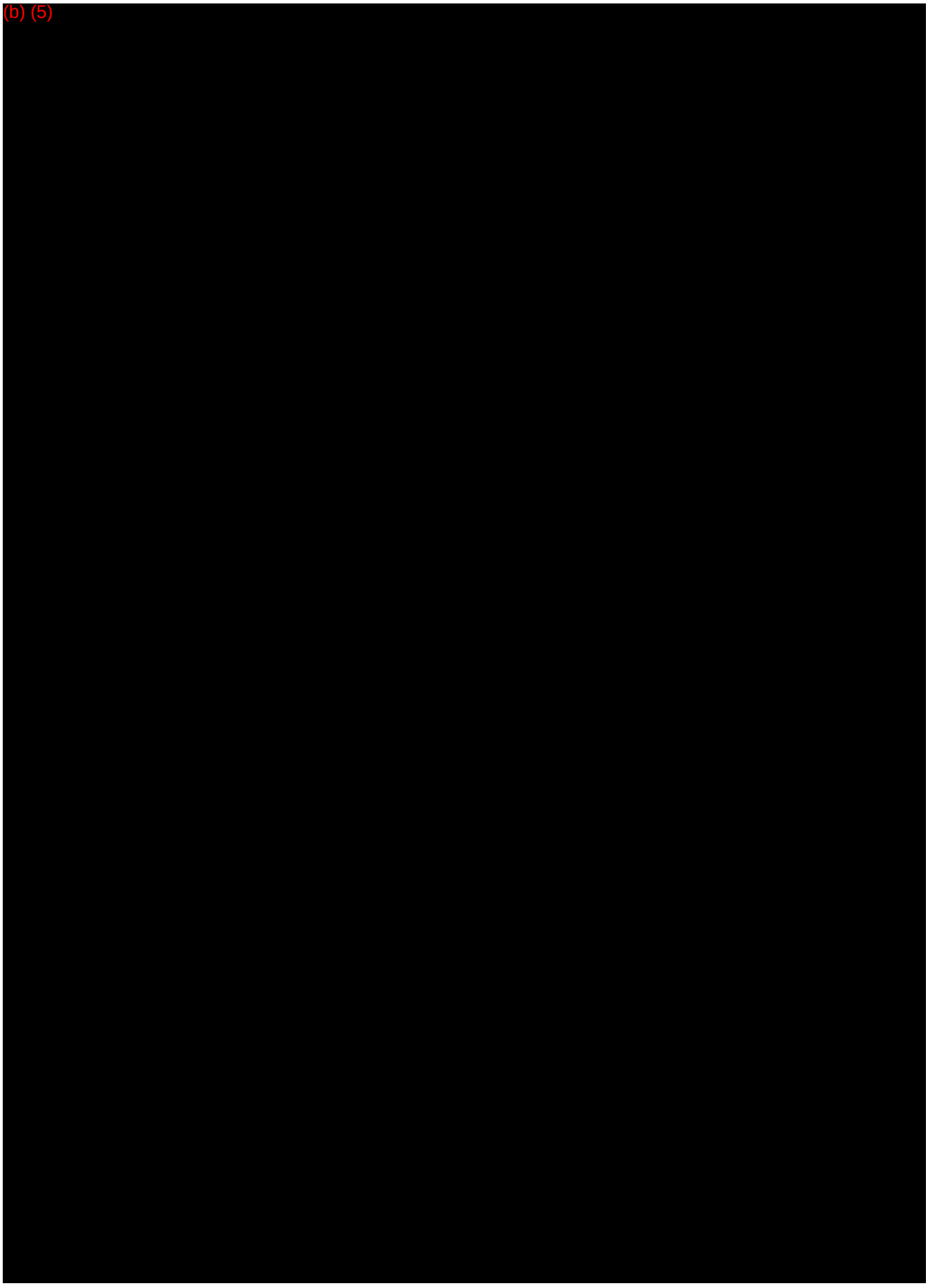
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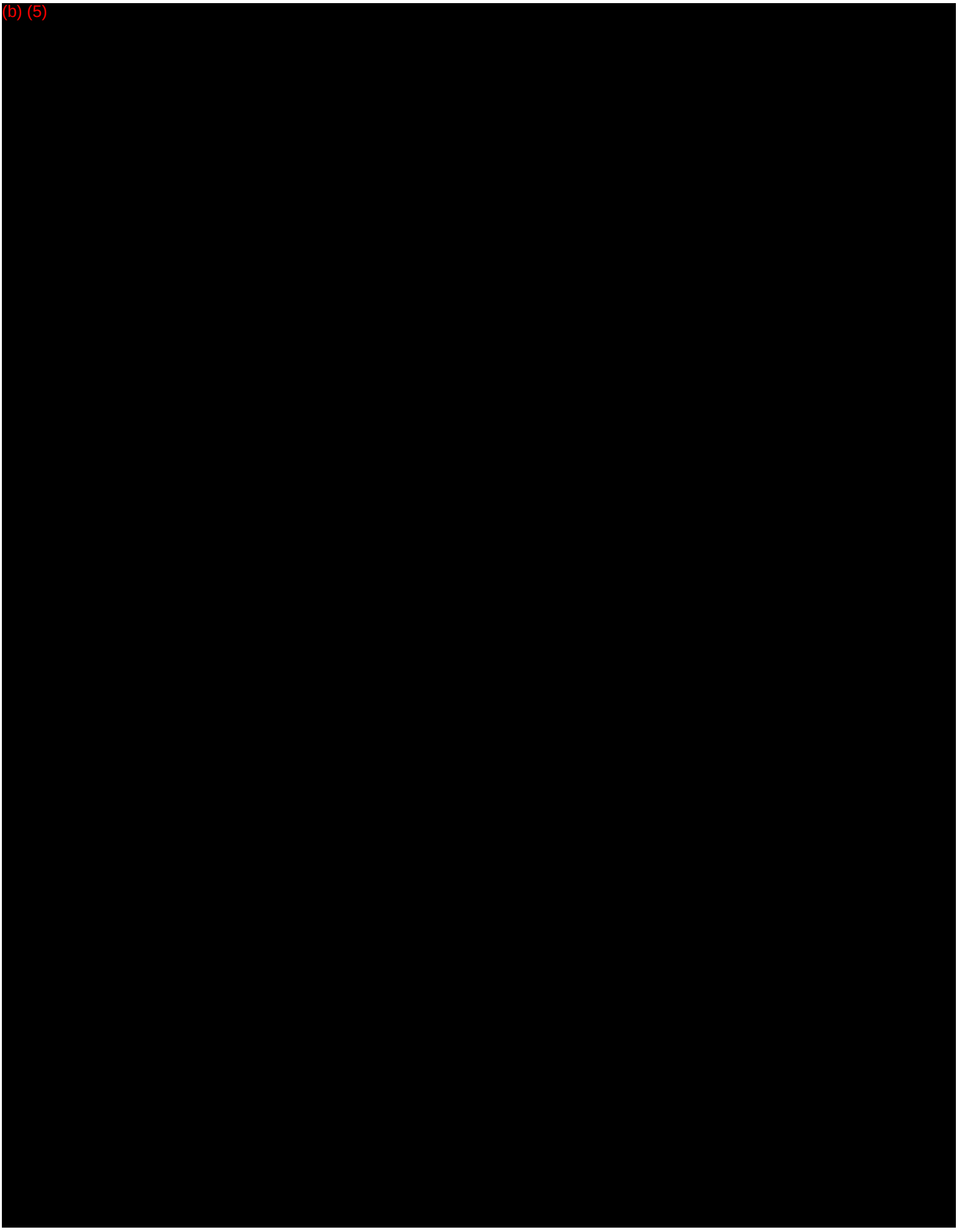
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From:	Matulka, Rebecca
To:	Laura Rigas; Swift, Heather
Cc:	Adams, Nathan
Subject:	FOR REVIEW: #FindYourWay on America's Wild and Scenic Rivers
Date:	Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:24:39 AM

Laura and Heather,

We're continuing to work with our land management bureaus to celebrate our national trails, and wild and scenic rivers as they turn 50 years old next year.

Since we've already covered trails in June, we thought it would be great to highlight some of the rivers people can explore. We'd like to do the blog post next Monday or Tuesday for those who are still looking for adventures this summer.

Let me know if you have any edits. Thanks!

#FindYourWay on America's Wild and Scenic Rivers

Spending time along a river refreshes and renews. Rivers feed our desire to explore -- to daydream about what lies downstream and around the next bend. America's rivers have long served as workhorses supporting the exploration, transportation systems, and industrial and agricultural development of our nation.

In 1968 Congress passed the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to ensure that some of our most cherished river segments are conserved in their natural, untamed state for us and for future generations, and next year marks the 50th anniversary of this landmark act. From placid canoe streams to rushing whitewater kayak runs, from icy trout-filled brooks to lazy cypress lined bayous, the system contains America's best free-flowing waterways. There are 208 river segments in 40 states that are part of the system.

Whether you want to hike, fish, canoe, camp or just relax along the bank, below is a sampling of 15 stream segments around the U.S. that highlight opportunities to explore the diversity and beauty of America's Wild and Scenic Rivers.

What are you waiting for? #FindYourWay today!

Rogue Wild and Scenic River in Oregon

The Rogue River's mighty salmon runs were made famous by author Zane Grey and continue to offer some of the best fishing on the West Coast. The wild Rogue, one of the original eight Wild and Scenic Rivers designated in 1968, offers multi-day whitewater rafting trips through a deep canyon lined with majestic Douglas-fir forest. Those more inclined to view the river from shore can hike the 35-mile-long Rogue River Trail. The Rogue's headwaters start on the west slopes of the peaks surrounding Crater Lake in Oregon and twist and descend for 215 miles through the Cascade, Siskiyou and Coastal Ranges before

spilling into the Pacific at Gold Beach.

Bruneau Wild and Scenic River in Idaho

Among the stark volcanic tablelands of southern Idaho, several rivers have carved deep canyons into the dark basalt -- hidden from view until one is right on the rim of the surrounding landscape that was designated as wilderness in 2009. None is more spectacular than the gorge of the Bruneau River, carving an 800-foot chasm that is almost as narrow as it is deep. Even peering from high above on the rim, one can tell that the whitewater is for experienced paddlers only. The river churns in a series of seemingly endless class III and IV rapids and sometimes covers the entire width of the canyon floor.

Merced Wild and Scenic River in California

The Merced River begins as snowmelt from the high Sierra gathers into glacier-polished channels and then pours over spectacular granite waterfalls before slowing to a sluggish meander through the incomparable Yosemite Valley in California. Once the river exits Yosemite National Park, it makes a headlong rush for the lowlands and its class III and IV whitewater rapids provide thrills to rafters and kayakers. Spring visitors are treated to splashy array of wildflowers along the lower canyon, which is lined by a trail and roadside pullouts for those who prefer not to get wet, even as the upper river remains locked in snow and ice.

Upper Missouri Wild and Scenic River in Montana

Canoeists can float from several days to weeks and follow in the footsteps of famous explorers Lewis and Clark as they traverse the geological folds and faults of “Breaks” country at Montana’s Upper Missouri River. The roadless canyon boasts broad vistas where fishermen are likely to catch goldeye, drum, sauger, walleye, northern pike, channel catfish, carp, smallmouth buffalo and paddlefish. Floaters might even spot some of the many elk and mule deer that inhabit the area, or they can scan the cliffs to get a glimpse of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River in New Mexico

The Río Grande Wild and Scenic River (named by early Spaniards as the “Great River of the North”) enters New Mexico in a deep basalt canyon where trout inhabit the deep green pools and birds of prey nest along the ochre cliffs. Adventurous whitewater boaters float the “Taos Box,” which contains numerous class IV and even V rapids. Milder but still exciting, class II and III runs are found downstream. Landlubbers can enjoy the river at the Canyon Rims Recreation Area, which has camp and picnic sites perched high on the canyon rim. The area has attracted people since prehistoric times. Evidence of ancient use is found throughout the area in the form of petroglyphs, prehistoric dwelling sites and many other types of archaeological sites.

Fortymile Wild and Scenic River in Alaska

Take a trip to gold country in Alaska. Canoeists along the Fortymile River can see modern prospectors working the river gravels, as well as remnants of several large historic dredges, as they float through thick stands of black spruce and tussocks that grow above the permafrost. It never truly gets dark here in summer, making more time for fun and exploring. The long days melt into a pink dusk that slowly transitions into a lengthy dawn. This is the longest river in the system with the main stem and tributaries stretching for almost 400 miles.

Little Beaver Creek Wild and Scenic River in Ohio

A remarkably wild stream is tucked in a forested valley among the pastoral farmlands of eastern Ohio. The clear waters of Little Beaver Creek River support 63 species of fish, including a popular smallmouth bass fishery. Add to this list 49 mammal species, 270 species of migratory and resident birds, and 46 species of reptiles and amphibians, and one gets a picture of the ecological diversity packed into the corridor. Little Beaver Creek is also believed to be the only riparian corridor in the United States, which shows geologic evidence of all five ice ages. Canoeing, camping, hiking and horseback riding are all popular activities along Little Beaver Creek.

Clarion Wild and Scenic River in Pennsylvania

The Clarion River is a success story in river renewal. Trout and smallmouth bass now flourish where waste from historic tanneries and mine acid drainage once tainted the water of this Pennsylvania river. The Clarion is a destination for canoe paddlers or inner tube floats with fishing, hiking and wildlife-watching also among popular activities. Towering white pines rise above the birch, oak and maple forests, which provide spectacular fall foliage. Bald eagles now nest along the Clarion and osprey sightings are on the rise.

St. Croix Wild and Scenic River in Wisconsin

Visitors to the St. Croix River can follow the paths of French fur traders who plied the river, trapping and trading their pelts in Wisconsin. The St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers stretch for over 200 miles, offering a diversity of recreation experiences and protecting an iconic stream of the upper Midwest. Here eagles and osprey compete with fishermen to catch smallmouth bass. Rapids and riffles are interspersed among stretches of flatwater that offer varying paddling experiences. Don’t miss the Dalles of the St. Croix -- a deep basalt gorge with glacial potholes and other spectacular rock formations. Hiking and historic towns along the corridor offer recreation alternatives for landlubbers.

Eightmile Wild and Scenic River in Connecticut

Surrounded by some of America’s earliest industrialized areas, the Eightmile River Watershed has retained a remarkable degree of naturalness with large areas of unfragmented wildlife habitat, an array of rare and diverse wildlife, scenic vistas, high water quality and significant cultural features. This Connecticut corridor is a great example of local municipalities, land trusts, environmental groups and residents working with state and

federal agencies to protect a cherished community resource.

Musconetcong Wild and Scenic River in New Jersey

Located only 45 miles from Manhattan, the Musconetcong River seems a world apart as it flows through the rural highlands of northwestern New Jersey. In the 18th century, the surrounding hills were logged as a source of charcoal for the iron industry and the water was diverted for the Morris Canal to bring coal from Pennsylvania to northern New Jersey. The regenerated forest hides remnants of the canal and the area only contains traces of its early development. Human history in the Musconetcong Valley can be traced back approximately 12,000 years to the end of the last ice age. The Plenge Site along the lower river in Warren County was the first major Paleo-Indian archaeological site excavations in New Jersey, and is considered one of the most significant in the northeastern United States. The Musconetcong River is known as the best trout fishery in the state. Paddlers enjoy the river's rapid flows, and hikers enjoy the miles of hilly trails that flank the river and afford stunning views of the river corridor.

Wekiva Wild and Scenic River in Florida

The Wekiva River originates at Wekiwa Springs, where 42 million gallons of water bubbles from the limestone bedrock each day from two vents -- the largest of which is 35 by 5 feet and located 15 feet under the water. The clear, bluish-green water flows northeast through a primeval landscape just minutes away from the traffic and crowds of Orlando and is one of Florida's best-kept secrets. A state park along the corridor offers a variety of adventures from canoeing and kayaking to biking or relaxing at waters edge. Wildlife abounds and lucky visitors might spot a Florida black bear and in rare instances, even a manatee.

Niobrara Wild and Scenic River in Nebraska

The Niobrara River winds through dramatic bluffs with small waterfalls in Nebraska, making it a popular float for inner tubes, canoes, kayaks and cow tanking. Its heartland setting means that both eastern and western bird species mingle here. The corridor’s wildlife diversity stretches back much further in time though. For more than 145 years, the central Niobrara River Valley has been an important source for mammal, fish and reptile fossils. These fossil deposits have figured prominently in scientific studies of evolution, and collections of fossils from Niobrara are housed in research institutions including New York's American Museum of Natural History, Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History and the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History.

Wilson Creek Wild and Scenic River in North Carolina

Located in North Carolina’s famed Blue Ridge, the scenic Wilson Creek River is popular for hiking, car camping, backpacking, fly fishing, canoeing, kayaking and swimming. The Wilson Creek Gorge has class III, IV and V rapids and is considered to be the most challenging run in the Blue Ridge by experienced whitewater paddlers. The boiling hydraulics and powerful rapids include 10-foot waterfalls and an 18-foot stair step drop. Parts of the stream are managed as wild trout waters and have populations of both rainbow

and brown trout. There are native eastern brook trout in its uppermost headwaters.

Amargosa Wild and Scenic River in California

The Amargosa River in California is often called the “Crown Jewel of the Mojave Desert” and exemplifies the diversity of the Wild and Scenic River system. It flows through the hottest and driest part of the U. S. and remains below the surface for much of its course before emptying out into Badwater Basin in Death Valley. Along the wild and scenic segment, the river flows at the surface and is saltier than the ocean but is still critical for desert life. The tiny Amargosa pupfish has evolved to swim in the warm salty water, and the Amargosa vole, possibly the rarest mammal in the U. S. with less than 100 individuals, only lives in the wetland rushes along the river. The corridor provides exceptional birdwatching opportunities and scenic desert hikes during the cooler months.

Be sure to share your adventures on wild and scenic rivers with us using #FindYourWay and #MakeYourSplash!

Email

Subject line options:

- #FindYourWay on America’s wild rivers
- Looking for an adventure? #FindYourWay on America’s rivers
- 15 wild rivers to explore this year
- Explore 15 of America’s best free-flowing rivers
- Add these scenic rivers to your bucket list:
- 15 scenic rivers to add to your bucket list

Body:

America’s rivers have long served as workhorses supporting the exploration, transportation systems, and industrial and agricultural development of our nation. In 1968 Congress passed the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to ensure that some of our most cherished river segments are conserved in their natural, untamed state for us and for future generations, and next year marks the 50th anniversary of this landmark act.

With 208 river segments in 40 states, the Wild and Scenic Rivers system contains America’s best free-flowing waterways -- from icy trout-filled brooks to rushing whitewater kayak runs. Whether you want to hike, fish, canoe, camp or just relax along the bank, there’s a river for you. Explore a sampling of some of America’s beautiful and diverse Wild and Scenic Rivers.

What are you waiting for? Plan a trip to #FindYourWay on a river!

From:	Matulka, Rebecca
To:	Laura Rigas; Russell Newell; Swift, Heather
Cc:	Katelyn Kasperian; Adams, Nathan; Joan Moody; Gillick, Larry
Subject:	FOR REVIEW: Blog post on Interior heroes
Date:	Friday, July 21, 2017 4:14:29 PM

Hi all,

Katie pulled together this short blog post on work by a few Interior employees for next week's theme of Heroes. Thanks to Joan for her help on figuring out who to feature!

Let us know if there are any red flags. We'd like to publish this by Tuesday or Wednesday.

Everyday heroes at the Interior

You don't have to wear a cape to be a hero. At the Interior Department, ordinary men and women sometimes find themselves called to act in extraordinary circumstances. Many have gone above and beyond their job descriptions. Some get recognized, and others spend their time quietly protecting the nation's public and tribal lands, and those who visit them.

This week, we're highlighting a few of Interior's heroic employees.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Police Officer saves elderly resident
Officer Justin C. White of the Bureau of Indian Affairs was dispatched to an area home in North Dakota that was engulfed in smoke. When White arrived, he found a wheelchair-bound elderly resident trapped in the home. With little thought for his own safety, White shattered a bedroom window, then crawled through the broken glass to retrieve and successfully evacuate the resident. This act of bravery won him a Valor Award -- one of 30 Interior employees to receive the award this year.

National Park Service ranger rises to the challenge
Throughout her 21-year career in the National Park Service, Leslie Reynolds has dangled 200 feet from a helicopter to rescue climbers, led search parties, treated major wounds, helped preserve our national treasures, and assisted countless visitors. Her skill, courage and dedication were recognized last year when she was named the recipient of the park service's most prestigious award -- the Harry Yount Award for Excellence in the Art of Rangering. Reynolds's career has taken her to Yosemite, Shenandoah and Grand Canyon National Parks. She currently serves at Cape Cod National Seashore in Massachusetts and is an unfailing leader among her fellow rangers.

Bureau of Reclamation engineer pivotal at river restoration
Bureau of Reclamation's own Jennifer Bountry was named Federal Engineer of the Year for her achievements in river restoration. Bountry was a key manager of the Elwha River Restoration Project, which looked to restore salmon and treaty obligations with the Lower

Elwha Klallam Tribe. Thanks to Bountry's work, nearly 100 acres of new coastal beach has been created, fish access has been restored to 70 miles of river, and fish habitats have been rehabilitated. Bountry is one of the many Interior employees whose work benefits Americans across the country.

Federal Wildlife Officer acts quickly to save Boy Scouts
Matt Belew, a Federal Wildlife Officer with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, was honored with the Valor Award for his incredible courage and bravery in May 2015 when a tornado blew through Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma. Belew evacuated 65 boy scouts camping at the wildlife refuge about 30 minutes before the tornado hit. Belew didn't stopped there and returned to make sure no one was left behind. Belew's actions led to an outpouring of thanks from the scouts, their families and the local community.

Jackson Hotshot crew respond to national emergencies
Since it was created in 1997, the Jackson Hotshot crew have fought disastrous wildland fires from Alaska to Florida. In addition, they have been called upon to assist with numerous national emergencies, including Ground Zero after 9/11 and search and recovery operations from the Space Shuttle Columbia. The Hotshots were also available for recovery efforts following several devastating hurricanes, including Katrina, Rita and Sandy.

Many of Interior's other employees are unsung heroes just by their dedication and perseverance in doing their everyday jobs. Join us in thanking all the heroes in your community this week!

Email (with subject line options):

- Not all heroes wear capes at Interior
- Interior employees lead with courage and bravery
- Celebrating everyday heroes at Interior
- Stepping up to the challenge: the mark of an Interior employee

Body:
Not all heroes wear a cape. At Interior, employees across the Department sometimes find themselves called to act in extraordinary circumstances. Interior employees step up to the challenge their job presents, often going above and beyond what is expected of them.

They're everyday heroes who -- through their determination and selflessness -- risk their lives in their jobs managing public lands, waterways, resources and visitors. Whether it's shielding the public from harm, rescuing a troop of boy scouts before a tornado hit or pitching in when a natural emergency strikes, many say that they were "just doing their job."

As we celebrate the heroes in our communities, learn more about some of the courageous

and inspiring acts of Interior employees, and be sure to thank all the heroes in your community this week!

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From: Moody, Joan
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Cc: Aaron, Patricia; Heather Swift; Newell, Russell
Subject: FOR REVIEW: Draft DOI release on $3.6M in WaterSMART funding
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 5:37:07 PM
Attachments: 07- 17 Small Scale Water Efficiency Grants.docx

Laura et al--As you requested, I revised the Reclamation release to make it a release on DOI letterhead with a new lede and a draft quote (highlighted) from the Secretary.

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As usual, feel free to revise the quote if that or anything else is worded inaccurately.

In addition, I added the **list of states** to the release in case we want to send the release to our state lists for the 15 states.

The draft release is attached and below. Joan

Date: July __, 2017
Contact: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

Interior Department Announces Grants for WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects in 15 States

$3.6 million in Reclamation grants will be leveraged with local and state funding to support $7.47 million in efficiency improvements projects

WASHINGTON –Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced today that Interior's Bureau of Reclamation has selected 57 Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects in 15 states to receive a total of $3.6 million as part of the WaterSMART grants program. The WaterSMART grants are leveraged with local and state funding to support $7.47 million in efficiency

improvements.

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Projects range from installation of automated systems to lining irrigation canals to purchasing water meters. They include a variety of innovations using the latest technologies in Advanced Metering Infrastructure, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and other "smart" control and monitoring systems.

The 57 communities awarded grants are found in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Washington. The list of selected projects can be found at <insert link>.

Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects are part of Reclamation's WaterSMART Program. The program aims to improve water conservation and sustainability, helping water resource managers make sound decisions about water use. The WaterSMART Program identifies strategies to ensure this generation and future ones will have sufficient amounts of clean water for drinking, economic activities, recreation and ecosystem health. To learn more, please visit www.usbr.gov/watersmart.

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On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 9:18 AM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> I would add a quote from someone.
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> > Reclamation will be awarding $3.6 million for 57 small-scale water efficiency projects, hopefully Thursday or Friday. Do you want this to be a Department release? The draft news release is attached and below.
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> > Thanks,
> > Patti
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> > **Reclamation Awards $3.6 Million for WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects**

Funding will be leveraged with local and state funding to support projects in 15 states

WASHINGTON - The Bureau of Reclamation announced that 57 projects were selected to receive $3,645,544 for Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects, part of the WaterSMART grant program. The projects selected seek to conserve, better manage or make more efficient use of water supplies and are leveraging with local and state funding to support $7.47 million in efficiency improvements.

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From:	Ross, Paul
To:	Todd Willens
Cc:	Maureen Foster; Laura Rigas; Swift, Heather; Russell Newell
Subject:	FOR REVIEW: Gay Vietzke Named Director of National Park Service's Northeast Region
Date:	Wednesday, July 19, 2017 2:31:34 PM
Attachments:	FINAL DRAFT Gay Vietzke Named Director of Northeast Region - PR edits.docx

Hi Todd-

I serve as the POC in the DOI Communications Office on issues related to NPS and FWS. In ensuring ASFWP sign-off on certain materials, I wanted to check in with you to determine the best process.

In this case, I've attached a release regarding the announcement of the new Northeast Region Director for NPS. They'd like to put this out on Friday, July 21.

After my initial review, ASFWP office will serve as final policy review. I'll take those edits and do a final review for Comms and route through Laura/Heather/Russell prior to sending materials back to the bureau for release.

Please let me know if this process works. If not, we can adjust accordingly. Thank you.

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Gay Vietzke Named Director of National Park Service's Northeast Region

WASHINGTON – Today, acting National Park Service (NPS) Director Michael T. Reynolds announced the selection of Gay Vietzke as regional director for the Northeast Region of the NPS. Vietzke currently serves as the superintendent of National Mall and Memorial Parks in Washington, D.C.

In her new role, Vietzke will oversee operations for 83 national parks, 22 national heritage areas, 1,102 national heritage landmarks, 154 national natural landmarks and many other associated sites within the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The Northeast Region has a budget of nearly $320 million and more than 3,000 employees.

"Gay's expertise and experience leading one of the NPS's most visible and complex parks and her familiarity with the Northeast Region makes her the right choice for the role of Regional Director," said Reynolds "Gay's strong stewardship of the National Mall and Memorial Parks earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and park supporters in D.C., and I am confident that her commitment to strong partnerships and parks will serve her and the Northeast Region well."

Vietzke served as the Northeast Region's deputy regional director from 2011 to 2015, leading the region's park operations, resource stewardship and science, and external affairs and partnerships programs.

Among her many other NPS assignments, she served as the superintendent of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, and Hampton National Historic Site in Maryland, where she was instrumental in creating a Baltimore-based youth employment program. She managed the design and construction of the eco-friendly Fort McHenry Visitor and Education Center; a $15 million partnership-funded facility. Additionally, she served as superintendent of Sagamore Hill National Historic Site in Oyster Bay, N.Y., where she oversaw the park's general management plan, strengthened relationships with partners and opened the newly rehabilitated Old Orchard Museum.

Vietzke holds a bachelor of arts in art history from the University of Connecticut and a master of science in historic preservation from the University of Pennsylvania.

Vietzke will begin her assignment with the Northeast Region in early September. An announcement regarding leadership at of National Mall and Memorial Parks after Veitzke's departure will be made soon.

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About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 417 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Visit us at www.nps.gov, on Facebook www.facebook.com/nationalparkservice,

Twitter www.twitter.com/natlparkservice, and
YouTube www.youtube.com/nationalparkservice.

About the Northeast Region. The Northeast Regional Office supports the parks and program areas in the northeast states, from Maine to Virginia. The role and function of the regional office is to provide employees with specialized expertise and tools that will foster growth, development, and safety of regional park service employees, volunteers, and partners. The regional directorate provides employees with current information and policy, filtering and interpreting necessary information to and from the Washington office.

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From:	Ross, Paul
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Cc:	Rebecca Matulka; Alex Hinson
Subject:	FOR REVIEW: Public Comment Period Open for Tule Springs EA
Date:	Wednesday, July 26, 2017 4:08:28 PM

All-

This release regarding the opening of the public comment period for the Tule Springs EA is scheduled to go out from NPS at the Region level on Friday, July 28. This has been edited by Todd Willens. Please let me know if you have any concerns/edits. Thanks.

-Paul

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NPS RELEASES ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED UTILITY AND ROADWAY CROSSINGS AND A VISITOR TRAIL WITHIN TULE SPRINGS FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

LAS VEGAS – The National Park Service is seeking public comment on an environmental assessment for proposed utility and roadway crossings and a visitor trail at Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument.

The proposal would involve the NPS working with the City of North Las Vegas to acquire an existing easement from the city that currently bisects the monument. In exchange, the city would obtain easements providing access and utilities to a planned community that is surrounded by NPS-managed land. The proposed exchange also includes construction of a trail that would provide visitors access to the monument in a manner that protects park resources.

The environmental assessment provides a decision-making framework that analyzes all reasonable alternatives to meet the objectives of the proposal, evaluates potential issues and impacts to resources and values, and identifies mitigation measures to lessen the degree of extent of these impacts.

The document is available for review at area libraries and online at http://parkplanning.nps.gov. Comments may be submitted electronically via the website. Written comments should be mailed to Lake Mead NRA, Compliance Office, 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, NV 89005. Comments must be received by August 30, 2017.

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Date:	Monday, July 17, 2017 12:38:21 PM
Attachments:	RECREATION MEDIA FOR INTERVIEW.DOCX RECREATION LEADERSHIP MEETING AT US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR final.docx OVERVIEW - Made in America Media Event 7-18.docx Recreation Enhancements Through Partnerships on Federal Lands v2.docx ORIR-DOI Meeting Participants v2.xlsx Who We Are and Asks.pdf Economic Fact Sheet FINAL.docx

Heather,

My name is Anna Swick and I do press for Congressman Jim Banks (IN-03), who will be at the event tomorrow. Is it okay for us to let our local media know about the event?

And do you have any additional guidance on how I should go about all things press-related?

Best,
Anna

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Anna Swick

Press Secretary
Congressman Jim Banks (IN-03)

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Subject: FW: Key Documents for Tuesday "Recreation Day" Events

Can you reach out to Heather (cc'd below) and ask her if we can let our local media know about this event? Maybe also ask if there is any additional guidance. Thanks!

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Subject: Fwd: Key Documents for Tuesday "Recreation Day" Events

Team Indiana. For those who are planning to attend tomorrow (still need to hear back from Banks office), please see the relevant information for the event. Cassie, you mentioned press. Heather (Press Secretary) is cc'd. She can work with you on that. What I would say is that

there is already press confirmed to attend and there will be a media availability after the round table, so just want to make sure nobody is getting ahead of what's already being done.

One more point, when this event was originally sent to me, it was largely focused on RV and now it has grown into a larger Made in America Outdoor Rec Industry event so there will be a good amount discussed during the round table that is outside the RV sphere. If your boss would like to just come to the press portion and meet the industry people in attendance, that is fine. I just don't want to waste their time or have them wondering why they're sitting through a round table that will be wider than the RV discussion. It's up to you, but please let us know your plans.

Also, please do not share the attachments for the event.

Micah
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Thank you so much for your help and enthusiasm regarding RECREATION DAY!
I wanted to share a variety of docs which we believe are the latest information on plans for Tuesday, July 18th.

1. An overview of the day's three key activities;
2. A description of the Made in America Outdoor Recreation Media Event;
3. Our narrative description of 27 opportunities for expanded partnerships – together providing for more than $80M in private investment at Interior sites and then producing a sustainable supplemental revenues stream of $20M annually above appropriations, I addition to delivering better visitor access and enjoyment.
4. Our anticipated list of participants in the 10:45 AM meeting;
5. Info on the three recreation media reps who, collectively, can allow the Secretary to reach the recreation industry via trade publications and millions of American households with recreation consumer publications;
6. Some key economic impact of recreation bullets; and
7. Information on the Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable.

I'll be in meetings for much of the day but can be reached by email and on my cell – 703-624-0495. Plus Cathy and Ben will be available in the ARC office.

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The New Jersey shore and lakes of lower New York defined Rich's childhood. But when he bought a 21-foot Four Winns deck boat and introduced his young family to the Connecticut River, his love for the world of boats flourished over the years from there. A journalist by training, he worked in TV news and at several newspapers before combining his passions for 18 years at the boating publications *Soundings* and *Soundings Trade Only*, where as Managing Editor he reported on everything from boat and product innovation, to compelling feature stories, and built his reputation in the marine industry as one of the most thorough reporters in our business.

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RECREATION LEADERSHIP MEETING AT US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, JULY 18, 2017
DRAFT SCHEDULE

10 AM: Assemble ORIR team in the Secretary's Conference Room, 5th Floor. Assigned seats. Approximately 16 seats for ORIR representatives and rec industry VIPs; supplemental seating for another 10 on periphery. Premeeting conversation with some key Interior folks. Expected Interior participants: Todd Willens (Associate Deputy Secretary), Doug Domenech (Senior Advisor), Mike Reynolds (Acting Director, NPS), perhaps 1-2 more.

10:45 AM: Secretary arrives , shakes hands with ORIR group. Candid photos. Open media.

10:50 AM: Secretary and others take seats and Secretary welcomes group to Interior, comments on initial meeting in April and eagerness to learn about the ideas being brought to today's meeting. Brief but forceful rejection of label of privatization on campgrounds as well as parks overall.

11:00 AM: Secretary listens as those at the table identify themselves. Thanks media and excuses them, telling them they can preview the Made in America exhibits. Invites Thom Dammrich to begin the discussions/presentation. Thom provides overview and explains that the nearly 30 opportunities being presented are a first wave of thousands more opportunities that will emerge over the next few months. Presentations will be delivered by 3-4 persons, beginning with NPS-related opportunities coming from concessioners (Terry MacRae will outline approximately 18, but highlighting 3-5). Tim Rout will describe the proposed NPS regional pilot for WiFi expansion. Tim Buche will outline BLM proposals to support OHV activities. Total of 30 minutes for presentations utilizing room's very modern AV capabilities. Then time for reactions and further discussions about culture change, getting opportunities accomplished and topics like recreation czar and Secretarial Order(s).

12:00 Noon: Meeting wraps. Informal discussions and pictures for 15 minutes.

12:15 PM: Secretary leads group out to 1849 C Street NW entrance where RVs, boats, Polaris Ranger and snowmobile, SEMA-provided off-road truck, archery equipment and more is on display on closed street and adjacent Bolivar park. Media invited to talk with Zinke, industry leaders and learn more about rec industry economics. Tour of exhibited equipment and info on recreation segment employment – and connection between factory jobs and use of products on public lands and waters across the nation. Special invitations to RV and Boat Caucus leaders to be part of this event. Food (barbeque) and beverages in Bolivar Park. Secretary makes 5 minutes of remarks re Made in America week and the outdoors, calls upon a recreation spokesperson and one or more Members of Congress to add flavor. Open media.

1:00 PM: Secretary boards RV with 4-5 reporters (rec trade and consumer (coveringRV/camping, boating, powersports and hunting/fishing, plus AP reporter) for discussions on a trip to key nearby sites like memorials on the National Mall, perhaps Theodore Roosevelt Island. Return to Interior by 2 PM. Invited media

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OVERVIEW: Made in America Outdoor Recreation Media Event

Date: Tuesday, July 18
Time: Approximately 11:30 am to 1 pm
Description: **Made in America Outdoor Recreation Media Event**
Location: C Street, NW between 18th and 19th Streets (entrance to USDoI) and adjacent Bolivar Park
Overview: We intend to show a sample of Made in America recreation products along with signage that describes the number of manufacturing jobs associated with the company and industry involved with that product.
Types of products: Open to all products linked to outdoor recreation. Confirmed/likely products are: RVs (several types), boats (several types), Polaris Ranger ATV, Polaris snowmobile. Exploring coolers, archery equipment, off-road truck, canoes and kayaks. Exploring Indian and other iconic US brands plus electronics. Must be manufactured in USA.
Messaging: ORIR's media team will prepare a news release on the exhibit and its role in Made in America Week. Trade association and manufacturer employees are welcome to discuss/show product.
Participants: 100-250, including ORIR members, key Interior officials and staff, media and Members of Congress.
Food: VistaOutdoor and American Recreation Coalition will provide lunch. Barbeque, cole slaw, desserts, beverages. Cleared by Solicitor and ethics office (cost of $17.10 pp) under Take Pride in America Act authority.
Remarks: US Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, perhaps an industry spokesperson and a Member of Congress

No rain date likely. ORIR cannot supply power, tables or chairs – displays must be totally self-reliant. Interior coordination through:

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Recreation Enhancements Through Partnerships on Federal Lands

EXAMPLES OF PLEDGED ACTIONS

• Delaware North operates the 358 room Yavapai Lodge located along the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. Of the 358 rooms, only 198 rooms have air conditioning. The rooms with air conditioning are extremely popular. Concessioner will install air conditioning units within the remaining 160 rooms. The investment to install the air conditioning units would be fully funded with Delaware North's funds and we would not use any repair and maintenance reserves. To off-set the investment of approximately $1 million plus additional operating costs, NPS will need to approve a rate increase for these specific rooms to an already approved NPS rate for rooms now offering air conditioning. The NPS would receive an estimated $1.4M in additional franchise fees as well as an estimated $289k in additional maintenance reserve fees.

• The lodging and ancillary services at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon are operated seasonally by Forever Resorts, from May 15 to October 15. The park is extremely popular – with the lodging being 100% occupied virtually every day of the season. With the popularity of "rim to rim" hiking in the cooler months of the year, a two-week extension in lodging operations from October 16 – October 31 would be a welcome visitor service enhancement and allow a 2% increase in visitation. Visitation to the North Rim, in contrast to the South Rim, is substantially below levels of 20 years ago, and the early closure impacts local gateways. NPS already staffs the visitor center and the entrance station during this period, and the concessioner is required to continue operation of its retail and food operations. Lodging has extended for a short period twice during the past six years for special NPS-related purposes with no challenges. Sustainable additional revenues to NPS will exceed $265,000 annually for the two weeks, including added franchise fees, maintenance reserve fees and entrance fees.

• Grand Teton Lodge Company provides most visitor services in Grand Teton National Park and is unable to fully meet visitor demand for food services during peak periods at String Lake and Jenny Lake with existing convenience store and snack bar services. The company is willing to invest an estimated $250,000 to test the viability of augmented food services with food trucks operating in two parking spaces at existing lots during periods of high demand, estimated at 120 days per year. No new utility service will be required, and all food would be prepared in NPS-monitored kitchen facilities. NPS additional revenues of $20,000 are pledged, and are likely to be substantially higher. This test would help guide the next iteration of the concessions contract for the park and is an alternative to a multi-million-dollar facility being discussed.

• Forever Resorts operates visitor services in Badlands National Park. It proposes Phase II of a very successful project that delivered a Win-Win-Win for park visitors, the National Park Service, and the concessioner. Six years ago, 23 guest cabins that were in very poor condition were replaced with new energy and environmentally efficient cabins with features today's visitors expect. Guests willingly pay for the improved quality. The rate for these cabins is virtually double that of the old. Not only is occupancy up substantially for this seasonal operation, the average number of nights stayed has jumped as well! This project will install 10 more of these high-demand cabins at a cost of about $1,000,000 with now Leasehold Surrender Interest. The new cabins are projected to increase NPS revenues by at least $70,000 annually. To amortize the investment, the current contract would be extended by three years – an action which also reduces NPS staff and contractor costs required for prospectus development costs.

• Fort Sumter Tours originated ferry service to this park unit in Charleston harbor and has provided year-round public access for decades. It offers the city's 4th grade classes free transportation during non-peak periods – serving thousands annually. The most recent NPS-prepared prospectus deleted a traditional, optional and visitor-valued service of group and family pictures taken as visitors board the ferry without explanation, and despite a request from the concessioner to reinstate the service, the agency declined to consider the request. The decision forced elimination of three concessioner-provided jobs and an estimated $25,000 in sustainable NPS revenue. After finally achieving senior NPS attention, the grounds for the elimination have been reviewed and there is agreement that the basis was in error. The concessioner has applied to reinstate this visitor service immediately and is awaiting NPS confirmation.

• Historic Tours of America operates the high-speed ferry service from Key West to Dry Tortugas National Park, a spectacular, unique and lesser visited park unit. Before the current concession, two boat operators each carried 100 passengers daily (200 total). The new contract required the single new concessioner to build a vessel rated to carry 250 passengers, but restricted passage to 150 passengers a day. The result is a significant decline in visitation – well below the NPS- defined carrying capacity. That level has never been reached since the inception of the concessions agreement. Three years ago, the concessioner requested permission to carry 25 additional passengers daily. Despite universal support, including by the superintendent, it took two years to receive authorization. The addition has significantly increased revenues to the park and added some 6,000 additional annual visitors – a clear victory. Yet visitation remains below carrying capacity and there remains unmet demand, as potential passengers line up on the dock seeking last minute spots from "no-shows." In exchange for the increased passenger level and a two-year contract extension, NPS would also receive at least $150,000 in additional, sustainable revenues annually.

• The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, American Sportfishing Association, GEICO and other partners will invest an estimated $400,000 and substantial in-kind support to initiate FirstCatch programs at two USFWS refuges (Heinz National Wildlife Refuge in Philadelphia, PA, and Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge in Rio Hondo, TX. These "First Catch Centers" will establish an incubator-type for newcomers to learn and develop fishing and boating skills and conservation ethics. Elements of state and government agency programs, education institution programs, camps and after school events and boating programs with fishing elements will all be included, providing a positive and fun experience for families and youth alike, with an overall objective of helping grow national participation in the sports.

• Delaware North operates lodging and additional concessioner services in Shenandoah National Park. It recently remodeled 66 guest rooms within two lodges. The improved facilities have received very positive feedback from guests. The concessioner now seeks to remodel the remaining 132 rooms. The room remodel investment would be fully funded with Delaware North's funds and we would not use any repair and maintenance reserves. To off-set the capital investment, NPS would approve a rate increase for these rooms to the already approved NPS rate for the remodeled rooms as well as a 5-year contract extension. The NPS would receive an estimated $2.1M in additional franchise fees and an estimated $6.6M in additional repair and maintenance reserves.

• Guest access to broadband service in NPS's developed frontcountry areas is a top visitor complaint and a deterrent to modernizing delivery of safety and interpretive information. Costs to the NPS and visual concerns have hampered progress in expansion of connectivity. NPS has now piloted a clear route to success at Lake Mead NRA, using a concessioner with a proven, no-cost-to government strategy that

has been utilized at DoD facilities nationwide. AccessParks designs, constructs and operates the broadband access, providing key free information and enhanced access on a fee and sponsorship basis, a format widely used by hotels and airports. In addition to high speed access at visitor centers, campgrounds, marinas, restaurants and more, AccessParks has other exciting capabilities including solar-powered kiosks offering limited area opportunities for quickly downloading regularly updated information ranging from maps and brochures to videos and safety information to smartphones. AccessParks is also proposing to offer downloadable confirmation of visits to key trails and other sites and even facilitate visitor contributions designed to help fund maintenance of NPS facilities. AccessParks proposes to expand its contract for Lake Mead NRA to one of two NPS regions – either Intermountain or Pacific West. Expected investment for units in either region now facing insufficient connectivity is $50,000,000 in private funding – all of which will be recovered through the initial contract.

• Bryce Canyon National Park visitor services are provided by Forever Resorts. The concessioner proposes to convert the boys' dorm, located right in the center of the principal visitor services area of the park, including other lodging. The dorm would be converted to lower priced "hostel-style" accommodations. Visitors would have a new, quality lower-priced lodging option – allowing an estimated increase in in-park stays of 3,000 persons. Employees now utilizing the boys' dorm would be provided accommodations outside of the park. This would also eliminate employee cars parked inside the Park, as a shuttle service would be provided. Forever estimates capital costs of $300,000 for the dorm plus some costs for the alternative employee housing. Gross receipts would increase by between $750,000 and $1M, and annual net increased funds to NPS are projected to be $107,000.

• Forever Resorts proposes to improve the campgrounds in Big Bend National Park. The current NPS campgrounds at Chisos Mountain, Castalon, and Rio Grand Village offer only dry campsites with no electric service or water hookups. At concession operations in Grand Teton NP and Badlands NP, the NPS has turned these operations over to Forever for operations while still providing interpretation and other important and visible roles. Forever would invest in electric hookups for 30% -40% of the spaces in each campground. The NPS would substantially reduce its operating expenses savings and receive substantially more franchise fee revenue. Forever projects a capital investment of $300,000, likely reductions of at least $100,000 in annual NP operations and approximately $140,000 in new franchise and related fees each year.

• Forever Resorts proposes to improve the campgrounds on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. The current NPS campground offers only dry campsites with no electric service or water hookups. At concession operations in Grand Teton NP and Badlands NP, the NPS has turned these operations over to Forever for operations while still providing interpretation and other important and visible roles. Forever would invest in electric hookups for 30% -40% of the spaces in each campground. The NPS would substantially reduce its operating expenses savings and receive substantially more franchise fee revenue. Forever projects a capital investment of $150,000, likely reductions of at least $100,000 in annual NP operations and approximately $160,000 in sustained new NPS franchise and related fees each year.

• Grand Teton Lodge Company has a need for augmented and improved in-park staff housing. The concessioner will design and construct new housing units for seasonal and year-round staff at Jackson Lake Lodge and Jenny Lake Lodge through capital expenditures of an estimated $2,000,000, investments well beyond its requirements under the current contract. The lodging would offer capacity for safe, secure housing for 25-30 people and could be achieved without award of LSI through a contract extension of three years.

• Grand Teton Lodge Company proposes to extend fiber optic lines to Colter Bay cabins, RV park and tent cabins (344 total units). This will allow for WiFi access in front-country areas where cell service and connectivity is poor. Internet service is currently only available in a few locations which serves tens of thousands of visitors each year and often forces travel to other park locations for communications purposes. Projected capital investment is $3M. These costs would be recovered through higher prices and/or charges for robust internet access. The increase in overall revenues are projected to generate some $100,000 additional in annual franchise fee payments by the concessioner to the park unit.

• Hornblower's Alcatraz Cruises proposes to expand popular night tours from 600 visitors per day to 1,200 per day. The concessioner further proposes expansion of the new "Behind the Scenes" tour from 60 visitors per day to 240 per day. Both products have top ratings and sell out 4---6 weeks in advance. No additional investment would be required. Hornblower projects additional gross revenues of $6,750,000 and a net gain to NPS of $2,750,000 annually.

• Hornblower's Alcatraz Cruises proposes to add a new island tour product that is shorter in duration, with a scaled back audio tour that features other now-unused cellblock areas and parts of the island not utilized to avoid overcrowding and differentiate tour participants. Investment of at least $1M would be undertaken by the concessioner, addressing current backlog maintenance and safety needs, and the new tour is projected to generate $10M annually in gross revenues and a net gain to NPS of $4,750,000 annually.

• Hornblower's Alcatraz Cruises proposes to initiate themed food service on the island. Visitors would be offered the chance to utilize the renovated food service facility within a cellblock building, offering authentic menus and food from the 1933---1963 period of prison operations. Alcatraz was renowned for its prisoner meals. Renovation costs would be at least $4M and would increase visitation to the site and add a new dimension to park interpretation in the dining hall. Hornblower projects additional gross revenues of $3,267,000 and a net gain to NPS of $750,000 annually. Moreover, the availability of food service for visitors would facilitate experimentation with special, high-ticket "bucket" experiences in partnership with the National Park Foundation or other partners.

• Hornblower's Alcatraz Cruises proposes to undertake major upgrades and repairs of the current fixed wharf substructure on Alcatraz to assure the safety of the visitors, and the long-term viability of the service to the island. Much of the investment need is the result of deferred maintenance and further delays will drive up costs and threaten interruption of public access. Hornblower's experience in maritime construction will allow rapid, cost-effective improvements.

• Hornblower's Statue Cruises proposes a significant expansion to evening programming on Liberty Island, including access several nights per week during Spring --- Fall. Visitor services would include food service and patriotic music or interpretive programs that highlight the NYC skyline. The last cruise now currently departs NYC at 4PM despite major public demand for later departures. Expected increase in annual visitation is 300,000 per year. Hornblower offers to take on $500,000 in capital spending and projects an increase in gross revenues of $5,400,000 annually, and a net gain of $3,000,000 to the NPS.

• The Glade Run Recreation Area northeast of Farmington spans 19,000 acres and provides 42 miles of trails for use by motorized off-highway vehicles. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish contributed $600,000 from the Trail Safety Fund for construction of the park, which will include a small riding track for youths, a skills training track, primitive camp sites, toilets and a pavilion. Off-highway motor vehicle registration and user fees support the Trail Safety Fund. RTP funds have also been

allocated. The local recreation manager is finding it difficult to implement the project due to myriad problems. Funding and expertise are available to make this a high-quality riding area that will attract a wide array of users, but the need to set up a new assistance agreement between BLM and technical experts is making it difficult to get necessary work accomplished.

• The 4,795 acre Sand Mountain Recreation Area is a designated OHV fee site located in the high desert of west central Nevada twenty-five miles south east of Fallon on U.S. 50 in Churchill County. The most dominant feature of the dune system is Sand Mountain which is approximately 3.5 miles long, 1 mile wide and 600 feet in height, making it the largest single dune in the Great Basin. In addition to OHV riding on the open dunes, there are 23 miles of riding available on the designated trail system that was established in 2008 to preserve the Kearny Buckwheat habitat and protect the Sand Mountain Blue Butterfly which is endemic only to the Sand Mountain area. This is a heavily visited area that needs upgraded/improved infrastructure. Continued heavy visitation is expected. With proper management this area will be a prime OHV recreation spot; however, without needed improvements this area could face serious issues. A limited investment now will prevent the need for extensive expenditures later. Trailhead improvements, signing, parking lot improvements and attention to other accommodations are needed.

• Glendive Short Pines OHV Area consists of approximately 2,800 acres. This recreation area is composed of an Open OHV area as well as areas which are limited to existing roads and trails. OHV trails, rock hounding, wildlife viewing and camping are available at this site. There are no designated camping spots or water available. However, dispersed camping is allowed. As it stands the local recreation manager is overstretched as she also is responsible for responding to the NEPA needs of the Miles City BLM Office's minerals management program (oil & gas). Maps, signing, engineering and maintenance are examples of needed improvements.

• The National Park Hospitality Association proposed a RentMyTent program in late 2013 to increase the convenience of camping in national parks by offering a "package" of equipment provided at NP campsites. The "package" was designed to attract visitors who: (1) do not own camping equipment but have an interest in a camping experience, especially at the low cost of camping; (2) those who own equipment but who will be reaching the national parks in a way which makes bringing their own equipment challenging (for example, by air travel); (3) those who want to spend time in a national park but are unable to reserve lodging because rooms are unavailable; and (4) like the convenience of driving up to a campsite and unloading just needed personal items, but who are likely to rely on other park visitor facilities like food service and who want to avoid the uncertainties of weather and timing associated with use of their own equipment. The Rent-a-Tent program would address the significant decline in overnight campground stays within national parks over the past two decades (tent camper nights are down some 1.2 million, while RV camper nights are down some 2 million). The pilot program would revise a complex plan developed in response to the NPHA initiative that required reservation of campsites via www.recreation.gov, and allow active promotion by concessioners and other recreation and tourism partners. Likely parameters are a minimum 3-day stay and an option, at an additional charge, for put-up and take-down services. The basic camping "package" will include a tent, cots, a cooler, and a lantern. Alternative lodging, including RVs and yurts, could also be tested by the program.

• Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation and the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) will join other partners in a unique effort to introduce fishing to urban participants: FirstCatch. Using a mobile "first catch center" (a trailer or motorhome), the program will enlist participants where they are,

including in their neighborhoods. The concept allows easy transportation of all equipment and materials, and allows for sponsors to be featured via a vehicle wrap. Planned events will be ongoing -- approximately 2-3 per week, and will introduce some 9,000 individuals annually. PFBC has put forth a list of many local partners to help with capacity and promotion. Participant data will be collected at the time of the event, for ongoing communication, and to determine successes/future involvement in the sport. PFBC will team up and host events at the Heinz National Wildlife Refuge in Philadelphia. Initial funding of some $250,000 has been provided by a charitable contribution, along with RBFF, Boat U.S. and Geico Insurance funding.

• Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation will team up with Fishing's Future (FF), a Texas-based 501 c3 founded in 2007 by a man with a passion for fishing, for a second FirstCatch effort in and around Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. This refuge is the largest protected area of natural habitat left in Texas' Lower Rio Grande Valley, near the state's southernmost tip. Programs and instructors are 100% volunteers, predominantly state agency aquatic education certified instructors. Based upon the experience at this refuge, the partners hope to add up to eight additional FirstCatch programs, mostly in Texas near Houston and Dallas, in 2018. Initial start-up investment and first year operation is projected at $250,000.

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Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable

Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable is a coalition of America's leading outdoor recreation trade associations working to promote the policy and legislative reforms needed to grow the outdoor recreation economy. Roundtable members represent the thousands of U.S. businesses that produce vehicles, equipment, gear, apparel and services for the millions of Americans who enjoy our nation's parks, waterways, byways, trails and outdoor spaces. Combined, the various business sectors within the outdoor recreation industry generate $887 billion-per-year in economic activity and provide an estimated 7.6 million direct jobs. Coalition members produce the 8 largest recreation tradeshows in the U.S. and annually contribute $40 billion in federal excise tax, sales tax and duties.

The Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable strives to achieve the following:

1. **Ensure** the primary drivers of the outdoor recreation economy across the U.S. are recognized
2. **Foster** federal collaboration that will enable the outdoor recreation economy to reach its full potential
3. **Remove** barriers that prevent private investment from being made on public lands and waters
4. **Change** the mindset of federal agencies so recreational access and high quality visitor experiences are prioritized

- American Horse Council
- American Recreation Coalition
- American Sportfishing Association
- Archery Trade Association
- BoatU.S.
- International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association
- Marine Retailers Association of America
- Motorcycle Industry Council
- National Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds (ARVC)
- National Marine Manufacturers Association
- National Shooting Sports Foundation
- Outdoor Industry Association
- Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association
- Recreation Vehicle Industry Association
- Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
- SnowSports Industries America
- Specialty Equipment Market Association
- Specialty Vehicle Institute of America
- Sports & Fitness Industry Association

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American Horse Council is a nonprofit trade association based in Washington, D.C., that works with Congress and other federal agencies on issues related to the U.S. equine industry. Topics range from trail access on public lands, immigration, taxes, gambling, equine welfare, import/export issues, disease control, and more. The ultimate goal of the AHC is to ensure that the equine industry works together to "Keep Opportunities Open" for the horse industry. For more information: **www.horsecouncil.org**

American Recreation Coalition is a nonprofit association providing a unified voice for recreation interests. Since 1979, ARC has forged public private partnerships to enhance, protect and promote outdoor recreation opportunities and resources. ARC organizes the annual Partners Outdoors conference, plays a primary role in key national coalitions, and leads the national effort to celebrate June as Great Outdoors Month, including activities inviting children to enjoy healthy, active outdoor lives. For more information: **www.funoutdoors.com**

The American Sportfishing Association is the sportfishing industry's trade association committed to representing the interests of the sportfishing and boating industries as well as the entire sportfishing community. We give the industry and anglers a unified voice when emerging laws and policies could significantly affect sportfishing business or sportfishing itself. For more information: **www.ASAfishing.org**

Archery Trade Association is the organization for manufacturers, retailers, distributors, sales representatives and others working in the archery and bowhunting industry. Founded in 1953, ATA is dedicated to making the industry profitable by decreasing business overhead, reducing taxes and government regulation, and increasing participation in archery and bowhunting. For more information: **www.archerytrade.org**

BoatU.S. is the nation's largest organization of recreational boat owners, with over half a million members. Founded in 1966, it provides diverse services, including insuring over eight billion dollars' worth of boats, operating the largest on the water towing fleet, representing boaters' interests on Capitol Hill, providing financing for boat buyers, publishing the most widely circulated boating publication, acting as a consumer protection mediator and more. For more information: **www.boatus.com**

International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association is an organization representing the four snowmobile manufacturers. It coordinates industry committees focused on snowmobile safety, the promotion of the lifestyle activity of snowmobiling, keeping accurate statistics, and reporting the growth of the industry and the positive economic impact snowmobiling has throughout the world. For more information: **www.snowmobile.org**

Marine Retailers Association of America is comprised of boat dealers, marine parts and accessories vendors, marina operators, boatyards, marine service providers, and all those whose livelihood is affected by the marine industry. Founded in 1972, MRAA serves its members by providing them with tools, resources and educational programs and by representing them with a powerful voice. For more information: **www.mraa.com**

Motorcycle Industry Council is a nonprofit trade association supporting motorcyclists in the U.S. by representing manufacturers, distributors, dealers and retailers of motorcycles, scooters, ATVs, ROVs, and related parts, accessories, goods and services as well as members of allied trades such as insurance, finance and others with a commercial interest in the industry. The association, known as MIC since 1970, was founded in 1914. For more information: **www.mic.org**

National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (arvc) is the only national association exclusively representing the interests of private RV parks and campgrounds in the U.S. Members include RV park and campground owners and operators, industry suppliers and those interested in getting into the industry. For more information: **www.arvc.org**

National Marine Manufacturers Association is the nation's leading trade association representing boat, marine engine and accessory manufacturers that produce an estimated 80 percent of marine products used in North America. NMMA works to strengthen and grow boating and protect the interests of its members. Formed in 1979 by the merger of the Boating Industry Association of Chicago (BIA) and the National Association of Engine & Boat Manufacturers of New York (NAEBM), its roots can be traced to NAEBM's founding in 1904. For more information: **www.nmma.org**

National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. is the trade association for the firearms industry. Its mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. Formed in 1961, NSSF has a membership of more than 12,000 manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, sportsmen's organizations and publishers. For more information: **www.nssf.org**

Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) is the national trade association for thousands of suppliers, manufacturers and retailers across the country in the $646 billion outdoor recreation industry. The outdoor industry supports more than 6.1 million American jobs and makes other significant contributions toward the goal of healthy communities and healthy economies across the United States. For more information: **www.outdoorindustry.org**

Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association (RVDA) is the only national association dedicated to advancing RV retailers' interests through education, member services, industry leadership, and market expansion programs to promote the increased sale and use of RVs and enhance RV travel. For more information: **www.rvda.org**

Recreation Vehicle Industry Association is the national trade association representing RV manufacturers and their component parts suppliers that build more than 98 percent of all RVs produced in the U.S. RVIA is a unifying force for safety and professionalism within the RV industry, works with government agencies to protect and promote member interests, serves as a clearinghouse of industry information, and works with the media to educate the public about the benefits of RVing. For more information: **www.rvia.org**

Recreational Off Highway Vehicle Association is a not for profit trade association formed to promote the safe and responsible use of recreational off highway vehicles (ROVs) [sometimes referred to as side by sides or UTVs], manufactured or distributed in North America. For more information: **www.rohva.org**

SnowSports Industries America is the nonprofit, North American member owned trade association representing suppliers of consumer snow sports. Established in 1954, SIA collaborates with all components of the industry to promote the growth of snow sports. Its members include alpine, snowboard, AT, backcountry, cross country, snowshoe, apparel and accessories companies, retailers, reps, resorts, regional and national associations and buying groups. For more information: **www.snowsports.org**

Specialty Equipment Market Association is a nonprofit trade association composed of over 6,600 members including manufacturers, distributors, retailers, publishing companies, auto restorers, street rod builders, restylers, car clubs, race teams and more. The industry employs over one million Americans and offers custom auto accessories to enhance a vehicle's appearance, performance, comfort, convenience and safety. For more information: **www.sema.org**

Specialty Vehicle Institute of America is a not for profit industry association that promotes the safe and responsible use of all terrain vehicles through rider training, public awareness campaigns and state legislation. The SVIA is a resource for ATV research, statistics and vehicle standards. For more information: **www.svia.org**

Sports & Fitness Industry Association is the trade association of more than 1,000 leading industry sports and fitness brands, suppliers, retailers and partners. Founded in 1906, the association works to enhance industry vitality and foster participation in sports, fitness and active lifestyles. It supports its member companies and promotes a healthy environment for the sporting goods industry by providing access to thought leadership, industry and public affairs, research and member services. For more information: **www.sfia.org**

Keeping the "GREAT" in America's Great Outdoors

EMBRACING THE OUTDOORS AS A POWERFUL ECONOMIC DRIVER

Outdoor recreation in America generates 7.6 million direct American jobs, contributes $887 billion per year to the economy and attracts nearly 20 million foreign visitors seeking a world class experience unrivaled anywhere on earth.

Federal lands cover 30% of the nation's surface. These lands offer opportunities for awe-inspiring experiences, but dated infrastructure and limited access are barriers to realizing this potential. Theodore Roosevelt championed time outdoors with words and actions. Yet today, we see a declining percentage of Americans embracing outdoor-recreation rich lifestyles on federally-managed lands. The nation needs a strategy to modernize, expand and sustain the infrastructure and access visitors expect.

PARTNERSHIPS ARE THE SOLUTION

Federal land managers' ability to provide quality experiences is handicapped by the burden of $20 billion in deferred maintenance. America's outdoor recreation industry stands ready to help put "Great" Back in America's Great Outdoors through common sense policy changes modeled after proven public-private partnerships successes such as world-class ski areas on National Forests, iconic lodges in National Parks and marinas that are gateways to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lakes.

TAKING ACTION

The Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable has identified 5 initial steps to create jobs by improving the quality of outdoor experiences on federal lands.

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1. **Fast track the implementation** of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act (P.L. 114-249) by requiring federal agencies to complete implementation by the end of Fiscal Year 2017 and institutionalize the use of this information into federal agency decision making.

2. **Prioritize federal agency budgets** on recreation-related infrastructure improvement, because outdoor recreation is the largest driver of economic activity on federal lands.

3. **Establish public-private partnerships** as an entrepreneurial mechanism for addressing deferred maintenance and world class facilities for world class locations. Bring focus to inaccessible and undeveloped areas and areas near population centers.

4. **Achieve better balance** in decisions involving recreation and conservation. Quality outdoor recreation enjoyment and conservation of America's natural resources are not mutually exclusive efforts. Congress mandated this in 1916 when it created the National Park Service. The Administration must champion policies that support conservation, recreation and economic development in equal measure.

5. **Develop and deploy** a digital information strategy for outdoor recreation on federal lands. Americans need current and accurate information about where to go for the experiences they seek, which they are then eager to share digitally in real time. Federal land managers must embrace, not resist, modernization to keep the shared legacy of our Great Outdoors relevant and to capitalize on free, real-time, communications sharing how enjoyable outdoor recreation on federal lands can be.

OUTDOOR RECREATION IS VITAL TO AMERICA'S ECONOMY

- Outdoor recreation contributes $887 billion in direct spending to the American economy
- Outdoor recreation supports 7.6 million jobs in all 50 states

BOATING

- 95% of all boats sold in the United States are made in America
- Boating manufacturing employs 38,400 jobs in America and supports 472,000 marine jobs
- There are 35,000 recreational boating businesses in the U.S.
- 142 million boaters took to the water in the U.S. in 2014
- Recreational boating has a total economic impact in the United States of $121.5 billion

RVs

- RV manufacturers and suppliers support 104,131 jobs and $6.6 billion in wages
- RV manufacturing has a total economic output of $26.1 billion
- RVs have a total economic output of $50 billion
- 99% of all RVs sold in the United States are made in America, with 80% made in Indiana alone

POWERSPORTS

- Snowmobile and ATV manufacturing supports 9,785 jobs
- 10,407 U.S. powersports retailers employ 81,500 people with a total payroll of $3.2 billion
- The economic value of the powersports retail marketplace is $41.7 billion

PARK CONCESSIONS

- Concessioners employ some 25,000 persons during peak park visitor periods
- Concessioners use private capital to build needed visitor infrastructure and maintain that infrastructure as part of agreements with the NPS
- In 2017, concessioners will provide $1.5B in services and goods to visitors – lodging, food, transportation, souvenirs and guide services used by 1/3 of park visitors under some 600 agreements in more than 100 park units
- Concessioners not only maintain park buildings they use, they pay franchise and other fees to NPS totaling about $150M annually
- Concessions operations are easy to overlook. In proximity to Interior's headquarters, concessioners offer paddleboats on the Tidal Basin and food and transportation services on the National Mall, marinas on the Potomac River, golf courses, canoe, kayak and fishing equipment rentals at Fletcher's Boat House and sailing and rock climbing lessons.
- Concessions began in the very early days of national parks – long before the creation of the NPS – and thrived under the first NPS Director Stephen Mather

From:	Yvonne Gonzalez
To:	Heather_Swift@ios.doi.gov
Cc:	Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov
Subject:	FW: Titus Statement on Zinke Visit
Date:	Thursday, July 27, 2017 8:18:37 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

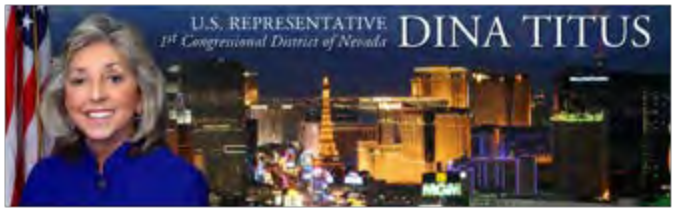
Hi, Heather:

Checking in on whether you can confirm the visit yet. We're running with his quote for a brief.

Thanks!

Yvonne

From: Kyle Roerink <Kyle.Roerink@mail.house.gov>
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 4:22 PM
Subject: Titus Statement on Zinke Visit



For Immediate Release
July 27, 2017
Contact: Kyle Roerink
Phone: 202-657-3219

Titus Statement on Zinke Visit

Washington, D.C. – Today Rep. Dina Titus of Nevada's First Congressional District released the following statement about her upcoming meeting with advocates of Nevada's public lands and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Monday in Mesquite.

"I will send Secretary Zinke a clear message when he arrives in our state: Keep your hands off our National Monuments. For years, I fought alongside advocates in the community to create the Basin and Range and Gold Butte monuments. While I appreciate the Secretary's visit, he

and Trump are sorely mistaken if they think they can hack away at our natural treasures and cultural artifacts without meeting overwhelming resistance."

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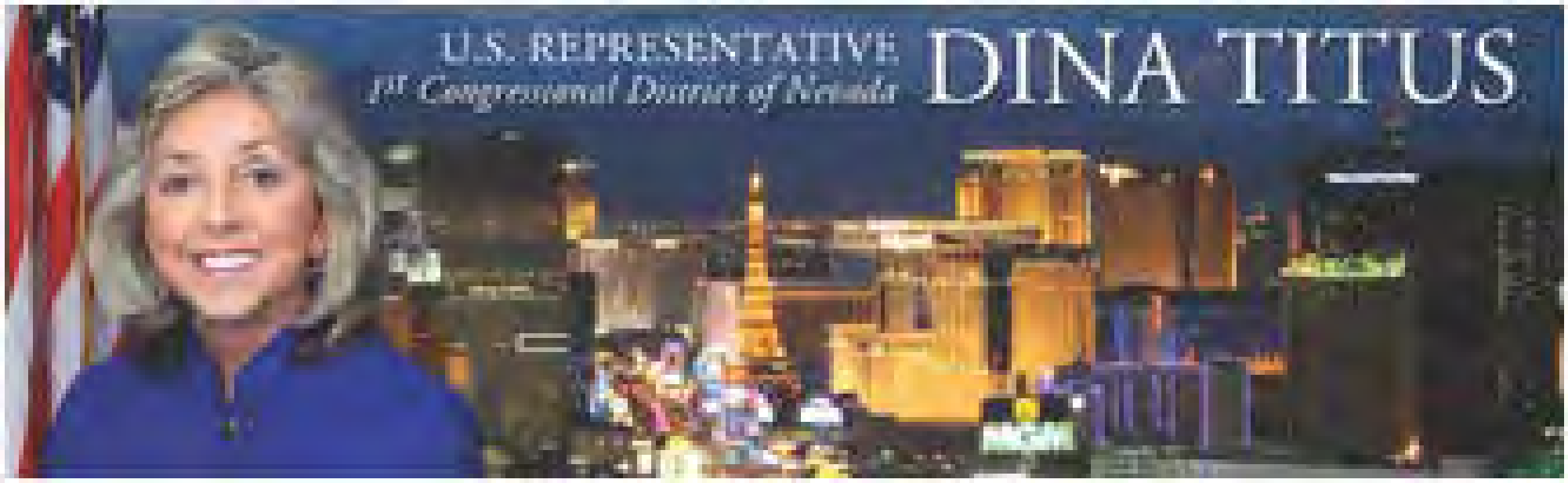
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
1st Congressional District of Nevada
DINA TITUS

From:	Heather Swift
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Subject:	FYI I'm a scientist. I'm blowing the whistle on the Trump administration. - The Washington Post
Date:	Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:49:01 PM

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/im-a-scientist-the-trump-administration-reassigned-me-for-speaking-up-about-climate-change/2017/07/19/389b8dce-6b12-11e7-9c15-177740635e83_story.html?utm_term=.d987c76fc21c

I'm a scientist. I'm blowing the whistle on the Trump administration.

Joel Clement was director of the Office of Policy Analysis at the U.S. Interior Department until last week. He is now a senior adviser at the department's Office of Natural Resources Revenue.

I am not a member of the deep state. I am not big government.

I am a scientist, a policy expert, a civil servant and a worried citizen. Reluctantly, as of today, I am also a whistleblower on an administration that chooses silence over science.

Nearly seven years ago, I came to work for the Interior Department, where, among other things, I've helped endangered communities in Alaska prepare for and adapt to a changing climate. But on June 15, I was one of about 50 senior department employees who received letters informing us of involuntary reassignments. Citing a need to "improve talent development, mission delivery and collaboration," the letter informed me that I was reassigned to an unrelated job in the accounting office that collects royalty checks from fossil fuel companies.

I am not an accountant — but you don't have to be one to see that the administration's excuse for a reassignment such as mine doesn't add up. A few days after my reassignment, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke testified before Congress that the department would use reassignments as part of its effort to

eliminate employees; the only reasonable inference from that testimony is that he expects people to quit in response to undesirable transfers. Some of my colleagues are being relocated across the country, at taxpayer expense, to serve in equally ill-fitting jobs.

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I believe I was retaliated against for speaking out publicly about the dangers that climate change poses to Alaska Native communities. During the months preceding my reassignment, I raised the issue with White House officials, senior Interior officials and the international community, most recently at a U.N. conference in June. It is clear to me that the administration was so uncomfortable with this work, and my disclosures, that I was reassigned with the intent to coerce me into leaving the federal government.

On Wednesday, I filed two forms — a complaint and a disclosure of information — with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel. I filed the disclosure because eliminating my role coordinating federal engagement and leaving my former position empty exacerbate the already significant threat to the health and the safety of certain Alaska Native communities. I filed the complaint because the Trump administration clearly retaliated against me for raising awareness of this danger. Our country values the safety of our citizens, and federal employees who disclose threats to health and safety are protected from reprisal by the Whistleblower Protection Act and Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act.

Removing a civil servant from his area of expertise and putting him in a job where he's not needed and his experience is not relevant is a colossal waste of taxpayer dollars. Much more distressing, though, is what this charade means for American livelihoods. The Alaska Native villages of Kivalina, Shishmaref and Shaktoolik are perilously close to melting into the Arctic Ocean. In a region that is warming twice as fast as the rest of the planet, the land upon which citizens' homes and schools stand is newly vulnerable to storms, floods and waves. As permafrost melts and protective sea ice recedes, these Alaska Native

villages are one superstorm from being washed away, displacing hundreds of Americans and potentially costing lives. The members of these communities could soon become refugees in their own country.

Alaska's elected officials know climate change presents a real risk to these communities. Gov. Bill Walker (I) and Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R) have been sounding the alarm and scrambling for resources to help these villages. But to stave off a life-threatening situation, Alaska needs the help of a fully engaged federal government. Washington cannot turn its back.

While I have given small amounts to Democratic candidates in the past, I have no problem whatsoever working for a Republican administration. I believe that every president, regardless of party, has the right and responsibility to implement his policies. But that is not what is happening here. Putting citizens in harm's way isn't the president's right. Silencing civil servants, stifling science, squandering taxpayer money and spurning communities in the face of imminent danger have never made America great.

Now that I have filed with the Office of Special Counsel, it is my hope that it will do a thorough investigation into the Interior Department's actions. Our country protects those who seek to inform others about dangers to American lives. The threat to these Alaska Native communities is not theoretical. This is not a policy debate. Retaliation against me for those disclosures is unlawful.

Let's be honest: The Trump administration didn't think my years of science and policy experience were better suited to accounts receivable. It sidelined me in the hope that I would be quiet or quit. Born and raised in Maine, I was taught to work hard and speak truth to power. Trump and Zinke might kick me out of my office, but they can't keep me from speaking out. They might refuse to respond to the reality of climate change, but their abuse of power cannot go unanswered.

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Ross, Paul
To:	Swift, Heather; Rebecca Matulka; Alex Hinson; Nathan Adams; Baptiste, Thomas
Cc:	Katelyn Kasperian; William Smith
Subject:	Final ORLP Release
Date:	Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:01:41 PM
Attachments:	DOI ORLP Release - 7-19-17 - FINAL.docx

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Attached is the final Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program release that we will put out at 1 pm today. I'm working with Will and Katelyn on finalizing state-specific releases as well.

Thanks.

Paul R. Ross
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U.S. Department of the Interior

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News Release

Date: July 19, 2017
Contact: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

Department of the Interior Announces $13.3 Million for Improvements to Local Parks and Recreation in 22 Cities

Public-Private Partnerships Benefit Underserved Communities

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service announced today $13.3 million through the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program to assist 22 cities in 17 states with projects to plan, build, and enhance parks and other outdoor recreation facilities in underserved communities. These public-private partnerships leverage $13.3 million in federal funding with $21.2 million from local governments, private firms, and non-profit organizations to improve accessibility of playgrounds, create canoe and kayak launches and fishing piers, restore vacant industrial land for park uses, and make other important investments in parks across the country.

“Every kid deserves the opportunity to get outside and play. Whether it's downtown Detroit or rural Wyoming, investing in public lands is an investment in communities. The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program is an innovative public-private partnership which revitalizes communities through improving infrastructure, creating jobs, and enhancing neighborhoods,” said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. “It connects people to the great outdoors by encouraging and enabling a variety of recreational opportunities in under-served communities.”

The ORLP is funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). For more than 50 years, the LWCF has invested revenue from federal offshore oil and gas royalties into more than 40,000 outdoor recreation facilities and conservation projects in every state.

Congress created the ORLP program in 2014 to complement the agency's existing LWCF State and Local Assistance Program. The program, administered by the National Park Service, seeks to identify and highlight new ways of providing opportunities for expanding outdoor play in areas with great need, as well as promoting the development of new or enhanced partnerships for outdoor recreation in urban communities across the nation. The grants must be matched at a minimum 1:1 ratio, at least doubling the impact of the federal investment in these communities.

The complete list of ORLP grants are listed below. For more information about LWCF and these grants, visit www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/index.htm.

Recipient	State	Project Title	Federal Amount
Municipality of Anchorage	Alaska	Development of Muldoon Town Square Park	$750,000
City of San Francisco	California	Bay View Park Playground Improvement Project	$375,225
East Bay Regional Park District	California	Bay Point Wetland Restoration and Public Access Project	$750,000
City of Hartford	Connecticut	Renovation of Colt Park Athletic Fields	$750,000
City of Wilmington	Delaware	Father Tucker Park Playground and Spray Pad	$306,447
City of Atlanta	Georgia	Enota Park Development	$600,000
City of Dubuque	Iowa	Comiskey Park Development	$508,000
City of Baltimore	Maryland	Youth Campground Improvements in Gwynns Falls Leakin Park	$750,000
Michigan DNR (Detroit)	Michigan	Belle Isle Park Multi-Use Looped Trail Development	$750,000
City of Duluth	Minnesota	Lincoln Park Restoration	$750,000
City of Columbia	Missouri	Clary-Shy Park Urban Demonstration Farm	$400,000
St. Louis Co. Port Authority	Missouri	Sparta Court Soccer Fields	$450,000

City of Camden	New Jersey	North Camden Waterfront Park	$ 750,000
City of Newark	New Jersey	Jesse Allen Park	$750,000
City of Raleigh	North Carolina	Central Plaza John Chavis Memorial Park Revitalization	$747,600
Metroparks of the Toledo Area	Ohio	Manhattan Marsh park Development	$475,000
City of Austin	Texas	Edward Rendon Sr Metro Park - further development	$750,000
City of Houston	Texas	Buffalo Bend Hidalgo Park Greenway	$750,000
City of Burlington	Vermont	New Neighborhood Park on Burlington's Waterfront Land Acquisition	$500,000
King County Parks	Washington	Skyway Park Revitalization	$ 369,626
Metro Parks Tacoma	Washington	Swan Creek Park Trail Network	$750,000
Milwaukee Rec/Public Schools	Wisconsin	Burnham Park Redevelopment Project	$399,255
		Total	**$13,381,153**

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From:	Roddy, Russell
To:	Scott Hommel; Magallanes, Downey; Caroline Boulton; Getto, Leila; Aaron Thiele; Heather Putnam; Christine Lopez; Laura Rigas; Heather Swift
Subject:	Final Schedule for Ohio 7/25/17
Date:	Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:21:29 AM
Attachments:	Trip 7.25 Ohio (3) (1).pdf

United States Department of the Interior
Official Travel Schedule of the Secretary

Youngstown, OH
July 25, 2017
FINAL

TRIP SUMMARY
THE TRIP OF THE SECRETARY TO
Youngstown, OH
July 25, 2017

Weather:
Youngstown, OH — High 76º, Low 59º; Partly Cloudy; 10% Chance of Precipitation

Time Zone:
Youngstown, OH — Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

Advance:		**Cell Phone:**
Security Advance	(b) (7)(C), (b) (6)	(b) (7)(C), (b) (6)
Advance	Rusty Roddy	

Traveling Staff:
None

Attire:
Business Attire

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Washington, DC → Youngstown, OH → Washington, DC

2:50-3:30pm EDT: **Depart Department of the Interior en route Andrews Air Force Base (KADW)**
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle: RKZ
(b) (7)(C), (b) (6)

3:30-3:40pm EDT: **Arrive Andrews Air Force Base (KADW) & Board Air Force One**

4:15pm EDT: **The President & Mrs. Trump arrive Andrews Air Force Base & Board Air Force One**

4:25pm EDT-
5:25pm EDT: **Wheels up Washington, DC (DCA) en route Youngstown - Warren Regional Airport (KYNG)**
Flight: Air Force One
Principals: POTUS
The First Lady
RKZ
Secretary Rick Perry
Secretary David Shulkin
Flight time: ~1 hour

5:25pm EDT: **Wheels down Youngstown - Warren Regional Airport (KYNG)**
Location: Air Reserve Station
Building 407
3796 King - Graves Road
Vienna, Ohio 44473

5:25-5:35pm EDT: **Proceed to Motorcade Vehicle & Await POTUS Arrival to Motorcade**

5:35-5:55pm EDT: **Depart Airport en route AMVETS Post 44**
Location: AMVETS Post 44
Northside Rear Entrance
205 Elm Street
Struthers, OH 44471
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RKZ
Rusty Roddy
(b) (7)(C), (b) (6)
Ben Collins

5:55-6:00pm EDT: **Arrive Salute to American Heroes Event & Proceed to Offstage Announce Area**
Attendees: Terry Stocker, Mayor of Struthers, OH
150 invited service members and veterans
Press: Pool Press

6:00-6:35pm EDT: **Participate in Salute to American Heroes Event**
Backdrop: American flag, Ohio flag, Armed Services flags, Red, White & Blue
Salute to American Heroes step & repeat banner, local veterans
Staging: Podium with Presidential seal & mic; ground level wooden floor stage

Program: Offstage announce of Secretary Rick Perry
Secretary Rick Perry delivers remarks (2 minutes) & introduces RKZ
RKZ delivers remarks (2 minutes) & introduces Secretary David Shulkin
Secretary David Shulkin delivers remarks (2 minutes) & introduces POTUS
POTUS delivers remarks

Note: Prior to speaking, Secretaries Perry, Zinke & Shulkin wait in offstage announce area until being announced to the stage. After speaking, Secretaries Perry, Zinke & Shulkin stand stage right while POTUS delivers remarks

6:35-6:40pm EDT: **Proceed to Motorcade Vehicle & Await POTUS Arrival to Motorcade**

6:40-6:50pm EDT: **Depart AMVETS Post 44 en route Covelli Center**

Location: Covelli Center
Rear Loading Dock Entrance
229 East Front Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RKZ
Rusty Roddy
(b) (7)(C), (b) (6)
Ben Collins

6:50-7:00pm EDT: **Arrive Covelli Center & Proceed to Staff & Guest Viewing Area**

Location: Covelli Center arena floor
Front of Section 218

Note: POTUS & the First Lady will participate in photo op with local Supporters prior to rally

7:00-7:45pm EDT: **Make America Great Again Rally**

Attendance: 7,000

7:45-8:00pm EDT: **Proceed to Motorcade Vehicle & Await POTUS Arrival to Motorcade**

Note: POTUS & the First Lady will participate in photo op with law enforcement at conclusion of rally prior to departure

8:00-8:20pm EDT: **Depart Covelli Center en route Youngstown - Warren Regional Airport (KYNG)**

Location: Air Reserve Station
Building 407
3796 King - Graves Road
Vienna, Ohio 44473

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RKZ
Rusty Roddy
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Ben Collins

8:20-8:30pm EDT: **Arrive Airport & Board Air Force One**

8:30pm EDT-

9:35pm EDT: **Wheels up Youngstown - Warren Regional Airport (KYNG) en route Washington, DC (KADW)**

Flight: Air Force One
Principals: POTUS
The First Lady
RKZ
Secretary Rick Perry
Secretary David Shulkin
Flight time: ~1 hour, 5 minutes

9:35-9:45pm EDT: **Wheels down Andrews Air Force Base & Board Vehicle**

9:45-10:00pm EDT: **Depart Andrews Air Force Base en route Residence**

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Car: RKZ
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(b) (6)

From: Swift, Heather
To: Laura Rigas; Magallanes, Downey; Katharine Macgregor; Daniel Jorjani
Subject: For Review: OpEd from DeVito
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 9:26:43 AM

Hey there, gang. Can you take a look at the op-ed below authored by DeVito? Would like your red flags/edits by 3:00PM today.

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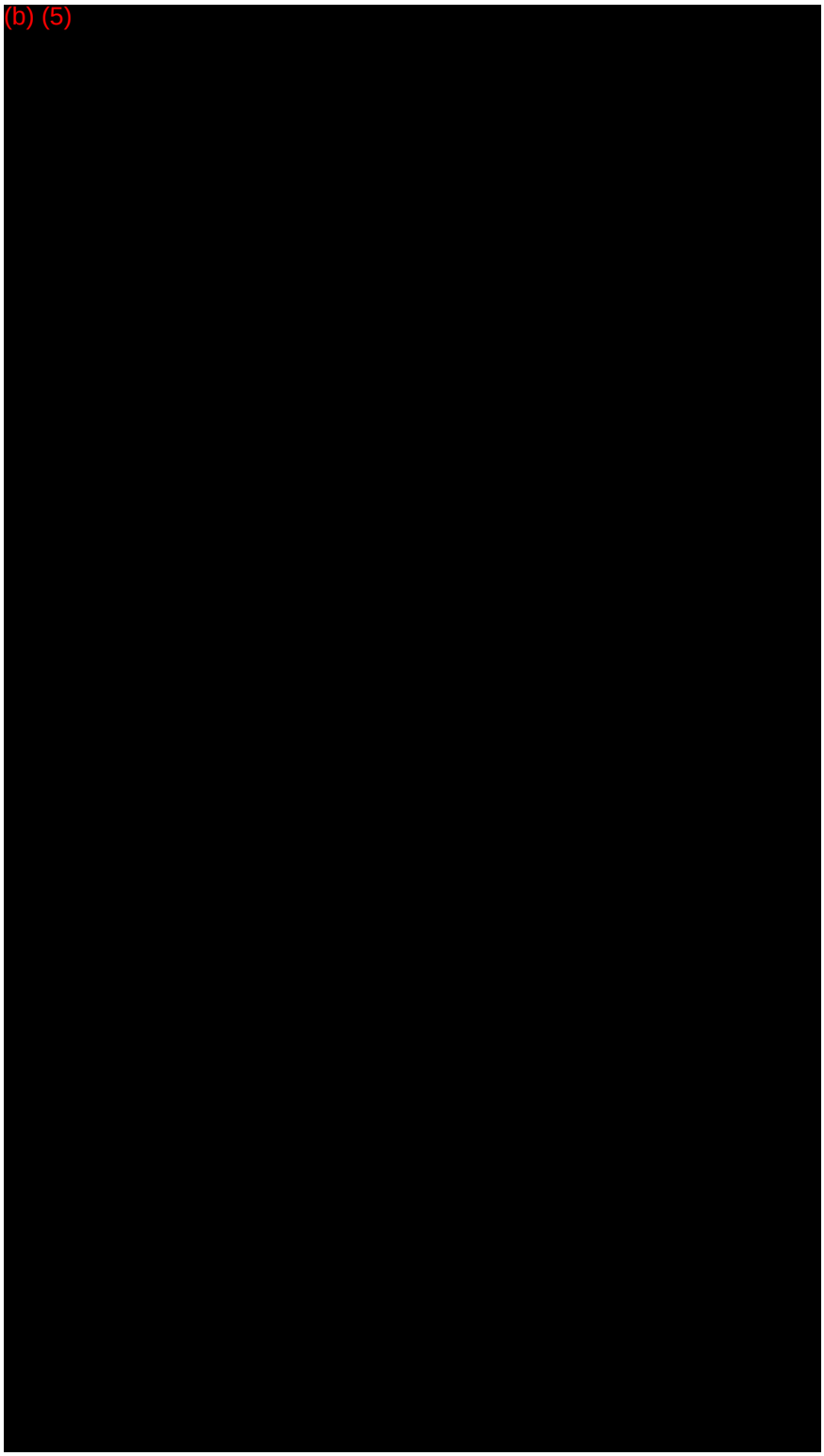

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From: Laura Zuckerman
To: Heather Swift
Subject: Fw: Laura Zuckerman/for Reuters
Date: Friday, July 21, 2017 2:24:45 PM

Hi Heather, sorry to bother, would it be simpler if I just ask, has the NPS been told to initiate a review of regs that ban certain hunting practices on national preserve lands in Alaska? And has USFWS been asked to do the same, tied to Kenai refuge? Ta & bests, Laura Z'

Laura Zuckerman
Freelance writer
Salmon ID 83467
(b) (6)

On Friday, July 21, 2017 11:59 AM, Laura Zuckerman (b) (6) wrote:

Greetings: Laura Zuckerman here, hope keeping well. I'm again needing your aid for a Reuters story.

I'm seeking to confirm that the two 14 July memos -- one to acting dx of NPS, the other to acting dx of USFWS, concerning regs for national preserves and Kenai refuge respectively -- by Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Virginia Johnson are authentic.

I appreciate your statement sent yesterday tied to memo to NPS but confirmation needed that that memo and the additional one -- relating to Kenai -- are legit, many thanks & bests, Laura Z

Laura Zuckerman
Freelance writer
Salmon ID 83467
(b) (6)

From:	Swift, Heather
To:	Katharine Macgregor; Magallanes, Downey; Laura Rigas
Subject:	Fwd: 36 Senators Send Letter to Secretary Zinke in Support of New OCS Five-Year Leasing Program
Date:	Wednesday, July 26, 2017 4:16:10 PM
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From: **Majority Press (Energy)** <press@energy.senate.gov>
Date: Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 4:09 PM
Subject: 36 Senators Send Letter to Secretary Zinke in Support of New OCS Five-Year Leasing Program
To: "Majority Press (Energy)" <press@energy.senate.gov>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 26, 2017

Permalink

36 Senators Send Letter to Secretary Zinke in Support of New OCS Five-Year Leasing Program

Washington, D.C. – A robust group of 36 Republican Senators today sent a letter to Secretary Ryan Zinke in support of the Department of the Interior's new Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Five-Year Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2024. The plan promises to increase offshore access and development, which will in turn boost our economy, keep energy affordable, and reinforce the United States' position as an energy dominant superpower.

“Pursuing a new Five-Year Program will provide a meaningful review to guarantee that the offshore leasing program contributes to U.S. energy dominance and to ensure some of the most prolific regions of the United States have not been arbitrarily excluded from competitive leasing,” the Senators wrote. “We encourage you to carefully review those areas that were not included in the 2017-2022 Five-Year Program to ensure that opportunities are not missed.”

A total of 94 percent of the federal OCS is currently unavailable for leasing. According to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the nation’s OCS contains 89.9 billion barrels of oil and 327.5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

“Offshore development has undergone rapid technological innovation ensuring it is cheaper, safer, and provides access to previously out-of-reach areas,” the group wrote. “Offshore leasing benefits the economies of all of the states, helps reduce the federal deficit, provides affordable energy to families and businesses, and strengthens our national security.”

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, which governs the development of the nation’s offshore energy resources, declares that “the outer Continental Shelf is a vital national resource reserve held by the Federal Government for the public, which should be made available for expeditious and orderly development, subject to environmental safeguards, in a manner which is consistent with the maintenance of competition and other national needs.”

“Offshore projects often have long lead times, so it is important to start today to make sure that the United States is planning for the future to maintain its steady and stable supply of production,” the Senators concluded. “We look forward to working with the Department of the Interior as you advance the new Five-Year Program.”

The letter, which was led by Sen. Murkowski, R-Alaska, was also signed by Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas; Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La.; Sen. Luther Strange, R-Ala.; Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va.; Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo.; Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho; Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah; Sen. Dan Sullivan, R-Alaska; Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah; Sen. Roger Wicker, R-Miss.; Sen. Cory Gardner, R-Colo.; Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla.; Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo.; Sen. John Kennedy, R-La.; Sen. John Boozman, R-Ark.; Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho; Sen. Steve Daines, R-Mont.; Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C.; Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz.; Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark.; Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn.; Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas; Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo.; Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D.; Sen. Mike Rounds, R-S.D.; Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev.; Sen. John Thune, R-S.D.; Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala.; Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga.; Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio; Sen. Todd Young, R-Ind.; Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C.; Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla.; Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan.; and Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss.

A copy of the letter can be found here.

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PRESS RELEASE

From: Chambers, Micah
To: Swift, Heather; Hinson, Alex
Subject: Fwd: API quote
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:35:25 PM

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From: **Joe Balash** (b) (6) - Joseph Balash
Date: Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 1:26 PM
Subject: Fwd: API quote
To: Lori Mashburn <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>

One more time from API

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> **From:** Eric Wohlschlegel <Wohlschlegele@api.org>
> **Date:** July 19, 2017 at 1:23:19 PM EDT
> **To:** Joe Balash <(b) (6) - Joseph Balash
> **Subject: RE: API quote**
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> Dear Joe,
>
> We are all set. Congratulations again!
>
> Eric
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> "We welcome the pick of Mr. Balash as the assistant secretary of Land and Minerals Management. With his background as commissioner for natural resources in Alaska, Balash brings a depth of experience to Secretary Zinke and the Department of Interior. He should be a tremendous asset in helping to prioritize energy development and further strengthen U.S. energy and national security. We look forward to continuing to work with the Department of Interior on policies that will help keep energy affordable, create jobs, and protect our environment," Erik Milito, API group director of Upstream and Industry Operations.

From: Joe Balash [mailto:(b) (6) - Joseph Balash
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:48 AM
To: Eric Wohlschlegel
Subject: Re: API quote

Okay. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2017, at 9:23 AM, Eric Wohlschlegel <Wohlschlegele@api.org> wrote:

> Joe,
>
> We are putting together an updated quote. More people are now involved. I'll have something to you shortly.
>
> Eric
>
> **From:** Joe Balash [mailto:(b) (6) - Joseph Balash
> **Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 6:16 PM
> **To:** Eric Wohlschlegel
> **Cc:** Kim.Harb@alyeska-pipeline.com
> **Subject:** Re: API quote
>
> not a problem. thanks again.
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> On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 6:15 PM, Eric Wohlschlegel <Wohlschlegele@api.org> wrote:
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> Actually, can you use this version that's a little sharper:
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>
> Kind regards, Eric

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Micah Chambers
Acting Director
Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs
Office of the Secretary of the Interior

From:	Ross, Paul
To:	Swift, Heather
Cc:	Laura Rigas
Subject:	Fwd: BLM Proposes to Rescind Rule on Hydraulic Fracturing
Date:	Monday, July 24, 2017 12:52:04 PM
Attachments:	DRAFT_HF_Rule_NewsRelease 7.25.2015.docx

Heather-

Need to discuss with you when you get a second. Thanks!

Paul R. Ross
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From: **Clutter, Stephen** <sclutter@blm.gov>
Date: Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 12:43 PM
Subject: BLM Proposes to Rescind Rule on Hydraulic Fracturing
To: Paul Ross <paul_ross@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>, Laura <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>, "Joseph (Gene) Seidlitz" <gseidlit@blm.gov>, Gregory Fuhs <gfuhs@blm.gov>

Paul, FYI this will publish in the Federal Register tomorrow - the proposed draft release is below and attached and has a quote from ASLM. She may have well already seen it when the package was in DTS but looping Gene Seidlitz in for awareness. We plan to post it tomorrow - public comment period is 60 Days. Steve

News Release

Washington, D.C. **Contact**: blm_press@blm.gov

For immediate release **Date**: July 25, 2017

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From: Micah Chambers
To: Balash, Joe (Sullivan)
Cc: Lori Mashburn; Laura Rigas; Heather Swift
Subject: Re: Profile
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017 11:17:15 AM

Yes. Laura and heather from comms are CC'd

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 20, 2017, at 11:07 AM, Balash, Joe (Sullivan) <Joe_Balash@sullivan.senate.gov> wrote:

> Should I refer requests like this to the Department?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> **From:** "Moran, Catherine" <cmoran@bna.com>
> **Date:** July 20, 2017 at 11:04:01 AM EDT
> **To:** "joe_balash@sullivan.senate.gov" <joe_balash@sullivan.senate.gov>
> **Subject: Profile**
>
> Hello Joseph,
>
> My name is Catherine, and I am a reporter for Bloomberg BNA. I am reaching out to you to see if you are available to chat today for a profile about yourself. I am writing an article about Trump's intention to nominate you for an Interior Department position. Please let me know if you are free and feel free to pass along names of people who have worked with you that could chat with me today as well about you.
>
> Best,
> Catherine
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> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
> **Catherine Douglas Moran**
> **Bloomberg BNA**
> Direct 703.341.5692
> Cell 831-402-6244
> cmoran@bna.com

From: Lori Mashburn
To: Davis, Natalie
Subject: Re: Recommendations for DOI
Date: Monday, November 27, 2017 3:28:36 PM

Thank you for setting up the interview.

Could you have Lacey vet the other name on here?

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 27, 2017, at 3:16 PM, Davis, Natalie <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Let me know if you are want me to set up anything with the other recommendation in this email- (b) (6)
>
> On Mon, Nov 27, 2017 at 3:14 PM, Davis, Natalie <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
>> Confirmed- call tomorrow with Larry Voyles at 11:00 am.
>>
>> On Mon, Nov 27, 2017 at 3:12 PM, Davis, Natalie <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
>>> Yes- you have the two calls tomorrow with (b) (6) and (b) (6)
>>>
>>> Regarding Larry Voyles (email from Jennifer Butler and above) I did not have his phone number and you said you would get it for me. I will call him now that I have it and set up something now.
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>>> On Mon, Nov 27, 2017 at 3:07 PM, Lori Mashburn <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
>>>> Hey,
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>>>> Sorry to add one more thing to your plate, but did we get the interviews with the state directors arranged?
>>>>
>>>> Lori
>>>>
>>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>> Begin forwarded message:
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>>>>> **From:** "Willens, Todd" <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov>
>>>>> **Date:** November 27, 2017 at 1:42:28 PM EST
>>>>> **To:** Lori Mashburn <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>
>>>>> **Subject: Fwd: Recommendations for DOI**
>>>>>
>>>>> Candidate for FWS Director....resume attached.

Todd Willens
Assistant Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW -- MIB Room 6116
Washington, DC 20240
office: 202-208-6291

NOTE: *Every email I send or receive is subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act.*

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Lowell Baier** <LEBaier@lawbaier.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 22, 2017 at 1:03 PM
Subject: Recommendations for DOI
To: Todd_Willens@ios.doi.gov
Cc: Catherine_Gulaac@ios.doi.gov

Todd----I missed seeing you at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation reception at the Renwick Gallery November 6th--(b) (6) Jeff Crane called me afterwards and said you'd approached him and asked for names of people knowledgeable with the application and implementation of the ESA. In response I sent Jeff the email below. Jeff approached me because of my years of experience with the Act, because I know most of the players across the American landscape, and the fact that I'm currently writing a book on the history, application and problems with the ESA.....and, as a sequel to my book that was released last year on environmental litigation titled Inside the Equal Access to Justice Act. David Bernhardt was interviewed for that book and knows me. If and when I can be a resource to you in the personnel regard, you can best contact me on my mobile (b) (6). Best for Thanksgiving, Lowell

-----Original Message-----
From: Lowell Baier [mailto:LEBaier@LawBaier.com]
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2017 5:27 PM
To: jeff@sportsmenslink.org
Subject: Recommendations for DOI

Jeff, following are a couple of names that I can offer of people

I've worked
with, and in whom I have confidence in their capabilities of working with
the Endangered Species Act's implementation and management. They are both
former state directors of their respective game and fish departments, Nevada
and Arizona.

The 1973 ESA as amended is a highly technical piece of legislation together
with years of supporting regulations and policies that requires many years
of experience to understand and manage. It forces the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service to work closely and cooperatively with the 50 states and 6
territories in applying and administering the ESA, starting well before the
petition process with pre-petition conservation actions that can avoid
listing species to begin with. These two fellows have that kind of
experience having run state agencies for years.

Ken Mayer was the unfortunate scape goat in a political battle between his
governor and the legislature just prior to retiring from running the Nevada
wildlife agency. He's been working with WAFWA since then on a variety of
consulting projects. I'm not sure that he'd even consider coming to
Washington, but he's available and qualified. Larry Voyles just retired from
running the Arizona Game and Fish Department after his 42 year career with
the state, starting in law enforcement. His bio is attached. He's a past
President of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and had earlier
asked to be considered for the directorship of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service. Larry is likewise imminently qualified in understanding how the ESA
works and is applied and administered. Their respective contact information
is below. I have another person in mind, but need to get his updated contact
information first before I can send you a recommendation. I'll

be glad to
help as needed, and will pass along additional
recommendations as they occur
to me, Lowell

Larry Voyles
(b) (6)
[redacted]

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Sparks, NV 89436
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From: Katie Tubb
To: lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: resume and writing samples
Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017 8:10:51 PM

Hi Lori,

Well, the interview seemed to go fine enough - I at least got a better idea of what I'd be getting into and I think it'd be an incredible opportunity. I appreciate how candid he was! It was nice to meet Gareth and Natalie as well. At the end, Mr. Bernhardt asked for writing samples and I mentioned that I'd sent some along to you - thought I'd let you know he asked again just in case it doesn't come out of the blue for you. (understandably he's busy!)

After the interview, I did as he suggested and visited the DOI library to find plat books of DC. (did you know there used to be an ice cream creamery on North Capitol?) Beautiful room.

Thank you again for passing along my resume etc and for considering me! Let me know if you need anything else along the way.

Katie

From: Tubb, Katie
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 1:00 PM
To: 'lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov'
Subject: resume and writing samples

Hi Lori,

Thanks for your patience (turns out my aunt's wifi is down so here I am in a Seattle Starbucks, which seems more authentic I suppose simply because it's Seattle).

I've attached my resume and copied a few writing samples below. Let me know what things look like for a conversation on Thursday or Friday of next week, or the week of October 16. Please feel free to call/text my cell and I'll do what I can to respond in a timely fashion!
(b) (6)

Thanks again for considering me!

Katie

PS – we hosted a National Monuments half-day event at Heritage on Wednesday with

Sutherland Institute, Senator Lee, and Congressman Bishop…wanted to pass along a big thanks to DOI for attending (Jason Funes attended the whole event). Three of the panelists we brought in were from out of town (Utah, Maine, and a NE fisherman's association) and they were incredibly thankful for the opportunity and spoke highly of their interactions with Secretary Zinke so far.

Testimony: "Examining America's Nuclear Waste Management and Storage," testimony before the Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy, and Environment of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. http://docs.house.gov/meetings/GO/GO28/20170926/106427/HHRG-115-GO28-Wstate-TubbK-20170926.pdf

Blog 1 on national monuments: "Why Trump's Upcoming Decision on Federal Lands Matters," http://www.heritage.org/environment/commentary/why-trumps-upcoming-decision-federal-lands-matters

Blog 2 on OCS lease plan review: "Trump's Action on Energy Empower Local Leaders, Lays Groundwork for Prosperity," http://www.heritage.org/energy-economics/commentary/trumps-action-energy-empowers-local-leaders-lays-groundwork-prosperity

Policy Analysis 1, which gets at the Secretary's frustration with overlapping jurisdictions: "Colorado's Discovery of Massive Oil and Gas Reserves: A Case for Local Energy and Environment Policy," http://www.heritage.org/environment/report/colorados-discovery-massive-oil-and-gas-reserves-case-local-energy-and

Policy Analysis 2: "The Federal Lands Freedom Act: Empowering States to Control Their Own Energy Futures," http://www.heritage.org/environment/report/the-federal-lands-freedom-act-empowering-states-control-their-own-energy-futures

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From: Mashburn, Lori
To: Mary Pletcher
Subject: Re: Resumes
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 6:19:29 PM

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(b) (6)

Lori K. Mashburn
White House Liaison
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202.208.1694

On Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 6:10 PM, Mary Pletcher <mary_pletcher@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Please see Steve's message below. Did you want this position filled as a Schedule C?
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> Mary
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> **From:** "Wackowski, Stephen" <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>
> **To:** Mary Pletcher <mary_pletcher@ios.doi.gov>
> **Subject: Fwd: Resumes**
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> Mary-
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> For the other unfilled FTE in my office. I need a Policy Director and ANILCA/NEPA specialist with a law degree (ANILCA is the DoI law from the 1980's that governs lands and DoI actions in Alaska)
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> I was hoping to hire in at a GS13 step 14 at a minimum.... GS 14 would be preferred.
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> ---
> Steve Wackowski
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> 1689 C Street, Suite 100
> Anchorage, AK 99501
> 907-271-5485

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Date: Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 12:24 PM
Subject: Resumes
To: Stephen Wackowski <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>

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(b) (6)

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To: Mashburn, Lori
Subject: Re: Resumes
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 8:10:44 PM

Thanks for connecting with Steve about the position.

Wednesday at 5pm est will work for me for the phone call on the pay system.

Thanks,
Mary

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 1, 2017, at 7:50 AM, Mashburn, Lori <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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From: Mashburn, Lori
To: Davis, Natalie
Subject: Re: Schedule C in AK Sec"s office
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2018 12:02:07 PM

Nope. Personnel stuff. Add to DB though.

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On Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 11:30 AM, Davis, Natalie <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Do we need to do anything with this? Going through Wacko's email for board stuff and came across this.
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> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> From: **Wackowski, Stephen** <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>
> Date: Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 3:14 PM
> Subject: Schedule C in AK Sec's office
> To: Lori Mashburn <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>, Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
>
> Lori-
>
> Per your request. See attached.
>
> Thanks for running the traps on this!
>
> My Best,
>
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> From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
> Date: Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 2:58 PM
> Subject: Re:
> To: "Wackowski, Stephen" <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Steve!

Attached is my resume for the Department of Interior position you mentioned.

Please let me know if you need additional information,

(b) (6)

On Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 10:29 AM, Wackowski, Stephen <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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From: Davis, Natalie
To: Mashburn, Lori
Subject: Re: Schedule C in AK Sec"s office
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2018 12:15:34 PM

Will do!

On Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 12:02 PM, Mashburn, Lori <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Nope. Personnel stuff. Add to DB though.
>
> Lori K. Mashburn
> White House Liaison
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> 202.208.1694
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> On Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 11:30 AM, Davis, Natalie <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
>
> > Do we need to do anything with this? Going through Wacko's email for board stuff and came across this.
> >
> > ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> > From: **Wackowski, Stephen** <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>
> > Date: Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 3:14 PM
> > Subject: Schedule C in AK Sec's office
> > To: Lori Mashburn <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>, Natalie Davis <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
> >
> > Lori-
> >
> > Per your request. See attached.
> >
> > Thanks for running the traps on this!
> >
> > My Best,
> >
> > Steve
> >
> > Steve Wackowski
> > Senior Adviser for Alaskan Affairs
> > Department of the Interior
> > 4230 University Drive, Suite 300
> > Anchorage, AK 99508
> > 907-271-5485
> >
> > ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> > From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
> > Date: Tue, Dec 12, 2017 at 2:58 PM
> > Subject: Re:

To: "Wackowski, Stephen" <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Steve!

Attached is my resume for the Department of Interior position you mentioned.

Please let me know if you need additional information,

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From: Mashburn, Lori
To: Hardaway, Peyton
Subject: Re: Security Clearance Update
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 3:10:21 PM

Hey Peyton,

(b) (6), (b) (5) [redacted]

Thank you!

Lori

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On Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 11:26 AM, Hardaway, Peyton <peyton.hardaway@bsee.gov> wrote:

> More TS/SCI request.
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> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> From: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]
> Date: Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 11:18 AM
> Subject: Security Clearance Update
> To: "Wackowski, Stephen" <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>
> Cc: Kelly Willms <kelly.willms@bsee.gov>, "Young, Kristin" <kristin.young@bsee.gov>, Peyton Hardaway <peyton.hardaway@bsee.gov>, Harry Humbert <harry_humbert@ios.doi.gov>, Darren Cruzan <darren_cruzan@ios.doi.gov>, Niel Hernandez <niel_hernandez@ios.doi.gov>
>
> Mr. Wackowski,
>
> It was a pleasure meeting you today. As promised, I am following up on the process to provide a TS/SCI clearance. The current clearance for your postilion as Senior Adviser for Alaska Affairs is Public Trust.
>
> To be eligible for TS/SCI, which is critical for your position, your POC in the Office of the Secretary needs to contact BSEE HR requesting the position be upgraded to TS/SCI. If you are a political appointee, the POC for BSEE is Mr. Peyton Hardaway (202- 208-6607 peyton.hardaway@bsee.gov).
>
> Once BSEE HR includes the TS/SCI clearance as a requirement for your position, they will contact the Branch Chief Kelly Willms, BSEE Personnel Security Branch (703-787-1431 kelly.willms@bsee.gov) to start the process for your TS clearance.
>
> Upon receipt of a DOI TS clearance, then BSEE will contact Niel Hernandez, National Security Programs, who

will submit your request to the Intelligence Community.

Since you have a TS/SCI clearance in your current military reserve position, this process should be expedited. I have been advised that your DOI clearance will not jeopardize your current USAF clearance.

I can not resolve your frustration, but I will assist you in this process in any way I can.

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Gary '*Peyton*' Hardaway
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From: Tim Petty
To: Chambers, Micah; Mashburn, Lori
Subject: Re: Senate Questionnaire
Date: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 12:03:39 PM

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From: Swift, Heather
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Cc: Hinson, Alex; Laura Rigas; Newell, Russell; Eli Nachmany
Subject: Re: Senate Questionnaire
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From: Rigas, Laura
To: Swift, Heather
Cc: Mashburn, Lori; Hinson, Alex; Newell, Russell; Eli Nachmany
Subject: Re: Senate Questionnaire
Date: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 3:38:55 PM

I assume tomorrow at this point...

Laura Keehner Rigas
Communications Director
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Subject: Re: Senate Questionnaire
Date: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 4:08:26 PM

I think the WH is announcing tonight. We have normally done the next day.

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To: Chambers, Micah; Mashburn, Lori
Subject: Re: Senate Questionnaire
Date: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 10:37:53 PM

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Date: Thursday, November 09, 2017 8:44:42 AM

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Date: Thursday, November 09, 2017 9:41:24 AM

Thank you Lori to at least trying.

No worries if they were not able to make the edit. All is well. But it would be great if they did.

As for the bigger picture here, It would be great if the WH announces me today ..... because today is my birthday! It would be a fun celebration on many levels.

Thank you very much for all you have done for me and for the Zinke team as it comes together. Looking forward to getting over to DOI and getting to work!

I will stay in touch with you through out the day today.
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From: Mashburn, Lori
To: SIO, Scheduling
Subject: Re: sorry a few more updates ...
Date: Thursday, November 16, 2017 2:24:29 PM

Thank you!

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On Thu, Nov 16, 2017 at 1:32 PM, SIO, Scheduling <scheduling_sio@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Accepted:
> 11/21 – US Marine Corps Unveiling of the Iraq and Afghanistan engraving at Iwo Jima|
> 12/16 - National Wreaths Across America Day (Arlington National Cemetery)
> **2/9 – Western Hunting & Conservation Expo (Salt Lake City, Utah)**
> **3/6-7 – CERA Week (Houston, Texas)**
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> Open (date TBC)- Americans for Tax Reform (DC)
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> ~~Event Postponed by organizers due to fire - 10/21 - DEPA BOD Meeting (CA)~~
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> Outstanding Invitations in Process:
> **12/2 - Annual Mtg of the Boone and Crockett Club (Savannah, GA)**
> **1/4 – Dallas Safari Club Annual Meeting (Dallas, TX)**
> **1/26-28 – Houston Safari Club Annual Meeting (Houston, TX)**
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> **1/31-2/3 Safari Club International Annual Meeting (Las Vegas, NV)**
> **2/8- Texas Public Policy Foundation Policy Orientation (Austin, TX)**
> **2/12 – The Corps Network National Conference (Washington, DC)**
>
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> 11/14 – George Rogers Clark National Historical Park Quarter Launch (Vincennes, Indiana)
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To: Tim Petty
Cc: Hinson, Alex; Mashburn, Lori
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To: Lori Mashburn
Subject: Re: Updates in bold ... thank you!
Date: Friday, December 22, 2017 5:35:40 PM

We're now declining safari club and accepting shot show

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On Dec 22, 2017, at 3:46 PM, Getto, Leila <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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> Accepted:
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> Open (date TBC)- Detroit Economic Club
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> Declining
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1/23-26 National Shooting and Sports Foundation Annual SHOT Show (Las Vegas, NV)
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Subject: Re: USGS National Geospatial Program 3D Elevation Program FY17 Public Webinars
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 1:33:12 PM

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From: Margaret Triebsch
To: Mashburn, Lori
Subject: Re: USGS National Geospatial Program 3D Elevation Program FY17 Public Webinars
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 5:28:44 PM

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Subject: Re: VETTING: Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Date: Thursday, November 30, 2017 7:05:26 PM

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On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 8:04 AM, Triebsch, Margaret <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Representing Subsistence Users

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Molly Bea Chythlook (Reappointment) {Primary} YES

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Representing Subsistence Users
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Dan Orr Dunaway (Reappointment) {Primary} YES

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William Jan Maines (Reappointment) {Alternate} YES

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William Lowell Glanz (Reappointment) {Primary} YES

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From: Mashburn, Lori
To: Triebsch, Margaret
Cc: Davis, Natalie
Subject: Re: VETTING: Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Date: Thursday, November 30, 2017 6:56:54 PM

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On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 10:59 AM, Triebsch, Margaret <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Raymond Eugene Lee, Jr. (Appointment) {Primary} YES

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Cc: Davis, Natalie
Subject: Re: VETTING: Royalty Policy Committee
Date: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 7:15:05 PM

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Subject: Re: VETTING: Royalty Policy Committee
Date: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 9:08:14 AM

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From: Davis, Natalie
To: Mashburn, Lori
Cc: Triebsch, Margaret
Subject: Re: VETTING: Royalty Policy Committee
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2017 7:07:28 PM

Hi Margaret,

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From: Margaret Triebsch
To: Davis, Natalie
Cc: Mashburn, Lori
Subject: Re: VETTING: Royalty Policy Committee
Date: Friday, August 18, 2017 10:19:20 AM

Good Morning,

Yes, of course. We'll vet those individuals asap.

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See you on Monday.

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From: Davis, Natalie
To: Margaret Triebsch
Cc: Mashburn, Lori
Subject: Re: VETTING: Royalty Policy Committee
Date: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:35:00 AM

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From: Davis, Natalie
To: Triebsch, Margaret
Cc: Mashburn, Lori
Subject: Re: VETTING: Royalty Policy Committee
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 12:56:31 PM

Thank You!

On Mon, Aug 21, 2017 at 9:39 AM, Triebsch, Margaret <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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From: Mashburn, Lori
To: Triebsch, Margaret
Cc: Davis, Natalie; Schindler, James; Lori Mashburn
Subject: Re: VETTING: Royalty Policy Committee
Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017 10:55:45 AM

Hello Margaret,

Below are the names approved for the RPC. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:00:18 AM

Thanks Lori!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 24, 2017, at 10:56 AM, Mashburn, Lori <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Hello Margaret,
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> Below are the names approved for the RPC. Please let me know if you have any questions.
>
> Thanks,
> Lori K. Mashburn
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> **STATES - Primary Members**
>
> John Andrews (Utah)
> Clinton Carter (Alabama)
> John Crowther (Alaska)
> William Darby (Texas)
> Brent Sanford (North Dakota)
> Andrew McKee (Wyoming)
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> Mark Edwards (New Mexico)
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> Hans Hunt (Wyoming)
> Daniel Saddler (Alaska)
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> Marissa Mitchell (Recurrent Energy)
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Jennifer Cadena Fortier (Incremental Oil & Gas)
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Russell Begaye (Navajo Nation)
Christopher Adam Red (Southern Ute)
Charles Robertson (Choctaw Nation)
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Harry Barnes (Blackfeet)
Bidtah Becker (Navajo Nation)
Neil McCaleb (Chickasaw Nation)
Leslie Shakespeare (Eastern Shoshone)

ACADEMIA/PUBLIC INTEREST - Primary

Roderick Eggert (Colorado School of Mines)
Monte Mills (University of Montana School of Law)
Van Romero (New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology)
Daniel Rusz (Wood Mackenzie)

ACADEMIA/PUBLIC INTEREST - Alternates

Kwame Awuah-Offei (Missouri University of Science & Technology, Mining Engineering)
Graham Davis (Colorado School of Mines)

From: Mashburn, Lori
To: Triebsch, Margaret
Cc: Davis, Natalie
Subject: Re: VETTING: Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Date: Thursday, November 30, 2017 6:53:19 PM

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On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 11:51 AM, Triebsch, Margaret <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Fred Davis Eningowuk (Reappointment) {Primary} YES

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users
Reappointed December 2, 2011 for a 3-year term
Reappointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term

Deahl Douglas Katchatag (Appointment) {Primary} YES

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users

Leland Harris Oyoumick (Reappointment) {Primary} YES

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users
Appointed December 5, 2016 with a term end date of December 2, 2017

Anthony Martin Keyes, Jr. (Reappointment) {Alternate} YES

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users
Reappointed December 3, 2010 for a 3-year term
Was not reappointed in 2013

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From: Mashburn, Lori
To: Triebsch, Margaret; Natalie Davis
Subject: Re: VETTING: Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Date: Thursday, November 30, 2017 6:51:51 PM

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On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 12:34 PM, Triebsch, Margaret <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Andrew Todd McLaughlin (Reappointment) {Primary} YES
(b) (6)
[redacted]
Representing Subsistence Users
Reappointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term
Appointed December 2, 2011 for a 3-year term

Michael Vern Opheim (Reappointment) {Primary} YES
(b) (6)
[redacted]
Representing Subsistence Users
Reappointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term
Appointed December 2, 2011 for a 3-year term

Gloria Stickwan (Reappointment) {Primary} YES
(b) (6)
[redacted]
Representing Subsistence Users
Reappointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term
Reappointed December 2, 2011 for a 3-year term

(b) (6)
[redacted]
(b) (6)
[redacted]
Representing Subsistence Users

Dennis Michael Zadra (Appointment) {Primary} YES
(b) (6)
[redacted]

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Commercial/Sport Resource Users

Ryan Earl Cook (Appointment) {Alternate} YES

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users

(b) (6) [redacted]

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users
Reappointed January 8, 2014 with a term end date of December 2, 2016
Reappointed December 3, 2010 for a 3-year term

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From: Mashburn, Lori
To: Triebsch, Margaret; Natalie Davis
Subject: Re: VETTING: Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Date: Thursday, November 30, 2017 6:44:26 PM

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On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 12:58 PM, Triebsch, Margaret <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Donald Carlson Hernandez (Reappointment) {Primary} YES

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users
Reappointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term
Reappointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term

Albert Henry Howard (Reappointment) {Primary} YES

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users
Appointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term

Robert Frederick Schroeder (Reappointment) {Primary} YES

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users
Appointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term

John Albert Yeager (Reappointment) {Primary} YES

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Commercial/Sport Resource Users
Reappointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term
Reappointed December 2, 2011 for a 3-year term
Appointed December 3, 2010 with a term end date of December 2, 2011

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From: Mashburn, Lori
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Cc: Davis, Natalie
Subject: Re: VETTING: Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Date: Thursday, November 30, 2017 6:38:21 PM

I've marked next to their names.

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On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 2:12 PM, Triebsch, Margaret <margaret_triebsch@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Raymond Louis Collins (Reppointment) {Primary} OK
(b) (6)
[redacted]
Representing Subsistence Users
Reappointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term
Reappointed December 2, 2011 for a 3-year term

Jack London Reakoff (Reappointment) {Primary} OK
(b) (6)
[redacted]
Representing Subsistence Users
Reappointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term
Reappointed December 2, 2011 for a 3-year term

Tommy Kriska (Appointment) {Primary} OK
(b) (6)
[redacted]
Representing Subsistence Users

Timothy Patrick Gervais (Reappointment) {Primary} OK
(b) (6)
[redacted]
Representing Commercial/Sport Resource Users
Reappointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term
Reappointed December 2, 2011 for a 3-year term

Darrell Marvin Vent, Sr. (Reappointment) {Alternate} OK

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users
Appointed December 10, 2014 with a term end date of December 2, 2017

Percy Mark Lolnitz (Appointment) {Alternate} OK
(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users

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From: Mashburn, Lori
To: Triebsch, Margaret
Cc: Davis, Natalie
Subject: Re: VETTING: Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Date: Thursday, November 30, 2017 10:22:16 AM

Hello Margaret,

Yes, on the item from yesterday. See below on the nominations. Working through the others.

Thanks,
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(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users
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Reappointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term

Dale Tom Smith, Jr. (Reappointment) {Primary} OK

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users
Appointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users
Appointed February 14, 2014 for a 3-year term
Reappointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term

(b) (6) [redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users

Appointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term

(b) (6)
[redacted]

Representing Subsistence Users
Appointed December 2, 2014 for a 3-year term

Alissa Nadine Rogers (Appointment) {Primary} OK

(b) (6)
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Representing Subsistence Users

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From: Mashburn, Lori
To: Hinson, Alex
Subject: Re: WEEK-AHEAD - SEPT 20-28
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 1:53:56 PM

Thank you!

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On Tue, Sep 19, 2017 at 1:25 PM, Hinson, Alex <alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Just got the one for the next week!
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> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> From: **Ross, Paul** <paul_ross@ios.doi.gov>
> Date: Tue, Sep 19, 2017 at 1:23 PM
> Subject: WEEK-AHEAD - SEPT 20-28
> To: Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
> Cc: Russell Newell <russell_newell@ios.doi.gov>, "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, "Moody, Joan" <joan_moody@ios.doi.gov>, Frank Quimby <Frank_Quimby@ios.doi.gov>, Alex Hinson <alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov>, "Nachmany, Eli" <eli_nachmany@ios.doi.gov>
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> Laura-
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> Attached and below is the Week Ahead for September 20-28. Thanks.
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> -Paul
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> **WEEK AHEAD September 20 thru September 28, 2017**
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> **U.S. Department of the Interior**
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> *Secretarial-level Announcements/Events/Interviews*
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> • **September 20: Department-level Release:** DOI and NPS will announce $94.3 million to be distributed from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to all 50 States, the Territories, and the District of Columbia for State-identified outdoor recreation and conservation

projects.

• **September 22: Department-level Release:** DOI and BLM will announce the totals from all September oil and gas lease sales.

National Park Service

• **September 20: Local NPS Release:** NPS Southeastern Region announces new superintendent of Cape Lookout National Seashore.

• **September 22: Local NPS Release:** NPS Pacific West Region announces the new superintendent of Redwood National & State Parks.

• **September 23**: Antifa activists are planning a demonstration at Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial (ARHO), and in the confederate section of Arlington National Cemetery, according to social media posts. The National Park Service and United States Park Police are coordinating with local law enforcement and Arlington National Cemetery. No additional details are available at this time.

• **September 25 (tent.): Local NPS Release:** The National Park Service will notify the public of the availability of Glacier National Park's Lake McDonald Properties Management Plan Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA will be available for a 30-day public review period. Following the public review, the park will prepare a formal decision document. The EA analyzes alternatives to manage NPS-owned properties surrounding Lake McDonald, which includes buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed alternative includes management options for each property, including historic leasing, park or concessioner use, stabilization of properties or removal of buildings. Throughout the planning process, the park received local media and public interest with little to no controversy. Public comments were very supportive of historic leasing options.

• **September 25 (tent.): National BLM Release:** BLM will announce that it is seeking public nominations for open positions on 18 of its 36 Resource Advisory Councils (RACs). As published in a notice in the *Federal Register*, the BLM will consider nominations for 30 days.

• **September 27: Local NPS Release:** NPS will issue a news release regarding the independent review panel findings that Golden Gate National Recreation Area dog rule process was unaffected by inappropriate personal email use.

• **September 27:** The NPS National Capital Region's National Historic Landmark Program will host a stakeholder meeting as part of a joint research project underway by the NPS and the Organization of American Historians to identify potential National Historic Landmarks (NHLs) associated with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer (LGBTQ) history in the region. Invited stakeholders include state historic preservation offices, staff from selected NCR parks, local LGBTQ history representatives, and local governments' historic preservation staff.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- **September 22: Local FWS Release:** FWS plans to send to the Federal Register a final listing determination for the Kenk's amphipod, a crustacean from Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. This action is not controversial. Stakeholders are the Center for Biological Diversity, Friends of the Capital Crescent Trail, Fort A.P. Hill, and the NPS.

- **September TBD: National FWS Release:** FWS will announce National Wildlife Refuge Week, which will take place October 8-14. Refuge Week is an annual celebration of the nation's wildlife conservation heritage and the national wildlife refuges that protect it. The timing provides notice for print and online media to announce the annual celebration and regional events for the public to plan ahead, as well as for the regions and refuges to begin preparing additional promotional information.

Bureau of Land Management

- **September 21: National BLM Release:** BLM-Eastern States will hold an online oil and gas lease sale for three parcels in Monroe County, OH, totaling 141.56 acres, and 3 parcels in Catahoula and Bienville Parishes, LA, totaling 50.15 acres. The sale in Ohio is expected to be controversial. Bidding is not expected to be robust.

- **September 21: National BLM Release:** BLM-WY will hold an online oil and gas lease sale for 141 parcels totaling 118,055.54 acres in Niobrara, Weston, Goshen, Crook, Converse, Campbell, Johnson, Fremont, Big Horn, Washakie, Weston, and Sheridan Counties, WY. The sale is not expected to be controversial. Bidding is not expected to be robust.

- **September 25:** The 60-day public comment period for the proposed rule to rescind the BLM's 2015 Hydraulic Fracturing Rule will end. The BLM's proposal rule aligns with Administration priorities to seek ways to reduce regulatory burdens and compliance costs. The BLM will review the comments received and take appropriate actions to address those that are substantive. Publication of a final rule in the Federal Register is anticipated in December 2017 or January 2018.

- **September 25 (tent.): National BLM Release:** BLM will issue a release regarding their announcement to seek nominations for 18 of their 36 Resource Advisory Councils.

- **September 26:** BLM-MT Butte Field Manager Scott Haight and Geologist David Williams will meet with Jefferson County and Montana Department of Environmental Quality in Boulder, MT, to discuss the future of the Montana Tunnels mine site. Montana Tunnels is an open pit mine in Jefferson County that has been inactive since 2008. It is behind on the state's bond request and owes Jefferson Co. $5 million in back taxes, and the site is deteriorating. The meeting is the first to discuss the future of the mine site, including topics of bonding and scope of what's needed for eventual reclamation and site stabilization. The mine is located on a mix of private and BLM lands.

U.S. Geological Survey

- **September 20: National USGS Release:** The release will highlight an article in *Nature* announcing findings that a parasite-related infectious disease of tadpoles, called Severe Perkinsea infections (SPI), might represent the third most common infectious disease in frogs after ranavirus infections and chytridiomycosis. SPI mortality events affected numerous frog species and occurred over a broad geographic area in the U.S. during the study.

Bureau of Reclamation

- **September 26:** U.S./Mexico Cooperative Process – Colorado River ("Minute 323"): Minute 323 of the Water Treaty with Mexico will be signed by the United States and Mexico commissioners of the International Boundary and Water Commission. On June 12, the Governor's representatives from the seven Colorado River Basin States communicated to Secretary of the Interior Zinke their goal of finishing the drafting of the necessary U.S. (domestic) agreements needed to allow the U.S. and Mexico to finalize a cooperative agreement by mid-July (completion of these draft agreements would put the U.S. and Mexico in position to finalize a successor agreement to the current plan - known as Minute 319 - later this fall). The domestic agreements will also be signed on September 26. The State Department finalized consultations with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in early August and is prepared to proceed when the Basin States clearances are complete. The State Department/IBWC will handle press.

- **September 27:** A ceremony celebrating the signing of Minute 323 to the 1944 Water Treaty with Mexico will occur on the opening day of biennial Colorado River Symposium in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt will attend and offer brief remarks.

Office of Insular Affairs

- **September 25: National OIA Release:** OIA will issue a media reado-out regarding the Federated States of Micronesia President Peter Christian Visit with the Secretary

- **September TBD:** OIA Release American Samoa Authorization to Proceed – Insular ABCs – Repairs in the Public Schools

- **September TBD:** FSM Compact Infrastructure and Technical Assistance ~ $1.5 million

- **September TBD:** RMI Press Release Compact Infrastructure $149,436; Ebeye Special Needs $300,000; Health Care Program for 4 Atolls (Section 177) $697,387

- **September TBD:** FY 2017 CIP Infrastructure funding for Guam and CNMI ~ $10 million

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

• **September 19: National BSEE Release:** BSEE will put out a read-out of Director Angelle's remarks at the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association Fall Meeting. The Director's remarks focused on the path forward for robust offshore energy production.

• **September 20:** BSEE staff will be holding a public forum to receive input on possible revisions to Well Control Rule, in Houston TX. Two New York Times reporters have registered to attend.

Office of Wildland Fire

• **September 19-21:** National Association of State Foresters Annual Meeting in Charleston, WV. Director Bryan Rice and Communications GG will be attending to provide the Wildland Fire Committee update, representation, and outreach.

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From: Mashburn, Lori
To: Newell, Russell
Subject: Re: Weekly Report - October 4-12
Date: Tuesday, October 03, 2017 5:24:46 PM

Meant to send a note saying thanks.

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> **U.S. Department of the Interior**
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- **October 4: Department-level Release:** DOI and BLM will announce the totals from all September oil and gas lease sales.

- **October 5: Department-level Release:** DOI and BOEM press release on Proposed Notice of Sale for Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 250.

Interior Social Media Updates

- **October 5 (tent.): Department-level blog post:** DOI to publish a story on how FWS first responders saved women in Puerto Rico who was trapped under her mobility scooter thanks to the help of her dog.

- **October 10: Department-level video:** DOI to release a video highlighting national wildlife refuges for National Wildlife Refuge Week.

- **October 11: Department-level blog post:** DOI to publish a blog post on tips for fishing on public lands.

National Park Service

- **October 4: National NPS Release:** NPS will put out a release regarding National Fossil Day. Started in 2010 by the National Park Service and the American Geological Institute to promote public awareness and stewardship of fossils. This year, more than 300 partners, including museums, federal and state agencies, fossil sites, science and education organizations, avocational groups, and national parks

- **October 5 (tent.): National NPS Release:** NPS will announce the Director's Partnership Awards, which recognizes 17 NPS partners who supported six different complex, multi-year projects, including historic building rehab and trail construction projects.

- **October 6: Local NPS Release:** War in the Pacific NHP, American Memorial Park superintendent announcement. PWR aiming to release by the end of the week.

- **October TBD: National NPS Release:** Historic Preservation Tax Credits: NPS and/or DOI announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed $12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added $6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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- **October 5: Local FWS Release(s):** FWS will send 12-month findings on 25 species, finding that none warrant ESA protections. These findings are for 14 Nevada springsnail species, Barbour's map turtle, Big Blue Springs cave crayfish, Bicknell's thrush, black-backed woodpecker, boreal toad, fisher, Florida Keys mole skink, Great Sand Dunes tiger beetle, Kirtland's snake, Pacific walrus and San Felipe gambusia. Outreach will be conducted on a region-by-region basis, including news releases with supporting FAQs where appropriate, to be sent to stakeholders and members of Congress. Some findings may be controversial. The Bicknell’s thrush, fisher and Pacific walrus will likely attract significant media attention.

- **October TBD: Local FWS Release:** FWS will announce the final listing of four Everglades plants—the Everglades bully, Florida pineland crabgrass, pineland sandmat and Florida prairie-clover, plants that occur in south Florida. This action is not controversial.

- **October TBD: Local FWS Release:** FWS will announce a six-month extension of the final determination of list the Louisiana pine snake, found in Louisiana and Texas. While the Louisiana pine snake listing is controversial, the six-month extension is not expected to be controversial.

Bureau of Land Management

- **October 4: National BLM Release:** BLM will issue a release regarding the opening of public comment period for greater sage grouse issues.

- **October 4: National BLM Release:** BLM will issue a release regarding the cancellation of a 10 million acre Sagebrush focal area withdraw proposal and the conclusion of the associated NEPA process.

- **October 5: National BLM Release:** BLM will issue a release regarding the delay/suspension of the Waste Prevention Rule (Venting and Flaring).

- **October 10–11:** BLM-AK Fire Service will host the Alaska Wildfire Coordinating Group Interagency Fall Review in Fairbanks. The annual interagency review is a forum for federal, state, local and tribal wildland fire partners, land managers and agency administrators to focus on the response to this season's fires, issues with the Wildland Fire Decision Support system and fire management plans and other issues of interest to various agencies in Alaska.

- **October 11:** BLM-WY Casper Field Office will meet with local ranchers to discuss their concerns about tribal consultation on split-estate and wells built on private surface that intersect both private and federal minerals in Douglas.

- **Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement**

  - **October 4: National BSEE Release:** BSEE will put out a read-out highlighting BSEE Director Angelle's activities and meetings in Anchorage, Alaska. Social media platforms will be used to amplify News Brief.

Bureau of Indian Affairs

- **October 2:** Gavin Clarkson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Energy and Economic Development will lead a consultation on revisions of the "Licensed Indian Traders" regulations at the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) 2017 Fall Finance & Tribal Economies Conference, River Spirit Casino Resort, 8330 Riverside Pkwy, Tulsa, OK**.**

Office of Insular Affairs

- **October 4 (tent.): Local IA Release:** IA will issue a release on AS Domenech's trip to the USVI Thursday to meet and confer with FEMA and local officials.

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I apologize - I haven't had a chance to send the final. been tied up with...lots! getting to it now.

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> > Cc: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>, "Moody, Joan" <joan_moody@ios.doi.gov>, Frank Quimby <Frank_Quimby@ios.doi.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, Alex Hinson <alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov>, "Nachmany, Eli" <eli_nachmany@ios.doi.gov>
> >
> > Laura/Russell-
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> > Attached is the Week-Ahead for October 4-12.

-Paul

WEEK AHEAD October 4 thru October 12, 2017

Announcements/Releases/Events

U.S. Department of the Interior

Secretarial-level Announcements/Events/Interviews

- *This week the Secretary is ...*
- **October 4: Department-level Release:** DOI and BLM will announce the totals from all September oil and gas lease sales.
- **October 5: Department-level Release:** DOI and BOEM press release on Proposed Notice of Sale for Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 250.

Interior Social Media Updates

- **October 5 (tent.): Department-level blog post:** DOI to publish a story on how FWS first responders saved women in Puerto Rico who was trapped under her mobility scooter thanks to the help of her dog.
- **October 10: Department-level video:** DOI to release a video highlighting national wildlife refuges for National Wildlife Refuge Week.
- **October 11: Department-level blog post:** DOI to publish a blog post on tips for fishing on public lands.

National Park Service

- **October 4: National NPS Release:** NPS will put out a release regarding National Fossil Day. Started in 2010 by the National Park Service and the American Geological Institute to promote public awareness and stewardship of fossils. This year, more than 300 partners, including museums, federal and state agencies, fossil sites, science and education organizations, avocational groups, and national parks
- **October 5 (tent.): National NPS Release:** NPS will announce the Director's Partnership Awards, which recognizes 17 NPS partners who supported six different complex, multi-year projects, including historic building rehab and trail construction projects.
- **October 6: Local NPS Release:** War in the Pacific NHP, American Memorial Park superintendent announcement. PWR aiming to release by the end of the week.
- **October TBD: National NPS Release:** Historic Preservation Tax Credits: NPS

and/or DOI announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed $12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added $6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- **October 4: National FWS Release:** FWS will announce National Wildlife Refuge Week, which will take place October 8-14. Refuge Week is an annual celebration of the nation's wildlife conservation heritage and the national wildlife refuges that protect it. The timing provides notice for print and online media to announce the annual celebration and regional events for the public to plan ahead, as well as for the regions and refuges to begin preparing additional promotional information.

- **October 5: Local FWS Release(s):** FWS will send 12-month findings on 25 species, finding that none warrant ESA protections. These findings are for 14 Nevada springsnail species, Barbour's map turtle, Big Blue Springs cave crayfish, Bicknell's thrush, black-backed woodpecker, boreal toad, fisher, Florida Keys mole skink, Great Sand Dunes tiger beetle, Kirtland's snake, Pacific walrus and San Felipe gambusia. Outreach will be conducted on a region-by-region basis, including news releases with supporting FAQs where appropriate, to be sent to stakeholders and members of Congress. Some findings may be controversial. The Bicknell's thrush, fisher and Pacific walrus will likely attract significant media attention.

- **October TBD: Local FWS Release:** FWS will announce the final listing of four Everglades plants—the Everglades bully, Florida pineland crabgrass, pineland sandmat and Florida prairie-clover, plants that occur in south Florida. This action is not controversial.

- **October TBD: Local FWS Release:** FWS will announce a six-month extension of the final determination of list the Louisiana pine snake, found in Louisiana and Texas. While the Louisiana pine snake listing is controversial, the six-month extension is not expected to be controversial.

Bureau of Land Management

- **October 4: National BLM Release:** BLM will issue a release regarding the opening of public comment period for greater sage grouse issues.

- **October 4: National BLM Release:** BLM will issue a release regarding the cancellation of a 10 million acre Sagebrush focal area withdraw proposal and the conclusion of the associated NEPA process.

- **October 5: National BLM Release:** BLM will issue a release regarding the delay/suspension of the Waste Prevention Rule (Venting and Flaring).

- **October 10–11:** BLM-AK Fire Service will host the Alaska Wildfire Coordinating Group Interagency Fall Review in Fairbanks. The annual interagency review is a forum for federal, state, local and tribal wildland fire partners, land managers and agency administrators to focus on the response to this season's fires, issues with the Wildland Fire Decision Support system and fire management plans and other issues of interest to various agencies in Alaska.

- **October 11:** BLM-WY Casper Field Office will meet with local ranchers to discuss their concerns about tribal consultation on split-estate and wells built on private surface that intersect both private and federal minerals in Douglas.

- **Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement**

  - **October 4: National BSEE Release:** BSEE will put out a read-out highlighting BSEE Director Angelle's activities and meetings in Anchorage, Alaska. Social media platforms will be used to amplify News Brief.

Bureau of Indian Affairs

- **October 2:** Gavin Clarkson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Energy and Economic Development will lead a consultation on revisions of the "Licensed Indian Traders" regulations at the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) 2017 Fall Finance & Tribal Economies Conference, River Spirit Casino Resort, 8330 Riverside Pkwy, Tulsa, OK**.**

Office of Insular Affairs

- **October 4 (tent.): Local IA Release:** IA will issue a release on AS Domenech's trip to the USVI Thursday to meet and confer with FEMA and local officials.

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From: Lori Mashburn
To: Davis, Natalie
Subject: Re: Wetland Conservation Council/Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Advisory Group
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 3:09:41 PM

Yep, sounds good.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2017, at 2:29 PM, Davis, Natalie <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> With your approval, I will give Margaret the OK for board appointment?
>
> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> From: **Greg Sheehan** <greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov>
> Date: Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 2:07 PM
> Subject: Re: Wetland Conservation Council/Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Advisory Group
> To: "Davis, Natalie" <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov>
>
> Hi Natalie.
>
> These three names will be fine. All good for this administration. There is a fourth who you didn't mention above, Tony Wasley, from the Nevada Department of Wildlife. His resume was below. He would also be excellent to have on the council. Can you clarify if he is a fourth nominee?
>
> Thanks
> Greg
>
> Greg Sheehan, Acting Director
> Principal Deputy Director
> US Fish and Wildlife Service
> 202-208-4545 office
> 202-676-7675 cell
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> On Jul 10, 2017, at 11:06 AM, Davis, Natalie <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> > Here are their resumes- see attached.
> >
> > On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 1:04 PM, Davis, Natalie <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
> > > Hi Greg,
> > >
> > > We are about to appoint some individuals to the Wetland Conservation Council and the Neotropical Bird Conservation Advisory Group. If you wouldn't mind, can you take a quick look at

the names and see if you know any of them or see any issues? We have done a background check as well as a political background check and did not see anything questionable, but would still like your opinion.

They are having their meeting on Friday, so I would like to approve them today or tomorrow if possible.

I attached the charter of the boards they would be serving on. As you can see, some are reappointments.

I included the organization they represent with their info.

The names presented to us are the following:

Thomas Edward Moorman (Appointment) {Primary}
(b) (6)
[redacted]
Ducks Unlimited

Gerald Anthony Wasley (Reappointment)
(b) (6)
[redacted]
Nevada Dept of Wildlife
Appointed January 10, 2017 with a term end date of March 31, 2017

David Eric Nomsen (Reappointment)

(b) (6)
[redacted]

Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Appointed June 20, 2017 with a term end date of March 31, 2017

James Thomas Leach (Appointment)

(b) (6)
[redacted]

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Minnesota Dept of Natural Resources

Thank you!
Natalie

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From: Smith, Steven
To: Katharine MacGregor
Cc: Lori Mashburn
Subject: Re: White House - NV Event
Date: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:13:58 AM

Awesome! I will let them know.

On Thu, Nov 2, 2017 at 8:18 AM, Katharine MacGregor <katharine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

> Yep I can do it - best in the afternoon
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Nov 1, 2017, at 4:26 PM, Smith, Steven <steven_m_smith@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> > Just following up with you... Any update on your availability for Friday?
> >
> > On Tue, Oct 31, 2017 at 12:06 PM, Smith, Steven <steven_m_smith@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> > > Yup headed your way now
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> > > On Tue, Oct 31, 2017 at 11:54 AM, Katharine MacGregor <katharine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
> > >
> > > > Hey can you chat about this? I'm in my office.
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> > > > Sent from my iPhone
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> > > > On Oct 30, 2017, at 4:36 PM, Smith, Steven <steven_m_smith@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
> > > >
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> > > > > Respectfully,
> > > > >
> > > > > Steve
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> > > > > **Steven M. Smith**
> > > > > Advisor - Intergovernmental Affairs

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Confirmed time from WH IGA office regarding event tomorrow is 3:15 PM. They will be sending a WAVES request form today.

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Refineries slowly restart after Harvey, but price impact could persist

By Ben Lefebvre

09/01/2017 02:28 PM EDT

Gulf Coast refineries are slowly coming back on line after the historic flooding brought by Hurricane Harvey, but high fuel prices could last into the winter, analysts said.

Harvey's path from Corpus Christi, where it made landfall on Aug. 25, up the Texas coast and into Louisiana inundated the region that's home to about half the U.S. refining capacity with several feet of rain. Many workers at those refineries are only now able to get back into their plants to inspect for damage.

"Satan himself could not have designed a storm more destructive for Texas refining," said Tom Kloza, global head of energy analysis at OPIS. "That's not hyperbole."

The outages have increased wholesale gasoline prices by 40-60 cents a gallon, increases that will start to work into the retail prices, Kloza added.

As of Friday, the average retail price for a gallon of gas had climbed 16 cents to $2.52 since Harvey made landfall, according to AAA.

Valero Energy, Flint Hills Resources and others have restarted their plants in Corpus Christi, and some refineries in Houston are expected to be up and running by the end of the week, Kloza told reporters. Each refinery is dealing with its own unique circumstances: Valero's Houston refinery survived the storm without shutting down, while Shell's refinery outside Houston could be closed for weeks because of flood damage, sources familiar with the operations said.

But those in Port Arthur — some of the country's largest — are still assessing damage. Those refineries, including Motiva's mammoth 600,000 barrel-a-day refinery, may not begin restarting until the middle of September, with some parts of the refineries remaining offline for months longer, Kloza said.

In all, 10 refineries with a combined capacity of three million barrels per day were still shut as of Friday morning, according to the DOE.

Pipeline problems are also adding to the fuel market's woes. Though some refineries emerged from Harvey with barely a scratch, they are unable to ship gasoline and diesel to market because of power outages or pipeline problems, analysts said.

The problem could grow more acute along the East Coast because the Colonial Pipeline, which delivers up to one million barrels a day of fuel from the Gulf Coast up to New England, is unable to receive supplies from further west than Lake Charles, La., the company said.

A DOE spokeswoman did not immediately reply to questions on whether the department plans to release fuel from its Northeast Gasoline Supply Reserve, a stash of one million barrels of gasoline kept around New York Harbor, Boston and Maine.

But even if the NGSR was opened, the fuel would barely cover one day of Colonial shipments. The NGSR would have to hold significantly more fuel to provide a buffer for the damage Harvey brought, said Andy Lipow, head of oil market analysis firm Lipow Oil Associates

"It's too late for Northeast Gasoline reserve for now," Lipow said.

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Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 2:06:14 PM

By Esther Whieldon

11/28/2017 02:03 PM EDT

President Donald Trump is slated to travel to Utah on Monday to announce he will shrink the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments, the Salt Lake Tribune reports, citing sources familiar with the trip.

In late August, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke reportedly recommended that Trump shrink the Utah monuments as well as the Cascade-Siskiyou monument in Oregon and California and the Gold Butte monument in Nevada. Zinke also recommended opening up six other monuments and marine monuments to commercial fishing, timber harvesting and mining.

The move is likely to please the Utah delegation and other Republican lawmakers who accused President Barack Obama of federal overreach by creating monuments despite local opposition and using the Antiquities Act to cut off commercial activity. But any action by Trump is likely to prompt a slew of lawsuits from environmental groups.

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument holds coal reserves and the Bears Ears' monument has oil and and gas fields.

To view online:
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Subject: Research 1st | NOVEMBER | Exclusive Interviews and Reports
Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 6:33:13 PM

Research 1st November 2017: Exclusive interviews with Drs. Ian Lipkin and Walter Koroshetz with the latest reports from conferences, agencies, and research programs in ME/CFS.

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View an exclusive interview with Dr. Ian Lipkin of Columbia University, the director of the new NIH-funded Center for Solutions for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/ Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CfS for ME/CFS).

Dear Friends,

The recent conversation with the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) Director, Dr. Walter Koroshetz, on an episode of the *White House Chronicle*, was a timely assessment of current ME/CFS

affairs. This wide-ranging science and policy conversation is particularly meaningful at this juncture… **READ MORE**

Yours,

Zaher Nahle PhD, MPA
Chief Scientific Officer and Vice President for Research

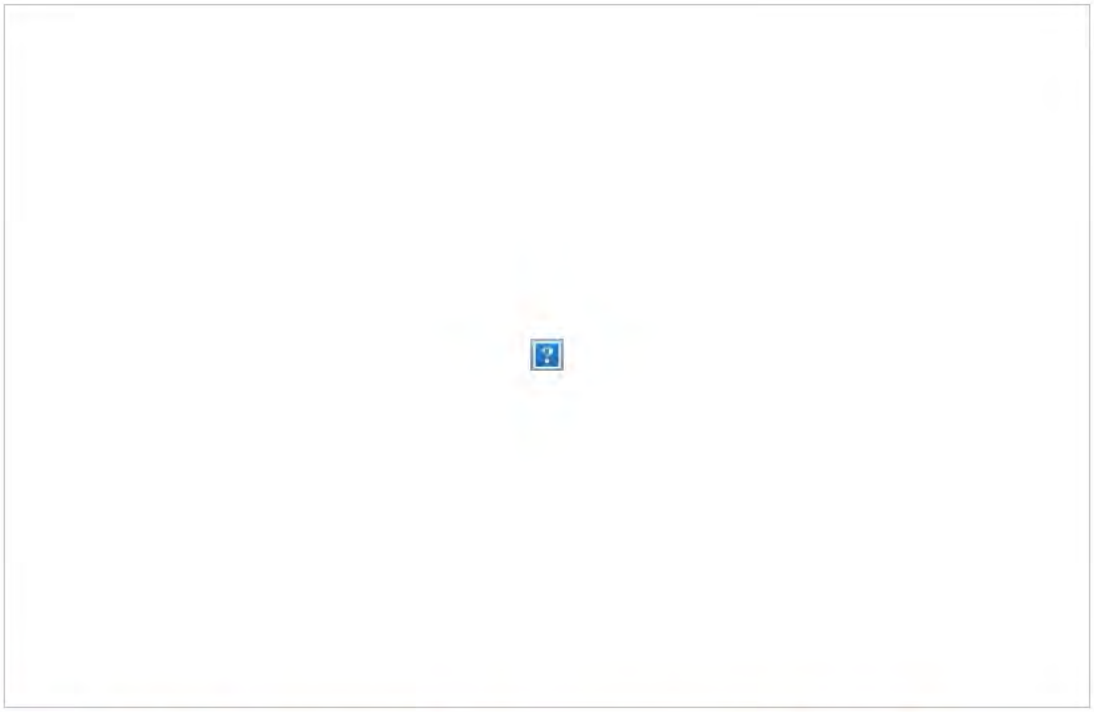
An inside look at ME/CFS research funding with NINDS Director, Dr. Walter Koroshetz

Our Chief Scientific Officer/Vice President of Research Dr. Zaher Nahle sat down recently with the Director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders (NINDS) Dr. Walter Koroshetz on the nationally televised program the White House Chronicle with host Llewellyn King. Drs. Nahle and Koroshetz discussed current research and funding for ME/CFS, including the recent NIH-funded ME/CFS consortia projects.

This episode is the second episode of White House Chronicle featuring SMCI. If you missed the episode featuring SMCI President Carol Head, watch it here: http://go.solvecfs.org/e/192652/crsvhMeC11U/7vdfz/49434027

Dr. Nahle featured in two ME/CFS Articles

Dr. Zaher Nahle was recently featured in two articles highlighting recent ME/CFS advancements. The articles investigate the potential impact of the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) recent investment to fund three Collaborative Research Centers (CRCs) and a Data Management Coordinating Center (DMCC). Although still insufficient, we see positive trends in research support that promise to advance our understanding of ME/CFS and bring broader recognition and treatments from the scientific community. **READ MORE**



Dr. Nahle Attends International ME/CFS

Conference in Sweden

In October, RME (The Swedish National Association for ME-patients) organized two open conferences aimed at engaging health care professionals in Stockholm (Oct. 18) and Malmö (Oct. 19). SMCI's Chief Scientific Officer and VP for Research Dr. Zaher Nahle was invited to attend a roundtable meeting to discuss ongoing research and clinical developments. The roundtable meeting, held October 17 -18, was international in attendance and scope. It covered findings and planned research in Sweden, Denmark, the United Kingdom, and the United States. **READ MORE**

2016 Ramsay Team 2 Research Update

Dr. Fane Mensah (University College London (UCL)) provided SMCI with a progress update on the Ramsay Award Program 2016 Team 2 project. Dr. Mensah discussed the driving force behind the study design, potential implications of the research, and the intercontinental partnership making it possible. **READ MORE**

In case you missed it: 2017 Ramsay Research Grant Awardees

Our second cohort of Ramsay Award Program grants were announced in October. The Ramsay Award Program 2017 research teams are exploring diverse promising areas including immunity, metabolomics, epigenetics, and the gut microbiome – to name a few. We will continue to update the community on these projects as work kicks off in 2018. Read more about the Ramsay Award Program 2017 cohort, including project abstracts, here

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CDC Holds Informational Stakeholder Call

On November 2, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) held a Stakeholder Engagement and Communication (SEC) Call. The purpose of the call was to share information and conduct outreach with the broader ME/CFS community. This call, "Take Home Messages from the 2015 Institute of Medicine Report on ME/CFS" included updates on CDC activity from Elizabeth Unger, PhD, MD; and perspectives from three Institute of Medicine Committee members, Lucinda Bateman, MD (Bateman Horne Center); Ellen Clayton, MD, JD (Vanderbilt University); and Peter Rowe, MD (Johns Hopkins). **READ MORE**

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Research 1st September 2017: New programs in research, insights from the NIH, and summaries of recent events in ME/CFS.

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Dear Friends,

Changing the *Status Quo!*

I am thrilled to report to our community the launch of a new science and discovery program dedicated to ME/CFS (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis / Chronic Fatigue Syndrome) at the prestigious Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) in New York City. This comes after we shared news last month of another SMCI-Directed Research Initiative at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) in Boston,… **READ MORE**

Yours,

Zaher Nahle PhD, MPA
Chief Scientific Officer and Vice President for Research

SMCI launches new research program at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Solve ME/CFS Initiative (SMCI) launched a new partnership with the prestigious Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) in New York City. The collaboration between the MSKCC scientist team and SMCI will investigate the biology of ME/CFS and explore investigation strategies using advanced technologies. This effort is the culmination of a series of meetings and strategy sessions over the past year… **READ MORE**

Preview of the New SMCI National ME/CFS Patient Registry

The Solve ME/CFS Initiative (SMCI) is in the final stages of constructing a new state-of-the art patient registry platform. Last year, we took the initiative in addressing a knowledge

gap barrier in to defining the natural history of ME/CFS while simultaneously modernizing electronic health record platforms in the ME/CFS disease space. This new patient registry platform will incorporate the latest in cutting-edge registry design while enhancing our ability to… **READ MORE**

Pictured above, NIH Program Director Vicky Whittemore presents to the Solve ME/CFS Initiative Research Advisory Council (including Drs. Cindy Bateman and Michele Silvestri pictured here) in Washington D.C.

Guest Perspective: Vicky Whittemore on the NIH Review Process

By Vicky Whittemore, PhD; Program Director of the Channels, Synapses and Circuits Cluster in the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The Center for Scientific Review (CSR) is the gateway for National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant applications and their review for scientific merit. They organize the peer review groups or study sections that evaluate the majority (75%) of the research grant applications sent … **READ MORE**

Dr. Maureen Hanson Visits SMCI to Discuss Ongoing Collaboration

On Monday, September 11, Dr. Maureen Hanson of Cornell University visited SMCI's Los Angeles headquarters. Dr. Hanson's visit was an opportunity to discuss recent developments in ME/CFS and coordinate efforts with SMCI Chief Scientific Officer and Vice President for Research, Dr. Zaher Nahle. They also addressed ongoing collaborative projects, including a targeted discussion on a number of planned studies and events... **READ MORE**

Pictured above: Simmaron Board chairman Jan Armstrong and SMCI Director of Advocacy and Public Relations Emily Taylor

Summary of the Simmaron Research Institute Research Update and Patient Day

On September 9th, the Simmaron Research Institute (SRI) hosted its annual Patient Day and Research Update in Incline Village, Nevada. This three-hour conference and update included scientific presentations from Drs. Konnie Knox and Mady Hornig of SRI's Scientific Advisory Board and Dr. Maureen Hanson, who serves on both SRI's Scientific Advisory Board and the Solve ME/CFS Initiative's Research Advisory Council. Dr. Hanson presented data from her recent research collaboration with SMCI and Metabalon which

investigates the causes of post-exertional malaise (PEM). …**READ MORE**

Updates from the ME/CFS fight in Washington DC

The Solve ME/CFS Initiative is committed to education, awareness, and advocacy efforts in Washington DC and we are pleased to report on our progress so far. Three major actions happened in Washington DC this month for ME/CFS, previously called chronic fatigue syndrome, including funding victories, the first state-wide letter to the NIH, and a partnership with Jennifer Brea's *Unrest*. …**READ MORE**

Debunking myths of ME/CFS – the HPV Vaccine

The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination was previously implicated through anecdotal evidence and small series cases as a possible triggering cause of ME/CFS. However, a recent study titled “HPV vaccination and risk of chronic fatigue syndrome/myalgic encephalomyelitis: A nationwide register-based study from Norway” effectively weakens the assertion of a causal link between the development of ME/CFS following HPV vaccinations… **READ MORE**

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The nine member states of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative have agreed on a plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 30 percent between 2020 and 2030, RGGI announced today.

Most of the states have also agreed to a reserve program under which allowances could be pulled from auctions if prices drop below certain thresholds, thus driving more emissions reductions, according to RGGI. Maine and New Hampshire do not plan to implement reserves.

Overall, regional emissions will be capped at about 78.2 million tons of CO2 per year in 2020 and drop to around 55.7 million tons in 2030. That ultimate 2030 goal represents a 65-percent drop from 2009 levels, when RGGI was formed, the group said.

"RGGI states are demonstrating our commitment to a strengthened RGGI program that will utilize innovative new mechanisms to secure significant carbon reductions at a reasonable price on into the next decade, working in concert with our competitive energy markets and reliability goals," said Katie Dykes, chair of RGGI's board as well as Connecticut's Public Utilities Regulatory Authority.

Detailed numbers on emissions caps, allowance pricing and reserve sizes can be found here.

WHAT'S NEXT: RGGI will take public comment at a Sept. 25 meeting in Baltimore.

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Secretaries Zinke and Perdue Host Inter-Agency Forestry & Wildfire Listening Session with Federal, Congressional and State Stakeholders.

WASHINGTON – Yesterday, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue hosted an inter-agency listening session with federal, congressional, and state stakeholders. Photos for media use are available here.

"Wildfires affect all of us so it only makes sense that we all work together to prevent and fight them," **said Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke**. "Our inter-agency and partner meeting was the first of what I hope will be many to identify and implement better practices to manage our forests and save lives and communities."

“Yesterday was a good opportunity to reflect on the 2017 fire season, to recognize what did and didn’t work, and to collaborate on how we can move forward into 2018,” **Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said**. “With this being the costliest fire season in history, it is clear that we need a permanent fix to fire funding. I’m encouraged by the work being done in Congress and it’s imperative that we continue to communicate with stakeholders, so we can figure out how best to work together to manage forests and ultimately prevent fires the best that we can.”

Accompanied by House Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (UT), Congressman Bruce Westerman (AR) and stakeholders representing conservation, hunting, forestry, and state associations, conversation centered around fixing the wildfire funding problems, possible improvements to wildfire management, innovative ways to detect and suppress wildfires, and ways to improve cooperation between industry, state, and federal authorities.

Secretary Zinke, Secretary Perdue, and Congressman Rob Bishop participate in the listening session

Next steps include figuring out which discussion points could become action items before the next season and sharing them with agency, state, and congressional partners.

A partial list of officials attending today's listening session is below.

Senior Federal Officials

- Secretary Ryan Zinke
- Secretary Sonny Perdue

- Chairman Rob Bishop
- Congressman Bruce Westerman

Federal Officials

- Director of Wildland Fire, Jeff Rupert
- Deputy Assistant Secretary of Public Safety, Resource Protection, Emergency Services, Harry Humbert
- Director of Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bryan Rice
- Acting Director of National Parks, Mike Reynolds
- Principal Deputy Director of the USFWS, Greg Sheehan

Conservation and Hunting Partners

- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Boone and Crockett
- National Wild Turkey Foundation

Forestry Partners

- National Alliance of Forest Owners
- Federal Forest Resource Coalition
- National Association of State Foresters
- American Forest Resource Council
- Montana Wood Products Association
- Intermountain Forest Association
- American Loggers Council
- Public Lands Council
- American Forest Foundation
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- National Association of Homebuilders
- Maine Forest Products Council
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Secretary Names Bryan Rice Director of Bureau of Indian Affairs

Experienced federal administrator to lead agency serving 567 Tribal communities

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced the selection of Bryan Rice, a veteran federal administrator and citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, as the new Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the federal agency that coordinates government-to-government relations with 567 federally recognized tribes in the United States.

"Bryan has a wealth of management expertise and experience that will well serve Indian Country as the BIA works to enhance the quality of life, promote economic opportunity, and carry out the federal responsibility to protect and improve the trust assets of American Indians, Indian tribes and Alaska Natives," **Secretary Zinke said**. "I have full confidence that Bryan is the right person at this pivotal time as we work to renew the department's focus on self-determination and self-governance, give power back to the tribes, and provide real meaning to the concept of tribal sovereignty."

"Secretary Zinke's naming of Bryan Rice as director of the BIA brings an accomplished individual to that post who is well-versed in the Bureau's mission and has extensive knowledge about its work, particularly in the area of forestry and combatting wildland fires," **said Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs John Tahsuda**. "Bryan will be a strong leader for the Bureau and closely follow the Secretary's plans for reforming the BIA into a top-notch service delivery agency for tribes and tribal leaders."

"Native Americans face significant regulatory and bureaucratic hurdles to economic freedom and success," **Rice said**. "I am honored to accept this position and look forward to implementing President Trump's and Secretary Zinke's regulatory reform initiative for Indian Country to liberate Native Americans from the bureaucracy that has held them back

economically."

Rice, who will start his new position on Monday, October 16, 2017, recently led Interior's Office of Wildland Fire, and has broad experience leading Forestry, Wildland Fire, and Tribal programs across Interior, BIA, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. His federal government career has spanned nearly 20 years, beginning with service on the Helena Interagency Hotshot Crew for the U.S. Forest Service in Montana. He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nepal, working in both community forestry and rural development and supervised numerous timber operations as a timber sale officer on the Yakama Reservation as well as a forester on the Tongass National Forest in Alaska. Rice also served in leadership capacities internationally in Tanzania, Mexico, Brazil and Australia for both Interior and the U.S. Forest Service.

Rice has served in two Senior Executive Service natural resources management leadership positions, including as Deputy Director for the BIA Office of Trust Services from 2011 to 2014, and as Director of Forest Management in the U.S. Forest Service from 2014 to 2016.

Rice spent his school years in the Midwest in Whitewater, Wisconsin and Peoria, Illinois. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champagne and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Alaska – Southeast, focusing on rural development and transportation systems. He is a licensed pilot, and enjoys time outside hunting and fishing.

Secretary Zinke also announced that Jeff Rupert will be the acting Director of the Office of Wildland Fire starting on Monday, October 16. Rupert was the chief of the Division of Natural Resources for the National Wildlife Refuge System, overseeing the Fire Management, Refuge Resource and Private Lands programs. He has been an active member of the Interior Fire Executive Council for the last several years. He is a graduate of Class #18 from the Interior Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Baker University and a Master of Science degree in Biology from the University of Texas – Pan American.

The BIA carries out its core mission through four offices: the Office of Indian Services operates the BIA's general assistance, disaster relief, Indian child welfare, tribal government, Indian Self-Determination, and reservation roads programs; the Office of Justice Services directly operates or funds law enforcement, tribal courts, and detention facilities on Federal Indian lands; the Office of Trust Services works with tribes and individual American Indians and Alaska Natives in the management of their trust lands, assets, and resources; and the Office of Field Operations oversees 12 regional offices and 83 agencies which carry out the BIA mission at the tribal level. In Fiscal Year 2017, the BIA had 4,794 employees and a budget of $1.9 billion.

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Secretary Zinke & BLM invite sportsmen to enjoy upcoming deer season at the Sabinoso Wilderness

Donation of 3,500 Acres of land made the Sabinoso publicly accessible for first time ever

Taos, N.M. – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and the Bureau of Land Management are pleased to announce that the Sabinoso Wilderness – which contains some of the most pristine habitat in the country for elk, mule deer, and other wildlife – is for the first time ever accessible to the public for hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities. The 16,000-acre Sabinoso was previously wholly surrounded by non-federal land, making it inaccessible to the general public. However, a donation of 3,595 acres (formerly known as the Rimrock Rose Ranch) that are adjacent to Sabinoso Wilderness was accepted by the Secretary and is now public.

"I'm happy to announce today the Sabinoso Wilderness Area is finally open and accessible to hunters and all members of the public for the first time ever," **said Secretary Zinke.** "Expanding access to hunting, fishing, and recreation on federal lands is one of my top priorities as Secretary. I originally had concerns about adding more wilderness-designated area, however after hiking and riding the land it was clear that access would only be improved. Thanks to the donation of a private organization, we we continue to move toward delivering this nonpartisan win for sportsmen and the community."

“The BLM strives to be a good neighbor in the communities we serve, and along with our partners we are pleased to better connect the public to the Sabinoso,” **said Acting BLM Director Michael D. Nedd.** “This action will provide folks with exceptional opportunities for hunting and fishing, as well as outdoor activities such as hiking, horseback riding, and backcountry camping in a pristine environment.”

"The Mule Deer Foundation commends Secretary Zinke on the completion of this project which will go a long way toward expanding and enhancing opportunities to access otherwise difficult to reach lands," **said Miles Moretti, President/CEO of MDF.** "This is yet another

example of Secretary Zinke's execution of a pro-sportsman policy agenda which he announced immediately upon being sworn in to his position."

“For years, hunters and anglers have called on Congress and federal agencies to help us gain access to landlocked public lands. We applaud Secretary Zinke for his commitment to this priority and look forward to ‘unlocking the gate’ so that America’s sportsmen and women can experience what the Sabinoso has to offer by truly ‘Making Public Lands Public’,” **said Jeff Crane, President of the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation.**

Encompassing approximately 16,000 acres in northeastern New Mexico, the Sabinoso Wilderness previously was fully surrounded by private land, making it inaccessible to the public. However, by adding the donated land – approximately 3,500 acres formerly known as the Rimrock Rose Ranch – the Sabinoso now connects with neighboring BLM-managed land, making it publicly accessible for the first time since its Congressional designation as a Wilderness Area in 2009.

Now that the area is fully accessible, the BLM invites the public to experience the Sabinoso’s unique and wild beauty. However, please be aware that Sabinoso is a wilderness area, and along with that designation the following items are prohibited: motorized vehicles and equipment, aircraft (including drones), and mechanical transport including off-road vehicles and bicycles.

For more information, please visit https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/new-mexico/sabinoso-wilderness or call acting BLM Taos Field Manager Brad Higdon at 575-758-1620.

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any federal agency. This land is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield."

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Secretary Zinke and Colorado Senator Gardner Announce more than $50 Million for National Parks Infrastructure

NPS Centennial Challenge Program is Matching $20 Million in Congressional Funding with $33 Million from Partner Organizations to Support Maintenance Projects at National Parks

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and Colorado Senator Cory Gardner announced today that the National Park Service is teaming up with partners across the nation to distribute nearly $50 million in high priority maintenance and infrastructure projects at 42 parks in 29 states. Congress provided $20 million for the projects as part of the Centennial Challenge program which will be matched by $33 million from more than 50 park partners to improve trails, restore buildings, and increase visitor access to parks.

Secretary Zinke and Senator Gardner made the announcement while visiting Rocky Mountain National Park, which will receive $200,000 in federal funds matched by $200,000 from the Rocky Mountain Conservancy to reduce deferred maintenance on the Alluvial Fan Trail.

“Our national parks span twelve time zones and attract more than 330 million visitors every year. Some locations, like Rocky Mountain National Park, attract millions of visitors alone. This puts an incredible stress on the aging infrastructure at our parks and thanks to Centennial Grants and the generosity of public-private partners, we are able to distribute funds to rebuild our parks,” **said Secretary Zinke**. “Using public-private partnerships to help address the deferred maintenance backlog remains a priority for the Department and the Trump Administration. Park infrastructure includes trails, signage, restrooms, lodges, roads, bridges and waterlines. These funds will help us continue to provide a world-class experience to visitors and ensure that these amazing places are around for future generations.”

“Today, I stood alongside Secretary Zinke as he announced critical funding grants for Colorado’s Rocky Mountain National Park,” **said Senator Cory Gardner**. “We must continue to be good stewards of our National Parks and protect these treasures for future generations. I want to thank Secretary Zinke for highlighting a crown jewel of Colorado’s public lands, Rocky Mountain National Park, and the dedicated Park employees that care for this land every day.”

“Many of the national parks that Americans treasure today would simply not exist without the strong partnerships and philanthropy that have benefited the national park idea for over a century,” **said Acting National Park Service Director Michael T. Reynolds**. “The Centennial Challenge program continues that proud tradition by matching dollars from Congress with generous donations from dedicated partners to make high-impact improvements in parks.”

Examples of the more than 50 projects the Centennial Challenge program will fund this year using partner donations and federal matching funds include:

- Centennial Challenge funds will complement a donation announced last year from philanthropist David M. Rubenstein to the National Park Foundation that will repair and restore the Lincoln Memorial in addition to expanding educational resources and public access.
- Funding from Yellowstone Forever will improve overlooks along the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.
- Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park will restore heavily used frontcountry trails in the park.
- The Gettysburg Foundation will help create a multi-use trail at Gettysburg National Military Park that will connect the visitor center to a historic farm that was used as a field hospital during the battle.
- Friends of Saguaro National Park, the Western National Park Association, and G. Arthur Jansson are teaming up to create an accessible outdoor classroom space at Saguaro National Park.

Since 2015 the National Park Service has leveraged over $45 million in funding from congress through the Centennial Challenge program to attract more than $77 million from partner organizations to support over hundreds of projects across the country that have improved visitor services and strengthened partnerships to reinvigorate national parks.

For a complete list of centennial challenge projects and partners please visit http://www.nps.gov/subjects/centennial/nps-centennial-challenge-projects.htm

Park Name	State	Project Title	Federal $	Partner $	Partner
Acadia NP	ME	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Multiple Park Trails	192,286	259,112	Friends of Acadia
Andersonville NHS	GA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance by Replacing Park Signage	73,071	73,071	Friends of Andersonville
Antietam NB	MD	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Historic Piper Farm	6,000	6,490	Save Historic Antietam Foundation
Apostle Islands NL	WI	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Raspberry Light Station	3,657	3,657	Friends of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore
Badlands NP	SD	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Bison Fence	475,000	475,000	National Park Foundation, World Wildlife Fund
Biscayne NP	FL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Elliott Key Visitor Center and Replace Park Signage	166,475	170,790	Florida National Parks Association
Blue Ridge Parkway	NC, VA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Humpback Rocks Farm, Sharp Top Shelter, and Moses Cone Estate	303,149	308,880	Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation
Blue Ridge Parkway	NC, VA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Historic Mabry Mill and Groundhog Mountain Structures	62,863	76,791	National Park Foundation, Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal NHP	MD	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Swain's Lockhouse	100,000	108,160	C&O Canal Trust, Friends of Historic Great Falls Tavern, C&O Canal Association
Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP	GA, TN	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Moccasin Bend Orientation Plaza and Park Trails	143,773	287,546	Friends of Moccasin Bend

Cuyahoga Valley NP	OH	Provide Orientation and Interpretation at Visitor Contact Station	1,492,333	1,492,333	Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Delaware Water Gap NRA	NJ, PA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance through Replacment of Deteriorating Non-Code Compliant Cabins	1,429,066	1,429,066	Pocono Environmental Education Center
Denali NP & Pres	AK	Support Research for Three Long-Distance Migration Birds, the Gray-cheeked Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, and Hermit Thrush	23,800	23,800	Alaska Geographic, Denali Education Center
Dry Tortugas NP	FL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Traverse Magazines at Fort Jefferson	237,637	548,316	HTR Foundation through South Florida NP Trust
Everglades NP	FL	Reduce Deferred Maintenance by Repurposing Deteriorating Facility into Visitor Center - Planning and Design	720,000	800,000	South Florida National Park Trust, Everglades Association
Federal Hall NMem	NY	Restore and Illuminate the Wall Street Facade at Federal Hall	189,280	300,000	National Parks of New York Harbor Conservancy
Gettysburg NMP	PA	Install a Multi-Use Trail to Connect the George Spangler Farm with the Museum and Visitor Center	394,271	459,837	Gettysburg Foundation
Glacier NP	MT	Prevent Aquatic Invasive Species Infestations through Inspections	60,000	60,000	Glacier National Park Conservancy
Golden Gate NRA	CA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Fort Cronkhite	628,912	644,635	NatureBridge
Grand Teton NP	WY	Reduce Deferred Maintenance in South Jenny Lake Visitor Use Area	757,356	1,267,202	Grand Teton National Park Foundation
Great Smoky Mountains NP	NC, TN	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Rainbow Falls Trails and Historic Structures	124,945	312,711	Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Great Smoky Mountains NP	NC, TN	Conduct Natural Resource Projects including Native Species Re-introductions and Forest Pest Control	72,000	169,182	Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Great Smoky Mountains Association
Great Smoky Mountains NP	NC, TN	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on the Palmer House Museum and Replace Exhibits	38,470	38,470	Great Smoky Mountains Association
Great Smoky Mountains NP	NC, TN	Conduct Research and Natural Resource Projects on Wildlife Such as Elk, Black Bears, and Exotic Wild Hogs	18,600	55,744	Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Great Smoky Mountains Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Hawaii Volcanoes NP	HI	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on and Kilauea Hale	15,600	15,600	Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park
Kalaupapa NHP	HI	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at the Bayview Complex and Pali Trail Overlook	52,173	52,425	Pacific Historic Parks

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP	VT	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Park Trails and Replace Park Signage	45,448	53,617	Woodstock Foundation
Mount Rainier NP	WA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on multiple park trails	24,878	24,878	Washington's National Park Fund
Mount Rainier NP	WA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on the Wonderland Trail	89,427	89,427	National Park Foundation
Multiple	Multiple	Complete Deferred Maintenance Projects at Multiple Parks	850,000	850,000	National Park Foundation
National Capital Parks-East	DC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Carter G Woodson Home National Historic Site - Planning and Design	425,000	425,000	National Park Foundation and other donors
National Mall & Memorial Parks	DC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Lincoln Memorial and Redesign the Unused Spaces Beneath the Memorial into a Multi-Use Service Area	4,840,000	16,000,000	National Park Foundation
National Mall & Memorial Parks	DC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument	650,000	650,000	National Park Foundation
National Mall & Memorial Parks	DC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance at West Potomac Park	15,000	16,224	Trust for the National Mall
National Mall & Memorial Parks	DC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance Near Mt. Vernon Triangle	10,000	10,816	Downtown Business Improvement District
Ocmulgee NM	SC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on the River Trail and Improve Accessibility	75,000	75,000	NewTown Macon, Georgia Department of Transportation
Padre Island NS	TX	Protect Sea Turtle Population through Beach Patrols and Nest Recovery	30,000	30,000	Multiple Donors
Pullman NM	IL	Document and Archive Oral History Recordings	3,750	3,750	National Park Foundation
Pullman NM	IL	Develop Junior Ranger Program	15,850	15,850	National Park Foundation
Rock Creek Park	DC	Construct Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance	320,000	320,000	Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy
Rock Creek Park	DC	Restore Woodland Area along Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway	17,846	71,240	Rock Creek Conservancy
Rock Creek Park	DC	Reduce Deferred Maintenance in Chevy Chase Circle	16,368	17,705	Friends of Chevy Chase Circle
Rocky Mountain NP	CO	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Alluvial Fan Trail	200,000	200,000	Rocky Mountain Conservancy
Saguaro NP	AZ	Create Accessible Outdoor Classroom Space	107,323	108,300	Friends of Saguaro National Park, Western National Park Association, G. Arthur Jansson
Sleeping Bear Dunes NL	MI	Construct Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail	561,000	561,000	Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation Trails, Inc. and

					Michigan Department of Transportation
Tallgrass Prairie NPres	KS	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Multiple Park Trails	121,935	135,223	National Park Foundation
Thomas Edison NHP	NJ	Repair Historic Line Shafts in the Heavy Machine Shop	9,999	9,999	Friends of Thomas Edison NHP
Thomas Edison NHP	NJ	Improve Accessibility, Preservation and Educational Use of Edison Archives 1926-1931	49,999	56,746	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Tule Lake Unit	CA	Support Programming for Students to Participate in the Tule Lake Pilgrimage	62,556	130,000	Tule Lake Committee
War in the Pacific NHP	GU	Implement Reef Ranger Summer Camp	7,500	7,500	Pacific Historic Parks
Whiskeytown NRA	CA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Multiple Park Trails	15,260	15,260	Friends of Whiskeytown
Yellowstone NP	ID, MT, WY	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Trails, Retaining Walls, and Overlooks	2,416,320	2,416,300	Yellowstone Forever
Yellowstone NP	ID, MT, WY	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Stephens Creek Bison Facility	150,342	154,669	Yellowstone Forever
Yosemite NP	CA	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Lower and Multiple Backcountry Trails	264,002	294,065	Yosemite Conservancy, California Conservation Corp
Zion NP	UT	Reduce Deferred Maintenance on Lower and Middle Emerald Pools Trails	346,337	348,240	National Park Foundation, Zion National Park Foundation

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Secretary Zinke and Interior Leadership host First-Ever Public Lands Access for Veterans Meeting at Interior

WASHINGTON – As part of “National Hunting and Fishing Month” today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke hosted a first-of-it's-kind meeting with veteran service organizations to share experiences and ideas to make public lands more accessible to veterans with and without disabilities. The Hunting and Fishing Access for Veterans roundtable discussion was hosted by Secretary Zinke and included members of his leadership team. More than 20 veteran advocates participated, including many who specialize in hunting and fishing therapy for returning warriors.

“Hunting and fishing are more than a pastime. They are a way for us to connect with the land and the people we're with, while also helping recharge body, mind, and soul in the solace of nature," **said Secretary Zinke**.

"Hunting and fishing present such an incredible healing opportunity for our veterans who return home with physical and emotional wounds. Unfortunately, many of our public lands are either inaccessible to individuals with various physical disabilities, or we just don't offer programs to encourage veterans to access and use them. I want these warriors to be able to return home from their service and enjoy the very lands they fought to protect. I want to make sure hunting and fishing on public lands is easily accessible and available. Hearing ideas from leaders in the veteran community about how to achieve this goal has given my team some much-needed insight as we move forward."

Army Green Beret John Wayne Walding and Benghazi warrior Mark "Oz" Geist, both motivational speakers and combat veterans, shared their personal stories about how hunting on public lands helped them recover from battlefield injuries and strengthened the bonds with their families. Walding spoke of the first hunt he took in Alaska after having his leg amputated, which proved to be the motivational force for him to reenter the military and return to duty. Geist spoke about the bond developed between him and his WWII veteran father stalking and hunting on Colorado public lands.

Secretary Zinke addresses the veterans group

Following the opening remarks, breakout sessions were held so Interior leadership could solicit feedback regarding veteran affairs and veteran accessibility on public lands.

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Secretary Zinke Announces $94.3 Million to States for Parks and Outdoor Recreation through Land and Water Conservation Fund

Federal grants invest in state and local parks using earnings from offshore oil and gas leasing

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced that $94.3 million will be distributed for outdoor recreation and conservation projects to the 50 states, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which is funded through offshore oil and gas leasing. These funds are awarded through federal matching grants that leverage public and private investment in America's state and local public parks.

"The Land and Water Conservation Fund state grant program has been a resounding success that makes physical investments in our communities," **Secretary Zinke said**. "From Detroit, Michigan, to Lake Tahoe, California, the program benefits citizens across the nation by helping state and local governments make infrastructure investments in urban, suburban, and rural parks. By advancing the Administration's offshore energy goals, we will be able to generate more revenue for the fund to improve conservation and recreation opportunities for generations to come."

"I have long supported the Land and Water Conservation Fund and I'm very pleased to see Secretary Zinke's announcement today, including $2.3 million for North Carolina parks and outdoor recreation," **said Senator Richard Burr**. "The LWCF, which is funded through oil and gas royalties from federal lands at no cost to the taxpayer, has a proven track record of conserving our parks, open spaces, and wildlife habitats for the benefit of future generations. I'm pleased to see Secretary Zinke's commitment to the program, and I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress to permanently reauthorize it going forward."

“The Land and Water Conservation Fund has played a large role in protecting Tennessee’s outdoors for over 50 years – providing morethan $200 million to conservation and outdoor recreation efforts in our state," **said Senator Lamar Alexander**. "Today’s announcement that Tennessee will receive more than $1.7 million from LWCF is good news as it will help continue to preserve our state’s beautiful land, water resources and recreation areas so future generations have the same opportunities to enjoy them as we have.”

The LWCF was established by Congress in 1965 to ensure access to outdoor recreation resources for present and future generations. The funds enable state and local governments to improve existing parks and other recreation areas in their communities through rehabilitation and upgrade projects. These funds are also used to develop and expand parks, trail systems, and recreation opportunities.

“As leading providers of parks and natural areas for outdoor recreation, counties welcome the Department of the Interior's investments in local communities through the Land and Water Conservation Fund," **said National Association of Counties Executive Director Matthew Chase**. “These matching grants help counties maintain open spaces that contribute to vibrant communities across the country.”

“Having access to a local park is part of what makes a city a great place to live, work and play,” **said Clarence E. Anthony, CEO and Executive Director of the National League of Cities (NLC).** “The Land and Water Conservation Fund plays an invaluable role in helping cities create and improve parks, open space and outdoor recreation opportunities. The fund also protects our wetlands, refuges and wildlife habitats and helps cities build stronger, healthier and more resilient communities.”

Since the inception of the LWCF, more than $4.1 billion has been made available to state and local governments to fund more than 42,000 projects throughout the nation.

The allocation for the State and Local Assistance grant (stateside) program is determined based on a formula set in the LWCF Act and the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act. For more information, please visit www.nps.gov/lwcf.

Fiscal Year 2017 Total Apportionments by State

State	Total
Alabama	$1,485,537
Alaska	$856,021
American Samoa	$75,045
Arizona	$1,955,704
Arkansas	$1,185,377
California	$8,039,803
Colorado	$1,675,999
Connecticut	$1,412,404
Delaware	$904,007
District of Columbia	$216,316
Florida	$4,344,730
Georgia	$2,423,952
Guam	$75,130

Hawaii	$1,001,668
Idaho	$1,004,400
Illinois	$3,161,744
Indiana	$1,848,043
Iowa	$1,231,917
Kansas	$1,232,965
Kentucky	$1,413,654
Louisiana	$1,518,372
Maine	$916,888
Maryland	$1,821,280
Massachusetts	$2,001,040
Michigan	$2,452,546
Minnesota	$1,651,236
Mississippi	$1,170,758
Missouri	$1,750,089
Montana	$890,619
Nebraska	$1,053,285
Nevada	$1,266,598
New Hampshire	$946,963
New Jersey	$2,459,834
New Mexico	$1,103,088
New York	$4,384,480
North Carolina	$2,302,357
North Dakota	$845,281
Northern Mariana Islands	$75,044
Ohio	$2,782,023
Oklahoma	$1,355,104
Oregon	$1,431,138
Pennsylvania	$2,998,766
Puerto Rico	$1,308,821
Rhode Island	$941,005
South Carolina	$1,498,911
South Dakota	$864,573
Tennessee	$1,781,823
Texas	$5,380,583
Utah	$1,267,859
Virgin Islands	$75,087
Vermont	$823,321
Virginia	$2,134,167
Washington	$1,975,912
West Virginia	$1,007,593
Wisconsin	$1,697,363
Wyoming	$831,216
Total	$94,309,439

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Secretary Zinke Announces 76 Million Acres Offered in Gulf of Mexico Region-Wide Oil and Gas Lease Sale

All Unleased Areas of Federal Waters Available, Shallow Water Leases to See Reduced Royalties

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced that the Department will offer 75.9 million acres offshore Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida for oil and gas exploration and development. The region-wide lease sale scheduled for August 16, 2017 will include all available unleased areas in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and provide a reduced royalty rate for shallow water leases to encourage exploration and production under current market conditions.

Lease Sale 249, scheduled to be livestreamed from New Orleans, will be the first offshore sale under the National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022. Under this program, ten region-wide lease sales are scheduled for the Gulf, where resource potential and industry interest are high, and oil and gas infrastructure is well established. Two Gulf lease sales will be held each year and include all available blocks in the combined Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Areas.

On June 29, President Donald J. Trump and Secretary Zinke announced the public comment period for a new Five-Year National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program. The comment period is the first step in executing the new program. The 2017-2022 Program, which begins with the lease sale announced today, will continue to be executed until the new National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program is complete.

"Our Outer Continental Shelf lands offer vast energy development opportunities and we are committed to encouraging increased energy exploration and production in these offshore areas to maintain the Nation's global dominance in energy production," **Secretary Zinke said.** "As

a global energy leader, we will foster energy security and resilience for the benefit of the American people. A strong offshore energy plan that responsibly harnesses more of our resources will spur economic opportunities for industry, states, and local communities, creating jobs and revenue. That's why we also are developing a new national Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas program that will best meet our future energy needs."

Lease Sale 249 will include about 14,220 unleased blocks, located from three to 231 miles offshore, in the Gulf's Western, Central and Eastern planning areas in water depths ranging from nine to more than 11,115 feet (three to 3,400 meters). Excluded from the lease sale are blocks subject to the Congressional moratorium established by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006; blocks that are adjacent to or beyond the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone in the area known as the northern portion of the Eastern Gap; and whole blocks and partial blocks within the current boundary of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

"To advance commonsense domestic energy production, the terms of this sale have been developed through extensive environmental analysis, public comment, and consideration of the best available information," said **Counselor to the Secretary on Energy Policy Vincent DeVito**. "This will ensure appropriate resource development and further our energy dominance strategy."

The Gulf of Mexico OCS, covering about 160 million acres, has technically recoverable resources of 550 million barrels of oil and 1.25 trillion cubic feet of gas, accounting for nearly three-fourths of the oil and a fourth of the natural gas produced on federal lands.

The lease sale terms include stipulations to protect biologically sensitive resources, mitigate potential adverse effects on protected species, and avoid potential conflicts associated with oil and gas development in the region. Additionally, BOEM has included appropriate fiscal terms that take into account market conditions and ensure taxpayers receive a fair return for use of the OCS. These terms include a 12.5 percent royalty rate for leases in less than 200 meters of water depth, and a royalty rate of 18.75 percent for all other leases issued pursuant to the sale.

The 12.5 percent royalty rate for leases in less than 200 meters is lower than the proposed 18.75 percent royalty rate for shallow water leases that BOEM published in the Proposed Notice of Sale. The purpose of this change is to adjust the royalty rate to reflect recent market conditions, thereby encouraging competition and continuing to receive a fair and equitable return on oil and gas resources.

"The rate change reflects this Administration's willingness to swiftly respond to economic indicators," said DeVito. "The 12.5 percent royalty rate is closer in harmony with the current market and federal onshore lease sales."

As of July 3, 2017, 15.6 million acres on the U.S. OCS are under lease for oil and gas development (2947 active leases) and 4.1 million of those acres (842 leases) are producing oil and natural gas. More than 97 percent of these leases are in the Gulf of Mexico; about 3 percent are on the OCS off California and Alaska.

All terms and conditions for Gulf of Mexico Region-wide Sale 249 are detailed in the Final Notice of Sale (FNOS) information package, which is available at: http://www.boem.gov/Sale-249/. Copies of the FNOS maps can be requested from the Gulf of Mexico Region's Public Information Unit at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70123, or at 800-200-GULF (4853).

The Notice of Availability of the FNOS is available today for inspection in the Federal Register at: http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/public-inspection/index.html and will be published in the Federal Register on July 17, 2017.

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Secretary Zinke Announces Largest Oil & Gas Lease Sale in U.S. History

March 2018 sale to offer 76.9 million acres in Gulf of Mexico

NEW ORLEANS – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced that the Department is proposing the largest oil and gas lease sale ever held in the United States - -76,967,935 acres in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico, offshore Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. The proposed region-wide lease sale, offering an area about the size of New Mexico, is scheduled for March 2018 and includes all available unleased areas on the Gulf's Outer Continental Shelf, surpassing last year's region-wide lease sale by about one million acres.

"In today's low-price energy environment, providing the offshore industry access to the maximum amount of opportunities possible is part of our strategy to spur local and regional economic dynamism and job creation and a pillar of President Trump's plan to make the United States energy dominant," **Secretary Zinke said**. "And the economic terms proposed for this sale include a range of incentives to encourage diligent development and ensure a fair return to taxpayers."

Proposed Lease Sale 250, which will be livestreamed from New Orleans, will be the second offshore sale under the National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022. Lease Sale 249, held in New Orleans last August, received $121 million in high bids. In addition to the high bids and rental payments, the Department will receive royalty payments on any future production from these leases. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) lease revenues are directed to the U.S. Treasury, Gulf Coast states, the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Historic Preservation Fund.

"In order to strengthen America's energy dominance, we must anticipate and plan for our

needs for decades to come," **said Senator Lisa Murkowski, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources**. "The administration's decision to move forward with the largest offshore lease sale in our nation's history is a key part of that effort. Whether in Alaska or the Gulf of Mexico, we should all support responsible development because it creates high-paying jobs, strengthens national security, and keeps energy affordable for our families and businesses."

"President Trump's team is following through on their commitment to advancing America's energy independence," **said Senator Roger Wicker**. "Unlike the previous administration, this one understands that expanded offshore energy development benefits working families, consumers, and our national security. This is a win for Mississippi and the entire country."

"President Trump and his administration are following through on their promise to end the war on American energy," **said Senator Bill Cassidy**. "Investing in energy creates better jobs with better benefits for working families, strengthens our national security and strengthens our energy independence."

"This is great news that our oil and gas industry in Louisiana sorely needs. This is the largest sale in U.S. history, and it will create jobs and bolster our state and national economy," **said Senator John Kennedy**. "Our Louisiana workers are ready to go back to work."

"President Donald Trump made clear his desire to ensure Americans can use our own natural resources to produce the energy vital to our economy and national security," **said Alabama Governor Kay Ivey.** "As he has done time and again, President Trump has proven to the people of Alabama that he is a man of his word, and we are grateful to him and to Secretary Ryan Zinke for their determination to open a vast tract of American waters to oil and gas exploration. This decision is not only in the best interest of all Americans, it allows Gulf Coast states, like Alabama, to utilize our natural resources not only to provide energy for our nation, but increased economic opportunities for our people."

"Mississippi welcomes Secretary Zinke's action to carry out the president's vision for American energy dominance," **said Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant**. "This will strengthen our state's status as a leader in oil and gas exploration and create good jobs for hardworking Mississippians."

"If we're serious about energy dominance and long-term energy affordability, we must create certainty about future access in the Outer Continental Shelf," **said Congressman Rob Bishop, Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources.** "Secretary Zinke should be commended for his leadership to create that certainty and realign Interior as a partner for industry to advance responsible energy development. This is a welcomed announcement on that front. Congressionally, we will continue to move forward on a comprehensive overhaul of onshore and offshore federal lands energy policy to help Interior expand even greater access, streamline permitting and increase revenues to both states and the U.S. Treasury."

"Secretary Zinke's announcement is welcome news and I look forward to continuing to work with the administration to put consumer's interests first while promoting job creation and modernizing our nation's energy infrastructure," **said Congressman Greg Walden, Chairman of the House Committee on Energy & Commerce**. "The president and his administration have placed energy independence and security at the top of their agenda, and this committee has been leading the way in examining policies that seek to streamline siting and permitting of the nation's oil and gas pipelines."

"President Trump has stated that he wants our country to exert 'energy dominance' throughout the world, and this lease sale is another bold step in that direction," **said House Majority Whip Steve Scalise**. "I applaud today's announcement by Secretary Ryan Zinke to offer the largest offshore oil and gas lease sale in U.S. history. My constituents in Southeast Louisiana will be leading the way in this exploration and development that will create good jobs and kickstart more economic growth. This bold action helps us continue fighting for the responsible development of our natural resources that bring critical dollars to restore our coast."

“As a long-time advocate for opening up more of the Gulf of Mexico, it’s refreshing to work with an Administration that understands it’s true energy potential," **said Congressman Pete Olson**. "Oil production, when done safely and responsibly, is a win for Texas and the Gulf Coast economy, and adds to America’s energy security. I applaud Secretary Zinke for moving forward with this lease sale and hope these opportunities to tap into our energy potential continue.”

“Secretary Zinke’s announcement of the largest oil and gas lease sale in our country’s history is welcome news. The oil and gas industry provides thousands of direct and indirect jobs to the people of Mississippi," **said Congressman Gregg Harper**. "This lease sale has the potential to create new opportunities for our state and nation as advances in technology continue to make the United States a world leader in natural resource production.”

“I applaud Secretary Zinke and the Department of Interior for their efforts to spur energy production and support communities along the Gulf Coast. Revenue from these leases will be a huge boost for Gulf states, like Alabama, and will help us continue conservation and preservation of our treasured coastal areas," **said Congressman Bradley Byrne**. "Through developments like this, we can ensure American energy dominance and make life better for Gulf Coast families.”

The estimated amount of resources projected to be developed as a result of the proposed region-wide lease sale ranges from 0.21 to 1.12 billion barrels of oil and from 0.55 to 4.42 trillion cubic feet of gas. Most of the activity (up to 83% of future production) from the proposed lease sale is expected to occur in the Central Planning Area.

Proposed Lease Sale 250 includes 14,375 unleased blocks, located from 3 to 230 miles offshore, in the Gulf’s Western, Central and Eastern planning areas in water depths ranging from 9 to more than 11,115 feet (three to 3,400 meters). Excluded from the lease sale are blocks subject to the Congressional moratorium established by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006; blocks that are adjacent to or beyond the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone in the area known as the northern portion of the Eastern Gap; and whole blocks and partial blocks within the current boundary of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

“American energy production can be competitive while remaining safe and environmentally sound,” **said Vincent DeVito, Counselor for Energy Policy at Interior**. “People need jobs, the Gulf Coast states need revenue, and Americans do not want to be dependent on foreign oil. We have heard their message loud and clear.”

The lease sale terms include stipulations to protect biologically sensitive resources, mitigate potential adverse effects on protected species, and avoid potential conflicts associated with oil and gas development in the region. The terms and conditions for Lease Sale 250 in the Proposed Notice of Sale are not final. Different terms and conditions may be employed in the

Final Notice of Sale, which will be published at least 30 days before the sale.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) estimates that the OCS contains about 90 billion barrels of undiscovered technically recoverable oil and 327 trillion cubic feet of undiscovered technically recoverable gas. The Gulf of Mexico OCS, covering about 160 million acres, has technically recoverable resources of over 48 billion barrels of oil and 141 trillion cubic feet of gas.

All terms and conditions for Gulf of Mexico Region-wide Sale 250 are detailed in the Proposed Notice of Sale (PNOS) information package, which is available at: http://www.boem.gov/Sale-250/. Copies of the PNOS maps can be requested from BOEM's Gulf of Mexico Region's Public Information Unit at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70123, or at 800-200-GULF (4853).

The Notice of Availability of the PNOS will be available for inspection in the Federal Register on October 26, 2017 at: https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/public-inspection.

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Secretary Zinke Appoints Members to the Royalty Policy Committee, Announces First Meeting

Significant Step Toward Restoring Public Trust, Collaborative Development of Federal Lands

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced the appointment of 20 primary and 18 alternate members to the Department of the Interior's Royalty Policy Committee (Committee) that will serve a critical role in advising the Secretary on policy and strategies to improve management of the multi-billion dollar, federal and American Indian mineral revenue program. The Committee's first meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4.

"Working closely with the Committee, we will come up with solutions for modernizing the management of public and American Indian assets, while building greater trust and transparency in how we value our nation's public mineral resources," **said Secretary Zinke**. "It's important that the taxpayers and tribes get the full and fair value of traditional and renewable energy produced on public lands and offshore areas."

The Committee may also advise the Secretary on the potential impacts of proposed policies and regulations related to revenue collection from energy and mineral development on public lands, including whether a need exists for regulatory reform. To underscore the Department's commitment to reforming revenue management and royalty collections, the Committee, which may consist of up to 28 members, reflects the diverse perspectives of a wide-range of stakeholders, including representatives of western states and American Indian tribes that produce energy, energy stakeholders, academic groups and the general public, as well as Interior officials. Non-federal members will serve three-year terms.

The Secretary appointed Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, as Chairman of the Committee. "On behalf of the Secretary, I am committed to aligning this Committee with our continuing drive toward making the Department a better business partner and delivering better results for American taxpayers," **said Chairman DeVito**.

The agenda and meeting materials will be posted on the Committee website at www.doi.gov/rpc.

The meeting is open to members of the public, who may attend in person or view the documents and presentations under discussion via WebEx at http://bit.ly/1cR9W6t and listen to the proceedings at telephone number 1-888-455-2910 or International Toll number 210-839-8953 (passcode: 7741096). The public will be invited to make statements during the meeting and file written statements with the Committee for consideration. To submit written comments, contact Kim Oliver at rpc@ios.doi.gov or mail your written comments to Royalty Policy Committee, Attn: Kim Oliver, 1849 C Street NW MS 5134, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Secretary Zinke signed a charter in March of this year establishing the Royalty Policy Committee to review revenues collected from oil and gas drilling, coal mining and renewable energy production on federal lands and offshore areas, and provide regular advice to the Secretary on the fair market value of and collection of

revenues from these Federal and Indian mineral and energy leases. Interested persons were invited in the Federal Register to submit their names under the process outlined in the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The Secretary appointed the following non-federal members to the Committee:

States

Primary Members
Andrew McKee, State of Wyoming
Brent Sanford, State of North Dakota
John Crowther, State of Alaska
William Darby, State of Texas
Clinton Carter, State of Alabama
John Andrews, State of Utah

Alternate Members
Hans Hunt, State of Wyoming
Lynn Helms, State of North Dakota
Daniel Saddler, State of Alaska
Jerry Strickland, State of Texas
Mark Edwards, State of New Mexico
Shawn Thomas, State of Montana

Tribes

Primary Members
Russell Begaye, Navajo Nation
Christopher Adam Red, Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Charles Robertson, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Everett Waller, Osage Minerals Council

Alternate Members
Bidtah Becker, Navajo Nation
Leslie Shakespeare, Eastern Shoshone Tribe
Neil McCaleb, Chickasaw Nation
Harry Barnes, Blackfeet Nation

Mineral/Energy Stakeholders

Primary Members
Randall Luthi, National Ocean Industries Association

Patrick Noah, ConocoPhillips Company

Estella Alvarado, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
John Sweeney, VWR Corporation
Matthew Adams, Cloud Peak Energy
Marissa Mitchell, Intersect Power

Alternate Members

Albert Modiano, US Oil & Gas Association

Kevin Simpson, Shell Exploration and Production Co.

Greg Morby, Chevron North America E&P
Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance
Gabrielle Gerholt, Concho Resources
Jennifer Cadena Fortier, Incremental Oil & Gas USA

Academia and Public Interest Groups

Primary Members
Roderick Eggert, Colorado School of Mines
Van Romero, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Monte Mills, University of Montana School of Law
Daniel Rusz, Wood Mackenzie

Alternate Members
Graham Davis, Colorado School of Mines
Kwame Awuah-Offei, Missouri University of Science and Technology

The Federal Register Notice announcing the first meeting of the Committee can be accessed via the web at: https://www.federalregister.gov/. Additional information about the Committee and meeting materials can be found on the Committee website.

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Secretary Zinke Directs Interior Bureaus to Take Aggressive Action to Prevent Wildfires

WASHINGTON– Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke directed all Department of the Interior bureaus, superintendents, and land managers at all levels to adopt more aggressive practices, using the full authority of the Department, to prevent and combat the spread of catastrophic wildfires through robust fuels reduction and pre-suppression techniques.

This year-to-date, 47,700 wildfires have burned 8 million acres across the country, with the majority of the devastation in the states of California and Montana. High-profile fires in Yosemite and Glacier National Parks have caught national headlines, however millions of acres of forest and grassland have burned in recent months.

"This Administration will take a serious turn from the past and will proactively work to prevent forest fires through aggressive and scientific fuels reduction management to save lives, homes, and wildlife habitat. It is well settled that the steady accumulation and thickening of vegetation in areas that have historically burned at frequent intervals exacerbates fuel conditions and often leads to larger and higher-intensity fires," **said Secretary Zinke**. "These fires are more damaging, more costly, and threaten the safety and security of both the public and firefighters. In recent fire reviews, I have heard this described as 'a new normal.' It is unacceptable that we should be satisfied with the status quo. We must be innovative and where new authorities are needed, we will work with our colleagues in Congress to craft management solutions that will benefit our public lands for generations to come."

The Secretary is directing managers and superintendents of units that have burnable vegetation to address the threat of fire in all of their activities, and to use the full range of existing authorities, to reduce fuels.

Bryan Rice, Director of the Office of Wildland Fire, said, "It is critical to fully consider the benefits of fuels reduction in the everyday management activities that we carry out for our

public land management objectives, such as clearing along roadsides, around visitor use areas like campgrounds and trails, near employee housing areas, and within administrative site areas subject to wildfire."

The Department has lost historic structures in wildfires like Glacier National Park's historic Sperry Chalet lodge. In an effort to help prevent future losses, the Secretary is also directing increased protection of Interior assets that are in wildfire prone areas, following the Firewise guidance, writing: "If we ask local communities to 'be safer from the start' and meet Firewise standards, we should be the leaders of and the model for 'Firewise-friendly' standards in our planning, development, and maintenance of visitor-service and administrative facilities."

“I welcome Secretary Zinke’s new directive and his attention to the catastrophic fires taking place in many western states,” **said Senator Lisa Murkowski, Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.** “Treating our landscapes mitigates wildfire risk, increases firefighter safety, and makes our forests and rangelands healthy and resilient. We can no longer delay the implementation of this important work.”

House Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop said, "We must ensure our land management agencies have the tools and resources they need to protect communities and landscapes from catastrophic wildfire. Over the long term, Congress and the Administration must work together to reverse the sorry state of our federal forests and grasslands. I’m heartened to finally have an Administration that’s focused on actively managing and addressing the on-the-ground conditions that are contributing to our historic wildfire crisis. I hope to build on this by enacting comprehensive legislation to restore the health and resiliency of federal lands.”

"If we don't start managing our forests, the forests are going to start managing us," **said Montana Senator Steve Daines**."The fires burning across Montana are a catastrophe, and we need all available resources to combat this threat. I applaud Secretary Zinke’s action to focus resources on attacking wildfires."

“I applaud Secretary Zinke’s effort to thin the threat. If we can reduce the fuel loads in our forests and rangelands we will provide our fire fighters more defensible space to do their jobs," **said Idaho Senator James Risch**. "We need bold actions like this not just for the hurricanes in the south and east but also to avert the devastation caused by the wildfires in the west.”

“More than 50 million acres in the United States are currently at risk for catastrophic wildfire. That is why we must act to prevent calamitous fires. Management actions taken by Secretary Zinke today will not completely stop the risk, but it is an important step forward in our fight to turn unhealthy, overgrown, and infested forests into thriving, healthy ecosystems," **said Congressman Bruce Westerman**. "I commend Secretary Zinke for recognizing this emergency situation and taking steps to address prevent further loss of life and property due to these preventable, catastrophic wildfires. I am committed to working with him and my colleagues in Congress to find a permanent solution to this problem that emphasizes active forest management as the first line of defense against catastrophic wildfires.”

With Western Fire season reaching its natural peak in September, the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) elevated the National Fire Preparedness Level to “5”, the highest level NMAC declares, on August 10, 2017. Above normal major-fire activity continues to be observed across portions of the Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies, northern

Great Basin, and northern California. Fuel moisture levels and fire danger indices in these areas are at near-record to record levels for severity. Drier and warmer than average conditions across the central Great Basin and Southern California are allowing for the fine fuels to become more receptive to fire activity.

See the full memo below.

Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretaries
Heads of Bureaus and Offices
Regional Directors
State Directors
Superintendents
Refuge Managers
District Managers
Field Office Managers

From: Secretary

Subject: Wildland Fire Directive

In June of this year, Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and I gave direction on a broad strategy for addressing wildfire by managing our firefighting assets in the most efficient way possible. (2017 Direction to Wildland Fire Leadership Memorandum). As we anticipated, 2017 is challenging our wildland firefighting capabilities with a significant number of fires and acres burned to date. Nonetheless, I am pleased that you have taken to heart our direction to work together more effectively and to seek more opportunities to work with state and local partners. Secretary Perdue and I heard in Montana from local fire chiefs and county officials about the degree to which our teams have "collaborated from Day 1." This collaboration has already made a difference, and I thank you.

It is well settled that the steady accumulation of vegetation in areas that have historically burned at frequent intervals exacerbates fuel conditions and often leads to larger and higher-intensity fires. These fires are more damaging, more costly, and threaten the safety and security of both the public and firefighters. In recent fire reviews, I have heard this described as "a new normal." However, that does not mean that we should continue to address our challenges in the same ways that we have in the past. We must think differently about the threat of wildfire and how we manage public lands in ways that integrate fuels reduction – where it makes sense – into all our activities.

To our line officials – the field, district and refuge managers, and park and agency superintendents – I want to thank you for your response in deploying key staff to the wildfire emergencies (and now hurricanes) across the Nation. As the public continues to visit their lands in great numbers, we cannot await a weeks-off, season-ending event to think about how best to address the potential threat of catastrophic wildfires. Even as fires continue to burn, I ask that you think about a different way of managing public lands to better incorporate fuels management into your resource-management planning.

One of our Federal fire strategic goals is to ensure that landscapes and communities across all jurisdictions are resilient to fire-related disturbances in accord with management objectives. A

key part of implementing such a strategy is carrying out activities that address vegetation composition and structure and also alters fuel loads to reduce hazards. Such methods of fuel treatment safeguard public and firefighter safety and protect our landscapes, scenic vistas, and natural and historic objects; our neighbors, nearby communities, and infrastructure; and our own administrative and visitor service assets and facilities.

For our managers and superintendents of units that have burnable vegetation, I am directing you to think about fire in a new and aggressive way. Address the threat of fire in all of your activities, rather than engaging only the fire staff. All land managers across the Department of the Interior (Department) have a responsibility, using the full range of existing authorities, to consider using fuels management to achieve their programs' and units' resource- and land-management objectives. Where dead and dying trees have become hazards that can carry fire across our boundaries or into areas that are a threat to values-at-risk, we must move aggressively to minimize that threat. If we don't have the people on hand, we have authorities to contract it to capable resource managers in the private sector. It makes little sense to be thinning to protect structures when we see flames on the ridge and smoke in the air—fuel management is more effective when undertaken before fires break out.

Where our roads have narrowed over the years as vegetation and trees have encroached, even into ditches and onto shoulders, we should be clearing this vegetation away. In our administrative and employee housing areas where we have allowed the natural landscape to grow closer to our structures, we should remove the fire threat to create defensible space. If we ask local communities to "be safer from the start" and meet Firewise standards, we should be *the* leaders of and the model for "Firewise-friendly" standards in our planning, development, and maintenance of visitor-service and administrative facilities.

I will be asking our program officials at the Department level to call for appropriate reviews and identification of resource needs and data gaps. Each of you should ensure your fire management plans are up to date and include the identified needs for a robust fuels-management program to support wildfire prevention and suppression efforts to be developed and implemented by both fire and other resource staff.

I ask you to do the following: 1) use our existing policies more aggressively; 2) think differently about how those policies may be applied; 3) look for opportunities to partner with adjacent agencies, state and local governments, tribes, and private landowners to maximize resources; 4) look carefully at your existing management plans and ask if you are doing all you can today to address the threats of tomorrow; and 5) ensure that our landscapes are restored and maintained to meet our mission.

In our June memo, Secretary Perdue and I emphasized our implementation of Federal wildland fire policy and its emphasis on firefighter and public safety. That emphasis remains.

We must also identify ways to address the realities we face in a safer and more effective manner. We simply cannot afford to continue business as usual. We must do everything we can to address the steady accumulation of fuels on our Nation's public lands and the resulting increased threats from catastrophic wildfires.

You and your staff are critical to making the changes necessary to better address the challenges we will face together in the future.

NOTE: Heads of bureaus and offices shall distribute this memorandum to all regional and/or state directors, district managers, field office managers, superintendents, and/or refuge

managers.

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Secretary Zinke Names John Tahsuda III the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced that he has named John Tahsuda III, a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, as DOI's Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (PDAS). The appointment was effective September 3, 2017. The PDAS serves as the first assistant and principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs in the development and interpretation of policies affecting Indian Affairs bureaus, offices and programs.

"I want to welcome John Tahsuda to my Indian Affairs leadership team," said Secretary Zinke. "John possesses extensive experience in federal Indian law and tribal government, and deeply understands and respects our government-to-government relationship with tribes. He'll be a strong leader for the Indian Affairs organization."

"I appreciate Secretary Zinke for giving me this tremendous opportunity to bring greater prosperity to tribes and their communities," Tahsuda said. "I'm looking forward to working with tribal leaders on finding ways to make Indian Affairs programs more responsive to their needs."

Tahsuda joined the Department from Washington, D.C.-based Navigators Global, LLC, where he was a principal. Navigators Global is a company that specializes in and offers a wide range of political services to multiple industry sectors, including financial services, insurance, energy, health care, defense, emergency management, American Indian tribal affairs, and high tech/telecommunications.

He led the company's tribal affairs practice providing clients with advocacy and counsel services on a range of tribal affairs policy issues at state and federal levels, including gaming, tax incentives, tobacco sales, land-into-trust issues, health care, economic development, energy policy, federal recognition, and self-governance.

Before joining Navigators Global, Tahsuda had served on the staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs since 2002, first as senior counsel and later as staff director, where he directed policy and legislative efforts relating to Indian tribes. He also was directly responsible for federal policy and legislation affecting gaming, federal recognition, self-governance, and Indian health care.

Prior to joining the Committee's staff, Tahsuda was engaged in private practice providing legal advice and legislative counseling to Indian tribes and tribal organizations. From 1999 to 2001, he served as general counsel and legislative director of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), the Indian gaming industry's trade association, where he monitored legislation and policy issues affecting the organization's 180 member tribes and assisted them in their lobbying efforts.

In the years preceding his tenure at NIGA, Tahsuda served the Oneida Indian Nation of New York as acting general counsel with responsibilities that included overseeing its legal needs and business enterprises. From 1997 through 2001, he also served as an adjunct professor of law at Cornell Law School where he taught courses on federal Indian law, policy and history.

Tahsuda received a *juris doctorate* from Cornell Law School in 1993 and a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University in 1990.

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Secretary Zinke Recommends Keeping Federal Lands in Federal Ownership, Adding Three New Monuments

WASHINGTON – Today, in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's April 26, 2017, Executive Order (EO), U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke released the final report outlining recommendations he made to the President on some national monument designations under the Antiquities Act.

Recommendations Secretary Zinke made in the final report included the following:

- **Keep federal lands federal** - the report does not recommend that a single acre of federal land be removed from the federal estate. If land no longer falls within a monument boundary it will continue to be federal land and will be managed by whichever agency managed the land before designation
- **Add three new national monuments** - Secretary Zinke recommended beginning a process to consider three new national monuments: The Badger II Medicine Area (Montana), Camp Nelson (Kentucky), and the Medgar Evers Home (Mississippi).
- **Modify the boundaries and management of four monuments** - Bears Ears, Grand Staircase, Cascade-Siskiyou, and Gold Butte National Monuments
- **Expand access for hunting and fishing** - Maintain an ongoing review to ensure public access to encourage more hunting and fishing in monuments

"America has spoken and public land belongs to the people," **said Secretary Zinke**. "As I visited the Monuments across this country, I met with Americans on all sides of the issue -- from ranchers to conservationists to tribal leaders -- and found that we agree on wanting to protect our heritage while still allowing public access to public land. My recommendations to the President reflect that, in some circumstances, proclamations should be amended, boundaries revised, and management plans updated."

FACT VS FICTION: Antiquities Act and Monument Review

Myth: No president has shrunk a monument.
False: Monuments have been reduced at least eighteen times under presidents on both sides of the aisle. Some examples include President John F. Kennedy excluding Bandelier National Monument, Presidents Taft, Wilson, and Coolidge reducing Mount Olympus National Monument, and President Eisenhower reducing the Great Sand Dunes National Monument in Colorado.

Myth: The monument review will sell/transfer public lands to states.
False: This is not true. The Secretary adamantly opposes the wholesale sale or transfer of public lands. The Antiquities Act only allows federal land to be reserved as a national monument. Therefore, if any monument is reduced, the land would remain federally owned and would be managed by the appropriate federal land management agency, such as the BLM, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or the National Park Service (NPS).

Myth: Removing the monument designation from land will leave Native American artifacts and paleontological objects subject to looting or desecration.
False: This is not true. Whether these resources are found on land designated as a monument, national forest, BLM- managed public land, or other federal land, it is generally illegal to remove or disrupt these resources without a permit issued by the federal government.

Myth: The monument review will close/sell/transfer national parks.
False: No national parks are under review.

Myth: The review was done without meeting advocates for national monuments.
False: The Secretary visited eight monuments in six states and personally hosted more than 60 meetings attended by hundreds of local stakeholders. Attendees included individuals and organizations representing all sides of the debate ranging from environmental organizations like the Wilderness Society and the Nature Conservancy to county commissioners and, residents, and ranchers who prefer multiple use of the land.

Myth: Tribal Nations were not consulted.
False: This is patently false. Before traveling to Utah, the Secretary met with Tribal representatives in his office. On his first day in Utah in May, the Secretary met with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition in Salt Lake City, for just under two hours. Throughout the four-day survey of the Utah monuments, the Secretary also met with local Tribal representatives who represent different sides of the debate. The Secretary also met with Tribal representatives for their input on several other monuments from Maine to New Mexico to Oregon and everywhere in between. Additionally, the Department hosted several Tribal listening sessions at the Department and across the country, including a four hour session with the Acting Deputy Secretary on May 30th.

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Secretary Zinke signs Secretarial Order to Support Sportsmen & Enhance Wildlife Conservation

Order seeks to expand access on public and private lands and to promote hunting and fishing among youth, veterans, and minority communities

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke signed Secretarial Order 3356, which will support and expand hunting and fishing, enhance conservation stewardship, improve wildlife management, and increase outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans. Secretarial Order 3356 is an extension of Secretarial Order 3347, issued on Zinke's first day, March 2, 2017. That order identified a slate of actions for the restoration of the American sportsmen conservation ethic, which was established by President Theodore Roosevelt.

The new order comes days after the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a survey that found there are 2.2 million fewer hunters in America now than in 2011. The order seeks to improve wildlife management and conservation, increase access to public lands for hunting, shooting, and fishing, and puts a new and a greater emphasis on recruiting and retaining new sportsmen conservationists, with a focus on engaging youths, veterans, minorities, and other communities that traditionally have low participation in outdoor recreation activities.

“Hunting and fishing is a cornerstone of the American tradition and hunters and fishers of America are the backbone of land and wildlife conservation,” **said Secretary Zinke**. “The more people we can get outdoors, the better things will be for our public lands. As someone who grew up hunting and fishing on our public lands - packing bologna sandwiches and heading out at 4AM with my dad - I know how important it is to expand access to public lands for future generations. Some of my best memories are hunting deer or reeling in rainbow trout back home in Montana, and I think every American should be able to have that experience.

“Today’s Secretarial Order is the latest example of how the Trump Administration is actively moving to support hunting and other forms of outdoor recreation on public lands. This means finding ways to expand hunting and fishing on public lands, improving access, and taking

necessary actions to facilitate the enjoyment of these time-honored activities by any member of our society."

Secretarial Order 3356 directs bureaus within the department to:

- Within 120 days produce a plan to expand access for hunting and fishing on BLM, USFWS and NPS land.
- Amend national monument management plans to ensure the public's right to hunt, fish and target shoot.
- Expand educational outreach programs for underrepresented communities such as veterans, minorities, and youth.
- In a manner that respects the rights and privacy of the owners of non-public lands, identify lands within their purview where access to Department lands, particularly access for hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, and other forms of outdoor recreation, is currently limited (including areas of Department land that may be impractical or effectively impossible to access via public roads or trails under current conditions, but where there may be an opportunity to gain access through an easement, right-of-way, or acquisition), and provide a report detailing such lands to the Deputy Secretary.
- Within 365 days, cooperate, coordinate, create, make available, and continuously update online a single "one stop" Department site database of available opportunities for hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting on Department lands.
- Improve wildlife management through collaboration with state, Tribal, territorial, and conservation partners.

"On behalf of the 5 million hunters, recreational shooters and members of the NRA, we commend Secretary Zinke for continuing to follow Teddy Roosevelt's sportsman legacy by opening more land and water to hunting and target shooting," **said Chris Cox, Executive Director of the National Rifle Association**. "In the past, management plans for federal lands have been put in place to ban hunting and shooting. Sportsmen and women can now breathe a sigh of relief that those days are over. This administration values access to public lands for sportsmen and we commend them for it."

"For too long, sportsmen's access to our federal lands has been restricted, with lost opportunity replacing the ability to enjoy many of our best outdoor spaces. This extension to Secretarial Order 3356 will go a long way to reversing that trend and help grow the next generation of hunters, fishermen, and recreational shooters," **said Senator Lisa Murkowski, Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee**. "I appreciate this new order and am committed to working with Secretary Zinke and my colleagues to do everything we can to expand and enhance access to our federal lands for all Alaskans, and all Americans, so that we can continue our rich sportsmen's heritage."

"Restoring wildlife habitat and expanding opportunities for hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation will help increase wildlife populations and connect millions of Americans with our nation's natural treasures," **said Collin O'Mara, President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation**. "Secretary Zinke's order demonstrates his commitment to collaborate closely with conservation organizations and state agencies to achieve these critical conservation outcomes. We look forward to working with the Secretary, the Department, and our conservation partners to recover America's wildlife and connect every American with nature."

"Secretary Zinke's action today follows in the great tradition of President Teddy Roosevelt

and recognizes the central role that hunters play in conservation and successful wildlife management," **said Lawrence G. Keane, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the National Shooting Sports Foundation**. "The National Shooting Sports Foundation is deeply grateful to Secretary Zinke for the historic Secretarial Order that he signed today. NSSF has worked closely with, and in support of, Interior Department officials on these priorities and other positive steps announced today. Today's action will serve to benefit current and future generations for years to come."

"Americans depend on reliable and affordable access to public lands to participate in outdoor sporting and recreational activities," **said Chairman Rob Bishop**. "Unfortunately, these lands are not being managed to facilitate consistent, open access. Today's Secretarial Order to increase these opportunities strengthens the foundation of our country's hunting and fishing heritage and helps ensure that sportsmen and women continue to enjoy access to our federal lands and waterways."

"For many Americans, hunting and fishing wouldn't be possible without public land and the access it provides for these pastimes. Secretarial Order 3356 represents a renewed commitment to working with our nation's sportsmen and women to ensure that our legacy of hunting and fishing-driven conservation continues to stand the test of time," **said Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation President Jeff Crane**. "We applaud Secretary Zinke for recognizing the critically important role that expanded federal land access plays in achieving this goal."

"We support Secretary Zinke's order to expand opportunities for hunters and anglers on BLM, Fish and Wildlife Service and Park Service lands as well as on private lands," **said David Allen, President and CEO of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**. "Access to quality wildlife habitat remains one of the most significant factors impacting hunting and fishing participation throughout the country. This order will help ensure sportsmen and women continue to have opportunities for quality recreational experiences on public lands and potentially private lands."

"Generations of Idahoans, including me, have passed on their love of hunting, fishing, and shooting sports to their children and grandchildren," **said Senator James Risch, Co-Chairman of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus**. "I applaud Secretary Zinke's quick action to protect those fundamental rights and expand access for sportsmen and women across the country."

On his first day in office, Secretary Zinke reversed an order that would have banned lead ammo and tackle on National Wildlife Refuge lands, and he began the process of expanding hunting and fishing opportunities on public lands across the Department.

In August, the Secretary announced a proposal to expand hunting and fishing opportunities at 10 national wildlife refuges, and he announced the initial stages of a plan to acquire land to make the Bureau of Land Management Sabinoso Wilderness Area accessible for the first time ever to hunters, hikers, and wildlife watchers.

In addition, Secretary Zinke recently made recommendations to President Trump on 27 national monuments that call for changes to some that, while still protecting the land, would also protect and expand public access to that land for citizens who want to hunt, fish, and hike and experience the joy and beauty of these special places.

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Date: July 29, 2017
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Secretary Zinke to Hold Media Availability in Bunkerville, Nevada

WASHINGTON – On Sunday, July 30, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke will hold a media availability to discuss the ongoing National Monument review of both the Gold Butte and the Basin and Range National Monuments, in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's April 26, 2017 Executive Order 13792.

Secretary Zinke is in the midst of a multi-day swing through the Western United States, which will conclude Sunday. To date, he has met with advocacy groups, state and local officials, and Tribal leaders. The Secretary will be meeting with federal representatives and their staff over the course of the trip as well.

WHO: **Ryan Zinke,** U.S. Secretary of the Interior

WHAT: Media availability to discuss the National Monument review of both the Gold Butte and the Basin and Range National Monuments, in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's April 26, 2017 Executive Order 13792

WHEN: Sunday, July 30, 2017

Media Check-In: 5:00 PM PDT

Media Availability: 5:30 PM PDT

WHERE: Bunkerville, NV

MEDIA: Members of the media must RSVP to Chris Rose at crose@blm.gov. More logistics details will be sent upon confirmation.

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By Nick Juliano

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The Senate Budget released this morning opens the door for oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve or other off-limits areas without having to overcome a Democratic filibuster.

The budget asks the Energy and Natural Resources Committee to find $1 billion for deficit reduction, according to a summary. That money could come from authorizing new drilling in ANWR, a longtime priority of Alaskans including ENR Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski.

POLITICO reported earlier this week on the plan to include the pro-drilling language in the budget. Authorizing ANWR through budget reconciliation would allow Republicans to circumvent a filibuster, but could be a risky strategy as two GOP senators have opposed such provisions in the past.

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By Ben Lefebvre

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The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee today advanced a bill that would open up a section of Arctic Natural Wilderness Refuge to oil and gas drilling.

The 13-10 vote represented a major win for committee Chairman Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), who has advocated opening ANWR to drilling for years. West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin was the only Democrat to cross over on an otherwise party-line vote.

The bill directs the Interior Department to offer two ANWR leases of at least 400,000 acres each within 10 years of the bill passing. It now goes to the Senate Budget Committee to be included in the wider budget reconciliation package.

Critics have charged that opening ANWR will damage a pristine environment, including an area important for porcupine caribou calving. They also contend that it won't come close to raising the $1 billion over 10 years that Murkowski said it will.

Murkowski disputed those criticisms, saying that the land being offered up for drilling would only be a small sliver of the greater 19.3 million-acre refuge.

The committee added an amendment offered by Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.) that would increase the share of money coastal states receive as part of revenue sharing with the federal government and use some funding to rebuild Louisiana's coastal wetlands.

WHAT'S NEXT: The ANWR bill was drafted under budget reconciliation instructions, which would allow it to pass the Senate without overcoming a filibuster. Its fate is tied to the tax bill that Republicans also are planning to pass using reconciliation.

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This weekly update for the ME/CFS community includes media and partnership announcements, upcoming events and national policy victories for ME/CFS nationwide.

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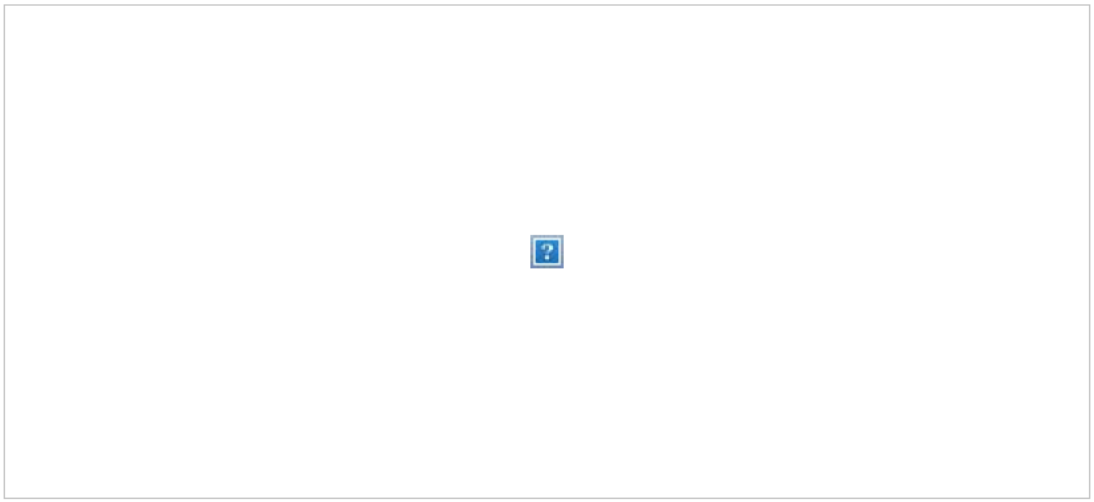
Did you see ME/CFS on PBS last week?

In 2015, Tom Camenzind appeared to have it all. He was an accomplished sophomore at Stanford University. But one day, things went horribly wrong. His health deteriorated rapidly and the diagnosis was heartbreaking: he had ME/CFS.

Today, Tom cannot speak. He is frozen in time, bedridden and unable to stand light, sound or touch. But if there is one tiny silver lining, it is that the world is about to learn of his plight – shedding light on this disease well beyond our ME/CFS community. Severely ill patients like Tom cannot speak for themselves; we are determined to speak to the world for them.

A national, televised program on Tom's plight aired last week on the show, "The White House Chronicle," with host Llewellyn King. Watch this new, half-hour program includes heartrending interviews with Tom's parents and powerful comments from SMCI President Carol Head.



Pictured above: Longtime ME/CFS Advocate Courtney Miller and SMCI Director of Advocacy and Public Relations Emily Taylor hold a copy of the NV delegation letter

First of its kind! Nevada delegation sends letter to NIH on ME/CFS

On September 8th, Nevada's full Congressional Delegation sent a letter to Director Collins of the National Institutes of Health urging him to "strengthen and accelerate" its work on ME/CFS! The letter was led by Representative Amodei from Reno and signed by Senators Catherine Cortez Masto and Dean Heller, and Representatives Jackie Rosen, Ruben Kihuen and Dina Titus. We are so pleased to have teamed up with Courtney and Bob Miller, Anita Patton and people with ME/CFS across Nevada to bring the very first ME/CFS delegation letter. Thank you to the many residents of Nevada who took action to make this possible. View the complete letter here.

Pictured above: Simmaron Board chairman Jan Armstrong and SMCI Director of Advocacy and Public Relations Emily Taylor

Simmaron Research Institute Hosts Patient Day Research Update

On September 9th, the Simmaron Research Institute (SRI) hosted its annual Patient Day and Research Update in Incline Village, Nevada. The program featured remarks from SRI's partner researchers, clinical care team and staff. Dr. Maureen Hanson of SMCI's Research Advisory Council presented a summary of her recent work including data from the partnership with SMCI and data obtained from an NIH R21 grant. A full summary of the event will be included in next week's e-newsletter Research 1st.

Solve ME/CFS Initiative partners with Jennifer Brea's film "Unrest"

We are pleased to announce that Solve ME/CFS Initiative (SMCI) has joined forces with the *Time for Unrest* impact campaign for the ground-breaking documentary film, Unrest, directed by and featuring Jennifer Brea. SMCI is now an official partner of *Time for Unrest*, a global impact campaign to change the way the world sees, supports, treats, understands, and funds research for ME. The campaign launched with two events in

Washington DC.

Learn more about the *Unrest* screening on September 13th

Ask your member of congress to attend an *Unrest* event

If you're interested in hosting a screening with SMCI, please e-mail Emily Taylor at ETaylor@SolveCFS.org

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SMCI national tour makes first stop in Minnesota

Minnesota Board members, Steve Curry and Sue Perpich, are hosting two seminal events on ME/CFS in Bloomington, MN. The public is invited to two receptions in Minnesota on September 28th with SMCI President Carol Head and Chief Scientific Officer and Vice President for Research Dr. Zaher Nahle for a discussion about ME/CFS. This event is part of a national tour describing the progress and success of SMCI's programs and research. If you are interested in attending, please contact Diana Sagini at 704-364-0016 ext. 208, or by e-mail at dsagini@solvecfs.org

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Senate Appropriations Committee recommends restoring ME/CFS funding

On September 7, the ME/CFS community breathed a sigh a relief as the Senate Appropriations Committee passed S. 1711 with accompanying committee report language that recommends restoring the $5.4 million chronic fatigue syndrome program under the CDC's National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases. In July, the House version of the budget (H.R. 3358) had zeroed out these funds in the House Committee report. Both the House and Senate reports include several recommendations to CDC, NIH, and HHS that were proposed by SMCI, #MEAction, and other advocates during the May ME/CFS Advocacy Week. We are pleased to see this support and growth of interest reflected in the Senate appropriations bills and look forward to continuing to fight for these items to be included after the reconciliation process in the final budget legislation in October.

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From: SIO, Scheduling
To: Lori Mashburn
Subject: sorry a few more updates ...
Date: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:33:21 PM

Accepted:
11/21 – US Marine Corps Unveiling of the Iraq and Afghanistan engraving at Iwo Jima
12/16 - National Wreaths Across America Day (Arlington National Cemetery)
2/9 – Western Hunting & Conservation Expo (Salt Lake City, Utah)
3/6-7 – CERA Week (Houston, Texas)

Open (date TBC)- Americans for Tax Reform (DC)
Open (date TBC)- Detroit Economic Club
~~Event Postponed by organizers due to fire - 10/21 - DEPA BOD Meeting (CA)~~

Outstanding Invitations in Process:
12/2 - Annual Mtg of the Boone and Crockett Club (Savannah, GA)
1/4 – Dallas Safari Club Annual Meeting (Dallas, TX)
1/26-28 – Houston Safari Club Annual Meeting (Houston, TX)
1/29 – Society of Range Management Annual Meeting (Reno, Nevada)
1/31-2/3 Safari Club International Annual Meeting (Las Vegas, NV)
2/8- Texas Public Policy Foundation Policy Orientation (Austin, TX)
2/12 – The Corps Network National Conference (Washington, DC)

Declining
11/14 – George Rogers Clark National Historical Park Quarter Launch (Vincennes, Indiana)
11/15 Motorcycle Industry Council Symposium (Carson, CA)
11/29 Association of California Water Agencies 2017 Fall Conference and Exhibition (Anaheim, CA)
12/1-2 – Western Governors Association Annual Meeting (Phoenix, AZ)
12/5-7 America Outdoors Association's 29th Annual Marketing and Management Conference for Outfitters and Adventure Resorts (Reno, NV)
12/5 – NY Stock Exchange Ringing of the Bell & remarks at Wells Fargo Financial Symposium Event (NYC)
12/6 American Exploration and Mining Association Annual Meeting (Reno, NV)
12/8 - Valley Industry and Commerce Association Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, CA)
12/11 – Veterans Day Commemoration (Prussia, PA)
12/14 – Leadership Missoula (Missoula, Montana)
12/8 – DOI Toastmasters event (Washington, DC)
12/9 – Western Caucus Foundation Winter Policy Meeting (Las Vegas, NV)
1/11/18 – EEI CEO and Board Conference (Phoenix, AZ)
2/9-10 Associated General Contractors Western Chapter Annual Meeting (La Jolla, CA)
2/23/18 – West Slope Colorado Oil and Gas Association Annual Meeting (Grand Junction, CO)

From: Mashburn, Lori
To: Jennifer Locetta
Subject: Sweeney Update
Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 4:14:26 PM

Hey Jennifer,

Please see below for traffic from our Ethics folks with OGE.

Lori K. Mashburn
White House Liaison
Department of the Interior
202.208.1694

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **McDonnell, Edward** <edward mcdonnell@sol.doi.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 10, 2017 at 4:04 PM
Subject: Re: Tara Sweeney
To: "Chambers, Micah" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "Mashburn, Lori" <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>, Christopher Salotti <chris_salotti@ios.doi.gov>, Daniel Jorjani <daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov>

Her name is Kimberly Sikora Panza.

Ed McDonnell

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On Tue, Oct 10, 2017 at 4:03 PM, Chambers, Micah <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
> Thanks. Who's the principal reviewer?
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> On Tue, Oct 10, 2017 at 4:00 PM, McDonnell, Edward <edward mcdonnell@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
> > All,
> >
> > The OGE reviewer who had been working Tara's documents was not in today but I did work with her back-up. She tried to get in to speak with the head of the nominations team to discuss issues but was unable to. The principal reviewer will pick up tomorrow where we left off and we will work to see if we can get the package precleared.
> >
> > Thanks,
> > Ed
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> > On Tue, Oct 10, 2017 at 3:41 PM, Mashburn, Lori <lori_mashburn@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
> > > Correct. This is just the intent to nominate.
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> > > Lori K. Mashburn
> > > White House Liaison
> > > Department of the Interior
> > > 202.208.1694
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> > > On Tue, Oct 10, 2017 at 2:31 PM, McDonnell, Edward <edward mcdonnell@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
> > > > Thanks, Micah.
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> > > > On Tue, Oct 10, 2017 at 2:29 PM, Chambers, Micah <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Below is what is from the WH. The Senate is not in session this week, so the most they could do is intent to nominate. Goal is just to make it public for this event I think, but they need all the ducks in a row.

> Hey guys - One thing that would be very helpful to us from OLA is being able to announce Tara Sweeny by October 12th There is an American Indian conference that day, and Sullivan would like to have a big announcement of her appointment that day, maybe Zinke could do something Yesterday Courtney mentioned to me that her BI is about/at least 2 weeks out - any sense of if this is viable? Marc would like to help if possible Thanks

On Tue, Oct 10, 2017 at 2:20 PM, McDonnell, Edward <edward.mcdonnell@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

> Hi Micah and Lori,
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> I've been talking with OGE on the substantive issues. Apparently, they haven't been contacted and they've asked me to see if I can get clarification as to what, exactly, the WH would like to announce on Thursday - intent to nomination, nomination, other?
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> Would it be possible to get that information?
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> Thanks very much,
> Ed
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> Ed McDonnell
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> Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official/Deputy Designated Agency Ethics Official
> U.S. Department of the Interior
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> *Departmental Ethics Office*
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> On Mon, Oct 9, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> > Thanks. Pls let me know asap.
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> > Sent from my iPhone
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> > On Oct 9, 2017, at 7:09 PM, McDonnell, Edward <edward mcdonnell@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
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> > > Perhaps as early as tomorrow but it depends on the results of our analysis. I'll know better after I have a chance to talk with OGE tomorrow.
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> > > On Mon, Oct 9, 2017 at 5:21 PM, Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> > > > If I remember, this has been a question since May. How close are we to resolving it? This is a tight deadline
> > > >
> > > > Sent from my iPhone
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> > > > On Oct 9, 2017, at 5:19 PM, McDonnell, Edward <edward mcdonnell@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
> > > >
> > > > > Hi Micah,
> > > > >
> > > > > Tara is a top priority.

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To: Small, Jeff
Cc: Hanson, Tanner
Subject: Trump Administration Acts to Reduce Dependence on Foreign Critical Minerals and Strengthen National Security
Date: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:08:09 PM

For Immediate Release
Contact: Jeff Small

Date: December 21, 2017
jeff.small@mail.house.gov

Trump Administration Acts to Reduce Dependence on Foreign Critical Minerals and Strengthen National Security

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congressional Western Caucus Chairman **Paul A. Gosar D.D.S. (AZ-04)**, Vice-Chairman for Policy and Appropriations **Mark Amodei (NV-02)**, Vice-Chairman for Indian Affairs and Oceans **Don Young (AK-At Large)**, Chief Infrastructure and Forestry Officer **Bruce Westerman (AR-04)**, House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman **Rob Bishop (UT-01)** and Western Caucus Members **Mike Johnson (LA-04)**, **Doug Lamborn (CO-05)**, **Doug LaMalfa (CA-01)**, **Adrian Smith (NE-03)**, **Jason Smith (MO-08)**, **Greg Gianforte (MT-At Large)**, **Andy Biggs (AZ-05) and Tom Emmer (MN-06)** issued the following statements following President Donald J. Trump's executive order to break America's dependence on foreign minerals and U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's secretarial order to begin work on identifying immediate domestic sources for critical minerals:

Chairman Gosar said, "Our reliance on foreign nations of questionable stability and demonstrated hostile intentions towards the United States for critical minerals constitutes a serious security threat. This situation has come about even though the United States could readily procure the vast majority of the 23 minerals identified in the USGS Report domestically and sustainably, were we only to choose to greenlight development of our bounty of mineral resources. At a recent hearing of the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee which I chair, I emphasized the extent to which arbitrary mineral withdrawals and a federal bureaucracy loathe to authorize mineral projects have brought us to this precarious juncture. But there is a way forward. I applaud President Trump and Secretary Zinke for taking action to advance American energy dominance and strengthen our national security."

Congressman Amodei stated, "Having introduced critical minerals legislation that has passed out of the House the last three Congresses in a row – and watching that bill run straight into Senate paralysis – I appreciate the fact that the Administration has taken the

lead on this issue and is moving the ball toward the goal line."

"The unique and resource rich geology in Alaska makes the state an excellent candidate for finding critical minerals," said **Congressman Don Young.** "This strategic decision by President Trump will ensure that the U.S. is more self-sufficient and that our military can operate without risk of losing access to these crucial minerals while helping create jobs and boost both the Alaskan and national economy."

Congressman Westerman stated, "America's dependence on foreign sources of materials for manufacturing has been a concern among leaders in Congress, the executive branch, and industry for many decades. President Trump's action addresses those concerns and puts America on the road to mineral independence. I appreciate the President and Secretary Zinke's leadership in addressing this important security and economic challenge."

"Tapping into our abundant domestic supply of critical minerals is good defense policy that has the added bonus of creating jobs and economic growth. These actions underscore President Trump's commitment to responsibly develop more of our own resources and reverse America's dependency on foreign sources. I look forward to continuing our work with the administration to achieve this shared objective," said **Congressman Rob Bishop.**

Congressman Mike Johnson stated, "The president's decision marks an important turning point in prioritizing our nation's sovereignty and security. America's mineral resources are among our greatest assets and our independence in this area is key to strengthening our national defense. Once again, President Trump and Secretary Zinke have shown real leadership in reducing U.S. dependence on foreign resources."

Congressman Lamborn said, "Today less than half the minerals American manufacturers need come from our own soil. That fosters dependence on foreign aid and poses a significant problem for national security. While serving as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources for six years, this is an issue I worked on intensively. President Trump's Executive Order changes course for the better. We will no longer rely on foreign competitors for vital minerals needed to keep our country safe. Secretary Zinke's order backs the president's decision by increasing American mineral production. The new administration is putting America first and making American security the top priority. Putting critical mineral control back in the hands of domestic companies ensures a safer, better tomorrow."

"America's reliance on foreign nations for important minerals and resources that our military needs puts our national security in jeopardy. We must make it easier to identify and produce these minerals so that everything our armed forces need can be made right here on our soil. I support the President's decision to issue this Executive Order that will create jobs as well as streamline and safeguard our supply lines," **Congressman LaMalfa** remarked.

Congressman Adrian Smith stated, "New efforts to mine rare earth minerals in places like Elk Creek, Nebraska, demonstrate we are capable of mining and refining these critical inputs for 21st century technology at home. I applaud President Trump and Secretary Zinke for recognizing the need to grow our economy by utilizing resources which already exist within our borders."

"The number one responsibility of your government is to keep you and your loved ones safe. Energy security – knowing we can do everything from building the best equipment for our military to putting gas in our cars and heating our homes – is a major part of that safety and security. But for too long, the government has been dependent on foreign countries supplying us with these critical resources when we have them right here in southeast Missouri. President Trump's action to change this will make us less reliant on countries like Russia and China who don't have our best interests at heart and will secure America's energy independence while bringing jobs back to the United States," said **Congressman Jason Smith**.

Congressman Gianforte stated, "Montana is home to the only platinum and palladium production in North America. Rare earth elements and platinum metals are integral parts of high-tech components, from batteries to computer chips to display screens to engines, that are vital for our economy and national defense. With Russia controlling much of the world's platinum group production and China controlling nearly 80 percent of rare earth production, greater domestic production of these materials would protect us from relying on other nations. Opening a mine in the U.S. is difficult, and this order will improve the process. I applaud the efforts of the president and look forward to making it easier to create high-paying mining jobs in Montana."

"By increasing exploration and production of key minerals in the United States, President Trump has kept his promise to prioritize our national strategic interests. Arizonans will see expanded job growth and trade opportunities. I applaud this administration for protecting our affairs," said **Congressman Biggs**.

"Like so many states across this great nation, Minnesota is fully prepared to step up and help unleash America's full mining potential," concluded **Congressman Emmer** whose MINER Act, which reverses the misguided, last-minute actions of the Obama Administration to stop any exploration of one of the most valuable precious metal deposits in the world, passed the House last month. "This will add jobs and bring economic prosperity; improve national security and decrease our reliance on foreign countries like Russia and China; and enhance the lives of every American. Further, our current environmental regulations ensure that we can secure critical minerals while protecting our nation's big, beautiful landscape. I am glad this administration agrees sound economic, environmental, and security policy can and should coexist. I commend Secretary Zinke and the President for their work to support our miners, streamline the permitting and review process, and enhance our national defense with this important order today."

Secretary Zinke, Senator Heller and Chairman Gosar chat following the SO signing.

Background:

Courtesy of the White House

Yesterday, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order to reverse the decades-long trend of increasing dependence on foreign imports of critical minerals that are essential to American prosperity and national security.

The comprehensive order aims to identify new sources of critical minerals, ensure miners and producers have access to the best data, and streamline the leasing and permitting process to expedite production, reprocessing and recycling of minerals at all levels of the supply chain.

Courtesy of the Department of the Interior:

Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke signed a secretarial order directing the initial steps to producing the first nationwide geological and topographical survey of the United States in modern history. The order also directs Interior bureaus to begin work on identifying immediate domestic sources for critical minerals.

Earlier this week, the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Geological Survey released a report that detailed the extent to which the United States is fully, majorly, or partially dependent upon foreign competitors and even adversaries for our supply of "critical minerals." The report identified 23 of the minerals that are most-needed to sustain our national defense and economy and are used in manufacturing everything from batteries and computer chips to equipment used by our military. The report shows a troubling trend of foreign dependency.

Click HERE and HERE to read DOI's press releases on these matters.

Courtesy of the Western Caucus

On December 12, 2017, the House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the arduous and uncertain regulatory scheme governing domestic mineral development and resulting impacts on America's economic and national security. Panel members discussed America's reliance on foreign minerals and the benefits of increasing domestic production.

Each of the last three Congresses, the House has passed Vice-Chairman Amodei's National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act. This legislation sought to address delays in the permitting of American mining projects, which can currently take seven to ten years or longer. This bill required the lead permitting agency to identify a project lead to coordinate with all involved, set and adhere to deadlines, establish clear goals, and track progress. It also streamlined judicial review and litigation.

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DOI In The News

Lisa Murkowski, Ryan Zinke Reach Health Care Detente Over Beers.

The Washington Times (8/3, Wolfgang) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke tweeted a photo of himself drinking Alaskan beer with Sen. Lisa Murkowski in what the Times describes as a "detente" after the two had quarreled over the senator's no vote on Affordable Care Act repeal. Zinke had "reacted by calling Ms. Murkowski and Alaska Sen. Dan Sullivan, a Republican, and threatening to pull the plug on key Alaska projects," and the next day, "Ms. Murkowski delayed committee votes on several high-level nominees for the Interior Department, though committee officials denied that the move was retaliation to Mr. Zinke's threat."

The AP (8/3, Daly) reports that "Zinke invited Murkowski to his home Wednesday night and tweeted the photo of the two smiling over beers to his nearly 50,000 followers on his official Interior Department account." Zinke wrote, "I say dinner, she says brews. My friends know me well."

E&E Publishing (8/3, Northey) reports that "the tweet drew a chuckle from environmental groups and commenters, with Aaron Weiss, a spokesman for the Center for Western Priorities, writing, 'Decided you need your nominees confirmed after all?'" Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift, "who has called reporting of Zinke's phone call 'sensational,'" said the "Twitter photo reflects an ongoing and warm relationship between the secretary and Murkowski." She said, "They talk and meet often in both a professional and friendly capacity."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Helena (MT) Independent Record (8/3, Daly), the Bristol (VA) Herald Courier (8/3, Daly), the Daily Mail (8/3), the Washington (DC) Times (8/3, Daly), Bloomberg News (8/3, Daly), the Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune (8/3, Daly), Philly (PA) (8/3, Daly), the Washington (DC) Post (8/3, Matthew Daly |, Ap), and the Denver (CO) Post (8/3, Daly).

Additional coverage was provided by CNN International (8/3, Hauck), the Washington (DC) Free Beacon (8/3, Heretik), and the Daily Caller (8/3, Bastasch).

Senate Panel Approves Five Interior, Energy Nominees After Delayed Vote. The Hill (8/3, Cama) reports Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Thursday "approved five of President Trump's nominees for senior roles in the Interior and Energy departments after a delayed vote." The panel "approved Doug Domenech, who led Interior's transition effort for Trump, to be assistant secretary of insular affairs at the department by a 13-8 vote." The article says that "the remaining four nominees were approved by voice vote: Mark Wesley Menezes to be undersecretary at Energy, Paul Dabbar to be undersecretary for science at Energy; Brenda Burman to the Bureau of Reclamation at Interior; and Susan Combs to be assistant secretary of

policy management and budget at Interior."

Additional coverage was provided by the Washington Examiner (8/3, Siciliano).

Interior Watchdog Launches 'Preliminary Investigation' Into Zinke Calls. The Hill (8/3, Henry) reports that the Interior Department's Office of the Inspector General "says it has begun a 'preliminary investigation' into reports that Secretary Ryan Zinke made phone calls pushing Alaska's senators to support a GOP healthcare bill or risk losing federal support for economic development efforts in their state." In a letter to two House Democrats on Thursday, Deputy Inspector General Mary Kendall said, "The OIG is undertaking a preliminary investigation into this matter. We will advise you about what further action the results of this inquiry lead the OIG to take."

Additional coverage was provided by the Washington Examiner (8/3, Siciliano).

President Trump's Strong-arm Tactics Backfire In Senate, Experts Say. USA Today (8/3, Kelly) reports that according to "experts," President Trump's "strong-arm negotiating tactics may have worked against business opponents but they are backfiring with Republican senators, who resent being bullied to vote with the president on health care and other issues and have the political clout to resist him." USA Today quotes Syracuse University political scientist Grant Reeher as saying, "No matter how strong or dominant a personality the president has, he is going to have trouble taking on an American political institution as powerful as the US Senate. Senators have a strong sense of independence and sense of self that says 'I don't get pushed around that way.' And they're pushing back."

Natural Selection? Critics Say Zinke's National Monument Review Resembles A Reality TV Show.

In an analysis, the Washington Times (8/3, Wolfgang) reports that critics of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's ongoing review of national monuments say that the review, which has so far spared four monuments and resulted in calls for cuts in the fifth, is "playing out less like a typical government review and more like a season" of reality television. Zinke's decision to forgo "issuing one comprehensive study at the end" of his review of national monuments and instead to announce "winners and losers as he goes" is drawing fire. Zinke's most recent announcement Wednesday that the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument should remain unchanged drew criticism from some, who "argue that such an announcement is a wholly inappropriate way of treating the entire process" and who "argue that Mr. Zinke hasn't adequately explained his decision-making process and has left monument backers – including lawmakers, Indian tribes and other stakeholders – in the dark."

Group Seeks Preservation Of National Monument In Arizona. The AP (8/3) reports that "a group led by a member of the House has called for the preservation of Ironwood Forest National Monument in southern Arizona to protect its desert plants and wildlife." The group, "which includes U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva, five environmentalists, a Tohono O'odham tribal official and aide to Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, credits the monument for creating tourism and job opportunities." Grijalva and "other officials have asked Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke for transparency during the monument review process."

Additional coverage was provided by Arizona Public Media (8/3, O'Gara).

Bernhardt Warns Employees Not To 'Parrot' Special Interests.

Greenwire (8/3) reports that Interior Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt "told department employees this week that he expects respectful and healthy disagreement from them, but also an adherence to facts rather than 'special interests.'" Bernhardt "pledged a commitment to public service and sought to align himself with the career employees he now leads in his first departmentwide email as Interior's No. 2." In an email sent Tuesday to all Interior employees, Bernhardt wrote, "Given the hyperbole of today's public discourse, you and I, and everyone else within the Interior, really are in the soup together. We may not like it. But it is the way it is. This means my conduct will reflect on you. Yours will reflect on me and your other colleagues. All of our conduct reflects on the Secretary."

DOI Doesn't Know How Much Land $815M Got.

The Daily Caller (8/3, Barton) reports that Interior Department officials "have no idea how much land was bought with $815 million, nor if the properties are being used for their intended purpose, a government watchdog reported Wednesday." According to the report, "the department's officials couldn't provide its inspector general (IG) with data about its land purchase programs." The IG "consequently surveyed 108 programs and found that just 16 of those

awarded 701 grants between 2014 and 2015 to purchase $815 million worth of land."

Additional coverage was provided by the Daily Signal (8/3, Barton).

Trump Administration Touts Streamlining Of Mine Permit Review.

The Charleston (WV) Gazette-Mail (8/3, Ward) reports that "in the run-up to President Trump's visit," to West Virginia, Administration officials – "with help from the coal industry and state political leaders – this week touted work" by the Interior Department "to speed up approval of a permit for a new underground coal mine that could bring 200 mining jobs to the depressed coalfields of McDowell County." However, "the scope of what Interior officials did to ease the way for approval of a permit for the Berwind Mine...isn't exactly clear yet."

What Will The Federal Sage Grouse Review Mean In Wyoming?

No One Is Sure. The Casper (WY) Star-Tribune (8/3, Richards) reports that "two months ago, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said sage grouse management in the West needed to be reviewed to mirror the administration's vision and give voice to those who felt they'd been left out of the bird's conservation strategy on public lands." The article says that "the deadline for that report is Friday, but whether it will change the federal approach to saving the imperiled bird from extinction is uncertain." It's also "unclear if the Department of the Interior review will be made public immediately, or where the experts' recommendations will drive the federal agency."

The Trump Administration Vs. The Sage Grouse — One More Way To Undermine The Endangered Species Act. In a piece for the Los Angeles Times (8/3, Leslie), Jacques Leslie writes that the review is "a means of chipping away at American environmental law, especially the foundational Endangered Species Act." She concludes that "what the administration, its allies and some congressional Republicans are after, it appears, is not just wider access to sage grouse habitat but an end to habitat — and species — protection itself."

Editorial: Forests Burn As Congress Ponders Funding.

In an editorial, the Albany (OR) Democrat-Herald (8/3) urges Congress "to change the way we pay for firefighting." The paper supports a proposal where "money to battle the largest wildfires would come from a separate disaster account similar to one that's used to battle other natural disasters." According to the editorial, "using a separate account to help cover the costs of fighting the nation's largest fires should help preserve money that's currently earmarked for other programs."

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

Cherokee Nation, BIA Place Ochelata Health Center Land Into Trust.

The Cherokee Nation (OK) (8/3) reports that "a 240-acre tract of land in Ochelata owned by the Cherokee Nation was recently placed into federal trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Eastern Oklahoma Regional office." Principal Chief Bill John Baker and BIA Deputy Regional Director Jessie Durham "signed the deed, transferring the site from fee simple status into trust status."

Halftown Leadership Challenged.

The Finger Lakes (NY) Times (8/3, SHAW) reports that Syracuse attorney Joe Heath is "challenging a July 14 decision by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs that named the Clint Halftown faction as official leaders of the Cayuga Indian Nation." According to the article, "Heath filed a motion Friday with the Interior Board of Indian Appeals in Washington, claiming the decision naming the Halftown faction was invalid because the person making the ruling, Michael Black, was removed as acting assistant secretary of Indian Affairs June 28, prior to issuing his July 14 decision." The filing also "claims the decision by Black should be declared void because of irregularities in Halftown's distribution of voting ballots to Cayuga Nation members regarding support for him as leader."

Bureau Of Land Management

Tipton Introduces Bill Supporting Sage-grouse, Mule Deer Habitat.

The Alamosa (CO) Valley Courier (8/3) reports that Reps. Scott Tipton and Chris Stewart have "introduced the Sage-Grouse and Mule Deer Habitat Conservation and Restoration Act (H.R.

3543), a bill that would streamline the approval process for vegetation management projects to protect or restore the habitat of the sage-grouse and mule deer." The legislation would allow the Bureau of Land Management "to quickly engage in habitat restoration and proactive vegetation management projects to protect the species and improve ecological conditions." Tipton said, "The current vegetation management process isn't allowing Western states to keep up with the rapid growth of invasive species in sagebrush habitat. To combat invasive species effectively, we must streamline the process through which BLM must go to protect and restore threatened habitats and address potential areas of concern. Our bill cuts through the unnecessary red tape that has prevented BLM from acting quickly in the past."

Wild Horse Advocates Encouraged By BLM's Recent Work At Sand Wash Basin.

The Craig (CO) Daily Press (8/3, Ross) reports that "the level of collaboration between the BLM and the Sand Wash Advocate Team stands out as a special case in the thorny problem of how to leave some mustangs on the arid grasslands of the American West while protecting the resource and allowing wildlife grazing." Aleta Wolf, program manager for the Sand Wash Advocate Team or SWAT, "which takes a special interest in working with the BLM to help manage the wild horses that roam the Sand Wash Basin Wild Horse Management Area west of Steamboat Springs in Moffat County, said the slaughter issue is not specifically mentioned on the agenda for Saturday's meeting, but she expects the topic to surface." Courtney Whiteman, BLM spokesperson in Denver, said "on Aug. 2 that Acting BLM Colorado State Director Greg Shoop is very familiar with last fall's plan to remove wild horses from Sand Wash without relying on helicopters, as well as the collaboration between his agency and SWAT."

GAO Won't Reconsider Protest Over BLM Helicopter Contract.

Law360 (8/3, Stanley) reports that the Government Accountability Office has "denied a helicopter company's request to reconsider its bid protest claiming the parameters of a Bureau of Land Management contract are impossible to meet, rejecting the company's argument that FAA statements contradict the GAO's previous decision."

Bureau Of Ocean Energy Management

Feds Set To Release Cape Wind Impact Statement.

The Greenfield (MA) Recorder (8/3, Young) reports that "facing opposition from lawmakers, fishermen, local officials, residents and environmental groups, the long-discussed Cape Wind Energy Project appears poised to secure permission from federal regulators to continue its efforts to build a wind farm in Nantucket Sound." According to hte article, "a project official and project opponents said the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) last week released a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) on the Cape Wind project which keeps the project's lease intact." However, agency spokesman Stephen Boutwell said that an FSEIS on Cape Wind will be published Aug. 4.

Additional coverage was provided by the Cape Cod (MA) Times (8/3, Bragg).

DONG Energy, Dominion Developing Virginia Wind Farm.

Marine Log (8/3) reports that "Dominion Energy Virginia recently signed an agreement and strategic partnership with Denmark's DONG Energy to build two 6 MW turbines about 27 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach in a federally leased site." The two firms are "ironing out details for engineering, procurement and construction." DONG Energy has "begun engineering and development work on what is being called the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project, with an expected installation by the end of 2020."

Additional coverage was provided by Workboat (8/3, Moore).

Bureau Of Reclamation

DOI Watchdog Wants Better Tribal Water Project Oversight.

Law360 (8/3, Sieniuc) reports that the Bureau of Reclamation "could save $2.5 billion if it did more to speed up the completion of American Indian tribes' water supply projects in rural areas through better oversight of construction, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Inspector General said in a new report released on Wednesday."

Small New Mexico Communities Struggle To Deliver Clean Water.

The AP (8/2, Moss) reports that hundreds of New Mexico water systems "are small, rural, poorly funded operations serving low-income people." Bill Conner, "president of the New Mexico Rural Water Association, said the systems can't afford to upgrade aging infrastructure and improve water quality on their own, and it can take years for them to get grants, loans or capital outlay funding from the state Legislature." Across the state, water infrastructure needs "are estimated to exceed $1 billion, he said." The article adds that a 2011 study of the Santa Cruz area "by the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources and Los Alamos National Laboratory, which assessed the area's mining potential for weapons-grade uranium, found some wells in the region had as much as 1,820 ppb of uranium." John Marquez, president of the Santa Cruz Water Association "for the past eight years, has been trying to fix the water problems for years." The "volunteer-based association has followed the state's recommendations, he said. 'So as long as we stay in compliance, we don't get fined.'"

Fish And Wildlife Service

The True Story Of Two Fatal Grizzly Bear Attacks That Changed Our Relationship With Wildlife.

The Washington Post (8/3, Brulliard) reports on how two fatal grizzly bear attacks, which took place in Glacier National Park 50 years ago this summer, "marked a turning point in relations between North Americans and the continent's largest predators, revolutionizing how public agencies deal with bears and inspiring new paths of research on grizzly behavior." According to the article, "the impact of the deaths still echoed in federal officials' recent decision to remove Yellowstone-area grizzlies from the endangered species list." John Waller, Glacier's bear biologist, said, "We've certainly had our share of other types of fatalities, but none of them seemed to live like that particular event does. It was a watershed moment for bear management, not just in Glacier but the whole National Park Service. It fundamentally changed how we view our relationship with bears."

2 Tons Of Seized Ivory Crushed To Protest Illegal Trade.

The AP (8/3, Esch, Frederick) reports that "trinkets, statues and jewelry crafted from the tusks of at least 100 slaughtered elephants were fed Thursday into a rock crusher in Central Park to demonstrate the state's commitment to smashing the illegal ivory trade." State environmental officials and Wildlife Conservation Society members, "who partnered with Tiffany & Co. for the 'Ivory Crush' of nearly 2 tons (1.8 metric tons) of ivory, said no price justifies slaughtering elephants for their tusks." John Calvelli, the Society's executive vice president and director of the 96 Elephants Campaign, said, "By crushing a ton of ivory in the middle of the world's most famous public park, New Yorkers are sending a message to poachers, traffickers and dealers who try to set up shop right here on our streets. We won't stand for the slaughter of elephants. Nobody needs an ivory brooch that badly."

Additional coverage was provided by the Christian Science Monitor (8/3, Esch) and the Washington (DC) Post (8/3).

Weston Mill Dam Will Be Removed Aug. 10.

The Burlingame-Hillsbrough (CA) Patch (8/3, Hubbard) reports that "the Weston Mill Dam in Manville will be removed Aug. 10 to help restore the migratory routes of fish." According to the article, "the dam's removal is part of a larger project undertaken by various agencies to restore migratory fish populations in the Raritan River Basin."

Climate Change And Oil Prices Should Bury Arctic Drilling Forever.

For the "Pundits" blog of The Hill (8/3, Super), David A. Super, a professor of law at Georgetown Law, opposes building a road through the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Super claims that "arguments about energy independence also make little sense anymore." Moreover, "heedless demands to drill in Arctic Refuge are also tragically anachronistic in light of accelerating climate change."

National Park Service

U.S. National Parks, Led By Utah's Zion, Weigh Limits On Visitors.

Reuters (8/3, Zuckerman) reports that Zion National Par is "considering a first-ever admissions cap in a move supported by conservation advocates and veteran park employees to stem overcrowding at a time of record visitation." Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, "a watchdog group representing U.S. park rangers, foresters and other land managers, endorsed setting visitation limits for Zion while urging similar restrictions for national parks across the board." In a statement on Thursday, PEER "credited Zion as one of the few national parks seeking to remedy 'crippling overcrowding' but faulted the National Park Service as failing to widely heed a little-known mandate requiring 'carrying capacities' to be established for all 108 of its major park units in the United States."

Additional coverage was provided by the Lake Powell Life (8/3, Hopkins).

National Park Service Will Offer Free Eclipse Glasses, Viewers For Total Solar Eclipse.

The Oak Ridge (TN) Today (8/3, Huotari) reports that the National Park Service will "distribute free eclipse glasses and free eclipse viewers at two viewing sites in Oak Ridge during the total solar eclipse on Monday, August 21." According to the article, "the two viewing sites are: American Museum of Science and Energy/Manhattan Project National Historical Park Visitor Center at 300 South Tulane Avenue in central Oak Ridge, and East Tennessee Technology Park, 200 Heritage Center Boulevard, in west Oak Ridge."

Additional coverage of the eclipse was provided by TIME (8/3, Calfas).

Under The Mushroom Cloud: Will Nagasaki's Story Be Told At Hanford's New National Park?

The Seattle Times (8/3, Bernton) reports that National Park Service officials "want exhibits" at the Manhattan Project National Historical Park" to explore not only the high-stakes push to produce the bombs — dropped Aug. 6, 1945, on Hiroshima and three days later on Nagasaki — but the human costs and historical debate over the decision to unleash them." The article says that the stories of the "the thousands of Nagasaki 'hibakusha' — survivors of the atomic bomb that gained its awesome power from plutonium produced at a reactor at the secret Hanford site outside Richland, Wash." "are a chapter still untold in Richland's saga of wartime patriotism, sacrifice and scientific achievement that unfolded in the sagebrush lands east of the Cascades."

Additional coverage was provided by the Seattle Times (8/3).

How Beaufort County's Revolutionary War History Might Live Again.

The Beaufort (SC) Gazette (8/3, Fastenau) reports that "a National Park Service grant will help better define the area where troops waged the Battle of Port Royal Island." The $85,600 grant from the NPS "will go to the Georgia American Revolution Preservation Alliance to define the battlefield, record what fighting took place and 'assist in all local activities to follow,' a news release said."

Officials: Watch Hill Marina On Fire Island Won't Reopen Until 2018.

Newsday (NY) (8/3, Gralla) reports that "boaters anticipating the reopening of Fire Island's Watch Hill marina later this summer will have to wait a bit longer." The National Park Service announced Thursday that "a $5.4 million project to repair damage inflicted by superstorm Sandy in 2012 now will cost an additional $1.5 million and not be finished until the end of the year." Fire Island National Seashore facility manager Jim Dunphy said in a statement, "With more time, unforeseen and necessary repairs to the substructure can be made so boaters and visitors can safely enjoy Watch Hill in the future."

Pipelines And Protests: Why Environmentalists Oppose Funneling Natural Gas Under The Potomac River.

The Washington Post (8/3, Sullivan) reports environmentalists are concerned that TransCanada's proposed pipeline that would cross under the Potomac River would endanger the water supply for about 6 million people, including most of the Washington-metropolitan area. The pipeline is only about 3.5 miles long and would bring natural gas to the eastern panhandle of West Virginia.

Beach Access And Park Issues.

The Island Free Press (NC) (8/3) reports that the Outer Banks Preservation Association (OBPA), the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association (NCBBA) and the National Park Service (NPS) have unveiled "the first sign of a new campaign aimed at addressing the trash problem on the

beaches." The launch of the "Pack it In, Pack it Out" program on Wednesday "represented months of effort on the parts of both the NPS and the OBPA, and was a symbolic event that linked the two organizations in a collaborative effort." Cape Hatteras National Seashore Superintendent David Hallac said, "This is a symbolic day that represents a culmination [of our partnership] with the Outer Banks Preservation Association. …We're so excited that OBPA is helping us take the next step in the 'Pack it In, Pack it Out' campaign."

Death Valley Set Record For Hottest Month In U.S.

History With Average Temperature Of 107.39 Degrees. USA Today (8/3, Rice) reports that "with an average temperature of 107.39 degrees in July, Death Valley set the record for hottest month at a single location in U.S. history." According to the article, "July's hottest day was the 7th, when Death Valley hit 127 degrees."

Natchez Trace Parkway Employee Receives Prestigious Award.

The Mississippi Business Journal (8/3) reports that "Lana Lollar, Budget Analyst for the Natchez Trace Parkway, recently received the Department of the Interior's prestigious Superior Service Award." Lollar was recognized for "the contributions she made to the Department through her service to the National Park Service's budget program."

Spouse Of Woman Lost In Grand Canyon Says Water Ran Out.

The AP (8/3, Snow, Davenport) reports that "the husband of a Texas doctor said Thursday that she died at the bottom of the Grand Canyon after she ran out of water and grew dizzy from heat exhaustion on a hike with their daughter and a nephew." In a Facebook post, Scott Beadle said that Dr. Sarah Beadle "died Wednesday afternoon while hiking with the two school-aged children who were later found safe." Beadle "said authorities contacted him early Thursday to report the discovery of the body in an area of 100-degree heat and no drinking water."

Officials: Woman Found Dead In US Park Was From China.

The AP (8/3) reports that "authorities say the woman found dead in Yosemite National Park was from China." Park spokesman Scott Gediman "says the woman has been identified as 27-year-old Chaocui Wang of China."

Suspects Identified In GSMNP Hit-and-run Incident.

WVLT-TV Knoxville, TN (8/2, Anderson) reports that "two suspects have been identified by the National Park Service Investigative Services Branch in connection with a hit-and-run incident that hurt a 13-year-old girl in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on Saturday."

Office Of Insular Affairs

Additional Coverage: Trump Budget Threatens Multiple Programs That USVI Depends On, Plaskett Says.

Additional coverage that Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett discussed impacts of the White House's proposed budget on the US Virgin Islands was provided by the Virgin Islands Consortium (VIR) (8/3).

US Geological Survey

Environmental Scientists Gather At UMass To Discuss Climate Change, Invasive Species.

The Amherst (MA) Bulletin (8/3, Christensen) reports that "around 100 experts from academia, conservation organizations and government agencies...gathered July 27 for the first day of the Northeast Climate Science Center's first ever regional invasive species and climate change symposium held at the University of Massachusetts Amherst." The goal of the conference is "to help conservationists and government officials better prepare for future realities." Toni Lyn Morelli, one of the event's organizers and a research ecologist with the Northeast Climate Science Center, said, "We wanted to see how we could bring people together to learn from each other."

Does The Bible Say There's Oil In Israel?T housands Are Paying A Dallas Company To Find Out.

The Dallas Morning News (8/3, Mosier) reports that "with the Bible as its North Star, Zion Oil & Gas has spent more than $150 million of investors' money on a 'special task, in a special country' — Israel." In June, Zion "started drilling its latest well at a location in Israel that some Christians believe will be the site of the eventual battleground of Armageddon." Christopher Schenk, a research geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey, "said the agency found the potential for significant amounts of oil but no guarantees." The USGS report "estimated a range of possibilities with 800 million barrels of oil as an average."

Top National News

Mueller Has Empaneled Grand Jury In Russia Probe.

The news that special counsel Robert Mueller has empaneled a grand jury in his probe into possible links between President Trump's 2016 campaign and Russia led all three broadcast network newscasts and opened a new round of speculation about what it may mean for the President, although several analysts pointed out that such an action is common. At the same time, senators of both parties introduced legislation intended to keep the President from dismissing Mueller.

David Muir opened ABC World News Tonight (8/3, lead story, 2:55) by reporting on "new signs the special prosecutor looking into Russian meddling and any possible collusion with the Trump campaign is now ramping up his investigation." Mueller "is now putting a grand jury to work. Tonight, the key questions: For how long now, and what evidence are they looking at?" ABC's Jonathan Karl: "Tonight, a sign the Russia investigation has entered an entirely new phase. The Wall Street Journal reports special counsel Robert Mueller has empaneled a grand jury... [that] has been secretly working for weeks as Mueller investigates whether President Trump or any of his associates colluded with the Kremlin. The President's personal lawyer insists there's still no indication the President himself is a target." Jay Sekulow: "With respect to the empaneling of the grand jury, we have no reason to believe that the President's under investigation here."

Lester Holt said in opening NBC Nightly News (8/3, lead story, 2:45), "The slow drumbeat of the Russia investigation that has haunted the Trump Administration all summer long is picking up tempo tonight. ... The move opens up broad new running room to an investigation that has apparently now expanded beyond just the question of whether there was coordination between Russia and members of the Trump campaign." Wolf Blitzer reported on CNN's Situation Room (8/3) that Ty Cobb, Trump's personal attorney, issued a statement saying the White House "favors anything that accelerates the conclusion" of the probe, and "is committed to fully cooperating with Mr. Mueller."

In the lead story on the CBS Evening News (8/3, lead story, 1:20), Anthony Mason called it "breaking news late today." But CBS' Jan Crawford was measured, stating, "This is a standard tool that federal prosecutors use, day in and day out, to conduct investigations. It's how they would issue subpoenas and compel the production of documents or testimony, and as special counsel, Mueller had authority to use a grand jury. It was widely assumed that he would, just like special prosecutors have done in the past. It doesn't mean that indictments or charges are imminent. It's just like a vehicle that Mueller and his team will use to carry out this investigation."

CNN's Situation Room (8/3) said Mueller's probe is "focusing in on financial ties between Russia and President Trump, his family, and his company." John Roberts said on Fox News Special Report (8/3) that there are reports the Mueller grand jury has already subpoenaed records from the Trump Tower meeting with Trump Jr., Jared Kushner, Paul Manafort, and Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya. However, Roberts said he's spoken with "a few people who were involved in the meeting," and "so far, no indication any of them have received subpoenas to appear before a grand jury just yet."

Sekulow said on Fox News' Hannity (8/3), "The mission of the special counsel was...to investigate allegations regarding the Russian government's effort to interfere with the 2016 election, and also if there was any coordination and links between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of the President. ... This idea that they are now investigating real estate deals from what nine or ten years ago? That's not inside the scope of the mandate."

The Wall Street Journal (8/3, A1, Wilber, Tau), which broke the news just before 4:00 p.m., said that it indicates that Mueller's inquiry is likely to continue for months. USA Today (8/3, Jackson, Johnson) reports that the news "appeared to take the Trump team by surprise." The

New York Times (8/3, Apuzzo) reports that several lawyers involved in the case said that Mueller has issued subpoenas from a grand jury, but the Washington Post (8/3, Leonnig, Horwitz, Zapotosky) reports, "A White House adviser said the president and his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, had not received subpoenas, nor had the White House."

Reuters (8/3, Freifeld) reports in an exclusive that grand jury subpoenas "have been issued in connection with the June 2016 meeting between Donald Trump Jr., a Russian lawyer and others." Breitbart (8/3, Mason) reports that Reuters "specified 'two sources' for their claims, indicating those close to the grand jury are breaking the confidence of that body."

Howard Fineman tweeted, "With #Congress gone & #Trump in Bedminster, #DC press hanging around in August have nothing to write about except...#Mueller & his targets." However, Preet Bharara tweeted, "Not sure why all the hyperventilating re: Russia grand jury. Mueller hired 16 prosecutors. Of course there would be GJ. This will take time." Jeffrey Toobin similarly said on CNN's The Lead (8/3), "Just because there's a grand jury does not mean that anyone is going to get indicted. ... It's a very important step, but, I think it is important that we not overstate how important it is and not suggest that this means that criminal charges are inevitable or are even going to happen."

CNN: Trump Concerned By Reported Focus On Financial Dealings. CNN (8/3, Perez, Brown, Prokupecz) reports on its website that Mueller's team has "seized on Trump and his associates' financial ties to Russia as one of the most fertile avenues for moving their probe forward, according to people familiar with the investigation," and that "hasn't gone unnoticed by Trump, who warned Mueller, via an interview with The New York Times, that his financial dealings were a red line that investigators shouldn't cross."

On the CBS Evening News (8/3, story 2, 1:20, Mason), Jeff Pegues said, "We know that this is an investigation that is intensifying, and we know that because the special counsel is adding to his team. He's brought on, most recently, an expert in foreign bribery. And so we know that investigators are trying to follow the money, but also investigate whether there were any improper contacts between the Trump campaign and Russian operatives."

Former CIA Director Leon Panetta said on CNN's Situation Room (8/3), "I can't understand how the President would assume that somehow his finances could be separated from an investigation into this whole Russia issue." Panetta said Mueller will look at the money trail "in terms of whether or not it leads to a possibility of collusion as a result of that or possible blackmail. There are all kinds of ways this is tied to the larger investigation."

Former Watergate special prosecutor Richard Ben-Veniste said on CNN's Situation Room (8/3) said that "financial documents are certainly fair game for the special counsel to determine whether there are motivations that involve the Russians between United States citizens, perhaps campaign officials, perhaps the President himself that explain the relationship."

Laura Ingraham said on Fox News Special Report (8/3), "This is not good news for the Trump legal team. ... This is an investigation that's by all indications going to be sprawling and it's going to reach into aspects of the Trump business empire, his family business interests, way beyond I think what people initially believed would be covered by this."

Bipartisan Senate Legislation Aims To Prevent Trump From Firing Mueller. Reuters (8/3, Zengerle) reports that senators of both parties introduced two pieces of legislation on Thursday that could block Trump from firing Mueller. USA Today (8/3, Estepa) reports that a bill by Sens. Cory Booker and Lindsey Graham "would require a judicial review to remove a special counsel from office," while a bill by Sens. Chris Coons and Thom Tillis "would allow a special counsel to challenge their removal in federal court. A panel of judges would be required to review the challenge within 14 days."

The Washington Post (8/3, Demirjian) reports, "Senators have raised concerns that the president might try to rearrange his administration in order to get rid of Mueller." While Trump cannot fire Mueller directly, "many have raised concerns in recent weeks that he might seek to replace" Attorney General Sessions with an attorney general who would do so.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal tweeted, "Make no mistake – Special Counsel Mueller's investigation will continue and conclude fairly and fully." Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse tweeted, "Now more than ever, it is important that we protect Special Counsel Mueller so that he can follow the facts wherever they may lead."

The Los Angeles Times (8/3, Savage) reports that rules put in place two decades ago "to ensure the independence" of probes by special prosecutors "may be about to face their first real test." MSNBC's Joy Reid tweeted, "Trump has been told in no uncertain terms he can't fire Mueller. Congressional Republicans would shed their obedience if he did." David Ignatius tweeted, "Bravo to senators 'thinking about the unthinkable.'" The Washington Times (8/3, Dinan) and

Politico (8/3, Samuelsohn) also have reports.

Vox: 10 Or More "Senior Law Enforcement Officials" May Be Questioned. Vox (8/3, Waas) reports that "as many as 10, and possibly more, of the nation's most senior law enforcement officials are likely to be questioned as part of the investigation." One "senior law enforcement official" said, "What you are going to have is the potential for a powerful obstruction case. You are going to have the [former] FBI director testify, and then the acting director, the chief of staff to the FBI director, the FBI's general counsel, and then others, one right after another. This has never been the word of Trump against what [James Comey] has had to say. This is more like the Federal Bureau of Investigation versus Donald Trump."

Flynn Files Amended Financial Disclosure. The Washington Post (8/3, Hamburger, Gold) reports that former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn "filed an amended federal financial disclosure report late Thursday providing new details about his contracts with the Trump presidential transition, a company connected to an Iranian American businessman, and the parent company of a data science firm that worked for the Trump campaign."

Russian Bank Hired Trump Attorney Kasowitz. The New York Times (8/2, Kramer) reports that Russian state bank Sberbank hired defense attorney Marc Kasowitz in a New York lawsuit, in part because he has been a personal attorney for the President. The lawsuit "appears unrelated" to the Russia probe.

DHS: 33 States, 36 Localities Sought Assistance With Election Systems Last Year. The Washington Times (8/3, Blake) reports that a DHS document shows that "a total of 33 states and 36 local governments" asked the department "to assess their election systems for vulnerabilities during last year's White House race, and a handful of others have requested federal assistance in the months since President Trump entered office."

DeSantis Seeks DOJ Probe Of Ex-Wasserman Schultz Aide. Politico (8/3, Ducassi, Caputo) reports that Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-FL) has called on the Justice Department "to take a deeper look at the finances" of Imran Awan, a former staffer for Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL). Awan "is accused of attempting to defraud the Congressional Federal Credit Union by obtaining a $165,000 home equity loan for a rental property, which is against the credit union's policies since it is not the owner's primary residence." USA Today (8/3, Ventura) reports that Wasserman Schultz said Thursday that "she 'did the right thing' by not immediately firing" Awan.

WPost: Allegations That White House Had Role In Seth Rich Story Cannot Be Discounted. Citing allegations that the White House collaborated with Fox News Channel and "a wealthy supporter" of the President "to create a story," which has since been discredited, that murdered Democratic National Committee aide Seth Rich "had leaked Democratic Party emails and was killed by operatives working on behalf of Hillary Clinton," the Washington Post (8/3) says in an editorial that it is "sad that the White House track record for honesty is such that allegations that should be preposterous can't easily be dismissed."

Trump Decries Russia Probe Before Upbeat West Virginia Crowd.

President Trump's Thursday night rally in Huntington, West Virginia receives positive coverage from in-state media, while coverage from national outlets is limited and more neutral. Coverage tends to lead with Trump's comments on the Russia inquiry, while Gov. Jim Justice's announcement at the event that he is switching from the Democratic Party to the GOP is a major sub-story.

The AP (8/3, Superville) reports that "at a boisterous campaign rally in Trump-friendly West Virginia," the President said that he "hopes for a 'truly honest' outcome from the Russia investigation...and he challenged Democrats to either continue their 'obsession with a hoax' or begin serving the interests of the American people." The President "slammed the investigation as a 'fake story that is demeaning to all of us and most of all demeaning to our country and demeaning to our Constitution.'"

The Charleston (WV) Gazette-Mail (8/3, Zuckerman) reports, "If reports of the assembling of a grand jury" in the Russia inquiry "rattled" the President, "he didn't let it show" before the "raucous crowd. ... Although news broke of the jury's formation mere hours before the rally, Trump doubled down on his narrative that the allegations are just much ado about nothing." Trump said, "There were no Russians in our campaign, there never were. We didn't win because of Russia, we won because of you."

The Los Angeles Times (8/3, Bierman) reports that the President "prompted an overflow crowd of supporters...to chant 'Lock her up!' and then paused to encourage their taunts at Hillary Clinton." He said, "What the prosecutors should be looking at are Hillary Clinton's 33,000 deleted emails." WVNS-TV Bluefield, WV (8/3, 10:23 p.m. EDT) reported, In "a speech that touched on

jobs, healthcare and immigration, the President also lashed out again at the investigation into potential coordination between his campaign and Russia." Business Insider (8/3, Logan) headlines a report "Trump Trolls In West Virginia: 'Are There Any Russians Here Tonight, Any Russians?'"

Both the Huntington (WV) Herald-Dispatch (8/3, Stuck) and the Clarksburg (WV) Exponent-Telegram (8/3, Ali) say in headlines that Trump "energize[d]" the crowd. The Herald-Dispatch reports that Trump was "making good on a promise he made on his campaign trail" to visit the state, where he took 69 percent of the vote last year to Clinton's 27 percent. The President "said coal exports were up 60 percent, and oil, steel and manufacturing jobs were on their way back as well." The Exponent-Telegram reports that the crowd "didn't need much fuel to fire it up." Trump told them, "I am thrilled to be back in the very, very beautiful state of West Virginia. I am proud to stand before you and celebrate the hard-working people who are the absolute backbone of America, thank you." The New York Times (8/3, Martin, Shear) reports that Trump "bragg[ed] about keeping his promises on immigration, the economy, the environment and crime" in his remarks.

WOVA-TV - Pakersburg, WV (8/3, 10:08 p.m. EDT) reported that Trump "was in friendly company tonight visiting the Mountain State that he won easily last November." WSAZ-TV Huntington, WV (8/3, 11:23 p.m. ET) reported, "For the second time in as many weeks, President Donald Trump has come to West Virginia touting his agenda and his message of making America great again."

The President tweeted early Friday, "Thank you West Virginia! All across the country, Americans of every kind are coming together w/one simple goal: to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!" Eric Trump tweeted after the event, "So great being with @realDonaldTrump in the great state of #WestVirginia!!! #MAGA".

CNN (8/3, Merica) reports that the President "has already declared his intent to run again in 2020, and his reelection campaign is already up and running, including raising money and hosting events across the country. To date, the President has headlined campaign rallies in Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Ohio." In a Washington Post (8/3) column headlined "Trump Is Delusional About His Popularity," Eugene Robinson writes, "Let's assume, for the sake of argument, that Trump has a solid base of about 35 percent of voters who will stick with him no matter what. ... How long will Trump's base stay with him? I don't know, but clearly he's worried." Trump "makes laughable claims about having accomplished more than any other president in his first months because he knows his support will slowly leak away if he fails at his central promise, which is to get stuff done. Thus far he has been a failure."

Stuart Rothenberg tweeted, "Donald Trump has love for West Virginia in his heart. Ha. At the Greenbrier maybe."

West Virginia Governor Announces Switch To GOP At Trump Rally. The CBS Evening News (8/3, story 5, 0:15, Mason) reported in a brief item, "The President is promising a big announcement at a rally this evening in West Virginia. Spoiler alert: The news is the governor of West Virginia is switching parties. Democrat Jim Justice is becoming a Republican." The AP (8/3) reports that Justice made his announcement as Trump "visited the increasingly conservative state. ... Justice says Trump is his friend, a good man with real ideas who cares about West Virginians." The Washington Post (8/3, Phillip) reports that Justice "praised Trump as a 'great president.' He also touted his relationships with Trump's children, including Eric Trump and Donald Trump Jr., both of whom he said he has gotten to know personally."

Politico (8/3, Lima) reports, "Justice's rightward turn is far from a surprise." The Charleston (WV) Gazette-Mail (8/3, Kabler) reports that before he ran for governor last year, "Justice had been a registered Republican and also a political independent. Still, many of West Virginia's Democratic leaders embraced his run."

The Clarksburg (WV) Exponent-Telegram (8/3, Ali) reports that reactions were mixed. Melody Potter, a Republican National Committee member from West Virginia, said the party "welcomes anyone who shares in the party's conservative values, but she questioned whether Justice fit the bill," while "the right-leaning advocacy group Americans for Prosperity West Virginia organization issued a statement calling Justice's announcement 'political theater,'" slamming Justice for proposing what it called "the largest tax increase in West Virginia's history earlier this year." The Washington Examiner (8/3, Trunko) reports that the state GOP "attacked" Justice in a tweet "mere hours before it was reported that Justice would switch to the Republican Party."

The Wheeling (WV) Intelligencer (8/3) reports that Justice's move "is another blow for Democrats in a state they once ran without opposition," and The Hill (8/3, Greenwood) reported that Justice's "party switch is a blow for the Democratic Governors Association, which spent more than $1 million in an effort to get him elected last year, while the Republican Governors

Association spent $3.7 million backing his GOP rival." Writing in "The Fix" on the website of the Washington Post (8/3, Phillips), Amber Phillips said that Justice's move "underscores just how fragile Democrats' hold on power is. With one politician's decision to switch parties, Democrats now hold a record-low number of governorships – and Republicans hold a record high." The Washington Times (8/3, Miller) reports that Justice's "defection will leave Democrats with just 15 governors."

Administration Officials Tout Progress On Coal Mine. The Charleston (WV) Gazette-Mail (8/3, Ward) reports that "in the run-up to President Trump's visit," Administration officials – "with help from the coal industry and state political leaders – this week touted work" by the Interior Department "to speed up approval of a permit for a new underground coal mine that could bring 200 mining jobs to the depressed coalfields of McDowell County." However, "the scope of what Interior officials did to ease the way for approval of a permit for the Berwind Mine...isn't exactly clear yet."

Pence: Healthcare "Ain't Over By A Long Shot."

The Washington Examiner (8/3, O'Brien) report that in a speech to the Tennessee GOP 2017 Statesmen's Dinner Thursday, Vice President Pence said that healthcare reform "ain't over by a long shot." According to a press pool report, Pence, who "remains optimistic the GOP can revisit the issue before the end of the year," told the dinner, "This ain't over by a long shot...we won't rest until we end the Obamacare nightmare once and for all. ... We're going to keep fighting until Congress sends a bill to his desk to repeal and replace Obamacare."

Mulvaney: US "Will Never Default On Its Debt."

In a letter to the editor of the Washington Post (8/3), OMB Director Mulvaney, responding to columnist Catherine Rampell's dubbing him "the most dangerous man in Washington," writes, "If being the 'most dangerous' means helping President Trump draft a taxpayer-first budget, fighting for the millions of people who justifiably believe Washington has forgotten them, or advocating for smarter, more effective and more accountable government, then I plead guilty." But he adds, "Let me be clear regarding the debt ceiling: The debt ceiling should be raised. It should be raised sooner, not later. The United States will never default on its debt."

Gramm, Solon: Tax Cuts, Deregulation Could Restore Reagan-Era Growth Rates.

In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (8/3), ex-Sen. Phil Gramm, a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, and Michael Solon, a partner of US Policy Metrics, write that former President Reagan's tax cuts set the stage for 25 years of noninflationary economic growth which waned amid tax increases and greater regulation under former President Barack Obama. Noting that the tax-reform package put forward by Republicans combine deregulation with the 1981 tax cuts and the 1986 tax reform, they argue that the evidence indicates that reversing the Obama-era policies it could restore Reagan-era growth rates.

EPA 'Walks Back' Enforcement Delay Of Obama Ozone Rule.

The Hill (8/2, Cama) reports that "the Trump administration is reversing course on its plan to delay by one year enforcement of the Obama administration's ozone pollution regulation." The delay, announced yesterday, "came a day after 15 states and the District of Columbia sued the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), saying the delay exceeded the agency's authority under the Clean Air Act," the Hill writes. In a statement on the decision, the article adds, "the EPA emphasized that it will continue to work with states on implementing the ozone rule, which could include more targeted enforcement delays." It quotes EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt saying, "We believe in dialogue with, and being responsive to, our state partners. Today's action reinforces our commitment to working with the states through the complex designation process."

The New York Times (8/3, Friedman) also quotes Pruitt as saying, "Under previous administrations, E.P.A. would often fail to meet designation deadlines, and then wait to be sued by activist groups and others." He says the Trump administration "do[es] not believe in regulation through litigation, and we take deadlines seriously. We also take the statute and the authority it gives us seriously." Reuters (8/3, Valdmanis) and Washington Post (8/3, Fears)also provide coverage.

The Washington Examiner (8/3, Siciliano) reports that the reversal has prompted Democratic attorneys general "to claim victory after suing the agency the night before."

Pruitt Praises Progress On Air Quality Amid Regulatory Rollback. The AP (8/2, Biesecker) reports that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt "praised significant improvements in the nation's air

quality, even as he moves to roll back regulations aimed at making further gains." The article states that "an EPA report released Wednesday shows that in the 45 years since passage of the Clean Air Act, emissions of six harmful pollutants declined by a combined 73 percent even as U.S. economic output tripled." The AP quotes Pruitt saying, "Despite this success, there is more work to be done. Nearly 40 percent of Americans are still living in areas classified as 'non-attainment' for failing to achieve national standards. EPA will continue to work with states, tribes, and local air agencies to help more areas of the country come into compliance."

NYTimes Analysis: Trump "Cherry-Picks Facts" About The Environment.

A New York Times (8/3, Schwartz, Bennett) reports that many things President Trump "says about coal, climate change and the environment bear a strained relationship with the truth." According to the Times, Trump "often cherry-picks facts that prove to be exaggerations when the broader context is considered," and "he is more likely to repeat than to retract." The Times analysis goes on to highlight what it says are "five of Mr. Trump's most prominent climate and environmental claims as president."

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"An Ally Is Set To Execute Critics. Will Mr. Trump Be Silent?" A New York Times (8/3) editorial calls on President Trump to "take advantage of his new friendship with the Saudis and make an immediate appeal to King Salman to halt" the "horrific executions" of 14 Saudi men for allegedly staging political protests.

"Ready To Talk To Korea Or Not?" A New York Times (8/3) editorial says Secretary of State Tillerson's assertion this week that the Administration "is not seeking regime change in the North," but instead a "productive dialogue" represented "a sharp departure from the threats and harsh language that have dominated President Trump's approach." However, the Times cautions that "we have to keep reminding ourselves, is the Trump administration, and it wasn't long before any confidence that Mr. Tillerson was speaking for the president...was called into doubt" by Vice President Pence, who "rejected the idea of talks with the North Koreans." The Times laments that "right now, there is a stalemate, set by years of broken promises and mistrust. Mixed messages from the Trump administration will only make it more difficult to move beyond it."

Washington Post.

"How To Reverse A Catastrophe." A Washington Post (8/3) editorial calls the recommendations from President Trump's Commission on Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis "generally worthy," but adds that while the commission urged the President "to declare a national emergency under one of two federal statutes," it "should be possible to act as if there's a national emergency without actually declaring one." Trump and lawmakers, the Post argues, "have spent the bulk of 2017 so far debating how much to cut Medicaid, which happens to pay for about a quarter of all addiction treatment." Such cuts "amid an opioid epidemic makes no sense," the opines, adding, "Perhaps in its final report, the commission will find a way to send that message to Mr. Trump."

"Duterte's Lawless Regime Claims More Victims." In an editorial, the Washington Post (8/3) writes that the "regime" of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte and his ongoing "drug war" has "claimed the lives of more than 7,000 Filipinos" – a campaign of "extrajudicial executions" and "vigilante killings" that receives support from and is prosecuted by top levels of the Duterte government. The Post concludes that Secretary of State Tillerson should tell Duterte during his upcoming visit to Manila that the US Congress is prepared "to restrict the supply of defense equipment to the Philippine National Police, the force that is leading the drug war," as provided for in legislation introduced by Sens. Ben Cardin and Marco Rubio.

"The White House Is Drawn Into A Conspiracy Theory." Citing allegations that the White House collaborated with Fox News Channel and "a wealthy supporter" of the President "to create a story," which has since been discredited, that murdered Democratic National Committee aide Seth Rich "had leaked Democratic Party emails and was killed by operatives working on behalf of Hillary Clinton," the Washington Post (8/3) says in an editorial that it is "sad that the White House track record for honesty is such that allegations that should be preposterous can't easily be dismissed."

Wall Street Journal.

"Trump's Afghan Choice." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (8/3) argues that President Trump will commit a serious foreign policy error if he overrides the advice of generals advising him to deploy 3,000 to 5,000 additional US soldiers to Afghanistan and to add other assets including greater air power as part of the Pentagon's new strategy for the country. The Journal concludes that Presidents cannot avoid national commitments without consequences, and that withdrawing from Afghanistan or overriding his generals advice would amount to a return to the same foreign policy problems of the Obama Administration.

"China's Dissident Chatbots." A Wall Street Journal (8/3) editorial says online postings that are able to escape the filter of China's Internet censorship suggest that resentment of the country's rulers is high.

"'Fat, Dumb, And Happy' At The UAW." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (8/3) discusses an indictment that alleges United Automobile Workers Vice President General Holiefield, who passed away in 2015, colluded with an official at Fiat Chrysler, Alphons Iacobelli and other alleged conspirators to skim millions of dollars from the UAW National Training Center, a tax-exempt entity funded by Fiat Chrysler that was created to help provide job training to union automotive workers. The Journal adds that with Nissan workers in Mississippi poised to vote today on whether to join the UAW, those employees should think long and hard – in the wake of the indictment – about whether this is the type of organization they want to pay dues to.

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Text Message Suicide Case-Sentencing; North Carolina-YMCA Chemical Leak; Weather Forecast; Transportation-Seat Belt Usage Survey; FCC-Robocalls Crackdown; Dubai-Residential Tower Fire.
CBS: Russia Investigation-Mueller Empanels Grand Jury; Russia Investigation-Analysis; Kushner-Family Business Investigation; White House-Leaked Call Transcripts; Trump-West Virginia Rally; Text Message Suicide Case-Sentencing; TSA-Firearm Seizures; Transportation-Seat Belt Usage Survey; Kennedy Center Honorees.
NBC: Russia Investigation-Mueller Empanels Grand Jury; White House-Leaked Call Transcripts; Text Message Suicide Case-Sentencing; Baltimore-Evidence Tampering Allegations; Severe Weather-Heat; Minneapolis-School Explosion; CDC-Teen Girl Suicide Rate; Dubai-Residential Tower Fire; Transportation-Seat Belt Usage Survey; Kennedy Center Honorees.

Network TV At A Glance:
White House-Leaked Call Transcripts – 8 minutes, 25 seconds
Text Message Suicide Case-Sentencing – 7 minutes, 35 seconds
Russia Investigation-Mueller Empanels Grand Jury – 7 minutes
Transportation-Seat Belt Usage Survey – 5 minutes, 30 seconds
Kennedy Center Honorees – 55 seconds
Dubai-Residential Tower Fire – 50 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:
ABC: Russia Investigation-Mueller Empanels Grand Jury; Trump-West Virginia Rally; Justice Department-Sanctuary City Funding; Text Message Suicide Case-Sentencing.
CBS: Russia Investigation-Mueller Empanels Grand Jury; Trump-West Virginia Rally; Text Message Suicide Case-Sentencing; Justice Department-Sanctuary City Funding; Outer Banks-Reopening After Outage; Trump-Extended Vacation.
FOX: Russia Investigation-Mueller Empanels Grand Jury; Trump-West Virginia Rally; White House-Leaked Call Transcripts; Justice Department-Sanctuary City Funding; Texas Prison-Moving Inmates To Facility With Climate Control; Outer Banks-Reopening After Outage.
NPR: Russia Investigation-Mueller Empanels Grand Jury; British Hacker-Malware Virus; Severe Weather-Heat; Wall Street; Trump-West Virginia Rally; Central Park-Elephant Poaching Protest.

Washington Schedule

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:
PRESIDENT TRUMP — Visits FEMA Headquarters for a hurricane briefing.
VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — Unavailable.
US Senate: Not in session.
US House: 1:00 PM House meets in pro forma session * House of Representatives on recess from 28 Jul – 5 Sep. Location: Washington, DC http://www.house.gov/. Contacts: House of Representatives Press Gallery 1 202 225 3945.
Other: No relevant events.

Last Laughs

Late Night Political Humor.

Jimmy Kimmel: "President Trump is about to go on vacation. I don't know if you know. He's off for two blissful weeks on the island of covfefe."

Jimmy Kimmel: "He's going to his Trump golf resort in New Jersey. Some people are angry he's taking vacation for two weeks. I think it is a good thing. I mean, we'll still have a country for two more weeks."

Jimmy Kimmel: "Earlier today, [Trump] teased that he would be making a big announcement. He doesn't just make an announcement. First he announces he's going to make an announcement, then the announcement gets announced."

Jimmy Kimmel: "[West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice] has a lot in common with the President. They're

both former Democrats who switched parties because they love Donald Trump."

Jimmy Kimmel: [Referencing speculation about Rick Perry being appointed to DHS] "I have a general rule of thumb which is, if you've ever been eliminated from 'Dancing with the Stars,' you should be eliminated from running the Department of Homeland Security."

Jimmy Kimmel: "[Scaramucci] sent CNN a memo. The first item on his to-do list was to meet with the chief of staff, John Kelly, which he did, and at that meeting, Kelly fired him. So maybe he shouldn't have done that first."

Jimmy Kimmel: "[Scaramucci] wanted to improve relations with the press, and part of his plan was to have a complaint box for members of the media to air their grievances. Is this the White House or a Cracker Barrel?"

Jimmy Kimmel: "Scaramucci also wanted to take steps to humanize Donald Trump. I don't know about that. If anything, Donald Trump is too human. No one is like, 'The President is so guarded. I wish we could get to know the real Donald Trump.'"

Stephen Colbert: "Robert Mueller has empaneled a grand jury in his investigation of Russia and the Trump campaign! I'm going to say something nobody has ever said before: God, I wish I had jury duty!"

Stephen Colbert: [Referencing Mueller's grand jury] "But really, how are they ever going to find unbiased people to serve on this jury? 'Ma'am, have you ever heard of man by the name of Donald Trump?' 'No, father never mentioned him in our cave-dwelling cult.'"

Stephen Colbert: [Referencing Mueller's grand jury] "So it doesn't mean there's going to be a trial, but there is a strong indication something's going to happen. It's like picking up a blind date and the first thing they say is, 'Hey, I need some condoms. Could we swing by the store?'"

Trevor Noah: [Referencing Mueller's grand jury] "Oh, man! Today must suck for Donald Trump. I just hope if the police ever arrest him, they protect his head when they put him into the car."

Jimmy Fallon: "I read that Trump is trying to impress his new chief of staff, John Kelly, by listing a lot of facts during meetings. They're all Snapple facts, but still."

Jimmy Fallon: "I saw that the President is about to go off on a 17-day vacation. Trump said he could use a little R and R – you know, ranting and re-tweeting."

Jimmy Fallon: "People are speculating that Mark Zuckerberg could run for president in 2020 because he just hired Hillary Clinton's chief campaign strategist. He came highly recommended by everyone, except Hillary Clinton."

Seth Meyers: "According to the Associated Press, President Trump will take a 17-day vacation starting tomorrow at his golf club in New Jersey. Seventeen days in New Jersey doesn't sound like a vacation; it sounds like an episode of 'Survived.'"

Seth Meyers: "According to Politico, former press secretary Sean Spicer, who tendered his resignation last month, gave his family a tour of the White House earlier this week. He even showed them all his favorite hiding spots."

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Republicans Making Progress On Longtime Goal For More Local Control Of Federal Lands.

USA Today (8/10, Sullivan) reports that nearly "eight months into an all-Republican-led effort, it's clear that shift is under way" in the way "the more than 25% of the country that is owned by the federal government is managed." USA Today describes Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's "views on the evolving Republican House public lands strategy" as "complicated," saying he "says he wants to be a good steward and opposes turning over federal land to local or state governments or private interests." Although "raising revenue from public lands seems in tune with the goals of House Republicans such as Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop of Utah, Zinke is not entirely on board with all their agenda." Zinke, USA Today adds, "is steeped in the history of his department but also devoted to the mission to make the country's natural resources pay."

Voters Don't Trust Zinke To Decide On National Monuments. Morning Consult (8/10, Gheorghiu) reports that "a recent Morning Consult/POLITICO poll showed voters don't trust Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and President Donald Trump to make decisions" on national monuments. The article says that "multiple local groups and representatives have opposed the review" of national monuments and "called the process arbitrary and lacking in transparency, saying it would negatively impact their tourist economies." According to the article, "when it comes to public lands, voters across the country – including Americans in Western states that contain most of the monuments under review – place more trust in state residents and local leaders." Heather Swift, Interior Department spokeswoman, said in an email on Thursday, "The poll shows exactly what the Trump Administration has argued all along: local stakeholders should have more of a say in how federal lands in their communities are managed."

27 National Monuments Are Under Review. Here Are Five To Watch. The New York Times (8/11, FRIEDMAN, POPOVICH, McCANN) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is "reviewing 27 national monuments to determine if previous administrations exceeded their authority in setting aside craggy vistas, ancient cliff dwellings and other large tracts of land for protection." However, "not all of the monuments are truly in the administration's cross hairs, and Mr. Zinke has already declared some of them safe from changes." The article highlights five monuments to watch: Grand Staircase-Escalante, Bears Ears, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Katahdin Woods and Waters, and Papahanaumokuakea.

DOI Spent Thousands On Personal Travel.

The Daily Caller (8/10, Pearce) reports that Interior Department employees "spent nearly $40,000 in 2015 and 2016 on inappropriate travel costs," according to an independent audit. The

report "faulted the agency's controls, saying they 'weren't effective in ensuring that all non-payroll costs were appropriate and complied with the Act's administrative requirements.'" The audit focused on the Interior Department's implementation of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act.

Western Values Project Drills Into David Bernhardt At Interior.

The Denver Westword (8/10, Stringer) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has "come under fire for stacking his department, which is charged with balancing development and conservation on federal land, with staffers that have ties to the oil and gas industry – including Zinke's deputy, David Bernhardt." The Western Values Project, "a conservation group, is digging deep to track the potential conflicts of interest in Zinke's department while exploring their potential effects on fossil-fuel drilling in Colorado." WVP head Chris Saeger is raising concerns about "a department headed by former lobbyists, industry advocates and corporate boardmembers that is prioritizing fossil-fuel development at the cost of conservation, the public and the outdoor industry."

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

Complaint Filed In Federal Court In Washington D.C. Against U.S. Dept. Of Interior Over Proposed Elk Grove Casino.

Elk Grove News (CA) (8/10) reports that an amended complaint has been filed "in U.S. District Court in Washington D.C. by Stand Up For California (SUFC) against the U.S. Department of the Interior challenging recent decisions that have helped the Wilton Rancheria's pursuit of a $400 million casino to be located in Elk Grove City limits." The complaint, "which was filed on behalf of casino watchdog group SUFC and three Elk Grove residents, continues to challenge the validity of the decision to place the 36-acre parcel located at the site of the unfinished Outlets Collection at Elk Grove shopping center into federal trust. Placement of the parcel into federal trust is required for any Indian casino on non-tribal land." At the center of the argument is "that the decision was made in violation of 1998 Federal Vacancies Reform Act. SUFC contends the decision made by Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Lawrence Roberts, lacked the authority under the Vacancies Reform Act (VRA)."

Casino Is Win For Elk Grove, Wilton Rancheria Tribe. In an op-ed for the Sacramento (CA) Bee (8/10, Cooper), California State Assemblyman Jim Cooper supports the tribe's plans to build a resort and casino. He has introduced Assembly Bill 1606, which will ratify a tribal gaming compact by the Legislature

Bureau Of Land Management

Judge Scolds Defendant, Orders Him Off Stand.

The Arizona Republic (8/10, Anglen) reports that "a Las Vegas courtroom erupted in drama Thursday when a federal judge ordered a defendant in the Bundy Ranch standoff trial to get off the stand, struck his testimony, dismissed jurors and abruptly left the bench." According to the article, "jurors looked stunned as Eric Parker returned to the defense table with his head hung and then buried his face in his hands, according to lawyers in the case."

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (8/10, Ferrara) reports that Eric Parker was "photographed in April 2014 pointing a long gun through a barrier on an Interstate 15 overpass that overlooked a sandy ditch where protesters had gathered to face Bureau of Land Management agents." The article says that "before the start of the second trial for Parker, a married father of two, and three other men, U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro barred the defense from referencing constitutional rights to freely assemble and to bear arms." Navarro "also prohibited mention of alleged misconduct or excessive force by law enforcement."

BLM Expects Large Rangeland Seed Buy.

The Salem (OR) Capital Press (8/10, O'Connell) reports that "Ken Koompin has found raising grass seed for dryland range is risky and challenging, and the market for the niche crop is exceedingly volatile." However, "officials with the Bureau of Land Management — a major buyer that uses large quantities of locally adapted seed varieties for its reclamation efforts — say their seed inventories are running low amid a bad wildfire season." BLM officials will "solicit bids from

seed suppliers on Aug. 14 to replenish inventories at their two major seed warehouses, located in Boise and Ely, Nev."

Reward Offered As Cattle Killers Strike Again In Eddy County.

The Carlsbad (NM) Current-Argus (8/10, Hedden) reports that "a $21,000 reward was announced Wednesday by the Eddy County Sheriff's Office" as "reports of cattle being shot on local ranches increase." The article notes that "People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) donated $10,000, with the Bureau of Land Management and the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association kicking in $5,000 each." CrimeStoppers of Eddy County "offered the additional $1,000."

America's Mustangs: Let's Have Facts, Not "Fake News".

In a piece for the Huffington Post (8/10, Roy), Suzanne Roy, Executive Director of the American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign, criticizes proposals "to 'solve' our nation's wild horse management issue with radical, long-abandoned ideas, such as killing thousands of animals or shipping them to foreign slaughterhouses." Roy says "it's time for stakeholders to come to the table to implement win-win solutions." She supports "pursuing public/private partnerships to implement fertility control," "applying real science to re-evaluate BLM's arbitrary population limits," "compensating ranchers for reduced use of public grazing allotments in herd management areas, which is far cheaper than rounding up, removing and stockpiling wild horses," and "reducing costs by moving horses from holding pens to holding pastures that cost almost three times less, and returning captured mustangs to public lands where they can live out their lives in non-breeding wild herds requiring no taxpayer money for feed."

Bureau Of Ocean Energy Management

Opponents Press Governor To Comment On Lease Plan.

The Coastal Observer (SC) (8/10, Best) reports that "opponents of oil and gas drilling off the South Carolina coast are making a push for public comments before next week's deadline on a new federal leasing plan." According to the article, "more than 100 residents came to the Waccamaw Library this week to hear a presentation from Stop Offshore Drilling in the Atlantic (SODA)."

South Strand News (SC) (8/11, Stairs) reports that Peg Howell, "a Pawleys Island resident and former oil drilling engineer," told residents that "there are thousands of reasons to oppose offshore drilling for oil and natural gas in the Atlantic Ocean, but three key reasons are: it is bad for the coastal economy, it is not needed to make America energy independent and it is a forever decision that will harm the natural environment far into the future." Howell said at the forum, "The most important thing you can do right now is to get a comment in during BOEM's comment period. It is also important to let our elected officials know that you oppose offshore drilling and seismic testing for oil and to urge them to submit a comment, too."

Meet The Man Who Wants To Bring Offshore Oil And Gas Exploration To North Carolina.

The Wilmington (NC) Port City Daily (8/10, Mannion) reports that "as the debate over offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean continues, the organization that wants to bring the oil and natural gas industry to North Carolina is urging people not to rush to judgement on what its local representative said is a safe outlet to secure the country's future energy." While the North Carolina Petroleum Council "eventually hopes to open the opportunity for offshore drilling and refining of oil and natural gas in the Atlantic Ocean," Executive Director David "said that is at least eight to 10 years away." He said that "concerned residents...need to use that time to become informed on the subject at hand."

Oil Companies Position For Emerging Offshore Wind Sector.

Offshore Magazine (8/10) reports oil and gas companies are looking to take advantage of potential growth in US offshore wind projects. Statoil is looking to leverage its experience in offshore oil and gas operations to advance its New Energy Solutions standalone unit, which will focus on offshore wind, solar and energy storage. DONG sold off its offshore oil and gas assets over the past 10 years to focus almost exclusively on wind power. The company now holds the greatest market share of global installed offshore wind capacity.

E&E Publishing (8/10, Klump) also provided coverage.

Bureau Of Reclamation

Southern Californian Could See A Water Rate Hike To Pay For Brown's Tunnels.

The Sacramento (CA) Bee (8/10, Sabalow) reports that "more than 6 million Southern Californian households could pay $3 more a month to help cover the costs of Gov. Jerry Brown's controversial plan to bore two huge tunnels under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta." However, "that's cheaper than the $5 a month that households in the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's service area were expected to pay under projections released four years ago, Jeffrey Kightlinger, the water district's general manager, said Thursday." Kightlinger said in an announcement, "Given the importance of this project to maintain water supply reliability for the region, these are encouraging numbers. It also goes to show the ability of the Southland region to fund major infrastructure projects by pooling our resources."

Fish And Wildlife Service

Feds Put Off Decision On Texas Hornshell's Status.

The Santa Fe New Mexican (8/11, Chacón) reports that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service "delayed a decision Thursday on whether to add the last remaining native mussel in New Mexico to the endangered species list, raising concerns about its future amid efforts in Congress to reform the Endangered Species Act." The FWS "announced it was delaying a listing decision on the Texas hornshell for six months and would reopen the comment period for an additional 30 days."

Divers Find No Adult Invasive Mussels In Montana Reservoir.

The AP (8/10) reports that "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services scuba divers searched for three days but did not find any indication of adult aquatic invasive mussels on the face of Tiber Dam in north-central Montana." The divers were "brought in this week because a juvenile mussel was found in a water sample taken from Tiber Reservoir near Chester last fall." That discovery and "a suspect sample taken from Canyon Ferry Reservoir near Townsend led Montana to increase its efforts to prevent the possible spread of the shellfish that can clog water pipes and displace native species."

Wis. Bear Hunters Who Use Dogs Under Attack By Wolf Advocates.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (8/10, Marcotty) reports that "a national watchdog group says Wisconsin bear hunters are harassing wolves with their dog packs — then claiming state compensation when their hounds are killed — and wants the federal government to launch a criminal investigation." In a letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, an attorney for Professional Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) said that "the practice amounts to 'a state-sanctioned financial subsidy for hunters engaged in the criminal harassment' of wolves." Adam Carlesco, staff counsel for PEER, said, "It is harassment of an endangered species, committed by a relatively small number of hunters."

Most Plovers Have Fledged, Much Of Refuge Beach Reopens.

The North Andover (MA) Eagle Tribune (8/10, Lodge) reports that "much of the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge beach, which had been closed since April to protect nesting piping plovers, reopened on Friday." The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service "annually closes its six miles of refuge beach and parking lots 2 through 7, which connect to the beach, to keep humans from disturbing the nesting shorebirds." Kaytee Hojnacki, "a biology technician at the refuge who had been monitoring the status of the plovers and their nests for the past three months, said 24 plover pairs produced 53 chicks that fledged (they are able to fly), which is down from the high last year of 77, but still 'our third-highest fledgling count ever, and still very good.'"

Site Chosen For Refuge Open House.

The Mohave Valley (AZ) Daily News (8/10, Richards) reports that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Havasu National Wildlife Refuge plans "to hold an open house listening session on Thursday, Aug. 17, to accept written public comments on a draft recreational boating compatibility determination (CD)." Comments will be accepted through Aug. 30.

US-China Cooperation On Wildlife Smuggling: An Opportunity.

In a piece for the Huffington Post (8/10, Devlin), Kathleen Devlin, a Master's Graduate of the Global Affairs Program at the Yale Jackson Institute, writes that the United States and China "have access to frameworks that could facilitate collaboration on wildlife issues." She also points out that "the United States and China are far and away the two largest markets of unlawful animal products and plants, so both have an outsized duty to take leadership roles and aggressively tackle the issue head-on." Devlin argues that "because of their combined market share, any collective action successfully adopted and carried out would have noticeable effects on the international stage."

National Park Service

Data-driven Decisions For National Parks.

Government Computer News (8/10) reports, that "data on visitors has been collected for many years, but the National Park Service hasn't been able to analyze it or use it to inform other decisions." According to the article, "to help it make better operations and programming decisions with the data it already has, NPS wants to put its visitor experience data from 1999-present into usable formats so it's easier to review and analyze." The NPS is "looking for a contractor to compile reports and visualizations on visitation trends, funding, staff allocations and interpretive media using existing data from the agency's servicewide interpretive report, visitor use statistics and potentially cross-referencing that information with data from the Census Bureau."

Why Was There A Giant Inflatable Chicken Near The White House?.

The New York Times (8/10, Joseph) reports on the "giant inflatable chicken [that] appeared outside the White House on Wednesday," saying those who saw it "had no trouble identifying its human doppelgänger: President Trump. The chicken was the brainchild of Taran Singh Brar, an artist and documentary filmmaker who lives in Laredo, Calif." Brar said "that he wanted to make a statement about the president being a 'weak and ineffective leader.' He added, 'He's too afraid to release his tax returns, too afraid to stand up to Vladimir Putin, and playing chicken with North Korea.'"

Rat Population Increase Can Have Real Impact On City Infrastructure.

WRC-TV Washington (8/10, Fleischer, Yarborough, Piper, Jones) reports that the rise in the population of rats is having an impact on the D.C. metro area. Of note, the "rat problem" is adding to the expenses of the National Park Service. NPS spokesman Mike Litterst. said, "Certainly if you have rats that are making it worse, adding to that tally, that's something we're trying to avoid."

Yellowstone Park Vehicle Traffic Nearing Capacity.

The AP (8/10, Moen) reports that "sometime within the next four to six years, Yellowstone National Park is expected to reach its capacity for being able to handle all the vehicles that tourists drive through the park." The National Park Service on Thursday "released a pair of studies looking at traffic and parking in the nation's first national park and visitor demographics and expectations." According to the agency, "potential solutions include instituting a reservation system or passenger shuttles to control the number of visitors during peak times for the busiest attractions in the park, but no decisions will be made for at least a couple of years." Yellowstone Superintendent Dan Wenk said in a statement, "Historic and recent trends demonstrate that visitation will increase over the long-term, therefore, it is imperative for us to plan now. Good visitor use management will allow the park to protect resources, encourage access, and improve experiences."

Vehicle Strikes, Fatally Injures Yellowstone Bison.

The AP (8/10) reports that "a bull bison that had wandered out of Yellowstone National Park was killed after suffering severe head and leg injuries when it was struck by a vehicle just east of the park." Wyoming Game and Fish warden Travis Crane, "the bison was walking in circles on the highway after the collision Sunday evening near Wapiti and couldn't be moved." Crane said "he shot and killed the injured bull because the Wyoming Highway Patrol said it was a public safety hazard."

Grand Canyon Water Pipeline Slated For Multimillion-dollar Replacement.

The Arizona Daily Sun (8/10, Conley) reports that "an aging pipeline bringing water to residents, resorts and 6 million visitors a year at the Grand Canyon has broken about 80 times since 2010 and needs a multimillion-dollar replacement, park officials say." According to Grand Canyon spokeswoman Kirby-Lynn Shedlowski, "officials have sutured the breaks over the years, but that is no longer enough." Shedlowski "said it's time to go beyond patchwork and spend up to $124 million to replace it before a major disruption of water service at the international tourist draw."

Gatlinburg Wildfire Records: What We Know, What's Still Secret.

The Knoxville (TN) News Sentinel (8/10, Lakin) reports that "authorities began releasing copies Wednesday of key public records on the deadly Gatlinburg wildfire, nearly nine months after flames swept through town Nov. 28 and killed 14 people." However, the National Park Service has "yet to release records requested under the federal Freedom of Information Act."

Bubonic Plague Detected At Quarai Mission In New Mexico.

The AP (8/10) reports that "an animal case of bubonic plague has been detected at the Quarai mission of Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument in New Mexico." Monument staff found "a dead rock squirrel in the square kiva at the mission on July 11." According to the article, "a veterinary diagnostic lab says the squirrel tested positive for plague."

Acadia Ramps Up Park Pass Enforcement.

The Mount Desert (ME) Islander (8/10, Broom) reports that Acadia National Park rangers have "started cracking down on people who park their vehicles in the park without displaying an entrance pass." Park officials "said in a press release Tuesday that they are 'enhancing efforts' to ensure that visitors have passes and that rangers will issue a 'fee compliance notice' for vehicles that don't display a valid pass." Park spokesman John Kelly "said the 'notice' is actually a 'citation' that carries a fine of $130." However, "the vehicle's owner or operator can avoid the fine if, within 24 hours, they buy an entrance pass or show proof that they had a valid pass that was not displayed."

Council Of Town Near Grand Canyon Votes For Special Election.

The AP (8/10, Silber) reports that "a small town at the edge of the Grand Canyon will have a special election in November to decide whether to increase the maximum building height in the city and pave the way for new retail and housing development in the community." The town council in Tusayan "voted unanimously Wednesday evening to settle the issue by mail ballot." Critics claim "the building height increase would have serious effects on water usage, impact visitor capacity to Grand Canyon National Park and cause potential damaging consequences for the area's dark skies conservation." The National Park Service "sent a letter to the town expressing those concerns, while environmentalists also remain steadfast any growth in Tusayan would mar the beauty of the area."

New Science Education Program Brings National Parks To Classrooms.

The Knoxville (TN) Focus (8/10) reports that "teachers and students across the country will have the opportunity to participate in a new science education program, Citizen Science 2.0 in National Parks, thanks to a $1 million Veverka Family Foundation donation to the National Park Foundation's Centennial Campaign for America's National Parks." The program is "kicking off this 2017-2018 school year with four national parks: Cabrillo National Monument, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and Rock Creek Park." Will Shafroth, president of the National Park Foundation, said, "Private support from generous partners like the Veverka Family Foundation is making it possible for national parks – some of our richest learning environments – to offer new and innovative education programs like Citizen Science 2.0. Thanks to this $1 million donation to our Centennial Campaign for America's National Parks, teachers and students across the country will experience science outside the textbook and inside national parks."

Fort McHenry Ranger Can't Stay Retired Even After 50-year Career.

The Washington Post (8/10, Pitts) reports that that 79-year-old Paul Plamann "retired July 1 after a 50-year career" at the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine. However, "he was back in action this week, reprising his popular role as Beanes in his new guise as a part-time volunteer." According to the article, "the man known to generations of colleagues as 'The Old Ranger'" now plans to be at the Hampton National Historic Site in Towson on Saturdays and at

Fort McHenry on Tuesdays.

Free Entrance To Point Park To Celebrate The National Park Service's Birthday.

The Chattanoogan (TN) (8/10) reports that "to celebrate the National Park Service turning 101 years old, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park is waiving the entrance fee to Point Park on Friday, Aug. 25."

Lookout Lake Michigan Shipwreck In Two Rivers Gets Historic Status.

The Manitowoc (WI) Herald Times Reporter (8/10) reports that "the Lookout shipwreck in Two Rivers has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Wisconsin Historical Society announced Thursday."

Pearl Harbor Nonprofit CEO Leaves Organization.

The AP (8/10, McAVOY) reports that "a nonprofit that supports National Park Service operations at Pearl Harbor said Thursday its CEO is no longer with the organization." Pacific Historic Parks "didn't disclose the reasons for Ray L'Heureux's departure, saying it was a confidential personnel matter." The article notes that "the move came four months after the organization's board placed L'Heureux on paid administrative leave while it investigated allegations made against him in an anonymous letter."

Office Of Insular Affairs

Trump Renews Warning To North Korean Leaders.

Media reports cast President Trump's comments Thursday on North Korea as intensifying his warnings to North Korea's leaders and doubling down on his earlier "fire and fury" warning. All three networks again Thursday night led with the story, dedicating just under 20 minutes to the story – down from 23 minutes the night before. Lester Hold opened NBC Nightly News (8/10, lead story, 3:05, Holt) saying the President Trump "fired off another vague and ominous-sounding threat," and "appeared to paint another red-line, this time over Guam." Trump was shown saying, "Let's see what he does with Guam. If he does something in Guam, it will be an event the likes of which nobody has seen before what will happen in North Korea." Cecilia Vega said on ABC World News Tonight (8/10, lead story, 3:30, Muir) that Trump is "not backing down, but he's also not telegraphing what comes next." The Washington Post (8/10, Rucker, Deyoung) too says Trump "escalated his rhetoric," but when asked what would have been tougher than "fire and fury," Trump replied only, "You'll see. You'll see." He also "would not say whether he is considering a preemptive strike," but said diplomatic efforts "over the years had done little to halt the country's nuclear program."

Trump, the New York Times (8/10, Baker) reports, "escalated his war of words...rejecting critics at home and abroad who condemned his earlier warning as reckless saber-rattling," and Jim Sciutto said on CNN's Situation Room (8/10) that he has "doubled and tripled down...despite" several of his senior advisers on Wednesday trying to "walk...back" his earlier remarks.

Anthony Mason said in the lead story for the CBS Evening News (8/10, lead story, 2:40, Mason) that Trump said "he might not have been tough enough, so he got tougher today, saying that if the North Koreans even think about launching an attack, 'things will happen to them like they never thought possible.'" David Martin said the President "seemed to hold out little hope negotiations could resolve the standoff, and doubted economic sanctions would be effective enough. ... It seems the Commander-in-Chief has already run out of patience."

The President's remarks Thursday, Bloomberg News (8/10, Olorunnipa) reports, "continue days of escalating rhetorical exchanges," and USA Today (8/10, Korte) says he "doubled down on his threats...pushing back against criticism that his aggressive rhetoric might backfire and inflame tensions." Said Trump of his previous statement, "Maybe it wasn't tough enough. It's about time that somebody stuck up for the people of this country and for the people of other countries. So if anything, maybe that statement wasn't tough enough."

Reuters (8/8, Oliphant, Blanchard) reports Trump "took specific aim" at Kim Jong-un, saying he had "disrespected our country greatly. He has said things that are horrific. And with me, he's not getting away with it." The Washington Times (8/10, Muñoz) reports Trump's comments came as Defense Secretary Mattis confirmed Thursday that a "military solution" is in place "should the White House opt to pursue an armed response" to North Korea. Mattis, however, "remained

largely mum on the details." Another Washington Times (8/10, Muñoz) report says Mattis also "declined to comment whether he was taken aback by Mr. Trump's harsh rhetoric."

Trump's "strong language," the Los Angeles Times (8/10, Bierman) reports, "came only hours after...Mattis stressed the importance of diplomacy in the increasingly tense standoff with the nuclear-armed state." A Los Angeles Times (8/10, Lauter) analysis says Trump's rhetoric toward North Korea has "highlighted as never before the tension between the president's duties as chief executive and the role he often seems to prefer as the country's highest-profile TV and Internet commentator." Secretary Tillerson said this week that Americans should "sleep well at night" and has pressed for talks, "albeit with preconditions." On Thursday, "even as Trump said his previous statements were perhaps 'not tough enough,'" Defense Secretary Mattis "emphasized diplomacy." Said Mattis, "Do I have military options? Of course I do. That's my responsibility. But what we're trying to do here is leave it loud and clear...in the diplomatic arena: It is North Korea's choice."

The Wall Street Journal (8/10, Sonne, Radnofsky) reports that earlier Thursday, North Korea said "sound dialogue is not possible" with Trump and repeated the threat it made a day earlier to strike Guam, saying it could surround the island in "enveloping fire" by launching four intermediate-range Hwasong-12 missiles at it. The AP (8/10, Lemire, Lederman) says Trump spoke after North Korea "intensified its own rhetoric by announcing a detailed plan to launch a salvo of ballistic missiles" toward Guam.

Trump: China Can Do More To Resolve Crisis. The CBS Evening News (8/10, story 2, 1:30, Mason) reported President Trump also said Thursday that China can do more to resolve the North Korea crisis, "and he said he thinks China will." However, CBS (Tracy) said "it's unclear at this point how much North Korea will even listen to what China says. In fact, the regime is very upset with China because it went along with those tough US sanctions." Furthermore, Trump on Thursday "sent a US Navy ship into waters that China claims is its own, and that's only antagonized them more. When you consider how much the US needs China right now on this issue of North Korea, these sorts of actions are not likely to help." The Wall Street Journal (8/10, Wong) reports, Trump's rhetoric leaves China as it seeks to reduce tensions with few options.

The New York Times (8/10, Perlez), meanwhile, reports that with US allies in the region "unnerved" by Trump's threats, China "sees a chance to capitalize on the fear and confusion and emerge as the sober-minded power in the region, according to analysts." Trump has "increasingly been seen in China as unreliable," and his comments this week have "only deepened that perception, analysts say." The Washington Post (8/10, Denyer) similarly says China's "narrative about US recklessness was reinforced this week" by Trump's threats. His rhetoric, the Post says, "gave China the perfect platform to project itself as the voice of reason — especially as it had just agreed to join the world in stiffening sanctions against North Korea."

A New York Times (8/10, Ramzy) analysis notes that the last time an American president contemplating how to stop an "isolated, authoritarian state in Asia" from becoming a nuclear power it was China. The Times says that a "look at that time reveals just how perilous such a situation can be, when a new nuclear player emerges and an established power tries to stand in its way. But it also shows that all-out war can be avoided."

US Officials: North Korean Missile Launch Would Take 14 Minutes To Reach Guam. NBC Nightly News (8/10, story 2, 2:50, Holt) reported North Korea is saying its military is developing a plan to strike Guam with "four ballistic missiles they say could be fired in the next week." Barbara Starr reported on CNN's Situation Room (8/10) that if the North launched ballistic missiles at Guam, it would be "unprecedented" and "very dicey," but "there are several layers of missile defense," while ABC World News Tonight (8/10, story 2, 2:55, Muir) reported a launch from North Korea would take only 14 minutes to reach Guam, which is home to 160,000 American civilians and 7,000 US forces on two US military bases. A senior US official told ABC that a "preemptive strike could be on the table in the next six to 12 months, if sanctions do not work, and if Kim Jong-un continues to make progress on a nuclear tipped missile," but ABC's Jim Avila added that "any military retaliation from North Korea could be catastrophic."

The New York Times (8/10, Choe) reports that for Kim, failure of an attack on Guam "would be a potentially costly blunder that could subvert his authority." However, North Korea's threat "also includes some maneuvering room for a possible compromise, South Korean analysts said." With the launches "still in the planning phase" there is the "possibility of delay or cancellation," but the Washington Post (8/10, Fifield) reports, "Still, North Korea is not showing signs of backing down at the moment."

USA Today (8/10, Michaels) reports that if North Korea "follows through on its threat to fire ballistic missiles" at Guam, the US military "probably will try to shoot them down, raising the

stakes even further in a dangerous global standoff." A New York Times (8/10, Gordon, Schmitt) analysis says North Korea's threat Thursday to test-fire ballistic missiles at Guam "deepened the challenge confronting the Trump administration: how to defang Pyongyang's missile programs without risking all-out war." The Times cautions that "even a limited strike against a North Korean missile on its launching pad or the shooting down of a missile in midair would pose risks" that Kim Jong-un "might retaliate, setting off a spiral of escalation that could plunge the Korean Peninsula into war."

A front-page Washington Post (8/10, A1, Fisher, Nakamura) analysis says that "in this moment of heated, belligerent rhetoric, planners in and out of government are diving into decades of plans and projections, playing out war games, engaging in the macabre semi-science of estimating death tolls and predicting how an adversary might behave." According to the Post, the "pathways that have been examined fall into four main categories: doing nothing, hitting Kim Jong Un's regime with tougher sanctions, pushing for talks, and military confrontation."

Guam Governor Reassures Nervous Residents. MSN (8/9) reports that "elected officials in Guam are reassuring constituents that the U.S. territory is safe following North Korea's threat against the island." ABC News (8/9, Caplan) reports that "Guam's governor, Eddie Calvo, released a two-minute video message to the island's residents, in which he said, 'I want to ensure that we are prepared for any eventuality.'"

Additional coverage was provided by the Guam Daily Post (8/9, Calvo).

Additional Coverage. Additional coverage was provided by the Pacific (GUM) Daily News (8/9, Stanglin), the Guam Daily Post (8/9), the Guam Daily Post (8/8, Oliphant, Blanchard), the Pacific (GUM) Daily News (8/10, Raymundo), the Pacific (GUM) Daily News (8/9, Raymundo), the Guam Daily Post (8/9, Roberto, Losinio), the Marianas Variety (8/10), the Pacific (GUM) Daily News (8/10, Mora), and the Guam Daily Post (8/10, Losinio).

Six B-1 Bombers Arrive From South Dakota.

The Guam Daily Post (8/9) reports that "six B-1B Lancers and 350 airmen with the 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron from Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, recently arrived at Andersen Air Force Base for another rotational deployment, the U.S. Pacific Command announced." According to the article, "the squadron arrived after the 9th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, completed its Guam rotation that started in February."

Additional Coverage: Hawaii, Guam Get More Funds To Abate Compact Impact.

Additional coverage that the Interior Department has "made available two technical assistance grants totaling $467,095 to support one-stop centers in Guam and Hawaii that provide information and services to migrants from the freely associated states" was provided by the Saipan (MNP) Tribune (8/10), the Pacific (GUM) Daily News (8/10, Engichy), and the Pacific (GUM) Daily News (8/9).

Guam Is Overlooked Asset In Asia.

In an op-ed for the Detroit News (8/9, Lennox), Dennis Lennox, who was executive director of the Republican Party of the Virgin Islands, writes that "North Korea's threat presents a unique opportunity for the federal government to simultaneously fly the flag while empowering Guam to promote the national interest, be it economically or diplomatically." To achieve this, Lennox urges President Trump "to reinvent the way the federal government oversees the territories." Lennox argues that "it's time to use broad authority of the president to transfer Guam and the territories from Interior to a new, standalone cabinet-level agency."

The South Pacific's Strategic Role.

In an op-ed for the Washington Times (8/10, Jacobs), Erik M. Jacobs, a student at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, writes that "as China continues its military expansion and modernization and as President Trump and seeks to expand the capabilities of the U.S. Navy to restore traditional American strategic power, the South Pacific will only continue to grow in strategic importance." Jacobs argues that "small and targeted strategic investment in the South Pacific will not only show the U.S. commitment to its strategic value, it will ensure that the U.S. is prepared to deal with current and emerging threats across the broader Asia-Pacific region."

Office Of Surface Mining

West Virginia Governor Wants To Sell Trump On A $4.5 Billion Coal Bailout By Calling It A "Homeland Security Initiative".

The Washington Post (8/10, Ingraham) reports, "Jim Justice, the Republican governor of West Virginia, is floating a federal proposal to bail out the struggling Appalachian coal industry at a cost to taxpayers of up to $4.5 billion a year." The Post says Justice is calling the proposal a "homeland security initiative" to protect "the eastern energy grid." Columbia University Center on Global Energy Policy Director Jason Bordoff said the "claim that taxpayers should subsidize Appalachian coal for national security reasons is meritless."

US Geological Survey

Yellowstone Supervolcano: Map Shows Ground Deformation Around Caldera Over Last Two Years.

Newsweek (8/10, Osborne) reports that "a map showing how the ground around the Yellowstone supervolcano has deformed over the last two years has been released by the U.S. Geological Survey." The map, by USGS geophysicist Chuck Wicks, "shows movement around the caldera between 2015 and 2017 using radar images of Earth's surface collected from orbiting satellites."

Additional coverage was provided by the Daily Mail (8/10, Macdonald).

USGS Upgrades To Broadband From California To Arizona.

KJZZ-FM Phoenix (8/10, Van Blokland) reports that "the USGS is upgrading out-of-date earthquake monitoring sites from analog to digital broadband." According to the article, "for its most remote sites — in which more traditional internet providers don't provide service — the USGS Earthquake Science Center is partnering with a California company to install satellite internet."

Top National News

Trump To McConnell: "Get Back To Work."

Media reports are casting the President's criticism of Senate Majority Leader McConnell as both highly unusual and counterproductive. Some reports, however, indicate the President's comments over the last few days are part of a deliberate strategy. Politico (8/10, Dawsey), citing "four White House officials and Trump friends," reports Trump is "preparing to distance himself from Republicans in Congress if they aren't successful in passing legislation," and that he is "prepared to cast himself as an outsider – and Congress as an 'insider' Washington institution." Breitbart (8/10, Spiering) also sees Trump as "eager to distance himself from the Senate majority leader," and the Wall Street Journal (8/10) editorializes that while Steve Bannon and his White House allies relish the feud as part of their effort to rebrand the GOP, the ongoing dispute only helps Senate Minority Leader Schumer and his party – and risks permanently stalling the President's agenda.

Along those lines, NPR (8/9, Taylor) said the "escalating tension...has the potential to jeopardize the rest of the Republican legislative agenda in the Senate when Congress returns," and the New York Times (8/10) that McConnell is "the one person" Trump "may most need to execute a stalled Republican legislative agenda." David Catanese of US News and World Report said on Fox News' Special Report (8/10) that Trump is "smart to run against Congress, given his own approval rating," but "it's going to come to a head in the fall because...he's going to depend on...McConnell to get" things "done. ... So, short-term gain but long-term problematic to poke at the Majority Leader." David Axelrod similarly argued on CNN's Situation Room (8/10) that if Trump "has any hope of getting his legislative program through, then it seems like a very foolish long-term strategy to be in this sort of tête-à-tête with...McConnell." Under the headline "Donald Trump's Strategy On Mitch McConnell Is Totally Pointless," Chris Cillizza wrote in a piece for CNN (8/10) that "this is a fight" the President "can't win – and shouldn't keep stoking. Which, of course, means he almost certainly will."

To Reuters (8/10), Trump is "venting frustration over Republicans' dramatic failure to repeal and replace the Obamacare healthcare law," and USA Today (8/10, Collins) says "Trump and some conservatives are not ready to give up on repeal," but "it is not clear what the president has in mind for reviving the legislation." The Washington Post (8/10, A1, Wagner) refers to "an extraordinary fight" and Roll Call (8/10, Rahman) to a Trump "crusade against...McConnell," while

the Los Angeles Times (8/10, Mascaro) says the "escalating attacks...underscore the rocky relationship between the White House and what typically would be the president's allies." The AP (8/10, Bykowicz, Werner) refers to "a stunning feud," as "a sitting president openly turning on a Senate majority leader of his own party in such a fashion is practically unheard of – yet another norm destroyed since Trump's rise on the political scene."

As Business Insider (8/10) reported, the McConnell "suggested Tuesday that Trump was frustrated with the healthcare failure because he had 'excessive expectations' due to his lack of experience in politics." Trump first responded to McConnell on Twitter on Wednesday, and continued to chide the GOP leader yesterday, writing, "Mitch, get back to work and put Repeal & Replace, Tax Reform & Cuts and a great Infrastructure Bill on my desk for signing. You can do it!" ABC World News Tonight (8/10, story 3, 2:10, Muir) showed him saying later in the day, "I have been hearing repeal and replace now for seven years. All I hear is repeal and replace. And then I get there and I said, where's the bill, I want to sign it, first day. And they don't have it.. ... Mitch, get to work, and let's get it done. They should have had this last one done. They lost by one vote. For a thing like that to happen is a disgrace. And, frankly, it shouldn't have happened."

The Washington Times (8/10, Dinan) reports Trump also "said...McConnell must prove he can get things done with a GOP majority or else it will be time to talk about ousting the longtime Republican floor leader." The CBS Evening News (8/10, story 4, 1:20, Garrett) showed Trump saying, "If he doesn't get repeal and replace done, and if he doesn't get taxes done, meaning cuts and reform, and if he doesn't get a very easy one to get done, infrastructure, if he doesn't get them done, then you can ask me that question." The comments, says AP (8/10, Bykowicz, Werner), were "far from a vote of confidence," though NBC Nightly News (8/10, story 4, 2:35, Alexander) noted that he added, "I'm disappointed in Mitch, but if he gets these bills passed, I'll be very happy with him, and I'll be the first to admit it."

NBC Nightly News (8/10, story 4, 2:35, Alexander) noted that even as he wages "another battle with Senate's top Republican," the President praised "McConnell's wife, Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao." Trump was shown saying, "She's doing a very good job." The Wall Street Journal (8/9, Tau) covers Trump's remarks in this morning's edition.

Townhall (8/10, Barkoukis) reported White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders "said Thursday the president is somewhat frustrated with McConnell." Said Sanders, "You can see the president's tweets. Obviously there's some frustration. I don't have anything more to add."

Sean Hannity said in his opening monologue on Fox News' Hannity (8/10), "Now here's a news flash for Sen. McConnell: get to work, Senator. You don't seem to get that to you and your fellow Republicans, you are the ones that set those excessive expectations. ... To these Republicans, if you cannot get your job done, then and it's time for you to step aside. We need new people in those positions."

The Washington Times (8/10, Sherfinski), meanwhile, reports "the open verbal warfare between Mr. Trump and one of the two most powerful Republicans on Capitol Hill has riven their party, with rank-and-file lawmakers and potential candidates picking sides." Sen. Orrin G. Hatch of Utah "backed Mr. McConnell, calling him the best Republican leader in decades, but a host of candidates plotting runs for office sided with Mr. Trump."

NYTimes Analysis: Trump Failing To Show "Any Gratitude" Toward McConnell. The New York Times (8/10) reports that "by preventing President Barack Obama from filling a Supreme Court vacancy," McConnell "secured...Trump the signature accomplishment of his young presidency: the confirmation of Justice Neil M. Gorsuch." Yet "any gratitude President Trump felt for Mr. McConnell's first-of-its-kind maneuver appears to be exhausted as the president, upset at the failed health care repeal, has turned his Twitter fire and fury on" him.

Ylan Mui also said on CNBC's Closing Bell (8/10) that "it is worth remembering that McConnell actually delivered this Administration's biggest win so far, and that is the confirmation of Supreme Court judge Neil Gorsuch. McConnell went nuclear in order to get Gorsuch confirmed. So, he's put it on the line for this President."

Senate Conservative Fund Chief Calls For McConnell's Replacement. The Washington Times (8/10, McLaughlin) reports that "touting...Trump's criticism of...McConnell, a conservative group said Thursday the time is ripe to remove the Kentucky Republican from his leadership post for failing to deliver on campaign promises." The Times adds that "Ken Cuccinelli, the head of the Senate Conservative Fund, said Mr. McConnell recently showed his true colors when attributed part of the GOP's failed efforts to repeal and replace Obamacare to Mr. Trump's lack of governing experience." Said Cuccinelli, "It isn't unreasonable to expect Republicans to keep their promises and McConnell's excuse is yet another example of why he should be replaced as the Republican leader. ... Tell Senate Republicans to replace him now!"

Trump Could Back Primary Challengers To Flake, Heller. Under the headline "Senate Primaries: How Far Will Trump Go For Revenge?" The Hill (8/10, Easley) reported, "Speculation is growing that... Trump will buck his own party and back primary challengers to" Sens. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) and Dean Heller (R-NV) next year, "an exceedingly rare event that would deepen divisions within a party that is already struggling to govern despite controlling the White House and both chambers of Congress. The White House is closely watching" the contests, which "have attracted pro-Trump primary challengers. A couple of other challengers in Arizona with close ties to Trump are still weighing bids and have visited the White House in recent weeks. Heller is not close with Trump, although his allies insist he has a good working relationship with the president. Flake is outright hostile to Trump."

Meanwhile, in an "exclusive," The Hill (8/10, Easley) reported, "Key figures from a major pro-Trump group are joining" the campaign of ex-state Sen. Kelli Ward (R), who is mounting a primary challenge to Flake – "the latest sign that President Trump's allies are gearing up for a serious push to oust the incumbent. Eric Beach, the founder and co-chair of the Great America PAC, and Brent Lowder, the group's executive director, will join Ward's campaign, according to a release." The move "comes as New York hedge fund billionaire and conservative donor Robert Mercer, a Trump supporter whose family is close with White House chief strategist Stephen Bannon, gave $300,000 this week to an outside group supporting Ward's efforts."

The Washington Times (8/10, McLaughlin) reports that businessman Danny Tarkanian (R), who is mounting a primary challenge to Heller, is "siding with President Trump in his public feud with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell." During a Thursday appearance on Fox News, Tarkanian said Trump was justified in criticizing McConnell "over his inability to muster enough support for a bill to do away with Obamacare. 'President Trump says we should repeal Obamacare and Mitch McConnell says well he has too high expectations,' Mr. Tarkanian said," adding, "Why would that be too high expectations when just two years ago most of the same GOP Senators voted to repeal it? Why would anyone think it is too high expectations to actually vote on it now that you have a president who will sign it? Of course I support the president's position."

Caddell: Senate GOP Prevented Trump Recess Appointments. Breitbart (8/10, Riehl) reports that in a conversation Thursday with Breitbart News Daily SiriusXM hist Alex Marlow, pollster and political analyst Pat Caddell criticized Senate Republicans for not going into recess so President Trump could make recess appointments. Caddell argued, "Look at what the Senate did. It didn't even recess so he could appoint recess appointments. That's what the Democrats would have done. All these positions he can't move through the Senate, he could have appointed them the day they recessed. But they made sure he couldn't. They stayed in session, technically."

CNN Poll: Trump "Still More Popular Than Congress." On its website, CNN (8/10, Struyk) reported on what it described as "a silver lining for President Donald Trump: he's still more popular than Congress." The report said that in a CNN poll of 1,018 US "adults," taken Aug. 3-6, 68% of those surveyed judged "the Republican Congress a failure so far after last month's repeal and replace plan died in the Senate. Approval of the current Republican leaders in Congress has dropped from 39% in January to just 24% now." Meanwhile, 34% of those surveyed said "they approve of Democratic leaders in Congress." Trump's approval rating stands at 36%, according to the poll.

Trump Says He Has Given No Thought To Firing Mueller.

President Trump's claim Thursday that he has not given any thought to firing special counsel Robert Mueller, and his comments on the FBI raid of his former campaign manager Paul Manafort's home receive relative light media coverage amid heavy reporting on the ongoing north Korea crisis. Peter Alexander reported on NBC Nightly News (8/10, story 4, 2:35, Alexander) that Trump "insist[ed] he has no plans to fire Special Counsel Robert Mueller," and Reuters (8/10) reports that he said "he has not given any thought to the possibility of firing" Mueller. However, the New York Times (8/10, Schmidt) says Trump's claim that he has not considered firing Mueller "contradict[s] private statements the president has made to his aides and friends about his desire to dismiss Mr. Mueller." According to the Times, Trump "has discussed both the possibility of firing Mr. Mueller and his concerns that the investigation will undermine his presidency."

USA Today (8/10, Korte) says Trump voiced support for "the ongoing Russia investigations, including those taking place on Capitol Hill, where multiple panels are also investigating possible collusion between Trump associates and Russians who sought to influence the 2016 presidential election." Said Trump, "I want them to get on with the task. ... But I also want the Senate and

the House to come out with their findings." According to the Washington Times (8/10, Boyer), Trump also "reiterated that he has nothing to hide," saying, "We have an investigation of something that never took place." Politico (8/10, McCaskill) also reports on Trump's comments, noting that he has "repeatedly dismissed the investigations as a 'witch hunt' and a 'hoax.'"

Also Thursday, Trump reacted for the first time to the FBI raid of former campaign chairman Paul Manafort's home, the CBS Evening News (8/10, story 5, 1:15, Mason) reported. Trump: "I thought it was a very, very strong signal, or whatever. They do that very seldom, so I was surprised to see it. I was very, very surprised to see it." Politico (8/10, Conway) reports that Trump described the raid as "pretty tough stuff." The Daily Caller (8/10, Ross) quotes Trump as saying, "I don't know, but I thought it was pretty tough stuff to wake him up, perhaps his family was there. I think that's pretty tough stuff." Asked if he had spoken to the Attorney General or the FBI about the raid, Trump said, "I have not, but to do that early in the morning, whether or not it was appropriate you'd have to ask them."

The Washington Post (8/10, Wagner, Hamburger) says Trump called Manafort "a very decent man" but added that "he hadn't spoken to him for a long time." ABC World News Tonight (8/10, story 4, 1:10, Muir) showed Trump saying, "I know Mr. Manafort, haven't spoken to him in a long time, but I know him. He was with the campaign as you know, a very short period of time, a relatively short period of time. But I always thought he was a good man."

The Daily Caller (8/10, Ross) reports that Trump attorney John Dowd, in a "notable shift from his praise for Mueller earlier this week," accused the special counsel of "a gross abuse of the judicial process" for conducting the raid, and argued that it was "employed for its shock value to try to intimidate Mr. Manafort." In an email to the Wall Street Journal obtained by Fox News, Dowd wrote, "These methods are normally found and employed in Russia not America." Kevin Corke reported on Fox News' Special Report (8/10) that Dowd reportedly said the raid was "invasive."

Bloomberg News (8/10, Berthelsen, Farrell) describes Mueller as "bearing down" on Manafort, and reports that his investigators have "sent subpoenas in recent weeks from a Washington grand jury to global banks for account information and records of transactions involving Manafort and some of his companies, as well as those of a long-time business partner, Rick Gates, according to people familiar with the matter." In addition, Mueller has "reached out to other business associates, including Manafort's son-in-law and a Ukrainian oligarch," in what was "characterized as an apparent attempt to gain information that could be used to squeeze Manafort, or force him to be more helpful to prosecutors."

Manafort Searching For New Legal Representation. The New York Post (8/10, Dugan) cites "a source familiar with Manafort's plans" who said that he is "searching for new legal representation as he faces an intensifying investigation." Reginald Brown of WilmerHale, "the same DC law firm that employed Mueller until he was appointed special counsel in May," has been representing Manafort, but the Post says the "search for a new lawyer also is motivated by a desire to avoid a potential conflict of interest at WilmerHale, and could lead to the firing of Brown, the source said."

Nation Report: Investigators Now Believe DNC Hack Was An "Inside Job." In a more than 4,000-word piece posted Wednesday on the Nation (8/9, Lawrence) website, Patrick Lawrence wrote that "forensic investigators, intelligence analysts, system designers, program architects, and computer scientists of long experience and strongly credentialed are now producing evidence disproving the official version" of last year's hack of the DNC. They believe the incident was not a hack but "a leak," an "inside job" undertaken "by someone with access to the DNC's system."

Trump Dossier Author Seeks To Avoid Deposition In Libel Suit. Politico (8/10, Gerstein) reports in its "Under The Radar" blog that attorneys for Christopher Steele, the former MI6 officer who authored "an unverified intelligence dossier at the center of the Trump-Russia controversy are fighting an effort to force him into a deposition in connection with a libel suit stemming from BuzzFeed's publication of the salacious document." Steele's lawyers on Thursday "asked a federal judge in Miami not to grant the request, but Steele's lawyers' motion was filed a couple of hours after U.S. District Court Judge Ursula Ungaro issued a formal request for Steele's testimony." Steele's testimony is being sought by "lawyers for Aleksej Gubarev, a Russian internet entrepreneur who was mentioned in the dossier and contends he was libeled by its claims about his ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin."

Trump Declares Opioid Abuse A "National Emergency."

Comments by the President on the opioid crisis generated widespread, generally favorable media coverage, including two brief mentions on the major network newscasts. The Washington Post

(8/10, A1, Wagner) reports Trump "declared the country's opioid crisis a national emergency, saying the scourge exceeded anything he had seen with other drugs in his lifetime." In a story covering remarks by the President on a variety of topics, NBC Nightly News (8/10, story 4, 2:35, Alexander) showed him saying, "I'm saying officially right now, it is an emergency, it's a national emergency. We're going to spend a lot of time, a lot of effort, and a lot of money on the opioid crisis. ... You know, when I was growing up, they had LSD, and they had certain generations of drugs. There's never been anything like what's happened to this country over the last four or five years." The CBS Evening News (8/10, story 6, 0:20, Mason) also noted Trump's statement in a brief report last night.

The Washington Times (8/10, Howell) notes that "declaring a national emergency was the 'first and most urgent' recommendation in the interim report that Mr. Trump's commission on opioid addiction, led by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, issued last month." Yesterday, the AP (8/10, Covin, Lemire) reports, "Christie applauded Trump's decision in a statement, saying the president 'deserves great credit.'" Bloomberg News (8/10, Edney) reports Trump had "made the issue a key talking point during his campaign," and Politico (8/10, Ehley) that he "handily won states like West Virginia and Kentucky that have been hit hard by the epidemic."

The New York Times (8/10, Shear) reports, however, that "in the last 48 hours," Trump had "come under criticism from Democrats, who accused him of failing to adequately respond to the growing number of overdoses." For example, "a spokesman for the Democratic National Committee said the president had 'done nothing' for the people affected by the drug crisis." USA Today (8/10, Korte) says Trump's comments "represented an about-face from earlier this week, when Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price all but ruled out an emergency declaration," saying "said the administration has the resources it needs to combat the epidemic without formally invoking the emergency powers." The Washington Post (8/10, A1, Wagner) also reports that at the time, "Price said that the administration can do the same sorts of things without declaring an emergency, although he said Trump was keeping the option on the table." NPR (8/10, Naylor, Keith) likewise referred to "a change from earlier in the week."

The Wall Street Journal (8/10, Radnofsky) similarly reports the President's announcement in this morning's edition. Vice (8/10, Hamilton) indicates that "it's still unclear what steps Trump intends to take under the state of emergency," but Reuters (8/10, Oliphant) says "the declaration could help unlock more support and resources to address the drug overdose epidemic, such as additional funding and expanded access to various forms of treatment, and it gives the government more flexibility in waiving rules and restrictions to expedite action."

Business Insider (8/10, Ramsey, Jacobs) reported that "one potential benefit of declaring an emergency, according to Bradley Stein, a senior natural scientist at the Rand Corporation who studies substance-use disorders, is that Trump would be able to direct Price to alter or eliminate an obscure Medicaid rule that has been around since the 1960s." Business Insider added that "the Opioid Commission recommended eliminating the exclusion as part of the national emergency."

The New York Daily News (8/10, Greene) reports "a total of 52,404 people died of fatal overdoses in 2015 – a rate of 16.3 per 100,000." The Daily News adds that "of those, more than 33,000 were attributed to opioids, including prescription painkillers as well as heroin and the even more potent fentanyl."

Under the headline "Trump Wants To Prosecute More Drug Offenders To Solve The Opioid Crisis. Here's Why That Won't Work," meanwhile, Mic (8/10, Provenzano) said that "in spite of...research" showing the approach to be ineffectual, "the Trump administration has repeatedly sought to combat the opioid epidemic with more law enforcement, rather than with a treatment-based approach."

Ohio Attorney General: Opioid Makers Must Answer For Addiction Crisis. In a Washington Post (8/10, DeWine) op-ed, Ohio state Attorney General Mike DeWine explains why he is suing "five of the largest manufacturers of brand-name and generic opioids," arguing that opioid makers have "flooded the market with prescription opioids" and offered "grossly misleading information about the risks and benefits of these drugs." He notes that almost "80 percent of heroin users start with prescription opioids" and that opioids "caused 82 percent of all overdose deaths in Ohio." He concludes by commending President Trump's focus on the issue of opioid addiction and calling on pharmaceutical companies "to take responsibility for their actions and stop trying to deceive Ohio and America."

Reuters Analysis: Treatment Of Pass-Throughs Impeding GOP Tax Reform Efforts.

Reuters (8/10, Morgan) reports that so-called pass-through businesses are "one of the thorniest issues" confronting Republican efforts to enact tax reform. While President Trump and Republican

lawmakers "want to give pass-throughs their own tax rate of 15-25 percent," the "danger with this proposal is that high-income people who pay the top individual tax rate could reap enormous windfalls simply by reclassifying their wages and salaries as pass-through business income to qualify for the new low rate," potentially "eras[ing] up to $584 billion from government coffers over the next decade, the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center estimated." Although "policymakers are looking at limiting how much of a business owner's income should get pass-through treatment" to address the issue, it is "hard to define because pass-throughs range from sole proprietorships and partnerships to S-corporations."

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"Another Course Correction For City Policing." In an editorial, the New York Times (8/10) writes that Wednesday's decision by district attorneys from Brooklyn, the Bronx, Manhattan, and Queens to move to dismiss 644,000 outstanding arrest warrants for minor offenses at least 10 years old – more than one third of the city's backlog of outstanding summons warrants – was "another major step in the evolving effort to move the city's police practices from an abusive past into a more enlightened future." The Times adds that the district attorneys should follow the warrants expungement decision by expunging the records of those "who may have been unjustifiably caught" in the "zero-tolerance dragnet" in which law enforcement used to issue summons for most common petty offenses.

"Partners In Voter Suppression." In an editorial, the New York Times (8/11) says the Administration "moved deeper into the politics of voter suppression this week by reversing the federal government's opposition to Ohio's effort to purge tens of thousands of voters from the rolls simply because they vote infrequently." The Times calls the case is "a major challenge to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002," and while the Administration "claims Ohio acted responsibly," opponents "see it as a subversion of democracy. The case could be a template for further electoral mischief, boosted now by a shamelessly politicized Justice Department."

Washington Post.

"This Journalist Imprisoned In Syria Must Be Freed." In an editorial, the Washington Post (8/10) calls for the release of Austin Tice, a former Marine captain and journalist who was captured in Syria five years ago covering the civil war when traveling with rebels fighting the government. The Post adds that CIA efforts to open a back channel to the Syrian government to help secure his release have so far failed, and concludes, "To those who imprisoned him, we repeat: He is a journalist who went only to record and report on the plight of people in a wretched war. His ambitions were noble, and he has already paid a very steep price for his courage and determination. It is long past time to set Mr. Tice free."

"The Trump Justice Department Joins The GOP Crusade To Shrink The Vote." The Washington Post (8/10) editorializes that "the idea that voting should be encouraged, and voter registration simple, has been a touchstone of federal law for decades," but "is now under assault by Republicans in statehouses across the country and...in the Trump Justice Department." On Monday, DOJ "political appointees...engineered an about-face in the government's position on a key voting rights case before the Supreme Court, backing Ohio's efforts to purge hundreds of thousands of infrequent voters from the state's voter rolls." Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted believes "it's okay for a state to disqualify people from voting in the future if they haven't voted in the recent past – specifically, in the past six years." The Post notes that "a few other states...employ a process like Ohio's," but it argues that "there are better methods to maintain 'clean' and current voting rolls, such as using change-of-address forms filed with the Postal Service and death notices."

"West Virginia's Governor Wants A Coal Bailout. Republicans Should Ignore Him." In an editorial, the Washington Post (8/10) writes that the Administration and Congress should "ignore" the recent proposal of West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice for a "massive" federal subsidy to the Eastern coal industry, arguing that subsidies would "punish the gas-production innovators who have been creating jobs that at least partially offset those lost in coal," "impose unfair competition on more-efficient coal producers in Western states," and "cost federal taxpayers...more than $1 billion per year at current coal-consumption rates."

Wall Street Journal.

"John McCain's Defense Cut." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (8/10) writes Sen. John McCain's vote to block the Senate bill repealing the Affordable Care Act helped further a problem he should appreciate: that of relatively declining defense spending. The Journal argues that because the ACA has exacerbated a federal budget already burdened by 60 percent mandatory entitlement spending, it will continue to place increasing pressure on lawmakers to decrease the percent of the budget allocated to military expenditures.

"An Aussie Terror Warning" In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (8/10) writes that a thwarted terror attack in Sydney last month involving two brothers who almost successfully checked luggage in which they placed a meat grinder containing a bomb should serve as a warning to western authorities that the Islamic State is becoming dangerously close to blowing up passenger flights. The Journal concludes that the terrorists will be encouraged to replicate the attack and that the West must examine their screening policies.

"The Trump-McConnell Spat." The Wall Street Journal (8/10) editorializes that while Steve Bannon and his White House allies relish the feud between President Trump and Senate Majority Leader McConnell as part of their effort to rebrand the GOP, the ongoing dispute only helps Sen. Chuck Schumer and his party – and risks permanently stalling the President's agenda.

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Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:
ABC: North Korea Threats; North Korea Threats-Responses; Trump-McConnell Comment; Trump-Manafort Raid; Trump-Vladimir Putin Comment; Cuba-US Diplomats Sonic Attack; Penn State

Frat Death Investigation; Severe Weather; Wall Street News; California-Car Chase; South Carolina-Police Shooting; London-Jogger Pushes Woman; Jimmy Kimmel-Son Recovery; Cancer Patient-Neighbor Support.
CBS: North Korea Threats; North Korea Threats-China; North Korea Threats-Expert Comment; Trump-McConnell Comment; Trump-Manafort Raid, Putin, Sessions Comments; Opioid Epidemic; Cuba-US Diplomats Sonic Attack; Google-Internal Memo Controversy; Taylor Swift Lawsuit; Penn State Frat Death Investigation; Gene Editing Research; MLB News; College Pizza Store.
NBC: North Korea Threats; North Korea Threats-Guam; North Korea Threats-Responses; Trump-Policy Comments; Cuba-US Diplomats Sonic Attack; Penn State Frat Death Investigation; Taylor Swift Lawsuit; London-Traffic Accident; E-Cigarette Fire; Apple Bees Store Closings; Political Satire.

Network TV At A Glance:
North Korea Threats – 19 minutes, 55 seconds
Cuba-US Diplomats Sonic Attack – 5 minutes, 35 seconds
Trump-McConnell Comment – 3 minutes, 30 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:
ABC: North Korea Threats; Trump-Vladimir Putin Comment; FBI-Manafort Raid; NOAA-2016 Weather Abnormality.
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PRESIDENT TRUMP — Participates in a workforce/apprenticeship discussion; meets with US Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley.
VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — Delivers remarks at the Ten Point Coalition's Annual Luncheon; participates in a public ceremony for his official governor's portrait unveiling.
US Senate: 3:30 PM Senate convenes for pro forma session
On recess until 5 September.
US House: On recess until 5 September.
Other: No notable events scheduled.

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Jimmy Kimmel: "We have given Donald Trump a big red button that said 'Do not press' and we are hoping he doesn't press it. Where is Dennis Rodman when we need him?"

Stephen Colbert: "What is tougher than fire and fury? Lava and rage? A paper cut and a lemon? Rizzoli and Isles? Crate and Barrel? Key and Peele?"

Jimmy Fallon: "I read that the US has a plan to launch a cyber attack on North Korea. It's pretty serious. They say it could affect both of North Korea's computers."

Jimmy Fallon: "I read that you can now go on Airbnb and rent Trump's childhood home where he lived until he was four. So at least there's one house where he lasted four years."

Seth Meyers: "According to reports, President Trump has resisted giving his newly appointed White House Chief of Staff John Kelly veto power over his tweets. Though at this point, I'm not even sure President Trump has veto power over his tweets."

Seth Meyers: "Not tough enough? What would be tougher than fire and fury? Fire and fury and bees? Too fire, too furious?"

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DOI In The News

Interior Department Issues Millions Of Dollars To 'Protect' Historical Landmarks.

The Washington Examiner (8/17, Siciliano) reports that the Interior Department announced Thursday "that it is sending tens of millions of dollars in historic preservation grants to help states preserve 'our national heritage and history.'" Deputy Secretary of Interior David Bernhardt said, "These grants highlight the department's and the National Park Service's commitment to preserving our national history and heritage. Through valuable partnerships, we are able to help communities and protect the diverse historic places, culture and traditions unique to our country for future generations." The funding included "$21 million in grants, representing a total of $58 million awarded to every U.S. state, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and partnering nations, according to the agency." The department "pointed out that the funding was derived from fees paid to the Interior Department from oil companies' offshore federal production leases."

WLTZ-TV Columbus, GA (8/17) reports that Bernhardt "announced the distribution of $368,684 in historic preservation grants to Alabama as well as $23,379 for historic preservation grants to a Tribal Historic Preservation Office in the state."

Driller Interest Is Tepid In Gulf-wide Oil And Gas Lease Sale.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (8/17) reports in continuing coverage that oil and gas companies offered $121.1 million in high bids for 90 tracts in the Gulf of Mexico. Companies bid on far fewer tracts than the previous sale in March, largely because of the weak price environment.

World Oil (8/17) reports Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke discussed the sale and said, "The path to American energy dominance starts in the Gulf, and the hard work of rig and platform workers, support staff onshore, and the industries that support them cannot go unnoticed. ... [Yesterday]'s results will help secure their jobs and create more good paying jobs while generating $121 million in revenue to fund everything from conservation to infrastructure."

UPI (8/17, Graeber) reports that most of the bids were for deepwater areas, despite the effort to attract companies to tracts in shallow waters. The Daily Caller (8/17, Pearce) reports acting assistant secretary for Lands and Minerals Management Katharine MacGregor said, "Through regulatory streamlining, expanded offshore and onshore opportunities and great cooperation with our stakeholders, we expect to encourage competition while continuing to receive a fair and equitable return on oil and gas resources."

Additional coverage was provided by the Thibodaux (LA) Daily Comet (8/17, Magill), the Houma (LA) Courier (8/17, Magill), Natural Gas Intelligence (8/17, Davis), Law360, 24/7 Wall Street (8/17, Ausick), and the Aviation International News (8/17, Huber).

A Dozen Missoulians Protest Zinke, Trump.

The Missoulian (MT) (8/17, Kato) reports that "with signs with slogans like 'Zinke is Stinke' and 'Zinke Public Lands Enemy #1,' a dozen demonstrators gathered in downtown Missoula on Thursday in protest against the Secretary of the Interior and President Donald Trump." Secretary Ryan Zinke's Interior Department is "scheduled to issue recommendations to the president next week regarding the designation of 27 national monuments, following an executive order earlier this spring to review them."

Additional coverage of the review of national monuments was provided by the Ventura County (CA) Star (8/17, James), the Palm Springs (CA) Desert Sun (8/17, James), the Santa Barbara (CA) Edhat (8/17, Hintzen), and The Atlantic (8/17, Meyer).

Gazette Opinion: No Monumental Changes. In an editorial, the Billings (MT) Gazette (8/17) urges Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to not make to recommendations for "possible reductions or elimination of protections for 27 federal areas that previous presidents set aside as treasured national monuments." The paper notes that "Zinke has declared himself a Teddy Roosevelt Republican." The Gazette urges Zinke to "take that president's advice and strongly recommend that Donald Trump let our national monuments be."

Additional commentary appeared in the Huffington Post (8/17, Bryce, Contributor), the San Gabriel Valley (CA) Tribune (8/17), the Whittier (CA) Daily News (8/17), the Pasadena (CA) Star-News (8/17), and SNEWS (8/17, Cloos).

Birders And Naturalists Ponder The Fate Of The Greater Sage Grouse.

The New York Times (8/18, Axelson) reports that "a revision to the wildlife management plans for sage grouse in the West recently announced by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke may mean more oil and gas drilling near sage grouse leks soon – and a new round of industry-versus-conservationist skirmishes over an issue that many thought had been settled." On June 8, Zinke "announced that the sage grouse plans will be reviewed to 'protect sage grouse and its habitat while also ensuring conservation efforts do not impede local economic opportunities' to follow through on President Trump's executive order on energy independence." On August 7, Zinke "issued the order to revise the sage grouse plans, including modifying the policy on fluid-mineral leasing and development."

The Feds Should Stop Meddling With Colorado's Sage Grouse. In an op-ed for the Denver Post (8/17, Schafer), Luke Schafer, the West Slope director for Conservation Colorado, criticizes Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke for going "against the wishes of our Gov. John Hickenlooper, a Democrat, and Wyoming's Gov. Matt Mead, a Republican, in announcing that he is taking steps to unravel the collaborative plans put in place in 2015 to protect the Greater sage grouse." According to Schafer, "these plans involved years of Colorado-style hard work, in which ranchers, conservationists, land managers, and the oil and gas industry came together to create plans that saved the sage grouse from being listed on the Endangered Species Act." Schafer asserts that "Zinke's attempts to undermine the 2015 sage grouse plans are an affront to Westerners who value collaboration, counterproductive to the cause of saving sage grouse, and antithetical to established science." He concludes that "Zinke is snatching defeat from the jaws of victory by undermining all of our collective hard work and placing the bird back under the threat of the need of an Endangered Species Act listing."

Cabinet's Silence On Trump's Comments Disturbing To Agency Employees.

CNN (8/17, Marsh, Wallace) reports that "days have passed since President Donald Trump equated white supremacists and neo-Nazis with counterprotesters at a Charlottesville, Virginia rally that sparked violence over the weekend, the President's words are still rippling across the federal workforce at government agencies." Some career employees in cabinet agencies are "deeply disturbed by silence or what they perceive as weak statements, from the Cabinet members who lead their agencies." Notably, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has issued a

statement saying, "The racism, bigotry and hate perpetrated by violent white supremacist groups has no place in America. It does not represent what I spent 23 years defending in the United States military and what millions of people around the globe have died for." The statement added "We must respond to hate with love, unity and justice. I fully support President Trump and Attorney General Sessions in uniting our communities and prosecuting the criminals to the fullest extent of the law."

Interior Senior Executives Left In The Dark Amid Reorg, Reassignments.

Federal News Radio (DC) (8/17, Ogrysko) reports that "some of the Interior Department's longest-tenured and most experienced career executives say they're feeling undervalued and overlooked as the agency begins a major effort to restructure and reorganize." The article notes that "their criticisms come as Interior political leadership charges forward with a major reorganization effort that includes the reassignment of 30-to-50 senior executives back in June and another round of job transfers expected in the next few weeks." Several Interior sources said "that the most recent round of reassignments created a 'chilling effect' in the department, and they fear how the reorganization effort will impact the workforce when the department's executive cadre has had 'absolutely no involvement whatsoever' in crafting the agency's plans."

Months Into Office, Trump Has Yet To Appoint Key Agency Watchdogs.

CBS News (8/17, Watson) reports that President Trump has "only nominated one watchdog to fill the 13 current vacancies among inspectors general, even though he pledged to 'drain the swamp' during his campaign." Trump's "inaction...has some government integrity groups concerned." The article notes that the Interior Department "hasn't had a permanent IG since February 2009."

Mead On Turning Down Trump Job: 'I Made The Right Choice'.

The Casper (WY) Star-Tribune (8/17, Rosenfeld) reports that Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead "said he has no regrets about withdrawing his name from consideration for Interior Secretary in the Trump administration last year." In an interview, "Mead said that in addition to a number of standard considerations, such as not wanting to relocate his family to Washington, D.C., he was also concerned about handling potential policy differences with President Donald Trump." Mead said, "I have some disagreements with President Trump and I'm sure in Interior ... I would feel strongly about certain areas and I don't know how — trying to watch it from afar — how that works out when those disagreements come up." According to the article, "Mead was contacted by Trump transition officials last fall about whether he was interested in the Interior job and acknowledged that it was far from certain he would have been offered the job if had been kept his name in the running."

Climate Advisory Group Died Quietly.

E&E Publishing (8/17, Doyle, Patterson) reports that the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science, which was established in 2013, is "dead for now," and "if it's revived by the Trump administration, it will likely have a new mission." According to Interior officials, "the panel has been stalled as the new administration considers what to do with advisory groups more broadly." However, "if it's revived, Interior officials signaled it will have fewer members and a different objective."

UM Accepted As Partner In Northwest Climate Science Center Program.

The Missoula Current (MT) (8/17) reports that "as a result of a rigorous scientific review," the Interior Department accepted University of Montana "as an official partner in the Northwest climate science consortium, along with Boise State, Washington State and Western Washington universities." Tom DeLuca, dean of the College of Forestry and Conservation at UM, "said Thursday that the program and its partners look to develop measurable science to protect natural resources from climate change." DeLuca said, "Our college leverages global and regional climate information for specific sectors – from local and regional partnerships with food producers, to global modeling efforts. This is a great opportunity for us to help stakeholders adapt climate products to their needs through the center."

Commissions Sued After Meetings With Interior Secretary.

The AP (8/17) reports that "a Utah group is suing two county commissions after private meetings with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke." The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance's lawsuit "against Kane and Garfield's commissions claims their May 10 meetings with Zinke violated open meeting

laws because they were not posted." Garfield County Commission Chairman Leland Pollock called the allegations in the lawsuit "frivolous."

Comment Period Closes On Mining Moratorium.

The Duluth (MN) News Tribune (8/17, Erickson) reports that "Thursday marked the last day of an extended public comment period for people to weigh in on a U.S. Forest Service's proposal to halt mining near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness for at least two years, and conduct an environmental review of potential copper-mining impacts." According to the article, "upon completion of the environmental impact statement — barring other action to overturn the moratorium – Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will make the call on whether or not the two-year halt on mining should extend to 20 years."

Additional Coverage: Virginia To Receive $1 Million In Federal Funding For Wildlife Conservation Projects.

Additional coverage of the funds awarded through the State Wildlife Grants and Tribal Wildlife programs was provided by the Augusta (VA) Free Press (8/17) and KTOO-FM Juneau, AK (8/17, Desroches).

Long-term Commitment To California's Water Resources Is Essential.

In commentary for the Los Angeles Times (8/17, Friedman), California Assemblymember Laura Friedman writes that "to protect both water and National Parks and in response to increasing threats to the California desert's national parks, national monuments and groundwater supplies," she recently introduced Assembly Bill 1000 – the California Desert Protection Act. According to Friedman, the legislation "strengthens environmental protections in the ecologically fragile Mojave Desert and ensures that future water transfers from groundwater basins underlying desert lands do not adversely affect the region's natural or cultural resources, including groundwater resources or habitat." Friedman points to "a series of direct challenges from the Trump administration toward existing federal protections to the California desert," including a water project proposed by Cadiz Inc., as an impetus of the bill.

Lawmakers Should Stop Looking To The Energy Sector For More Federal Revenue.

Independent Institute research director and Utah State University Huntsman School of Business J. Fish Smith Professor in Public Choice William F. Shughart II argues in The Hill (8/17, Shughart) "Pundits Blog" that "a remarkable rise in America's energy production and the creation of more than one million jobs" has presented a new challenge as oil and natural gas companies wrestle to hold on to those gains. He argues that the progress won "thanks to hydraulic fracturing" could "be cut short, however, if Congress singles out the industry by removing certain provisions of the tax code." He urges Congress and the White House to "show an inclination to raise taxes on energy companies" as "raising effective tax rates on the oil and gas industry by denying credits and deductions available to most other businesses could send us down the wrong path, and it might not be possible to correct course fast enough."

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

Eastern Pequots Call State's Third-casino Law 'Unconstitutional'.

The New London (CT) Day (8/17, Hallenbeck) reports that "the Eastern Pequot Tribe on Thursday decried Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's signing in June of legislation granting the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan tribes the exclusive right to build the state's third casino on non-reservation land in East Windsor." In a statement, the Easterns claim Malloy's decision to sign Public Act 17-89 is "cloaked in hypocrisy and is unconstitutional." The statement "affirms legal arguments raised by other third-casino opponents – MGM Resorts International and the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation – who have claimed the legislation grants the Mashantuckets and the Mohegans 'an unfair monopoly on commercial gaming.'"

Bureau Of Land Management

There's A New Arctic Drilling Battle Brewing...and It's Not In ANWR.

KTOO-FM Juneau, AK (8/17, Harball) reports that "a series of promising oil discoveries and a

recent move" by the Trump Administration mean the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska is "about to get a lot more controversial." The article notes that "at an oil and gas conference in Anchorage this May, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke signed an order that, among other things, requires a review of the Obama administration's plan for managing NPR-A." The article says that "it wasn't clear exactly what that meant until last week, when the Interior Department sent out a call asking which parts of the Reserve should be opened up to oil and gas leasing."

Stewart Introduces Bill To Protect Sage-grouse And Mule Deer Habitat.

The St. George (UT) News (8/17) reports that Reps. Chris Stewart and Scott Tipton "have introduced the Sage-Grouse and Mule Deer Habitat Conservation and Restoration Act, a bill that would streamline the approval process for vegetation management projects to protect or restore the habitat of the sage-grouse and mule deer." According to Stewart, the legislation would "allow the Bureau of Land Management to quickly engage in habitat restoration and proactive vegetation management projects to protect the species and improve ecological conditions."

Judge Delays Ruling On Challenge Of Red Rock Canyon Development.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (8/17, Davidson) reports that Clark County District Court Judge Jerry Wiese "declined to rule from the bench Thursday on motions to dismiss a lawsuit challenging plans to build more than 5,000 homes atop a hill bordering the Red Rock National Conservation Area." Wiese told lawyers "representing Clark County, mining company Gypsum Resources and environmental nonprofit Save Red Rock that he will make a ruling within one month." According to the article, "the judge appeared hesitant whether to let the case continue because Gypsum Resources is several steps from being able to break ground." First, the company still "needs permission from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to build a road that would connect the development to state Route 160 on federal land."

Jury In Bunkerville Standoff Case To Resume Deliberations Monday.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (8/17, Ferrara) reports that "after more than two days of deliberation, jurors are expected to return Monday in the retrial of four men facing federal charges in the 2014 armed standoff in Bunkerville." They were "sent home at about 4:30 p.m. Thursday and are expected to resume deliberations Monday morning, defense attorneys said."

Bureau Of Ocean Energy Management

Governor Urges Trump To Drop Virginia From Offshore Drilling Plan.

Reuters (8/17, Gardner) reports Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe is urging the Trump Administration to exclude the state from a federal offshore oil and gas drilling plan, over concerns about revenue sharing and environmental issues. In a letter sent to Kelly Hammerle, the national program manager of the BOEM, McAuliffe said he could not trust President Trump to share revenues because he had proposed rescinding the revenue sharing program with Gulf Coast states where drilling already occurs. He also said the Administration is also working to cut funding "from the very agencies that would be charged with protecting Virginia's coastal environment in the event that exploration went forward."

The Hill (8/17, Henry) reports McAuliffe had previously said he could support offshore drilling if the federal government expanded a royalty sharing program that would supply coastal states with the revenue gained from drilling operations. E&E Publishing (8/17) reports executive director Miles Morin of the Virginia Petroleum Council, a division of the API, said that "shutting Virginia off to this economic engine would be short-sighted."

Also reporting the AP (8/16), the Richmond (VA) Times-Dispatch (8/17), the Hampton Roads (VA) Virginian-Pilot (8/17, Mayfield), Newport News (VA) Daily Press (8/17, Holtzclaw), the Roanoke (VA) Times (8/17, Zullo), and WTKR-TV Norfolk (VA) Norfolk, VA (8/17).

Connelly: West Coast Governors Tell Trump: No Oil, Gas Leases Off Our Coast. Joel Connelly writes in his column for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer (8/17, Connelly) that the governors of California, Oregon and Washington told Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke that oil and gas leasing must not be allowed in the sensitive marine waters off the West Coast. Govs. Jerry Brown, Kate Brown and Jay Inslee wrote, "The people of our states understand that the looming catastrophe of unabated climate change requires our nation to move away from unfettered fossil fuel consumption and towards a more prosperous, sustainable and secure clean energy economy." They argue, "A sizeable spill anywhere along our shared coast would have a devastating impact

on our population, recreation, natural resources and our ocean and coastal-dependent economies."

Christie Administration Opposes Trump's Plans For Offshore Drilling In Atlantic Ocean. Politico (8/16, Landergan) reports in continuing coverage that the Christie Administration submitted comments to the BOEM opposing President Trump's plans to permit offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean. Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Martin said that offshore drilling would pose too many "unacceptable risks" to the environment, the public's safety and the state's economy. He wrote, "New Jersey has consistently and steadfastly opposed any industrialization of our coast, including the exploration and development of offshore oil and natural gas resources, nor into any portion of the Atlantic Ocean that could negatively impact New Jersey's precious natural resources." KYW-TV Philadelphia (8/17, Madden) reports that while Christie is out of the country on vacation, he tweeted that he is "delivering on my promise" to oppose offshore drilling. Jeff Tittle, head of New Jersey's Sierra Club, praised the opposition, but said Christie should take his opposition further. Tittle said, "He did come out against drilling in the mid-Atlantic which would also include Maryland and Virginia and also New York, but we still have concerns that there's potential for drilling off North Carolina." NJ Spotlight (8/17, Johnson) reports Martin wrote, "Given the role of New Jersey's coastal waters in our economy, the National OCS program would put at risk not only our coastal economy but a significant portion of our statewide economy." Cindy Zipf, executive director of Clean Ocean Action, applauded Christie for his opposition.

Additional coverage was provided by the Cape May County (NJ) Herald (8/17). Commentary appeared in the Morristown (NJ) Daily Record (8/17) and My Central Jersey (8/17).

House Lawmakers Push Interior To Consider All U.S. Waters. E&E Publishing (8/16) reports more than 100 members of the House wrote a letter to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to urge the department to consider all 26 planning areas in the outer continental shelf in the Administration's new five-year leasing plan for offshore oil and gas exploration.

Desperately Seeking Zinke's Attention.

Politico Morning Energy (8/17, Adragna) reports Thursday was "the last day for public comments on BOEM's push to write a new five-year offshore drilling plan." According to the article, "nearly 51,000 comments have already poured in as President Donald Trump's administration is expected to begin the two-to-three year process of writing a plan that would open parts of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean as well as Alaska's Chukchi Sea, Beaufort Sea and Cook Inlet areas to drilling opportunities."

Additional coverage was provided by the Hilton Head Island (SC) Packet (8/17, Angst).

Interior Department Poised To Approve Arctic Oil-Drilling Island.

The Washington Examiner (8/17, Siciliano) reports that the Interior Department "stands poised to approve an energy company's proposed plan to build a gravel island off the coast of Alaska to begin drilling for Arctic oil, while admitting that the move would contribute to climate change." The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management on Wednesday "released its draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Liberty Project, saying the effects of the oil-drilling island on the surrounding ecology would be negligible or minor." The Hilcorp energy company is proposing to "build a small, artificial gravel island in the 19 feet of shallow federal waters in the Beaufort Sea, which is about 20 miles east of Prudhoe Bay, a major hub for drilling in the state."

Additional coverage was provided by KTOO-FM Juneau, AK (8/17, Harball).

Bureau Of Reclamation

With A Crucial Vote Nearing, Gov. Jerry Brown's Detla Tunnels Project Is Struggling To Win Over Some Agricultural Groups.

The Sacramento (CA) Bee (8/17, Kasler, Sabalow) reports that "as California water agencies prepare to vote next month on paying for the tunnels, which are supposed to improve water deliveries to the southern half of the state, the stark difference between urban and rural water users' expected costs illustrates one of the project's main stumbling blocks." For those in Los Angeles, "the cost of building the Delta tunnels might raise your water bill by as little as $2 a month or less – no more than a latte, to quote one of the project's main cheerleaders in Southern California." However, farmers on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley could see an increase of "hundreds of dollars per acre-foot of water." According to the article, "while the controversial

project is moving through the permit process, it can't break ground unless a solid bloc of south-of-Delta water agencies, urban and rural alike, commits to paying the $17 billion tab," and "it's far from certain that all the major water agencies will sign on."

Water Authority To Fund Conservation Work In Mexico.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (8/17, Brean) reports that the Southern Nevada Water Authority "plans to spend up to $7.5 million in Mexico over the next 10 years in exchange for more Colorado River water." Authority board members "unanimously approved the payments Thursday as they gave their blessing to a sweeping water-sharing agreement the U.S. and Mexico are expected to sign next month." Under the new pact, known as Minute 323 to the Mexican Water Treaty of 1944, "the authority, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and water agencies in Arizona and California would provide $31.5 million for water efficiency improvements in Mexico through 2026," and "in return, the contributing agencies would share 229,100 acre-feet of Colorado River water, which is almost enough to supply the entire Las Vegas Valley for one year."

Fish And Wildlife Service

Proposed Rocky Flats Visitor's Center Renews Debate Over What To Do With Former Nuclear Site.

KUNC-FM Greeley, CO (8/17, Buckley) reports that "unless a federal court intervenes, a visitor center will open at the Rocky Flats Wildlife Refuge in Golden in the summer of 2018." According to the article, "five groups are suing the Fish and Wildlife Service over the center: the Rocky Mountain Peace & Justice Center, Candelas Glows/Rocky Flats Glows, Rocky Flats Right to Know, Rocky Flats Neighborhood Association and the Environmental Information Network (EIN) Inc." The groups have "asked a federal judge to halt building on the site, claiming it is not safe for public access."

New Refuge Boating Plan Receives Positive Feedback.

The Havasu (AZ) News-Herald (8/18, Walters) reports that "there were only a handful of comments collected during a six-hour public comment meeting on the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge's newest draft compatibility determination, a far cry from last year's session that saw about 500 people turn out for an earlier draft." According to Havasu National Wildlife Refuge Manager Richard Meyers, "of the few comments reviewed prior to Thursday's meeting, most of the feedback received was 'overwhelmingly positive.'" Meyers said, "The mayor and other pillars of the community like the Marine Association, have spoken in support of it, which has helped."

Biddeford Officials Sell Land Off Mile Stretch Road.

The Biddeford-Saco-OOB (ME) Courier (8/17, McPherson) reports that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will "purchase two parcels of land along Mile Stretch Road in Biddeford Pool as part of its ongoing conservation efforts." The property "totaled 1.34 acres and will be added to the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge." The city of Biddeford will receive $23,000 once the agreement is finalized.

Hornshell Mussel Endangered Designation On Hold.

The Del Rio (TX) News Herald (8/18, Tackett) reports that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is "extending its final determination as to whether to or not to list the Texas Hornshell Mussel, which habitats the Devil's River, as an endangered species."

National Park Service

Put-In-Bay Township Park District To Receive $325,000 From Interior.

The Port Clinton (OH) News Herald (8/17) reports that the National Park Service "announced that it intends to award a $325,000 cooperative agreement to the Put-In-Bay Township Park District for the restoration of coastal wetland and wet woods at the Lake Erie location." According to the NPS, "the objective of this Agreement is to restore coastal wetland and wet woods in South Bass and Middle Bass Islands in Lake Erie."

Swains Lockhouse In Potomac To Be Renovated With National Park Service Grant.

Bethesda (MD) Magazine (8/17, Zimmermann) reports that "Swains Lockhouse in Potomac—a one-story structure built in 1832 and considered critically in need of maintenance—received a $100,000 grant from the National Park Service, the C&O Canal Trust announced Tuesday." The grant will be "matched by another $108,160 raised by the C&O Canal Trust, the Friends of Historic Great Falls Tavern and the C&O Canal Association."

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Vandalized.

WTTG-TV Washington (8/17) reports that "the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was vandalized with a red, waxy material Wednesday evening, according to officials." The National Park Service "said the material, believed to be a red crayon or lipstick, was discovered at about 8:45 p.m." The agency "said the material was successfully removed."

Also reporting are WRC-TV Washington Washington (8/17, Stabley) and WTOP-FM Washington Washington (8/17, Moore).

Cities Brace For White Nationalist Rallies Post-Charlottesville.

The Washington Times (8/17, Noble) reports that San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee "accused the National Park Service of issuing a permit for an Aug. 26 Patriot Prayer rally without taking public safety concerns into proper consideration." Lee said in a letter to Park Service officials, "San Francisco has a long and storied history of championing freedom of expression and First Amendment rights, but as we have witnessed in recent months, these types of rallies can quickly turn hateful and violent with tragic consequences." He wrote, "Events in Charlottesville and Seattle are proof that rallies such as these attract extreme and racist fringe groups who only want to provide malice and incite brutality."

Also reporting are the San Francisco Chronicle (8/17, Ting), Newsweek (8/17, Lanktree), KPIX-TV San Francisco San Francisco (8/17, Caen), and KXTV-TV Sacramento (CA) Sacramento, CA (8/17, Renee).

Confederate Monuments To Stay At Gettysburg Battlefield.

The AP (8/17) reports that "officials with the National Park Service said the Confederate monuments at Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania will not be removed from the battlefield." Katie Lawhon, senior adviser for the park service's Gettysburg battlefield office, said that "the site-specific memorials are important, and the park service's job is to historically and objectively tell the stories the monuments commemorate."

Grand Teton Park To Outshine Bigger Yellowstone For Eclipse.

The AP (8/18, Moen) reports for the total solar eclipse Monday, Grand Teton National Park is "expected to outshine, and overshadow" its neighbor, Yellowstone National Park. Grand Teton is "directly in the path of the eclipse — where the sun is completely blocked by the moon," while Yellowstone will "see just a partial eclipse." Grand Teton spokeswoman Denise Germann said, "We anticipate it to be the busiest day in the history of the park. We're trying to create realistic expectations for visitors as well as our staff that there's going to be congestion, there's going to be traffic gridlock."

New Citizens Taking Oath At Women's Rights National Historical Park In Seneca Falls.

The Finger Lakes (NY) Times (8/17, Buchiere) reports that "on Friday, 20 people will become new U.S. citizens, and they'll do it at a place where the movement to obtain additional rights for women, including voting, gained steam." According to the article, "the candidates will state the oath of citizenship and be presented certificates by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at the Women's Rights National Historical Park." It is "one of many naturalization ceremonies taking place in national parks during Citizenship Week under a partnership between the National Park Service and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services."

Severed Septic Line Sparks Closure Of Jones Hole Creek In Dinosaur National Monument.

The Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (8/17, Semerad) reports that "the popular fishing waters of Jones Hole Creek in eastern Utah's Dinosaur National Monument have been closed to recreation after a broken septic line fouled parts of the waterway." In an announcement Thursday, National Park Service officials "said the temporary closure included bans on angling, hiking and swimming along a 4.25-mile length of the creek and adjacent trail, extending from Jones Hole Fish Hatchery to the Green River."

National Park Service Considering Dismantling Part Of Bridge At Settles Bridge Park In Response To Recent Drownings.

The Gwinnett (GA) Daily Post (8/17, O'Brien) reports that "in the past two weeks two young men have died jumping off the bridge at Settles Bridge Park and into the Chattahoochee River." Now the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area is "talking to the State Preservation Office about partially dismantling the bridge to keep people off of it." According to the article, "since the structure is considered a 'cultural resource,' the CRNRA needs the State Preservation Office's blessing before it can tamper with the bridge's structure."

Dinker-Irvin Cottage Listed On National Register Of Historic Places.

The Coastal Point (DE) (8/18, Titus) reports that the Dinker-Irvin Cottage has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Additional Coverage: U.S. Parks End Bottled-Water Ban.

Additional coverage that the National Park Service is discontinuing its policy allowing a ban on water bottles in national parks was provided by the Washington Post (8/17, Fears), the Wall Street Journal (8/17, Ma), and Plastics News (8/17, Johnson).

Eclipse, Wildfires Bring Focus To Smokies' Fragility.

In an op-ed for the Knoxville (TN) News Sentinel (8/17, Skelton), Will Skelton, a retired attorney, writes that "after last year's devastating wildfires, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is back in business, and there is no better reason to visit than the upcoming once-in-a-lifetime solar eclipse." He notes that "on Aug. 21, the eastern portion of the park will be within the path of the total eclipse and thousands of visitors are expected for this unique event." Skelton also calls for tackling the backlog in maintenance at national parks.

Office Of Insular Affairs

Tillerson, Mattis: Military Options Remain For North Korea.

The AP (8/17, Pennington) reports Secretary of State Tillerson and Defense Secretary Mattis "sought Thursday to reinforce the threat of possible US military action against North Korea" after chief strategist Steve Bannon "essentially called the commander-in-chief's warnings a bluff." After security talks with Japanese officials in Washington, Tillerson stressed that the US "seeks a peaceful solution to the standoff," but that US-led campaign of economic pressure and diplomacy "needs to be backed by potential military consequences." Washington is "prepared militarily" to respond, if necessary, Tillerson said. The AP notes that "neither Tillerson nor Mattis responded directly" to Bannon's argument in an interview published Wednesday that there's no military solution to the North Korean threat.

Bloomberg Politics (8/17, Wadhams) too says Tillerson and Mattis "said the prospect of US military action remains on the table...rejecting an assertion by...Bannon that there's no such option." Bloomberg says their remarks "made clear that they spurned Bannon's comments" in an interview that there was no "military solution here, they got us." While Tillerson "said he wouldn't comment on Bannon's statement," he "pointedly" added, "Our approach has been endorsed by the president." Politico (8/17, Nelson) likewise calls their remarks "a direct rebuttal" to Bannon.

The Washington Post (8/17, Gearan, Morello) reports Tillerson said Trump's threats are a means to "remind the regime" in Pyongyang what is at stake. "I think the president just felt it was necessary to remind the regime of what the consequences for them would be if they chose to carry out those threats," Tillerson said. Mattis likewise warned Pyongyang that both the US and Japan "will deter, and if necessary defeat, any threat. Any initiation of hostilities will be met with an effective and overwhelming response." The Post notes that Tillerson "declined to comment on reported remarks from...Bannon."

A front-page report in the New York Times (8/16, A1, Perlez, Choe) says the Administration "plunged America's Asian alliances into new confusion Thursday with conflicting signals over how to counter North Korea's nuclear threat." The Times says the "mixed messages about North Korea policy added to the sense of disarray coming from the White House, where Mr. Trump appeared to have all but forgotten the crisis a week after he threatened an ad hoc 'fire and fury' response to North Korea's leader, Kim Jong-un, if he menaced the United States."

On its front page, the Washington Post (8/17, A1, DeYoung) reports Mattis' remarks "fell between President's Trump's warning last week...and this week's remark by...Bannon that North

Korea was a 'sideshow' to which there was 'no military solution.'" The Post says that in the "whirlwind of successive controversies and crises that have become the hallmark of the Trump administration, domestic strife in Charlottesville has quickly overtaken last week's worry about war with North Korea," but US partners in the region and beyond "have continued to seek reassurance that the United States will defend them as vigorously as it will protect itself, if necessary, while refraining from initiating a shooting war on its own."

Reuters (8/17, Torbati) reports Tillerson said the US "wanted dialogue with Pyongyang, but only if it were meaningful." Said Tillerson, "Our effort is to cause them to want to engage in talks but engage in talks with an understanding that these talks will lead to a different conclusion than talks of the past." Another Reuters (8/17) report says Tillerson also told reporters the US would honor its defense treaty agreements with Japan "without reservation."

Department Of Interior Helps With Transition.

The Marshall Islands Journal (8/18) reports that Interior Acting Assistant Secretary Nikolao Pula "made available two technical assistance grants totaling $467,095 to continue support for the Micronesia Resource Center One Stop Shop on Guam and the One Stop Center in Hawaii." Also, "a third grant for $63,249 will be used to strengthen organizations providing family services on Guam, and a fourth grant for $77,349 will support similar efforts in Springdale, Arkansas, which large communities of Marshallese migrants now call home."

US Geological Survey

Beach Erosion A Growing Threat On California Shoreline.

The San Francisco Chronicle (8/17, McPhate) reports that "a study this year by the U.S. Geological Survey predicted that as much as two-thirds of Southern California's beaches could be lost by the end of the century." Patrick Barnard, a geologist and author of the report, pointed to "rising seas and intensified storms, both linked to climate change, as well as hundreds of river dams that are blocking the flow of sand to beaches." Barnard said, "The open question on the climate side is, 'How quickly is this going to happen? Is it going to be 30 years or 50 years?' But we know it's happening. And we know it's coming."

Scientists Work On Math Model To Better Predict Spread Of CWD.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (8/16, Nelson) reports that "a new, more accurate way to forecast the growth and expansion of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in whitetail deer also could help predict the spread of invasive species such as zebra mussels or the Ebola and Zika viruses, according to researchers." Daniel Walsh, "a U.S. Geological Survey scientist based in Madison, Wis., and an author of a paper describing the newly developed method," said that "the forecasting tool presents the probability of CWD infection in a heat map-like format, with darker 'hot spots' showing where the disease is growing at a faster rate in a study area in southern Wisconsin." Walsh said, "We can model the growth of the disease in an area and how it's spreading through an area. That allows us to look at what's affecting growth in the disease in the area. The other nice thing is that we can look at past management actions to see which ones may be most efficacious or most effective at slowing growth or preventing spread. That's how we think it could be useful."

Top National News

Trump Criticizes Removal Of "Beautiful Statues And Monuments."

Continuing coverage of the aftermath of President Trump's remarks on Charlottesville focuses on his Thursday morning tweets on the removal of Confederate monuments. While some analyses say it was a step away from the racial controversy of the past few days, more link it to Trump's earlier comments that have been portrayed in the media as a defense of white supremacists. Growing Republican criticism is touched on, but is not central to the coverage.

The President wrote on Twitter, "Sad to see the history and culture of our great country being ripped apart with the removal of our beautiful statues and monuments. You can't change history, but you can learn from it. Robert E Lee, Stonewall Jackson – who's next, Washington, Jefferson? So foolish! Also the beauty that is being taken out of our cities, towns and parks will be greatly missed and never able to be comparably replaced!"

Hallie Jackson reported on NBC Nightly News (8/17, story 3, 1:45, Holt) that the President's "response to the domestic attack in Charlottesville is still generating fallout as the President now laments the removal of Confederate monuments." The CBS Evening News (8/17, story 5, 1:50, Brennan) reported that the President "bemoaned the removal of what he called 'beautiful Confederate statues,' and said America history is 'being ripped apart.' In a statement, Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham urged the President to stop. 'You are now receiving praise from some of the most racist and hate-filled individuals and groups in our country,' he said, 'please fix this.'" On ABC World News Tonight (8/17, story 4, 1:55, Muir), Cecilia Vega reported, "President Trump under mounting fire for his leadership in the wake of Charlottesville. … The President's words alarm many top Republicans."

The AP (8/17, Lemire, Superville) reports, "With prominent Republicans openly questioning his competence and moral leadership," the President "burrowed deeper into the racially charged debate over Confederate memorials and lashed out at members of his own party. … Out of sight, but still online, Trump tweeted his defense of monuments to Confederate icons," and "berated his critics who, with increasingly sharper language, have denounced his initially slow and then ultimately combative comments" on Charlottesville. The Washington Post (8/17, Nakamura) reports that while "the political backlash to Trump's handling of the situation has left some White House advisers dispirited," the President "appears to have been emboldened to fight back against his critics and create a cultural wedge issue over the matter that could rally his base of hard-core supporters." However, the Los Angeles Times (8/17, Bierman, Lauter) reports that "by his efforts to please the hard-right activists, the president is pushing mainstream supporters further away."

The New York Times (8/17, Sullivan, Haberman) reports that the President's Thursday tweets did appear "to shift attention away from his remarks that 'both sides' were to blame for the violence in Charlottesville, and instead focus the debate on the historical argument to keep the statues in place." Politico (8/17, Nelson) says the President "waded deeper...into the growing controversy surrounding statues and memorials dedicated to the Confederacy."

The Washington Post (8/17, Costa, Nakamura) writes, "A chorus of Republicans expressed alarm over Trump's words and their potential cost with voters" as "Democrats reacted with horror at Trump's enthusiasm for memorials to the Confederacy." Bloomberg News (8/17, House) reports that Senate Majority Leader McConnell and House Speaker Ryan "tried to distance themselves" from the President's remarks "by issuing statements condemning white supremacy. Neither mentioned the president." Bloomberg News says that their reluctance, and that of other top Republicans, "is the latest sign the party leaders remain unwilling to challenge even the president's most controversial remarks."

The Washington Post (8/17) editorializes, "Let's be clear. No one is talking about ripping the country apart – unless it's the president himself. The tons of Confederate iconography installed long ago were put there as part of an ideological campaign whose goals were to glorify men and women who betrayed the United States in the cause of human slavery and to marginalize descendants of the enslaved. ... To hail the 'beauty' of the statues is to ignore all that, possibly for short-term political advantage." The Wall Street Journal (8/17) says in an editorial that presidents need to choose their words carefully, and that there is no point to reopening a debate about the Civil War.

The Wall Street Journal (8/17, Bender, Kamp), McClatchy (8/16, Pugh), and The Hill (8/17, Fabian) also have reports.

The Economist, Time, New Yorker Covers Link Trump And Hate Groups. The Washington Post (8/17, Borchers) reports, "President Trump collects magazine covers, but he probably won't want to keep these." The latest cover of The Economist "depicts the president bellowing into a white, conical megaphone," while Time's new cover "features a boot-clad white man behind an American flag, held aloft at a 45-degree angle by a pole whose ornament is an outstretched hand, creating the effect of a Nazi salute." Axios (8/17, Treene) reports that the New Yorker also used Klan imagery on its new cover.

Plaque At Trump Golf Course Commemorates Civil War Battle That Did Not Happen. Rolling Stone (8/17, Chen) reports, "A 2015 report about a factually inaccurate plaque featured at Donald Trump's Northern Virginia Trump National Golf Club has resurfaced this week." The plaque reads, "Many great American soldiers, both of the North and South, died at this spot. The casualties were so great that the water would turn red and thus became known as 'The River of Blood.' It is my great honor to have preserved this important section of the Potomac River!" According to the 2015 New York Times report, "three historians asserted that no such battle or designation has ever been given to that spot."

NYTimes Considers Views Of "Trump's Black Friends." The New York Times (8/17, Alcindor,

Haberman) reports under the headline "How Do Trump's Black Friends Feel? It's Complicated" that "the furor that Mr. Trump has created with his equivocation" over Charlottesville "has refocused attention on the president's complex relationship with matters of race. Long before he embarked on his improbable political career, he had courted racial controversy, calling for the death penalty for five black and Latino teens who were later shown to have been wrongly convicted of a rape in Central Park, settling a Justice Department suit that charged the family business with housing discrimination and falsely accusing the nation's first black president of being born in Kenya." But "he made outsize efforts to hang out publicly with African-American celebrities," and "the few African-Americans in his inner circle...describe him as a 71-year-old man with fixed views and a cloistered history."

Pelosi Calls For Removal Of Confederate Statues From Capitol. The New York Times (8/17, Kaplan) reports that House Minority Leader Pelosi called Thursday for the removal of Confederate statues from the United States Capitol. Politico (8/17, Schor) reports, "Congressional GOP leaders have previously stated that decisions on replacing Capitol statues should rest with individual states, and [House Speaker] Ryan's office affirmed that stance earlier this week." The Washington Times (8/17, Sherfinski) also reports on Pelosi's remarks, and the Washington Times (8/17, McLaughlin, Sherfinski) says in an accompanying story that "at least a quarter of the 100 state statues that are part of what is known as the Statuary Hall collection commemorate slave owners."

NBC Nightly News (8/17, story 6, 2:15, Holt) reported on Pelosi's call for removal, while the CBS Evening News (8/17, story 7, 2:40, Mason) reported, "A new poll shows a majority of Americans, 62 percent, want Confederate statues to remain standing as historical symbols. Twenty-seven percent of those polled believed the statues should be removed because they're offensive."

Clarke Bill Would Require Renaming Of Military Installations Named For Confederate Generals. McClatchy (8/17, Douglas, Bergengruen) reports that Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY) "is drafting legislation to require the Pentagon rename any military installations named for Confederate generals." Clarke "has 10 co-sponsors, all House Democrats from New York and New Jersey."

LePage: Taking Down Confederate Statues "Just Like" Removing 9/11 Memorial. The AP (8/17, Whittle) reports that MaineGov. Paul LePage said that removing "Confederate figures is 'just like' removing a monument to victims of the 9/11 attacks." LePage added "that the white nationalist and far-left protesters in Charlottesville over the weekend were 'equally as bad' and 'disgusting.'"

Richmond Mayor Favors "Context" Signage For Confederate Monuments. In the Wall Street Journal (8/17), writer Dave Shiflett highlights a plan by Richmond, Virginia Mayor Levar Stoney to add what he described as "context" signage to Confederate monuments to "set the historical record straight."

Confederate Memorial Stands In Arlington National Cemetery. On its front page, the Washington Post (8/17, Shapiro) has a feature on the Confederate Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, a "32-foot-tall bronze hymn to soldiers of a bygone past" and "a soaring testament to Southern pride, placed in Arlington nearly 50 years after the Civil War ended." While "there are many Rebel monuments on federal property," the Confederate Memorial "stands out, opponents say, for its location on sacred space in Arlington and its offensive depiction of slaves."

Lincoln Monument In Chicago Damaged. The Washington Times (8/17, Ernst) reports that a giant bust of Abraham Lincoln in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood "appears to have been damaged after someone...sprayed and ignited a flammable liquid."

Vice Editor Calls For Blowing Up Mount Rushmore. Breitbart (8/17, Munro) reports that Vice Magazine posted a piece by senior editor Wilbert Cooper which urged "Let's Blow Up Mount Rushmore," although the headline was later changed to "Let's Get Rid of Mount Rushmore." Breitbart says Cooper calls for "Americans' politics, culture, and history to be purified by political fire," writing, "Let's take with us the righteous ideas and beliefs and leave everything else on the pyre."

Red Sox Owner Advocates Renaming Yawkey Way Outside Fenway Park. The New York Post (8/17, Masisak) reports that Boston Red Sox owner John Henry told the Boston Herald he is "ready to lead the charge for renaming Yawkey Way, the famous street outside Fenway Park." The street is named after Tom Yawkey, who owned the franchise from 1933-76. Yawkey's team "was the last in the league to welcome a black player to its roster, a full 12 years after Jackie Robinson first suited up for the Dodgers."

Vespa: Progressives Seek To Erase American History. Matt Vespa writes in a piece for Townhall (8/17, Vespa) that "American progressives" are "engaging in their favorite pastime: erasing American history and slamming our founding. ... The removal of Confederate statues is

the backdoor to this nonsense."

Corker: Trump Yet To Demonstrate Necessary "Stability," "Competence."

Sharp criticism of President Trump by Sen. Bob Corker, delivered at the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, generated extensive media attention including reports on all three major network newscasts. Analysts cast Corker's broadside as evidence of an increasingly isolated chief executive in the wake of his comments on the Charlottesville incident. The Chattanooga (TN) Times Free Press (8/17, Flessner) indicates, however, that "the Tennessee Republican chided Trump" not just for "his comments about the fatal protest rally last weekend," but also for his "'hot rhetoric' about North Korea and his tweets criticizing fellow Republicans in the Congress." The CBS Evening News (8/17, story 4, 0:50, Brennan) showed Corker saying, "There needs to be radical changes taking place at the White House itself. ... The President...has not yet been able to demonstrate the stability, nor some of the competence, that he needs to demonstrate in order to be successful." As quoted by NPR (8/17), Corker added, "And we need for him to be successful. Our nation needs for him to be successful." ABC World News Tonight (8/17, story 5, 0:55, Vega) noted the senator also said, "I think our President needs to take stock of the role that he plays in our nation and move beyond himself. Move way beyond himself."

CNN (8/17) Editor-at-Large Chris Cillizza wrote "Corker is clearly hinting at the possibility that Trump is not simply misguided in some of his policies and pronouncements – but that he may be fundamentally unfit for the office that he currently holds," and Roll Call (8/17, Bennett) summed up Corker's words as "saying the president is driving the United States toward 'great peril' because he lacks the 'stability' and 'competence' for the country's highest office." Moreover, Business Insider (8/17, Relman) reported, "Corker went on to accuse the president of inspiring division for political gain." The Washington Times (8/17, Boyer) quotes the senator as saying, "Helping inspire divisions because it generates support from your political base is not a formula for causing our nation to advance, our nation to overcome the many issues we have to deal with right now."

Senior political analyst Mark Preston said on CNN's Situation Room (8/17), "I have never seen – and I spent a lot of times covering Capitol Hill – I have never seen anything like this in my life. In many ways, maybe it is showing us that...Trump really is not a Republican. Maybe...Trump is...Trump and he used the Republican Party as the vessel for him to get to the White House."

On the CBS Evening News (8/17, story 6, 1:35, Mason), John Dickerson said Corker "is not one of the usual suspects who are always criticizing the President," and that "the reason" his words are "so damning is this is a critique people have had about candidate Trump and then President Trump. ... These are problems, as Sen. Corker has identified themselves, that are in the man himself. He calls on the President to have some self-reflection. So if you're in the White House, you have to hope the President is listening." USA Today (8/17, Collins) reports that Corker "often advises Trump on foreign policy," and Bloomberg News (8/17, Blum, House) that his "criticisms are particularly notable because he has previously been a Trump ally and met with him before his inauguration to discuss the possibility of becoming secretary of State." In fact, said The Hill (8/17, Carney), Corker "got speculation as a potential vice presidential pick."

Jake Tapper said on CNN's The Lead (8/17) that "there are signs that...Trump's rhetoric this week is causing major distress among members on Capitol Hill in a way we have not seen before," and similarly calls Corker's criticism "remarkable" because he "is not one of the President's usual critics."

The Washington Post (8/17, Sullivan) refers to the "new and forceful round of criticism...from a leading Republican senator," who "took some pauses as he spoke, appearing to choose his words carefully." Reuters (8/17) speaks of "one of the most pointed attacks from a Republican official on...Trump," and the AP (8/17, Lardner) of "a stinging rebuke." The Washington Examiner (8/17, Quinn) similarly reported that "though Trump's comments drew the ire of his fellow Republicans, Corker is the first to offer such a blunt assessment of the president."

Political director David Chalian said on CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 (8/17) that while Corker's comments are "significant...we're going to have to separate out the kind of significance. ... Republicans overall are still with this President out in the country. That doesn't make Corker's break with him any less significant. It is incredibly significant. This is man who doesn't really delve into the daily political to-and-fro. He's very much a workhorse in the Senate and he's using language we've not heard."

To the Los Angeles Times (8/17, Mascaro), meanwhile, "Republicans in Congress have tried to stick with...Trump in hopes that despite politically damaging outbursts from the White House,

his pen would ultimately be able to sign their legislative agenda into law." But "in the aftermath of Trump's controversial response to the neo-Nazi rally in Charlottesville, Va., that promise seems ever more distant." Republicans "are now coming to grips with the reality that they are increasingly on their own."

Scott: Trump's "Moral Authority Is Compromised." ABC World News Tonight (8/17, story 5, 0:55, Vega) reported, meanwhile, that "sources close to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell describe him as 'very concerned and very upset," though "McConnell's office denies that." Moreover, "the Senate's only African-American, Republican Tim Scott," said in an interview with Vice, "What we want to see from our President is clarity and moral authority. That moral authority is compromised when Tuesday happens. There's no question about that." NBC Nightly News (8/17, story 4, 1:40, Jackson) likewise showed footage of Scott's words as part of his story on Corker "excoriating" Trump.

On Twitter, Trump Takes On "Toxic" Flake, "Publicity Seeking" Graham. The Weekly Standard (8/17, Lifhits) reported Trump "fought back against lawmakers' criticism Thursday," using a series of tweets to describe Sen. Lindsey Graham as "publicity seeking" and Sen. Jeff Flake as "toxic." Wrote Trump, "Great to see that Dr. Kelli Ward is running against Flake. Jeff Flake, who is WEAK on borders, crime and a non-factor in Senate. He's toxic!" Trump also tweeted, "Publicity seeking Lindsey Graham falsely stated that I said there is moral equivalency between the KKK, neo-Nazis & white supremacists...and people like Ms. Heyer. Such a disgusting lie. He just can't forget his election trouncing. The people of South Carolina will remember!" Politico (8/17, Nelson) noted that "in a follow-up post to Twitter, the president also complained that his comments regarding the hate-fueled violence over the weekend had been purposely misrepresented to the public by the media." Wrote Trump, "The public is learning (even more so) how dishonest the Fake News is. They totally misrepresent what I say about hate, bigotry etc. Shame!"

The Washington Post (8/17, Nakamura) reports Flake wrote in a recently published book that "Republicans abandoned their principles in the face of Trump's unorthodox campaign and surrendered to the 'politics of anger,'" while Graham "was among the Republicans who criticized Trump for failing to offer a full-throated condemnation of the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville."

Politico (8/17, Wright) notes that as part of his criticism Thursday, "Corker took aim at Trump for using his Twitter feed to promote a Republican primary challenger to...Flake." Said Corker, "The White House would be well-served to embrace the character, the substance, of someone like Sen. Flake. ... He's one of the finest people I've served with."

Reuters, USA Today Analysis: Trump Alienating Senators Who Could Save Him From Impeachment. Reuters (8/17, Cowan) reports Trump "has stepped up his attacks on Republican senators, an approach he may regret if he is someday impeached and the Senate has to weigh charges against him stemming from an investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 US election." Reuters adds that "more than half of the 11 Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee, which would be central to any proceeding to remove Trump from office, have tangled with the Republican president, including on Thursday when he fired off early-morning tweets."

USA Today (8/17, Kelly) similarly indicates that Trump "is alienating congressional Republicans who might otherwise be his biggest defenders in the ongoing probe of the Trump campaign's ties to Russia, political analysts say." Said Barry Burden, a professor of political science and director of the Elections Research Center at the University of Wisconsin, "Trump's criticism of the very people he would need to defend him are potentially his undoing down the road. ... They really have very little incentive to stand by him," Burden said. "Whether that would result in impeachment or some sort of censure motion, it's too soon to know. But I think most Republicans in Congress would be very content to see (Vice President) Mike Pence take Trump's place."

The Washington Post (8/17, Sullivan), at any rate, reports that yesterday, "Corker did not advocate specific steps Congress ought to collectively take to punish the president or compel him to change," and when "asked for his reaction to the push by Rep. Steve Cohen (D-Tenn.) to try to impeach Trump, Corker did not endorse the move."

In a column titled "History Will Remember The Republicans Who Stick Around," meanwhile, Eugene Robinson writes in the Washington Post (8/17) that "Trump has dropped all pretense and proudly raised the banner of white racial grievance," and "the time has come for Republicans in Congress to decide whether this is what they signed up for."

"Network Of Russian Propaganda Tools Amplified" Trump Tweet Slamming Flake. Under the headline "Russian Network Amplified Trump's Flake Criticism," USA Today (8/17, Dorell) reports that in the wake of Trump's tweet criticizing Flake, "a network of Russian propaganda tools

amplified the message across the twitterverse, following a pattern of sowing division in the US and in Europe. ... Later Thursday, 'Flake,' 'Phoenix' and 'Arizona' were among the top five trending topics under discussion by a network of 600 Twitter accounts that amplify messages developed by the Kremlin for the US audience. The list of accounts is compiled and tracked by a new database created by the German Marshall Fund of the United States, a Washington, D.C., think tank that promotes cooperation between North America and Europe."

Trump Offers Sympathy, US Help In Wake Of Deadly Terror Attack In Barcelona.

The terrorist attack in Barcelona largely dominated the news cycle, leading all three major network newscasts. Reports indicate ISIS has claimed responsibility for the slaughter, and that while two suspects are in custody, a manhunt continues for the driver of the van. Hours after the news broke, the President tweeted, "The United States condemns the terror attack in Barcelona, Spain, and will do whatever is necessary to help. Be tough & strong, we love you!" The Washington Post (8/17, Nakamura) reports "Trump's tweet...stood in sharp contrast to" his "reaction Saturday to an attack in Charlottesville," where he "blamed the actions of people 'on many sides.'" In its story on Trump's tweet, The Hill (8/17, Fabian) similarly indicated that the president has not described the Charlottesville incident a "terror attack." The President's reaction to yesterday's carnage also received coverage from all three broadcasts – although it merited only a sentence in reports from CBS and ABC. The CBS Evening News (8/17, story 4, 0:50, Brennan) briefly reported that Trump "condemned the Barcelona attack and offered US help," and ABC World News Tonight (8/17, story 4, 1:55, Muir) that he was "offering to do whatever is necessary to help." NBC and cable outlets, meanwhile, focused on a follow-up remark that was cast as "debunked" as well as "inflammatory" to Muslims.

The AP (8/17, Superville, Lee) reports the White House said Trump "was...briefed on developments in Spain by his chief of staff, John Kelly." First lady Melania Trump tweeted her "'thoughts and prayers' to Barcelona before the president condemned the attack." The Daily Caller (8/17, Athey) noted, meanwhile, that Secretary of State Tillerson "told terrorists Thursday regarding a Barcelona terrorist attack that the United States 'will find you and bring you to justice.'"

Catherine Herridge reported on Fox News' Special Report (8/17) that the US government has been "completely engaged" from the "moment that the attack happened." Intelligence officials are going through watch lists and other databases to see if the suspects identified by Spanish authorities are in their systems. Herridge noted that Spain is a visa waiver country, "which means they can travel freely into" the US without a visa. Former CIA officer Phil Mudd noted on CNN's Situation Room (8/17) that "a lot of Americans presumably were there in that area...visiting Barcelona, including six American...college basketball teams."

ABC World News Tonight (8/17, lead story, 3:10, Muir) reported on the "horrific scene playing out in Barcelona in an historic shopping district where many tourists visit. A driver jumping the curb and his van barreling through the crowd. Children believed to be among the victims tonight." Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy is calling the attack "jihadist terrorism." NBC Nightly News (8/17, lead story, 3:05, Holt) noted "ISIS is now claiming responsibility, saying it was carried out by one of its soldiers, but it offered no evidence." Spanish investigators are looking at the attack as "part of a wider plot," saying that it's related to an explosion at a house yesterday, "so what happened today doesn't look like it was the work of some lone actor with a van." Catherine Herridge similarly reported on Fox News' Special Report (8/17) that the explosion 90 miles from Barcelona is a "very important development because it suggests that we are dealing with multiple actors in this plot."

The CBS Evening News (8/17, lead story, 2:45, Mason) reported the attack by "a terrorist in a van" is the "latest in a string of attacks in Europe where vehicles are the weapon." Authorities have arrested two people, "but police have categorically stated they were not driving the van that mowed into pedestrians." The driver of the van is reportedly still on the run. ABC World News Tonight (8/17, story 2, 2:10, Muir) reported one of the two men in custody is 28-year old Moroccan-born Driss Oukabir, who authorities say "recently traveled to Morocco, arriving back in Spain just last Sunday, and then rented the van used in the attack." Oukabir claims someone stole his license, and that he is not involved in anyway. Another "terror suspect is dead." Jim Sciutto reported on CNN's Situation Room (8/17) that there was another incident in Barcelona "where a car rammed police at a police check point." A policeman who was injured in the incident killed that suspect, "but police not saying yet whether they know there is a connection between that incident and" the deadly van attack.

The New York Times (8/17, Walsh, Bolon, Karasz) reports that "in the past year, the Islamic

State has devoted resources to translating their channels and messages into Spanish." While "countries like France and Britain have repeatedly been named in Islamic State propaganda urging followers to plan and stage attacks, Spain has been less in the cross hairs." However, "the country has, however, been a transit point for recruits of the militant group, both for those going to Syria and those returning," and "Spanish police arrested nine people in April who they said may have been connected with deadly attacks in France and Spain." The Washington Times (8/17, Arostegui) quotes an unnamed "high-level Spanish police official" saying, "We have dismantled dozens of plots and conducted about 300 arrests and detentions of terror suspects over the last two years, but some were bound to get through."

The Washington Post (8/17, A1, Booth, Adam, Murphy) also reports "Spanish authorities had been worried about being a target, after having been spared mass-casualty terrorist violence since a 2004 attack on the Madrid rail system." ISIS "supporters celebrated the Barcelona attack on Thursday and promoted previous threats made against Spain, according to the SITE Intelligence Group." USA Today (8/17, Stanglin, Mir) notes that SITE "said the Amaq News agency, which is linked to the Islamic State, reported that the extremist group had claimed responsibility for the attack." The New York Post (8/17, Brown) also highlights the Amaq report.

The Los Angeles Times (8/17, Zavis, Rocha, Almadani) recounts that "the attack occurred on Las Ramblas, a street popular with tourists and lined with shops and stalls running through the center of Barcelona. It has a wide pedestrian path running down its center, with cars traveling on both sides." Bloomberg News (8/17, Duarte, White, Orihuela) reports that "with about 100 more people injured, Catalonia's regional government said the death toll could rise." Reuters (8/17, Suarez, Rubio), the Washington Times (8/17, Noble, Sherfinski), The Hill (8/17, Manchester) and The Wall Street Journal (8/17, Neumann, Sloat), among other news outlets, run similar accounts of the day's events.

Five Suspected Terrorists Killed Near Barcelona As Police Thwart New Attack. The AP (8/17) reports "the police force for Spain's Catalonia region says...five suspects shot and killed in the resort town of Cambrils were carrying bomb belts, which have been detonated by the force's bomb squad."

Media Analyses, Democrats: Trump Tweeted A "Debunked, Violent, Anti-Muslim Myth." NBC Nightly News (8/17, story 3, 1:45, Holt) reported that while Trump denounced the attack, "he's also under fire for following that up with a tweet, reviving a debunked myth that many Muslims find inflammatory." NBC (Jackson) added, "As an example of how to get tough on what he called radical Islamic terror, he cited a debunked, violent, anti-Muslim myth about US General John Pershing cracking down on unrest in the Philippines a century ago." Jake Tapper said on CNN's The Lead (8/17), "That story is not true. There is no evidence backing up...Trump's claim that in the early 1900s, Gen. John Pershing tried to quell a Muslim uprising in the Philippines by dipping 50 bullets in pig's blood, which is offensive to Muslims, and shooting 49 Muslim insurgents and telling the [fiftieth] to go tell everyone what he saw. Historians say there is zero evidence to that. None. Not true." Tapper added, "So, just to be clear, what happened...in the face of a horrific terrorist attack, where people are still finding out that loved ones have been killed or injured," the President "just told the world to study a story that is not true."

USA Today (8/17, Jackson) reports, meanwhile, that "historians have found only a single letter from a soldier who said Pershing had a local chieftain buried with a bloody pig, a claim written decades after the alleged incident. A memoir by Pershing cited a letter from another US officer who said several Filipinos were buried in a grave with a bloody pig." The New York Times (8/17, Qiu) says "various versions of this myth began circulating around the time of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, often in email chains and on discussion boards online." In one, "in a column published in National Review in December 2002, a few months before the invasion of Iraq, the act was attributed to unnamed troops under Pershing's command."

The Washington Post (8/17, Nakamura) says Trump "recycled a largely discredited Internet tale that he promoted on the campaign trail as a way to call attention to what he has called 'radical Islamic terrorism.'" The Post adds "the story has been found to be unsubstantiated by numerous fact-checkers in the media." The Hill (8/17, Fabian) calls the account "a dubious story," and the New York Post (8/17, Moore) notes that when Trump told it during a campaign rally last year, Politifact rated it "pants on fire," writing, "In all, Trump's claim is ridiculous, so we rate it Pants on Fire."

Gloria Borger reported on CNN's Situation Room (8/17) that in his tweet Thursday, Trump said there was no more radical Islamic terror for 35 years after what Pershing did, but claimed it was "25 years" when he first made the claim in February. Borger said that is "concerning" because it again shows Trump's "casual relationship with the truth," and added that it is "more

concerning" that Trump thinks the tweet "represents...the right response" to the terror attack in Barcelona.

Phil Mudd said on CNN's Situation Room (8/17) that Trump "is making an amateur move" by showing ISIS that they have his attention, which is what ISIS wants. Paul Cruickshank added that Trump's "offensive" and "very inflammatory words" will fuel "ISIS propaganda" and put "Americans at risk overseas."

Sen. Ben Cardin said on CNN's Situation Room (8/17) that "fake news is fake news and doesn't make a difference how many times you tell it, it's a lie." Cardin added it's "outrageous" that Trump would continue to repeat the story when he is "clearly wrong."

Rep. Joaquin Castro said on CNN's Situation Room (8/17) that Trump's tweet is "not helpful at all," adding that it's "very odd for the President...to be getting on Twitter and spreading a myth about General Pershing and one that has been debunked, especially to do it on the same day of the attack."

Rep. Kathleen Rice said on CNN's Situation Room (8/17) said she believes Trump is losing the moral authority of the presidency, and criticized him for being inconsistent with his messaging following the attack in Barcelona. She said his first tweet regarding the attack seemed to be "an appropriate response for the President...and then within a short period of time he puts out another tweet that contains false information that is meant to do nothing but insight fear with people and also even more damaging to make our allies question the resolve of this administration and our country in fighting the terrorism."

CNN's Blitzer, Sciutto Wonder If Attack Carried Out By Charlottesville "Copycats." The Federalist (8/17) reported that after the terrorist attack in Barcelona, "CNN repeatedly suggested that the Barcelona terrorists got the idea to kill people with cars from Charlottesville." Wolf Blitzer said on CNN Wolf (8/17), "There will be questions about copycats. There will be questions if what happened in Barcelona, was at all, at all, a copycat version of what happened in Charlottesville, Virginia. Even though they may be different characters and different political ambitions, they use the same killing device, a vehicle going at high speed into a group, a large group, of pedestrians." The Federalist noted that CNN's Chief National Security Correspondent Jim Sciutto also "suggested that ISIS, the terror group which has taken responsibility for the attack, was taking a page from the Charlottesville suspect's playbook, a suggestion at odds with the fact that radical Islamic terrorists have used vehicles as weapons for years." Sciutto "later doubled down on the idea. Twice."

Sciutto said on CNN Wolf (8/17) that "in light of the uproar over the last several days, five days apart you have white supremacists in Charlottesville use a vehicle to kill and here you have attackers at least following the modus operandi of terrorists using vehicles apparently to kill as well. And those shared tactics...should be alarming." Breitbart (8/17, Hanchett) and Townhall (8/17, Vespa) also noted the comments.

Ex-FBI Official: Very Difficult To Stop Vehicle Attacks. ABC World News Tonight (8/17, story 3, 0:55, Muir) reported authorities in the US are "on high alert tonight amid the calls from ISIS to use vehicles in attacks." However, former Assistant FBI Director Ron Hosko said on the CBS Evening News (8/17, story 2, 2:05, Mason) that it's "almost impossible" to protect civilians from vehicle attacks, adding, "We can harden targets that are high-concentration areas, but we're always going to be vulnerable."

USA Today (8/17, Gomez) says if the attack "sounds familiar, that's because it follows a disturbing trend of terrorism that requires little organization, manpower or technological know-how. Whatever the attacker's motive, the method has become commonplace."

Rep. Kathleen Rice said on CNN's Situation Room (8/17) discussed the difficulty of preventing people from being inspired over the Internet and then getting in a car and "inflict[ing] massive damage." She said the "key to all of this is if you see something, say something."

Counterterror Experts: Attack Could Be ISIS Response To Losses In Iraq And Syria. Fran Townsend, a homeland security adviser to President George W. Bush, said on the CBS Evening News (8/17, story 3, 1:50, Mason) that it's not surprising ISIS has claimed responsibility, because "as we're succeeding against them in places like Iraq and Syria, they're clearly looking for opportunities to strike back, and it's easier asymmetrically against civilian populations. ... We'll see whether or not this was foreign fighters, which are far more prevalent in places like France, Germany, Brussels."

Former National Counterterrorism Center Director Michael Leiter said on NBC Nightly News (8/17, story 2, 1:30, Holt) that military efforts against ISIS in the Middle East are "an important strategic step, to disrupt the organization and ultimately take some of the wind out of

their sails, but that doesn't really help in these tactical situations because the fact is, ISIS has launched a message, and that network of people, even if not connected and speaking to individuals in Syria and Iraq, are still taking steps like this to be soldiers in ISIS' army."

Michael Waltz, who served as senior counterterrorism advisor to former Vice President Dick Cheney, said on Fox News' Special Report (8/17) that "terrorists have found the perfect weapon that requires no training" in vehicle attacks, and that is why it's "so important" that the US and its allies "stabilize Syria, to finish off ISIS as a state," and remain "engaged" in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and other countries where terrorist organizations exist. He acknowledged it's "frustrating" that the war on terror has gone on "for so long," but "we are in a generational effort against Islamic extremism and we have to stay engaged offense."

Counterterrorism specialist Paul Cruickshank said on CNN's Situation Room (8/17), "The first thing to say is [ISIS] provided no proof they were actually behind this or connected to this attack any way." He noted ISIS has falsely claimed responsibility before after an attack in Manila. However, he added that if the attack is linked back to ISIS, it's an attack "on the entire international community," because ISIS has previously focused on countries involved in the anti-ISIS coalition in Syria, and he said Spain is less involved in that effort.

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (8/17) urges European governments to crack down on terror funding and increase coordination to stem the terror threat. To the Journal, the danger affects the entire continent, and it makes little sense for each nations to attempt to tackle it individually.

Democratic Senators Eyeing Tax Reform As Opportunity To Push Carbon Tax.

The New York Times (8/17, Friedman) reports that two Senate Democrats, Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse and Brian Schatz, see "a sweeping overhaul of the tax code" as "the moment to broach the third rail of climate change policy: a carbon tax." While their plan "to level a $49 per metric ton fee on greenhouse gas emissions is widely acknowledged as a long shot," the senators, "along with climate activists and a cadre of conservative supporters, insist the tax reform is a way to create bipartisan support." The Times adds that they "hope to have an ally in President Trump's economic adviser, Gary D. Cohn, who met in February with a prominent group of Republicans advocating a similar plan."

Paulsen, Brady Make Case For Tax Reform.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (8/17, Coolican) reports that Rep. Erik Paulsen appeared Thursday along with House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Rep. Kevin Brady at Best Buy headquarters in an effort to build support for tax reform, "one of his own top priorities as Republicans in Washington struggle for major accomplishments." Paulsen and Brady "said that they expect by the end of the year to send President Donald Trump a major tax bill that he will sign. It will lower tax rates for families and businesses, they said, and also make the tax code simpler."

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"The Justice Department Goes Fishing In DreamHost Case." In an editorial, the New York Times (8/18, Board) writes that "you should be alarmed by the shockingly broad search warrant sought by the Justice Department, and approved by a judge in Washington, DC, last month, targeting DreamHost," an Internet hosting company that hosts a website that helped organize anti-Trump protests on Inauguration Day. As part of its continuing investigation into the protest, the Justice Department demanded that DreamHost turn over "all records or other information" relating to the site. The Times writes that if the company "turns over the requested data, any constitutional violation may not be revealed until years later, when a diligent defense lawyer is challenging a conviction in a single criminal case. That's a bad recipe for protecting all Americans' right to freely associate, and to be free of unreasonable government intrusion, in the digital age."

"Reset The Clock For Malpractice Suits." The New York Times (8/18, Board) editorializes that Gov. Andrew Cuomo should sign a measure passed by the New York state legislature extending the time cancer patients have to file malpractice suits to two-and-a-half years. Cuomo's aides "say only that he is evaluating the bill's details." Trial lawyers want the signed, and but "medical societies and hospitals, warning that their insurance premiums would rise and predicting some doctors would leave the state, want a veto."

Washington Post.

"It's Time For A Full And Fair Reckoning With Confederate Statues." The Washington Post (8/17) editorializes, "Let's be clear. No one is talking about ripping the country apart – unless it's the president himself. The tons of Confederate iconography installed long ago were put there as part of an ideological campaign whose goals were to glorify men and women who betrayed the United States in the cause of human slavery and to marginalize descendants of the enslaved. ... To hail the 'beauty' of the statues is to ignore all that, possibly for short-term political advantage."

"Trump Needs To Stop Sabotaging Obamacare-- Before It's Too Late." In an editorial, the Washington Post (8/17) writes that a Congressional Budget Office report released Tuesday estimated that an Administration decision to pull federal subsidy payments to insurance companies – an option the White House has been weighing – would cause average premiums to jump by 20 percent next year and cost the government $194 billion over a decade. The Post concludes that, rather than undermining insurance markets that the Affordable Care Act created, President Trump "should commit to keeping the subsidies going permanently, to enforcing the individual mandate and to working with Congress on a bipartisan bill that would bolster insurance markets."

"Burma Covers Up Its Systematic Abuse Of A Minority Group." In an editorial, the Washington Post (8/17) writes that the Burmese government's recent investigation into complaints of human rights abuses by the government against its Rohingya Muslim minority – an investigation that found "no evidence of crimes" – "lacked credibility from the outset" and directly contradicted the findings of the United Nations' detailed report on the country's "systematic" human rights abuses. The Post concludes that the international community should "renew calls to allow a U.N. fact-finding mission to visit the country" and that Congress "should rethink the idea of expanding American military ties with Burma or, at the very least, consider imposing a vetting process and human rights benchmarks for any further military engagement."

Wall Street Journal.

"All The President's Advisers." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (8/17) questions whether comments by President Trump's chief strategist Steve Bannon to American Prospect were daring White House chief of staff Kelly to fire him. The Journal adds that if Trump decides to keep Bannon, he will risk losing other aides.

"This Times, Terror Hits Spain." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (8/17) urges European governments to crack down on terror funding and increase coordination to stem the terror threat. To the Journal, the danger affects the entire continent, and it makes little sense for each nations to attempt to tackle it individually.

"Refighting The Civil War." The Wall Street Journal (8/17) says in an editorial that presidents need to choose their words carefully, and that there is no point to reopening a debate about the Civil War.

Big Picture

Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:
Terror Hits Barcelona, Killing At Least 13
AT&T-Time Warner Deal, An Early Trump Target, Reaches Advanced Stage
Dow Falls 274 Points In Biggest Decline In Three Months
Cisco's Feud With Former Star Executive Turns Personal—And Costly

New York Times:
Van Hits Pedestrians In Deadly Barcelona Terror Attack
Defiant, Trump Laments Assault On Culture And Revives A Bogus Pershing Story
Bannon And Dunford Remarks Muddle US Strategy For North Korea
The World's Biggest Tech Companies Are No Longer Just American
Top Two Officers On Navy Ship In Deadly Collision Off Japan To Be Relieved Of Duties
"Antifa" Grows As Left-Wing Faction Set To, Literally, Fight The Far Right

Washington Post:

Terror Strikes Barcelona
Top Officials Move To Clarify US Policy On North Korea
Uneasy Future For Arlington's Confederate Memorial
Chief Economic Adviser Staying, White House Says
President Defends Civil War Symbols

Financial Times:
Death Toll Rises To 13 After Barcelona Van Attack
Uber Crafts Share Sale Plan To Prop Up Valuation
Steve Bannon Stokes Tensions Tormenting Trump Administration
Washington Times:
Terrorist In Van Turns Sunny Spanish Afternoon Into Horrific Bloodbath
Mainstream Conservative Groups Alarmed To Be Found On "Hate Map"
Capitol's Confederate Cleansing Poses Difficult Decisions For Democrats
"Lay It On The Line": Judge In Tea Party Case Orders IRS To Disclose Employee Names, Reasons
Pentagon Eyes Bitcoin Blockchain Technology As Cybersecurity Shield
Mainstream Political Party Brazenly Lays Out Goal For "Real Islamic State" In Pakistan

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:
ABC: Barcelona Vehicle Terror Attack; Barcelona Vehicle Terror Attack-Suspects; NYC-Terrorism Precaution; Trump-White Nationalism; Trump White Nationalism-Congress; White Nationalism-WH Councils Shutdown; Coast Of Japan-US Navy Collision Investigation; Severe Weather; Iowa-Inmate Escape; New Mexico-Car Thefts; NYC-Suicide Attempt; Peanut Allergy Treatment; MLB-Cancer Survivor Pitch; Solar Eclipse.
CBS: Barcelona Vehicle Terror Attack; Vehicle Terror Attacks; Barcelona Vehicle Terror Attack-Expert Comment; Trump-White Nationalism; White Nationalism-Expert Comment; White Nationalism-Confederate Monuments; Coast Of Japan-US Navy Collision Investigation; Solar Eclipse; MLB-Cancer Survivor Pitch.
NBC: Barcelona Vehicle Terror Attack; Barcelona Vehicle Terror Attack-Expert Comment; Trump-White Nationalism; Trump White Nationalism-Critics; White Nationalism-Internet; White Nationalism-Confederate Monuments; Coast Of Japan-US Navy Collision Investigation; Minneapolis-Highway Fire; Wall Street News; Solar Eclipse; MLB-Cancer Survivor Pitch; Lottery Jackpot; Minnesota-Retired Judge Charity.

Network TV At A Glance:
Barcelona Vehicle Terror Attack – 16 minutes, 30 seconds
Trump White Nationalism-Critics – 5 minutes, 35 seconds
Trump-White Nationalism – 5 minutes, 30 seconds
White Nationalism-Confederate Monuments – 4 minutes, 55 seconds
Coast Of Japan-US Navy Collision Investigation – 4 minutes, 5 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:
ABC: Barcelona Vehicle Terror Attacks; Trump White Nationalism-Critics; Trump-White Nationalism; Wall Street News.
CBS: Barcelona Vehicle Terror Attacks; Trump-White Nationalism; Trump White Nationalism-Critics; Hawaii-Army Black Hawk Crash; Coast Of Japan-US Navy Collision Investigation; McDonald-iPhone Leak; Wall Street News.
FOX: Barcelona Vehicle Terror Attacks.
NPR: Barcelona Vehicle Terror Attacks; White Nationalism-US Colleges; North Korea Threats; Wall Street News.

Washington Schedule

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:
PRESIDENT TRUMP — Participates in a briefing with the National Security Council.
VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — Joins the President in a briefing with the National Security Council.
US Senate: 10:00 AM Senate convenes for pro forma session
On recess until 5 September.
US House: On recess until 5 September.

Other: No notable event scheduled.

Last Laughs

Late Night Political Humor.

Jimmy Kimmel: "If we're going to start taking down every monument that pays tribute to racists, we should probably take down every building with the name 'Trump' on it, you know?"

Jimmy Kimmel: "They did a survey, an international survey. Most countries now have more confidence in Vladimir Putin than Donald Trump. Out of 37 countries, 22 of them said they have more faith in Putin. Other countries are now watching Rocky IV and hoping Draggo wins."

Stephen Colbert: "So removing Confederate statutes isn't about denying that slavery happened. It's about not celebrating the people who fought to keep it going. That's why we remember the Titanic, but we don't erect monuments to the iceberg. Although, thanks to Donald Trump pulling out of the Paris Climate Accords, soon, all icebergs will need a memorial."

James Corden: "Trump thinks these 100-year-old Confederate monuments are 'beautiful,' which is weird. Usually Trump doesn't call anything beautiful if it's over 30 years old."

Jimmy Fallon: "The President tweeted that removing Confederate statues takes beauty out of our parks that can never be replaced. Then he said, 'Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to go cut down a bunch of trees and build a hotel and golf course.'"

Seth Meyers: "In a new interview, Kim Kardashian revealed that she did karaoke with former President Obama. Said Obama, 'That was just the national anthem.'"

Seth Meyers: "A new study by economists found that income inequality in Russia is reaching similar levels to that of the United States. Some Russians are so poor they're forced to live inside each other."

Seth Meyers: "So Trump's staff isn't upset he's a racist; they're upset we found out about it."

Seth Meyers: "According to New York Times, Ivanka and Kushner urged Trump to take a more moderate stance, but as with so many other critical moments in Trump's presidency, the two were on vacation, this time in Vermont. Oh, that is Bernie Sanders' worst nightmare, his home state infiltrated by a millionaire and a billionaire."

Conan O'Brien: "In a tweet this morning, President Trump called Confederate statues beautiful. People were shocked because it's the first time Trump has complimented anything that's over 40 years old."

Conan O'Brien: "President Trump said that North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un's choice to not attack Guam was a wise and well-reasoned decision. And Trump said, 'Someday I'm going to make one of those.'"

Conan O'Brien: "Hillary Clinton is coming out with a book called 'What Happened.' Out of habit, Bill Clinton immediately came out with his own book called 'Baby, I Can Explain.'"

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DOI In The News

Western Monuments Set To Be Reduced Under Proposal To Trump.

Bloomberg News (8/24, Flavelle) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "is recommending scaling back but not overturning some controversial national monument designations" which would otherwise "put oil, timber and mineral riches out of reach." Zinke communicated the recommendations to President Trump on Thursday "at the end of a four-month review of 27 national monuments created under the previous three presidents," which opens the possibility of a "significant shift" in government land use policy.

The Hill (8/24, Cama) reports that Zinke proposes reducing the size of "a handful" of national monuments, but his official report "will not ask the president to eliminate any of the 27 protected areas that were under review since an April executive order." The Wall Street Journal (8/24, Carlton) quotes a Thursday statement from Zinke saying that the recommendations would "provide a much needed change for the local communities who border and rely on these lands for hunting and fishing, economic development, traditional uses, and recreation."

Reuters (8/24, Volcovici) reports that Republican Rob Bishop, chairman of the House natural resources committee, "said he has not yet seen the full report but was briefed on some aspects of it by Zinke." Bishop "said his committee will eventually take up legislation to carry out some of Zinke's recommendations and attempt to reform the Antiquities Act." He said, "If we don't do reform of the Antiquities Act, we will have failures in the future. We don't need to eliminate the Antiquities Act totally but need to go back to what its original purpose was."

The Washington Post (8/24, Eilperin, Fears) says the move is "certain to trigger major legal fights." The Post adds that the White House confirmed that the President received the report "but would not say when it would be released or when the president would act on Zinke's recommendations." The Los Angeles Times (8/24, Boxall, Halper) says the "blueprint" delivered to Trump "represents an unprecedented effort to roll back protections on federal land." The Times adds that even before the report's release, "state attorneys general, environmental groups and Native Americans have put the administration on notice that acting on it would be illegal."

The Hill (8/24, Henry) reports that opponents of Zinke's "push to shrink national monuments say they will sue the Trump administration if the president follows through on Zinke's suggestions." Drew Caputo, the vice president of litigation for lands, oceans and wildlife at Earthjustice, said, "The law is clear: only Congress has the authority to change a national monument designation under the Antiquities Act – not the president." He said, "If President Trump attempts to carry out any recommendations to gut or shrink our national monuments, we will see him in court."

According to the New York Times (8/24, Turkewitz, Friedman), parts of the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah "could lose their strict federal protection as a national monument," under Zinke's recommendation. The Times adds that shrinking the monument "would be widely seen as a direct blow to former President Barack Obama's environmental legacy, and the first major test" of the Antiquities Act.

Also reporting are the Washington Times (8/24, Wolfgang), the Washington Examiner (8/24, Siegel), the Los Angeles Times (8/24, Boxall, Halper), USA Today (8/24, Roth), Reuters (8/24, Volcovici), CNN (8/24, Green), CBS News (8/24), CBS News (8/24), NPR (8/24, Siegler), NPR (8/24), PBS NewsHour (8/24, Akpan), MarketWatch (8/24, Carlton), the Huffington Post (8/24, D'angelo), TIME (8/24, Waxman), TIME (8/24, Steinmetz), the Chicago Tribune (8/24,

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Additional coverage was provided by Politico (8/24), Bloomberg News (8/24, Flavelle), the Boston Herald (8/24), Philly (PA) (8/24, BROWN, McCOMBS), the Daily Mail (8/24), ABC News (8/25, Mccombs, Brown), the Idaho Statesman (8/24, Mccombs, Brown), the Washington Post (8/25, McCombs Matthew Brown |, Ap), the Washington Times (8/25, McCombs, Brown), the Las Vegas Sun (8/24, Brown, McCombs), the St. Joseph (MO) News-Press (8/24, BROWN, McCOMBS), the Yakima (WA) Herald-Republic (8/24, BROWN, McCOMBS), the Banning (CA) Record-Gazette (8/24, Folmer), the Columbus (OH) Dispatch (8/24), the Savannah (GA) Morning News (8/24), the Vail (CO) Daily (8/24), the St. George (UT) Spectrum (8/24, DeMille), the Las Vegas Review-Journal (8/24, Brean), the San Francisco Chronicle (8/24, Lochhead), the Flathead (MT) Beacon (8/24, BROWN, McCOMBS), the Las Cruces (NM) Sun-News (8/24, Brown, McCombs), the Salem (OR) Statesman Journal (8/24, BROWN, McCOMBS), the Denton (TX) Record-Chronicle (8/24, Brown, McCombs), Oregon Public Broadcasting (8/24, Brown, McComb), the Bristol (VA) Herald Courier (8/24, Sharp), the Charlottesville (VA) Daily Progress (8/24, Sharp), ABC News (8/24, Brown, Mccombs), WRC-TV Washington Washington (8/24, Brown, McCombs), WBBH-TV Fort Myers (FL) Fort Myers, FL (8/24, BROWN, McCOMBS), KTVX-TV Salt Lake City Salt Lake City (8/24), KSBY-TV San Luis Obispo (CA) San Luis Obispo, CA (8/24, BROWN, McCOMBS), KSBW-TV Monterey (CA) Monterey, CA (8/24), KSBW-TV Monterey (CA) Monterey, CA (8/24, BROWN, McCOMBS), WMAQ-TV Chicago Chicago (8/24, Brown, McCombs), and WABI-TV Bangor (ME) Bangor, ME (8/24).

Feinstein Calls On Trump Admin To Release National Monuments Report. The Hill (8/24, Delk) reports that Sen. Dianne Feinstein "demanded Thursday that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke make public a formal report asking President Trump to reduce protections on a number of national monuments." The senator "pushed back on any potential plans to shrink parkland while calling for Zinke to release his full report." She said, "The American people have the right to see his entire report. A proposal to strip protections from public lands should be made public immediately."

California Mulls Lawsuit Against Trump's National Monuments Decision. The Washington Examiner (8/24, Chaitin) reports that "California is open to the possibility of suing the Trump administration should it move to shrink national monuments located in the state." McClatchy (8/24, Luna) reports that California Gov. Jerry Brown is "ready to sue the federal government if the Trump administration decides to allow drilling, mining or timber harvesting at national monuments in the Golden State."

Supporters Of New Mexico Monument Areas Vow To Keep Pushing. The AP (8/24, Bryan) reports that "tribal leaders, conservationists and elected leaders gathered Thursday to express their frustrations and keep pressure on the White House to ensure two national monument areas in New Mexico remain intact." Sen. Martin Heinrich and "several dozen people packed an REI store in Albuquerque while others took to the historic Mesilla plaza in southern New Mexico to show their support for Organ Mountains-Desert Peak and the Rio Grande del Norte." Heinrich said, "These places aren't just about outdoor recreation. They're not just about land. They're about our culture and history and trying to live up to the greatest potential of that culture and history."

Fate Of 1st Atlantic Marine Monument Likely Headed To Court. The AP (8/24, Whittle) reports that "environmentalists and fishing groups said Thursday they are prepared for a legal battle in the wake of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's decision to preserve the nation's first Atlantic Ocean marine monument." The Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument has "been contested from the beginning." Some fishing groups have claimed "it was created through an illegal use of the Antiquities Act of 1906 and jeopardizes their industry, and they've sued to challenge its creation." However, "conservationists said the monument protects marine mammals, sea turtles and underwater habitats."

Editorial: Trump's Threat To The Outdoors. The San Francisco Chronicle (8/24) editorializes

that "both presidential power and wilderness preservation are at stake as the Trump team decides how far to go in trimming outdoors protections that past presidents and millions of Americans support." The paper is concerned by "troubling impacts" as it sees "a likely rollback on millions of acres, mostly in the West, which are safeguarded from logging, drilling and mining by presidential decree." The paper argues that "protecting wild places against intrusive human activities was the reason for the Antiquities Act, and it should remain a timely and necessary tool."

How US Heritage Is Reflected In Our National Parks. In an op-ed for the San Diego Union-Tribune (8/23, Beck), Larry Beck, a professor in the L. Robert Payne School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at San Diego State University, argues that "at a time when visitation to our parks is skyrocketing, and causing congestion problems in places such as Yosemite and Zion, reducing land protected within established park monuments is nonsensical." He claims that "this action would simultaneously exacerbate climate change."

Commentary: Zinke Leaves San Juan County In Economic Limbo. In an op-ed for the Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (8/24, Kurth), Nazz Kurth, president of Petzl America, writes that "instead of getting on with sorting out the issues in the Bears Ears, President Trump has left San Juan County in a kind of economic limbo, by ordering a review of all monuments over 100,000 acres that were established since 1996, and demanding an expedited review of the Bears Ears." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has "weighed in, adding to San Juan County's economic uncertainty by issuing an 'interim report' – following a selective and cursory public review of Bears Ears – recommending that the monument be shrunk and that Congress take up legislation to create National Recreation and Conservation Areas." Kurth claims that "Zinke is ignoring the painstaking three-year Public Land Initiative that recently failed trying to do just that." Kurth believes that "there is no reason to think that Congress can succeed this time." Kurth concludes that "if President Trump and Secretary Zinke truly want improved economic conditions and more jobs for San Juan County, the answer is readily available, commit the resources needed to move forward with a management plan for the Bears Ears National Monument."

Zinke's Decision To Keep Maine Monument Worth Celebrating. In his column for the Bangor (ME) Daily News (8/24, Holyoke), John Holyoke welcomes Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's decision on the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. Holyoke says that allowing "some form of limited logging activity in part of the monument," which may be under consideration, is "a workable compromise."

Trump And Our National Monuments: What America's Hunters And Anglers Want The White House To Do. In an op-ed for Fox News (8/24, Tawney), Land Tawney, the president and CEO of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, writes that sportsmen are "standing up in support of the Antiquities Act." Tawney raises concerns that "recommendations made by Secretary Zinke, if adopted, could erode the strength of the act, blunt a powerful conservation tool and diminish our national monuments system overall." Tawney joins with American hunters and anglers who "demand leadership from the secretary that upholds – and advances – Theodore Roosevelt's legacy."

Lien: Sportsmen Want Trump To Leave Monuments Intact (Column). In an op-ed for the Vail (CO) Daily (8/24, Lien), David Lien, a former Air Force officer and chairman of the Colorado Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, expects that "currently protected public lands will be opened to extractive industries, such as mining and oil and gas development, most likely." Lien joins with sportsmen and women who "call on Zinke to make good on his word, to uphold Theodore Roosevelt's protected public-lands legacy by expanding America's rich system of national monuments – not diminishing it."

Cabinet Secretaries Say Lawsuits Prolong Forest Fire Problem.

The Missoulian (MT) (8/24, Chaney) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue "joined two-thirds of Montana's congressional delegation at the Lolo Peak fire base to decry the effect of lawsuits on firefighting." They were joined by Montana Republican Sen. Steve Daines and Rep. Greg Gianforte in "arguing that litigation was keeping forests in an unhealthy state." Zinke also said "front-line government workers were too burdened by micromanagement and bureaucracy to get out in the field." He said, "We need more resources on the front line, to give them the flexibility they need and get rid of the lawsuits so they can do their jobs. That's where we can focus on near-term gains."

Also reporting are the Billings (MT) Gazette (8/24, Chaney), the Missoula Current (MT) (8/24, Kidston), the Huffington Post (8/24, D'angelo), KECI-TV Missoula (MT) Missoula, MT (8/24, Georgiou), and KGVO-FM Missoula (MT) Missoula, MT (8/24, Christian).

Interior Secretary To Visit Smokies Friday.

WBIR-TV Knoxville, TN (8/24) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will "visit Great Smoky Mountains National Park on Friday to mark the 101st anniversary of the founding of the National Park Service." Zinke will "visit Rainbow Falls Trail with U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander on Friday morning." In the afternoon, Zinke will "visit the Pisgah Inn on top of Mt. Pisgah on the Blue Ridge Parkway."

Environmental Groups Say Industry Had Undue Influence On Sage Grouse Review.

The Casper (WY) Star-Tribune (8/24, Richards) reports that "environmental groups are crying foul after a letter from an oil and gas advocacy group to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke surfaced indicating energy may have played a significant role in the department's recent, and controversial, sage grouse decision." In the July letter, Western Energy Alliance "recommended 15 changes to federal sage grouse conservation plans to make it easier for industry firms to do business in the bird's habitat." A review of federal conservation plans by a panel of sage grouse experts earlier this month "included 13 of WEA's suggestions."

Additional coverage of the sage grouse was provided by the High Country (CO) News (8/24, Wiles), the Denver Post (8/24), and the Mesquite (NV) Local News (8/24, Mitchell).

Greg Walden On Bundy-led Standoffs: Protesters 'Need Not Be Armed.'

The Oregonian (8/24, Friedman) reports following a visit to Intel's Hillsboro facilities on Wednesday, Rep. Greg Walden was asked at a press conference "what, if anything, Congress should do to deter future would-be insurrections on federal property." Walden said, "Those that violate the law should be prosecuted." He added, "It's important that we respect the rights of the people who work in those facilities, and it was very problematic for the federal employees who were there at the wildlife refuge, the Bureau of Land Management office. It was very problematic for the city of Burns and Harney County. However these protests take place, they need not be armed, they need not be violent, they need not be vile."

Ex-Interior Secretary Who Helped Conserve Alaska Land Dies.

The AP (8/25, Kruesi, Ridler) reports: "Former Interior Secretary Cecil V. Andrus, who engineered the conservation of millions of acres of Alaska land during the Carter administration, has died. He was 85. Andrus died late Wednesday of complications from lung cancer, daughter Tracy Andrus said."

Additional Coverage: Government Considers Zinke Investigation: Preliminary Probe Opened Into Call With Murkowski.

Additional coverage that "the Office of the Inspector General has opened a preliminary investigation into phone calls made from Secretary of the Interior Zinke to Alaska senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan" was provided by the Ketchikan (AK) Daily News (8/24, Halaschak).

Sportsmen Can Thank Themselves For Attack On Public Lands.

In an op-ed for the Albuquerque (NM) Journal (8/24, Williams), Ted Williams writes that without the support of sportsmen, "Trump wouldn't be president and Zinke wouldn't be running Interior." Williams decries their "hypocrisy" and their silence "about the felonious, 41-day armed occupation and trashing of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon."

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

Order Allowing Drilling At Van Hook Extended.

The Bismarck (ND) Tribune (8/24, Dalrymple) reports that "a federal judge has extended an order allowing oil drilling near the Van Hook arm of Lake Sakakawea through at least Oct. 31." US District Court Judge Daniel Hovland, "who last week ruled Slawson Exploration could continue drilling until a hearing scheduled for Aug. 29, has since canceled that hearing." The federal government "agreed to the extension and requested the court case before Hovland be put on hold while an administrative appeal within the Department of Interior continues."

Tribe Pushes To Revive Suit Over Calif. Gov. Casino OK.

Law360 (8/24, Powell) reports that "the United Auburn Indian Community continued Wednesday to press the California Supreme Court to revive its lawsuit challenging Gov. Jerry Brown's role in

greenlighting another tribe's competing off-reservation casino project, calling his arguments that he had not exceeded his authority or violated the separation of powers among government branches 'off the mark.'"

Bureau Of Land Management

APNewsBreak: Investigators Say US Land Agent Took Evidence.

The AP (8/24, Whitehurst) reports that "a Bureau of Land Management agent who has been scrutinized for past behavior took valuable stones held as evidence and handed them out 'like candy' to colleagues and a contractor, federal investigators said in a report made public Thursday." Daniel Love, "played a command role in an April 2014 standoff involving backers of Nevada rancher and states' rights figure Cliven Bundy," was "previously faulted for using his influence to get tickets to a sold-out Burning Man counterculture festival in Nevada's Black Rock Desert that he was helping oversee security for and manipulating a job search for a friend." US Department of Interior investigators "also found Love told an employee to delete some emails that contained bureau information requested by then-U.S. Rep. Jason Chaffetz."

Also reporting are the Deseret (UT) News (8/24, O'Donoghue), the Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (8/25, Maffly), the Daily Caller (8/24, Pearce), and the Daily Caller (8/24, Barton).

Judge Sends Vegas Water Pipeline Plan Back To Feds For A Fix.

The AP (8/24, Ritter) reports that "a federal judge tapped the brakes Thursday but didn't stop a proposal for a massive and expensive water pipeline to draw underground water from rural valleys along Nevada's eastern edge to supply the growing Las Vegas metropolitan area." The Bureau of Land Management "needs to take another look at possible environmental effects of the Southern Nevada Water Authority project and identify what can be done about them, U.S. District Judge Andrew Gordon said." Gordon "characterized the fixes he ordered as 'narrow deficiencies' in environmental impact statements."

Additional coverage was provided by the Las Vegas Review-Journal (8/24, Brean) and Law360 (8/24, Powell).

Department Of Justice Says Clark County Owes Federal Government $75 Million In Unpaid Rent On Bali Hai Golf Course.

The Nevada Independent (8/24, Valley, Snyder) reports that the Justice Department "is asking Clark County for more than $75 million in alleged unpaid rent at a major property on federal land managed by the county and developed by prominent Las Vegas gambler Billy Walters." Clark County, "acting as the facilitator for the Bureau of Land Management, entered into a 99-year profit-sharing lease with a development company owned by Walters, recently convicted of insider trading, for the course in 2000, but the arrangement never made any money." The Justice Department "contends the county should have been collecting roughly $1.3 million in rent annually from Walters and, thus, deserves that money," but "the county disagrees."

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (8/24, Lockhead) reports that "in a letter to the county dated Aug. 18, U.S. Department of Justice attorney John Kresse wrote that a 2011 amendment to a lease between the county and gambler Bill Walters set the 155-acre property's $100,000 annual rent below fair market value, thereby violating the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA)." County Commission Chairman Steve Sisolak "said the county sent the new deal to the Bureau of Land Management for approval, but never heard back. 'They didn't approve it. They didn't deny it. They just sat on it,' he said. 'We've been stuck in limbo.'"

Oil Lessee Seeks Quick Win In Canceled Lease Suit.

Law360 (8/24, Lidgett) reports that "an oil and gas lessee of portions of a Montana national forest on Thursday moved for a quick win in its case in Washington, D.C., district court alleging the U.S. Department of the Interior improperly voided the lease, calling the move arbitrary and capricious." W.A. Moncrief "moved for summary judgment in its suit challenging the 'wrongful cancellation' of its 35-year-old lease in an area of Lewis and Clark National Forest."

BLM Seeks Comment On Possible Oil And Gas Leases.

The Elko (NV) Daily Free Press (8/24) reports that the Bureau of Land Management is "seeking public comments to assist in preparing an environmental assessment analyzing the impacts of offering 38 oil and gas parcels, totaling approximately 67,311.79 acres, for lease in the Elko

District." Comments will be accepted until close of business Sept. 24.

Bureau Of Ocean Energy Management

Does Local Opposition Impact Offshore Drilling Decisions?

The Jacksonville (NC) Daily News (8/24, Buckland) reports that "local communities are again lining up to oppose efforts by the federal government to open up the Mid-Atlantic to seismic testing for potential offshore drilling." However, local resolutions are "not legally binding as the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) moves forward to review seismic testing off the East Coast." The article says that "in the midst of adopting them, some local officials question their efficacy."

Additional coverage was provided by the New Bern (NC) Sun Journal (8/24, Buckland).

Expanding Offshore Energy Opportunities Will Benefit American Energy Consumers.

Offshore Source (8/24, Peterson) reports that API is urging the Trump Administration "to expand the next five-year offshore oil and natural gas leasing program to include areas of the Outer Continental Shelf, including the Atlantic, Eastern Gulf of Mexico, and Arctic, with potential for new domestic energy resources, job creation, increased government revenue, and strengthened national security." API Upstream Director Erik Milito said, "We have an opportunity in the next offshore leasing plan to truly embrace our nation's energy potential and ensure American consumers and businesses continue to benefit from the U.S. energy renaissance. In addition to contributing to the economy, creating thousands of jobs, and providing billions in government revenue, developing our abundant offshore resources will also strengthen our national security. The ability to explore our resources in the Arctic, Atlantic, and the Eastern Gulf of Mexico in the next five-year program is a critical part of advancing the long-term energy security of our nation, and we urge the administration to consider these benefits as they prepare a new offshore leasing program."

Bureau Of Safety And Environmental Enforcement

Big Industry Hunkers Down Ahead Of Harvey.

The Houston Chronicle reports industrial activity on the Gulf Coast slowed as energy companies evacuated offshore oil platforms and ships left port in preparation for Hurricane Harvey. About 5 percent of oil platforms in the Gulf were evacuated as of midday Thursday, while 10 percent of all Gulf oil production was cut off. Shell said it had halted production and secured its Perdido platform.

USA Today (8/24, Rice, Stanglin) reports Harvey is now forecast to hit the Gulf Coast as a Category 3 hurricane with winds up to 115 mph late Friday into Saturday. About 700,000 people live where the hurricane warning is in effect, approximately half are in the Corpus Christi area. Reuters (8/24, Forsythe) reports the storm forced gasoline prices to a three-week high as two refineries in Corpus Christi are shutting down. Approximately 167,000 bpd, or 9.6 percent, of crude output capacity in the Gulf was shut.

Offshore Magazine (8/24) reports offshore operators said personnel have been evacuated from 39 production platforms, 5.29 percent of the 737 manned platforms in the Gulf.

Additional coverage was provided by the New York Post (8/24, Moore), Reuters (8/24), Reuters (8/24), AP (8/24), Fox Business (8/24, McKenna), Fox Business (8/24, Rocco), Washington (DC) Examiner (8/24, Siciliano), Houston (TX) Business Journal (8/24, Mann), Offshore Technology (8/24), MarketWatch (8/24, Sjolin), and MarketWatch (8/24, Saefong).

Fish And Wildlife Service

Sea Ice Loss Dooms Walrus If Not Protected, Groups Claim.

Courthouse News (8/24, YOUNG-GRINDLE) reports that "as sea ice melts at an alarming rate, 21 environmental groups urged the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to complete the endangered species listing for the Pacific walrus." The Center for Biological Diversity and "allied groups sent a letter to the USFWS regarding the upcoming court-determined Sept. 30 deadline for the agency to either begin the endangered species listing process for the Pacific walrus or remove it from the

candidate list." However, listing the animal under the Endangered Species Act "could endanger the current administration's plans for offshore drilling in the Arctic."

NM Votes To Support Federal Wolf Recovery Plan.

The Albuquerque (NM) Journal (8/24, Reed) reports that the New Mexico State Game Commission "voted 6-1 Thursday to support the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's recently revised Mexican wolf recovery plan." Paul Kienzle, game commission chairman, "said he would entertain a motion to support the federal plan, subject to review if it was substantively changed, and also to submit a transcript of the commission's discussion at the meeting as a comment on the plan."

Iron County Plans For Renewed Federal Oversight Of Prairie Dogs.

The St. George (UT) News (8/24, Sullivan) reports that "after three years of being free from federal oversight, Iron County is now forced to return to regulations mandated by the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the relocation of prairie dogs on private property." Iron County Commissioners "met Tuesday for an emergency meeting to discuss returning to their old habitat conservation plan in the interim while the FWS prepares a separate general conservation plan that will determine how the county deals with the prairie dogs." Commissioners "remain hopeful, however, the rules in the GCP will not resemble those they once operated under for many years."

Teen Tells Judge He Bought Tiger Cub On Streets Of Tijuana.

The AP (8/24, Watson) reports that "U.S. border officials confiscated a Bengal tiger cub after inspecting a car heading from Mexico to California, federal authorities said Friday." According to the article, "a California teenager who says he bought a Bengal tiger cub on the streets of Tijuana for $300 was arrested when he tried to bring it into the United States in his 2017 Chevy Camaro." Luis Eudoro Valencia was "charged with smuggling a Bengal tiger into the United States after U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials found the furry cub lying on the floor of the passenger side of his car during an inspection around 1:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Otay Mesa border crossing."

Also reporting are CNN (8/25, Mossburg, Simon), USA Today (8/24, Jansen), the Arizona Republic (8/24, Santistevan), and the Los Angeles Times (8/24, Queally).

High Court Must Review ESA Decision That Endangers Ability To Appeal Agency Actions.

In a piece for Forbes (8/24, Samp), Rich Samp urges the Supreme Court to review "a US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit decision that dramatically expands the scope of the Endangered Species Act." He says that the group of Louisiana landowners' "concerns are well-justified; the appeals court upheld land-use restrictions imposed by the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) for the purpose of protecting an endangered species of frog – even though the frog does not exist in Louisiana and could not live on the Petitioners' land unless they substantially modified it." However, Samp argues that "Supreme Court review is warranted for an additional and perhaps more important reason: the Fifth Circuit agreed with FWS that the Service's refusal to undertake a cost-benefit analysis of its actions was not subject to judicial review."

Fish And Wildlife Is Right On Endangered Frogs.

In an op-ed for the Sacramento (CA) Bee (8/24, Solvesky), Ben Solvesky, a biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service from 2008 to 2014, and now with a Sierra Nevada conservation group, defends the critical habitation designation for two frog species and the Yosemite toad. Solvesky asserts that the US Fish and Wildlife Service "painstakingly reviewed the best available science" on the animals. According to Solvesky, the FWS "also invited extensive input and thoroughly responded to public comments on the potential economic and social effects." He adds that "the service bent over backward to assure that the 1.8 million acres of critical habitat would include little private property – only 0.6 percent of habitat for the Yosemite toad and 7 percent and 0.01 percent for the two frog species."

National Park Service

Celebrate With Free Entrance To National Parks.

The Las Cruces (NM) Sun-News (8/24, Prewitt) reports that "the National Park Service turns 101 years old on Friday, Aug. 25." To celebrate the occasion, "also known as Founders Day – a day that commemorates the establishment of the National Park Service – several national monuments

that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone."

Also reporting are the Newport News (VA) Daily Press (8/23, Heeter), the San Francisco Chronicle (8/24, Dowd), and the Rapid City (SD) Journal (8/24).

Everglades National Park Entrance Fees To Rise In January 2018.

The Miami New Times (8/24, De Varona) reports that Everglades National Park "plans to raise its entrance fees beginning in January 2018 to pay for $88 million in overdue maintenance work." According to the article, "walk-in, paddle-in, and bike-in visitors would pay $12 instead of $8, while annual memberships would rise from $40 to $50." Fees would "rise again in October 2018 to $15 and $60, respectively."

UP Road Lands On National Register Of Historic Places.

The Traverse City (MI) Record-Eagle (8/24, Freedman) reports that Brockway Mountain Drive in the northwestern Upper Peninsula, has been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Park Service "recognized the 9-mile road built by the Keweenaw County Road Commission in 1933 for its historic importance in recreation, entertainment, transportation, social history and landscape architecture."

73-Year-Old Dies After Climbing Fall In Rocky Mountain Park.

The AP (8/24) reports that "a 73-year-old man has died after a fall while descending a peak in Rocky Mountain National Park." According to park spokeswoman Kyle Patterson, "the body of Ken Teselle of Estes Park was recovered by helicopter on Thursday from the Chasm Lake area." The National Park Service "says Teselle was a volunteer at the park but was off-duty at the time of his fall."

National Park Service & Federal Lands – Over-Protection.

In an op-ed for the National Review (8/25, DeVoe), Philip H. DeVoe writes that "on the 101st anniversary of the NPS, we must toast a noble division of the federal government, but continue fighting government over-protection of state lands." He argues that "we need to save a program conservative in its conception but toxically liberal in its present form." DeVoe warns that "the government itself has become the avaricious vandals the NPS was created to resist, and our conservative heritage, our federalist history, and our representative democracy are on the line."

The Park Service's Botched Bottle Ban.

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (8/24) writes that the Trump Administration's recent reversal of an Obama Administration ban on bottled water in national parks highlights what the Journal calls a teachable moment in the unintended consequences of environmental policy. Despite the National Park Service's desire to reduce plastic waste by banning bottled water, studies found that bottled beverage consumption did not decrease, as park-goers switched to drinking bottled sodas, which use more plastic.

Office Of Insular Affairs

US Provides $$ For Compact Impact.

The Marshall Islands Journal (8/25) reports that Interior Acting Assistant Secretary Nikolao Pula "made available $3 million in discretionary 'Compact impact' funding for fiscal year 2017, as an additional federal contribution toward defraying the costs that Guam, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and American Samoa bear due to the presence of migrants from the freely associated states (FAS)." According to the article, "Guam received $1,491,000, Hawaii $1,276,000, the CNMI $231,000, and American Samoa $2,000." Pula said, "The governors of the affected jurisdictions have reported that the Federal government is not providing sufficient funds to cover the costs they bear for the impact of migrants from the freely associated states on social services. Both Guam and Hawaii have each reported costs exceeding $100 million a year."

Conference Focuses On Improving The Accountability Of Island Governments.

The Marshall Islands Journal (8/25) reports on this week's 38th Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors (APIPA) annual conference. Of note, Graduate School USA President and CEO Jack Maykoski "said the school's partnership with the US Department of Interior to provide trainings to

US-affiliated islands in the Pacific saw over 200,000 people trained over the years."

In Photos, North Korea Signals A More Powerful ICBM In The Works.

In continuing coverage, Reuters (8/24, Kim, Yang) reports that experts say photos of a new rocket design are a North Korean "message that it is working on an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) more powerful than any it has previously tested." State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said, "We consider it overall a good first step that there haven't been any missile launches or testing for ...three-plus weeks or so." She also said it wasn't clear, in Reuters' words, "if the photos were taken before or after Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on Tuesday welcomed what he called the restraint North Korea had shown recently in its weapons programs."

US Military To Install Radar In Pacific's Palau.

Rappler (PHL) (8/24) reports that "the United States has announced plans to install radar systems in Palau, a move that will increase its monitoring ability in the western Pacific region recently rocked by threats from North Korea." In a joint statement, the US Defense Department and the Palau government "said they were working to finalize the location of radar towers on the archipelago nation of 22,000 people." The Jagran Josh (8/24, Krishnan) reports that the statement said, "The radar systems will provide Palau enhanced maritime law enforcement capability... while also providing the US with greater air domain awareness for aviation safety and security."

'We Have To Make Tough Decisions If We Want To Survive'.

The Virgin Islands Consortium (VIR) (8/23) reports that Governor Kenneth Mapp said on talk radio on Tuesday "that the territory's financial condition demands difficult choices relative to government spending, stating that the territory's survival depends on its ability to live within its means." Mapp said, "We're just at a point where we simply have to make the tough decisions if we want to survive. Liken it to you in the community that have your family, if you're a two parent or one parent household and somebody gets laid off or your hours get reduced. Or if you're operating a business and the season goes off and the revenue is lower, you've got to make changes to survive because you can't just spend the way that you normally spend; you can't do the things that you normally do, so you must make the adjustments in order to remain balanced."

Additional Coverage: Key Player In Paris Climate Deal Dies In Majuro At 72.

Additional coverage on the passing of Marshall Islands Climate Ambassador Tony deBrum was provided by Marianas Variety (8/24, Johnson).

Top National News

Trump Criticizes McConnell And Ryan For Handling Of Debt Ceiling Issue.

In a pair of tweets at 8:19 a.m. yesterday, the President wrote, "I requested that Mitch M & Paul R tie the Debt Ceiling legislation into the popular V.A. Bill (which just passed) for easy approval. They didn't do it so now we have a big deal with Dems holding them up (as usual) on Debt Ceiling approval. Could have been so easy-now a mess!" At 9:42 a.m., he tweeted, "The only problem I have with Mitch McConnell is that, after hearing Repeal & Replace for 7 years, he failed! That should NEVER have happened!" The CBS Evening News (8/24, story 3, 0:35, Mason) briefly reported on the "political storm in Washington that pits the President against fellow Republicans." The coverage splits along two themes: Most analyses see the tweets as another sign of presidential frustration and GOP divisions, but some say Trump may be intentionally separating himself from his adopted party.

In an analysis, for example, the Washington Post (8/24, Rucker, Sullivan, Debonis) writes that "Trump is strategically separating himself from Republicans in Congress, an extraordinary move to deflect blame if the GOP agenda continues to flounder." Robert Delahunty of The Federalist (8/24, Delahunty) writes, "This is a risky game for Trump to play" as he looks to 2020, though the GOP "establishment is dangerously out of touch with its majority" and "without Trump voters, Republicans will not control Congress for very long." In an editorial, meanwhile, the Wall Street Journal (8/24) says that Trump is effectively governing as an independent – and that the Capitol Hill GOP should treat him as one.

The AP (8/24, Thomas, Lucey) reports, "Fanning the flames of GOP discord," the President

accused GOP congressional leaders "of botching efforts to avoid an unprecedented default on the national debt." His "sharp words underscored the perilous state of play" over raising the debt ceiling. Bloomberg News (8/24, Olorunnipa, Wasson, Harris) reports that Trump "blasted" GOP leaders "for ignoring his advice on raising the debt ceiling and creating a 'mess.'" The New York Times (8/24, Sullivan, Fandos) reports that a White House official said Trump was referring to tying debt ceiling approval to popular Veterans Affairs legislation. Congressional aides said that while "there had indeed been a short-lived effort late last month" to link the two, "the idea was never given serious consideration." The Wall Street Journal (8/24, Ballhaus, Peterson) reports that the idea originated with McConnell, not with Trump, according to a Republican source.

The Washington Post (8/24, Rucker, Paletta) reports that the tweets "escalate a feud" between Trump and congressional leaders, though Politico (8/24, Cheney, Kim) indicates that that President "is working to convene a meeting with McConnell and Ryan" as well as Senate Minority Leader Schumer and House Minority Leader Pelosi, but "it could be an awkward meeting" given Trump's Twitter attacks. The Los Angeles Times (8/24, Mascaro) writes, "Trump, in tweet after scalding tweet, has turned on McConnell...and at times" Ryan, "in a relentless barrage that continued Thursday, long after each sides' offices had tried to put the matter to rest by pledging to work together on shared GOP priorities." The Times says "the outbursts from the president have not only driven a wedge between the White House and its Capitol Hill allies, they have also exposed the limits of the president's understanding of how to interact with Congress and how the legislative branch works."

The Hill (8/24, Lillis) writes that because of the tweets, "the difficult task of raising the debt ceiling just got tougher." Still, Roll Call (8/24, McPherson) reports that Ryan told CNBC on Thursday that "he didn't regard" the tweet "as an attack." Ryan said, "I don't really take it as going after me." Ryan said on CNBC's Closing Bell (8/24), "I am really not worried about this. We have plenty of options ahead of us. ... We will pass a debt limit increase before we hit the debt limit."

The Washington Times (8/24, Persons) reports that Sen. Lindsey Graham "commented on the president's negative tweets" during an appearance on Hugh Hewitt's syndicated radio show, "explaining that the remarks come out of frustration with a lack of progress." Graham said, "We're all dealing with President Trump the best way we can, and he is frustrated about not fulfilling promises. So am I."

The Wall Street Journal (8/24) editorializes under the headline "Trump Divorces The GOP Congress" that Trump's attacks will not help him pass his agenda, but if there is a strategy behind it, it is that Trump may be trying to distance himself from a legislature that has achieved little. The Journal says congressional Republicans must start to treat Trump as an independent, not as a member of their party. Ex-Sen. John Danforth writes in the Washington Post (8/24, Danforth), "The fundamental reason Trump isn't a Republican is far bigger than words or policies. He stands in opposition to the founding principle of our party – that of a united country." Danforth writes, "We Republicans must disassociate ourselves from Trump by expressing our opposition to his divisive tactics and by clearly and strongly insisting that he does not represent what it means to be a Republican."

Reuters (8/24, Alexander, Brice, Rascoe), the Washington Times (8/24, Persons), and Roll Call (8/24, Bennett) also have reports.

Poll: McConnell Has Lowest Favorability Rating Of Any Major US Elected Official. The Hill (8/24, Easley) reported that McConnell "has the lowest favorability rating of any elected official with a national profile, according to a new Harvard-Harris" nationwide survey of 2,263 US voters, taken Aug. 17-22. McConnell's favorable rating stands at 18%, with 49% viewing him unfavorably. Trump's favorable rating stands at 41%, with 55% viewing him unfavorably. And Ryan's favorable rating stands at 33%, with 47% viewing him unfavorably.

Flake: Trump's Governing Approach "Inviting" A 2020 Primary Challenge. On its website, CNN (8/24, Kaczynski) reported that during an appearance on Georgia Public Broadcasting's "Political Rewind" program, Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) "said Wednesday that President Donald Trump is inviting a primary challenge in 2020 with his style of governing." Asked about the possibility of Trump facing a primary challenge, Flake replied, "I think that certainly depends on him. I think he could govern in a way that he wouldn't. But, I think that the way that – the direction he's headed right now, just kinda drilling down on the base rather than trying to expand the base – I think he's inviting one." Flake, who faces reelection next year, "has been a frequent critic of Trump." The President, meanwhile, has publicly criticized Flake and praised the senator's GOP primary challenger, ex-state Sen. Kelli Ward (R).

Flake said on Fox News' Fox & Friends (8/24), "I will work and vote with the President

when I believe he's right and challenge him when I believe he's wrong. That's what I've done with every President, Republican or Democrat. I didn't always vote with George W. Bush. I voted against the prescription drug benefit or No Child Left Behind but I worked with him on most things. I think that's what Arizona voters expect me to do."

On its website, CNN (8/24, Diaz) reported that during his appearance on Fox News, Flake was asked about "why Trump is not his biggest fan." Flake replied, "I don't know. I want to work with the President when I think that he's right, and I'll challenge him when I think that he's wrong." Politico (8/24, Siu) reported on Flake's remarks on Trump "inviting" a primary challenge, then added that the GOP lawmaker "took a friendlier tone toward Trump in interviews Thursday, even inviting the president to look at portions of the Arizona-Mexico border together."

White House Seeks "Clean" Debt Ceiling Increase. The Washington Times (8/24, Miller) reports, "President Trump wants Congress to pass a 'clean' bill to raise the government's debt ceiling, the White House said Thursday, conceding for the first time to a demand from Democrats to extend the country's credit limit." White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said, "It's our job to inform Congress of the debt ceiling and it's their job they raise it. We need to make sure we pay our debts. We're still committed to making sure that gets raised."

Rep. Charlie Dent (R-PA) said on CNBC's Closing Bell (8/24), "I agree with the Speaker that we will, in fact, raise the debt limit. We have no choice. A default would be catastrophic." However, McClatchy (8/24, Douglas) reports that "hardcore conservatives on Capitol Hill and allied outside groups are insisting that no measure to raise the debt ceiling should pass without provisions to curb government spending," and are "warning that unless they get some concessions, other White House agenda items, such as overhauling the tax code, could lose conservative support."

Pelosi: Debt Ceiling Increase Is GOP's Responsibility. The Washington Times (8/24, Dinan) reports, "Democrats hinted Thursday that they won't be too eager to help the GOP raise the government's debt ceiling." Pelosi said, "With the White House, House, and Senate under one party control, the American people expect and deserve a plan from Republicans to avert a catastrophic default and ensure the full faith and credit of the United States. With so much at risk for hard-working families, Republicans need to stop the chaos and sort themselves out in a hurry."

Investors Appear To Be Taking Default Threat Seriously. James Mackintosh of the Wall Street Journal (8/24, Mackintosh) writes that there are indications in the bond markets that investors see the risk of default as substantial, and are acting accordingly.

Trump To Kick Off Tax Reform Push With Visit To Missouri.

Bloomberg News (8/24, Talev) cites "an administration official familiar with the plans" who said President Trump "will kick off a campaign to overhaul U.S. tax policy next week with a visit to Missouri." Trump's Wednesday visit to Springfield "was expected to be the first of several presidential stops around the country in the coming weeks, said the official," who added that the President "is not expected to set forth his own plan or many specifics." Rather, Trump "sees his role as leading a public campaign to rally support as a group of House, Senate and administration officials seek to develop a unified approach."

Politico (8/24, Wilhelm) reports that White House officials said in July that President Trump would use the month of August "to lay the groundwork for tax reform before administration and congressional negotiators wrapped up their high-level work in September." However, with Congress set to return in less than two weeks, "and Republican leaders hoping to launch a major push to get tax legislation to the president's desk by the end of the year, Trump has barely mentioned the subject." White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders "said at a press briefing Thursday that tax reform could be a public focus for the White House as soon as next week."

Under the headline, "White House yielding to Congress on tax details," Politico (8/24, White) says the White House will not "release its own version of a tax reform plan and will instead leave that to the congressional leadership and the major tax-writing committees, a senior administration official said Thursday." Bloomberg News (8/24, Kapur) says the Administration "has sent mixed signals about how many details to expect as Congress returns from its monthlong recess next month," and with her statement Thursday, Sanders "provided no new specifics on how Trump plans to push for tax legislation." Congressional leaders see a July statement from the so-called Big Six group of White House officials and congressional leaders involved in tax negotiations "as having built the four walls of the house and believe it's the job of congressional tax writers to furnish it, according to one of the people."

White House Willing To Compromise On State, Local, Property Tax Deductions. The New York Post (8/24, Schultz) cites a "senior White House official" who said the Administration "is willing to compromise on a proposal to eliminate deductions on federal tax returns for state, local and property taxes – which would clobber high-tax states like New York." Rep. Tom Reed is "floating a compromise option to create a tax credit for state and local taxes – rather than a deduction," and a "senior White House official who is working on tax reform said the White House is open to this solution." The official said, "We were there to put the framework together and if committee members decide they want to do a credit and that's what we need to move this forward, then so be it."

Ryan: Tax Legislation Won't Include Temporary Cuts For Businesses. Reuters (8/24, Morgan, Zargham) reports that House Speaker Ryan on Thursday "rejected speculation that future tax legislation could include temporary tax cuts for businesses, saying macro-economic elements of tax reform including rates must be permanent." Ryan told CNBC (8/24), "We very passionately believe that permanence is very, very important. So the big decision-making provisions in the tax code? – That stuff's got to be permanent. ... There are other things you can do that can have time dates on it, to make sure that the numbers work. But the big macro-economic policies – the rates and things like that – that stuff has to be made permanent." Ryan added that Republicans "intend to keep a popular homeowner deduction for mortgage interest payments," but "indicated the deduction could change." Ryan said, "We recognize, acknowledge and believe you need to maintain the mortgage interest deduction. Whether it can be improved and how it works, that's a discussion we'll have on an ongoing basis."

USA Today Analysis: Trump Racking Up Victories On Energy Agenda.

USA Today (8/24, Collins) reports that since being inaugurated, President Trump has "signed executive orders opening the door for construction of the controversial Dakota Access and Keystone XL pipelines"; discontinued "a moratorium on coal leasing on federal land; blocked regulations on power-plant carbon emissions; overturned a ban on oil and gas drilling in the Arctic Ocean; delayed rules intended to prevent methane leaks from oil and gas wells; and announced plans for the US to pull out of the Paris climate agreement." USA Today adds that while Trump's vow "to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act suffered a stunning defeat in Congress, and the prospects for his tax-reform pledge" remain uncertain, "when it comes to energy policy, the administration has managed to forge ahead on numerous initiatives aimed at not only making the US energy independent but turning it into a dominant energy force."

DOE Report: Government Should Make It "Easier And Cheaper" To Run Power Plants. The AP (8/23, Koenig) said that a report on the electric grid released Wednesday by the US Energy Department says "government should make it easier and cheaper to operate power plants, including coal and nuclear plants, to strengthen the nation's electric grid." The report finds that "the closure of many plants that once formed the backbone of the grid has raised the risk that consumers might not have reliable electricity." The AP said a "key recommendation" of the report "urges the federal government to make licensing and permitting faster and cheaper for facilities 'such as nuclear, hydro, coal, advanced generation technologies, and transmission.'"

Bloomberg News (8/23, Polson) said that the "long-anticipated" report "makes the case for rescuing the nation's coal industry from widespread plant shutdowns," but does not amount to "an assault on renewable power." Reuters (8/24, Volcovici) reports that Energy Secretary Rick Perry "commissioned the study in April to evaluate whether 'regulatory burdens' imposed by past administrations, including that of former President Barack Obama, had hurt the grid by forcing shutdowns of baseload plants, which provide nonstop power, like those fired by coal and nuclear fuel."

Administration Scraps Obama-Era Rule On Public Works Projects.

The New York Times (8/24, Hsu) reports that the Trump Administration is "abandoning" an Obama-era initiative, "killing a plan to allow cities to set aside work for local residents on federally funded public works projects." The Transportation Department gave no reason for it's "withdrawal of the plan, set to take effect on Friday." The Times adds that the future of "a related pilot program, which gave case-by-case approval for local hiring provisions on selected transportation and construction projects, is now in doubt."

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"Say No To Sheriff Joe Arpaio, Mr. Trump." The New York Times (8/24) editorializes, "It would be difficult for President Trump, who has insulted judges and tried to interfere with a federal investigation, to show much more disrespect for the rule of law. But if he makes good on his implicit vow to pardon" former Sheriff Joe Arpaio, the President "would be scorning the Constitution itself." The Times argues that in refusing to stop practices that a federal judge found to be unconstitutional, Arpaio placed himself "above the law and the Constitution that he had sworn to uphold."

"The Slaughter Of Children In Yemen." In an editorial, the New York Times (8/25) writes that Saudi Arab should not be able to again change a United Nations draft report to keep its coalition in the Yemen conflict "off the list of armies that kill and maim children." While the Times acknowledges "no side is innocent of atrocities," the Saudi coalition "and its American enablers," the Times argues, "cannot be allowed to continue killing civilians and destroying what little is left of Yemen." To stop it, the Times calls for publicly identifying "the unconscionable slaughter of innocents for what it is" in the "hope that this will shame Saudi Arabia and its American backers to search for a humane end to Yemen's hell."

Washington Post.

"Don't Play Down A Sinister Attack On Diplomats In Cuba." In an editorial, the Washington Post (8/24, Board) lamenting the "dismal" results of the restoration of relations with Cuba, argues that the "small, highly disciplined police state where next to nothing goes unobserved by the regime" is most likely the cause of the injuries and that "sonic attacks would be in keeping with, if an escalation of, harassment that U.S. diplomats have long suffered in Havana, including constant surveillance and home and vehicle break-ins." The Post concludes that perhaps the State Department should not be giving Cuba "the benefit of the doubt" on this issue.

"What Could Have Prevented Tragedy In Charlottesville." In an editorial, the Washington Post (8/24, Board) criticizes Virginia state and local law enforcement agencies for their planning in advance of the violent protests in Charlottesville, arguing that while "things could have been much worse," with "better planning and execution...the tragedy in Charlottesville might have been contained or avoided."

"Don't Believe The Hype: The Justice Department Isn't Cracking Down On Anti-Trump Dissent." The Washington Post (8/24) editorializes that prosecutors "are investigating serious violations of public order that cannot be considered legitimate dissent in a rule-of-law society," and argues that "unlike other controversial episodes that have raised concerns about electronic privacy, the government is not operating in secret or behind the back of the judiciary." While the Post concedes that "courts must avoid chilling free speech and free association with overbroad warrants that discourage people from visiting protest websites for fear their data will be revealed and misused," prosecutors have "appropriately narrowed and clarified" their request for information, "assuring that" they "would seal away any data it collected that is irrelevant to the criminal investigation."

Wall Street Journal.

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"Macron's Test For France." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (8/23) writes that French President Emmanuel Macron's falling approval ratings continue despite Macron's attempts to fulfill his campaign promise to pursue economic reform – starting with a cut in housing benefits. The Journal argues that Macron received a mandate when he won to cut government jobs, reduce corporate taxes, and slash labor and pension regulations, and the Journal concludes wondering whether French voters ever intended him to fulfill his promises for supply-side reforms.

Big Picture

Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:
Markets Eye Debt Ceiling With Unease
Amazon Clobbers Grocers' Stocks With Price Cuts At Whole Foods
Tesla's Self-Driving Push Sparked Dissent Among Its Engineers
Pakistan's Fear Of India Fuels Afghan War

New York Times:
Graphic: Even With Affirmative Action, Blacks And Hispanics Are More Underrepresented At Top Colleges Than 35 Years Ago
Hunting A Killer: Sex, Drugs And The Return Of Syphilis
Bridge Of Grand Ambitions Is Set To Open At The Tappan Zee
Is McGregor Safe Fighting Mayweather? Ringside Physicians Say No
Amazon Plans To Lower Some Prices At Whole Foods
Trump's Afghan Gamble Now Rests On General He Doubted

Washington Post:
Trump Distances Himself From GOP
Interior Urges Shrinking 3 National Monuments
Acapulco's Deadly Descent
'Astounding' Hurricane Catches Texas Off Guard
Pompeo's Close Ties To Trump Prompt What-Ifs Inside CIA

Financial Times:
Net Migration To UK Falls As Brexit Breeds Uncertainty
Mattis Offers Support To Kiev On Independence Day Visit
Qatar Set To Inflame Regional Tensions By Restoring Diplomatic Ties With Iran
Washington Times:
Trump Wants 'Clean' Debt Ceiling Increase
Iran Boast On Uranium Enrichment Serves As Warning To Trump
U.S. Catfish Producers Harmed By Rules Meant To Slow Foreign Market
Family Businesses In Germany Find It Harder To Pass On Legacy
'Angry Birds' IPO To Test Economic Durability Of Digital Game Industry
Conservatives Of Color Frustrated By 'White Supremacist' Label After Charlottesville

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:
ABC: Weather Forecast; Severe Weather-Hurricane Harvey; Charleston-Restaurant Hostage Situation; Trump-Border Wall Funding; Baltimore Police-Evidence Tampering; USS John McCain-Search Suspended; Denver Cheerleading Camp-Abuse Allegations; Santa Fe-Prison Guard Attack; Texas Parking Garage-Cable Barrier Lawsuit; Amazon To Close Whole Foods Deal.
CBS: Severe Weather-Hurricane Harvey; Weather Forecast; Trump-McConnell Relationship; ISIS Propaganda-American Child; USS John McCain-Search Suspended; Bakari Henderson Death-Parents Interviewed; Virginia Priest Reveals KKK History; Denver Cheerleading Camp-Abuse Allegations.
NBC: Severe Weather-Hurricane Harvey; Weather Forecast; Trump-Border Wall Funding; USS John McCain-Search Suspended; Charleston-Restaurant Hostage Situation; Amazon To Close Whole Foods Deal; NFL-Kaepernick Controversy; Virginia Priest Reveals KKK History; Denver Cheerleading Camp-Abuse Allegations.

Network TV At A Glance:
Severe Weather-Hurricane Harvey – 8 minutes, 35 seconds
Trump-Border Wall Funding – 5 minutes, 20 seconds
Denver Cheerleading Camp-Abuse Allegations – 5 minutes, 15 seconds
Virginia Priest Reveals KKK History – 4 minutes, 20 seconds
Weather Forecast – 4 minutes, 10 seconds
Charleston-Restaurant Hostage Situation – 2 minutes
USS John McCain-Search Suspended – 1 minute, 50 seconds
Amazon To Close Whole Foods Deal – 35 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:
ABC: Severe Weather-Hurricane Harvey; Weather Forecast; Trump-McConnell Relationship; California-Upcoming Rallies.
CBS: Severe Weather-Hurricane Harvey; Harvey Impact-Oil, Gas Prices; Florida-Lethal Injection Execution; Charleston-Restaurant Hostage Situation; Trump-McConnell Relationship; Wall Street.
FOX: Severe Weather-Hurricane Harvey; Interior Secretary-National Monuments; Lotter-Powerball Jackpot; North Dakota-Baby Found In Missing Woman's Apartment; Jay Thomas-Death; Wall Street; Boxing-Mayweather, McGregor Fight; Former Thai PM-Arrest Warrant Issued.
NPR: Severe Weather-Hurricane Harvey; Interior Secretary-National Monuments; Florida-Lethal Injection Execution; Charleston-Restaurant Hostage Situation; Cuba-Possible Sonic Attack; Brazil-Commuter Boat Accident.

Washington Schedule

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:
PRESIDENT TRUMP — Receives his daily intelligence briefing; meets with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson; departs the White House en route to Camp David; arrives at Camp David.
VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — No scheduled public events.
US Senate: 11:30 AM Senate convenes for pro forma session * Senate on recess from 3 Aug – 5 Sep. Location: TBD http://www.senate.gov/. Contacts: Senate 1 202 224 3121.
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Late Night Political Humor.

Trevor Noah: [On Hillary Clinton's new book] "Oh, snap! Hillary going hard on Donald Trump, and she's smart, too. She's doing it in the one place he'll never find her – a book."

Trevor Noah: [On Clinton's new book] "I'm excited to read this book because all through the campaign, half of the time I'm wondering, 'I wonder what's going through Hillary's mind now.' It doesn't happen with Trump. It's, like, could you stop telling us what's going through your mind now?"

Trevor Noah: [On Clinton's new book] "Trump is not saving anything for the book. He'll be the first president whose memoirs will be like a pop-up book."

Trevor Noah: [On Trump's speeches] "Every day this week, we have seen a wildly different Donald Trump address the nation, right? … Trump is like a Japanese toilet – too many settings to figure out."

Trevor Noah: [On Trump's speeches] "Serious Trump, somber Trump, free-style Trump. Personally, I'm waiting for the first appearance of reggae Trump. That's what I'm waiting for."

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DOI In The News

Oregon's 18 Timber Counties To Get $1.4M In Federal Payments.

The AP (11/30) reports that "financially strapped counties in western Oregon that rely on logging revenue will receive nearly $1.4 million that had been withheld by the federal government due to budget caps, authorities said Thursday." The Association of O&C Counties announced "Thursday the counties will see the funds soon." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said Thursday the Bureau of Land Management "will issue payments totaling $19.5 million to the 18 counties, including the $1.4 million." Zinke said in a statement, "My next priority is ensuring that these lands continue to provide sustainable timber harvests that support the community and strengthen the health of the forest."

The Roseburg (OR) News-Review (11/30, Cegavske) reports that Douglas County Commissioner Tim Freeman, who is also president of the Association of O&C Counties, "credited" Zinke and "other Interior Department officials with convincing the federal Office of Management and Budget to release the funds." Freeman "also thanked U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-The Dalles, for helping the association and the Interior Department communicate about the timber payments."

Also reporting are the Albany (OR) Democrat-Herald (11/30), the Oregonian (11/30), the Corvallis (OR) Gazette-Times (11/30), KDRV-TV Medford (OR) Medford, OR (11/30, Balkenbush), KTVZ-TV Bend (OR) Bend, OR (11/30), KOBI-TV Medford (OR) Medford, OR (11/30), and KAJO-AM Grants Pass (OR) Grants Pass, OR (11/30, Marsh).

Local TV coverage was provided by KOBI-TV Medford, OR (11/30).

U.S. Interior Dept. Says Federal Energy, Mineral Revenues Rose By $1 Billion.

Reuters (11/30, Volcovici) reports that "energy and mineral production on federal and tribal land generated $7.1 billion in disbursements in fiscal year 2017, $1 billion more than the previous year, the U.S. Interior Department said on Thursday." Interior "attributed the increase in disbursements to a larger number of lease sales totaling higher acreage, efforts to streamline permitting and reduce regulatory burdens, and higher oil and gas prices experienced during the year." Interior's Office of Natural Resources Revenue "disbursed $1.44 billion to five western states, $676 million to tribal governments and individual mineral rights owners and $950 million to the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which supports state and local parks." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said, "As the administration continues to cut red tape and end the overregulation of responsible energy development, we will be able to direct more funds to local communities and create more good-paying American jobs."

In the Albuquerque (NM) Journal (11/30, Coleman) "Inside the Beltway Blog", Michael Coleman states that "New Mexico reaped $455 million from energy and mineral production on

federal and Indian lands in fiscal year 2017," which is an increase of $86.5 million from last "year's total, according to the U.S. Department of Interior." The increase is the biggest among any state within the US.

Trump Expected To Shrink 2 Utah Monuments By Two-Thirds.

The AP (11/30, Daly) reports that President Trump will "announce plans next week to shrink two sprawling Utah national monuments by nearly two-thirds, an action that environmentalists and tribal leaders called illegal and another affront to Native Americans." The article says that "leaked documents obtained by The Associated Press show that Trump plans to shrink Bears Ears National Monument by nearly 85 percent and reduce Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument by almost half." Trump has told Sen. Orrin Hatch and "other Utah officials that he will follow the recommendation of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to shrink both monuments, but the White House and Zinke's office have not offered details about how they'd redraw the monument boundaries."

Also reporting are the Washington Post (11/30, Eilperin), CNN (11/30, SchwarzCnn's Cover/, line), the Huffington Post (11/30, D'Angelo), the Deseret (UT) News (11/30, Roche), the St. George (UT) News (11/30, Daly), the Logan (UT) Herald Journal (11/30, Daly), the Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel (12/1, Harmon), the Adventure Journal (11/30, Casimiro), and KSL-TV Salt Lake City Salt Lake City (11/30, Roche).

Why A Newly Signed Water Agreement Is Good News For The Pechanga Band Of Luiseno Indians.

The Riverside (CA) Press Enterprise (11/30, Horseman) reports that "the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians and the federal government have finalized an agreement that protects the tribe's access to regional groundwater, gives the tribe more than $30 million for water infrastructure and settles a longstanding water rights dispute." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, "along with Pechanga Tribal Chairman Mark Macarro and Rancho California Water District President Stephen Corona, signed the Pechanga Water Settlement Agreement on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at a Washington, D.C. ceremony." In a news release, Zinke said: "The federal government has a critical responsibility to uphold our trust responsibilities, especially tribal water rights."

Chickasaw Vietnam Vets Honored.

The Chickasaw Times (OK) (12/1) reports that several Chickasaw Vietnam War veterans "witnessed the 35th anniversary commemoration of the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial in Washington during a tour of the nation's capital sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation to honor their service, dedication and bravery." According to the article, "during the memorial, Chickasaw veterans received thanks for their service and sacrifice by top military officials, Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and passersby who swarmed the area located immediately northeast of the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall."

Dem Pushes For Oversight On Trump Officials Using Private Jets.

The Hill (11/30, Sullivan) reports Rep. Frank Pallone Jr., the ranking Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, called on Chairman Greg Walden to hold oversight hearings concerning the use of private planes by Trump Administration officials. Pallone's letter Thursday cited former Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price's extensive use of the planes and mentioned reports of improper use by EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. The letter said, "American taxpayers deserve assurances that their tax dollars are not wasted by the government's highest officials."

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

Senate Unanimously Approves Plan To Improve Conditions At Columbia River Tribal Fishing Sites.

The Oregonian (11/30, Harbarger) reports that "a unanimous U.S. Senate vote this week has given new hope to backers of promised housing for Native Americans along the Columbia River east of Portland." The legislation, "which was introduced in March and approved by the Senate on Wednesday, calls on the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to visit the sites and study what is needed to improve them, then bring the infrastructure in line with the amount of use they get." The

article notes that "officials have not attached a dollar figure to the bill, nor has any money been allocated."

Additional coverage was provided by KTVZ-TV Bend, OR (11/30).

Supreme Court Won't Hear Local Land Trust Case.

The Utica (NY) Observer Dispatch (11/30, Madison) reports that "the U.S. Supreme Court earlier this week declined to hear a case regarding the United States taking more than 13,000 acres of land into trust for the Oneida Indian Nation." According to the article, "Upstate Citizens for Equality and the Town of Vernon have been challenging the authority of the U.S. Department of the Interior to take any land into trust for the Oneida Indian Nation for years."

Bureau Of Land Management

Sage Grouse Plan Should Stay As Is, Sen.

Bennet Says. The Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel (12/1, Harmon) reports that "Westerners should oppose a move by the Interior Department to change plans established under the Obama administration for the greater sage-grouse, U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., said Thursday." Bennet said, "Westerners agreed to their own solutions to safeguard sage-grouse habitat." He said that those plans are "at risk with (Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's) insistence to rewrite" them. Bennet's comments came in advance of Friday's "deadline to comment on the plans."

Additional coverage was provided by the Craig (CO) Daily Press (11/30, Blair).

San Juan County Is Suing The Feds For Access To A Trail Near American Indian Archaeological Sites.

The Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (11/30, Wieber) reports that San Juan County is "suing the federal government, saying it is the rightful owner of access to Recapture Canyon." The lawsuit, "filed in U.S. District Court for Utah on Wednesday, seeks dominion of a path in Bureau of Land Management territory that was closed to motorized use in 2007 due to damage at nearby archaeological sites." The lawsuit claims "the county has a right to the path into the canyon, referred to in the suit as County Road D5314, because of historical ownership and maintenance."

Oregon Refuge Standoff Figure Free On House Arrest In Nevada.

The AP (11/30, Ritter) reports that Ammon Bundy, who was "at the center of an armed standoff with government agents near his family ranch in Nevada in 2014 and a takeover of an Oregon wildlife refuge in 2016 was released Thursday from federal custody in Las Vegas." On Wednesday, Chief U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro offered "to release him, his father, Cliven Bundy, and a co-defendant from jail to house arrest with friends during their ongoing trial on charges in the armed standoff that stopped a federal roundup of Bundy cattle from public land." However, Cliven Bundy "refused the offer and remains in custody."

Also reporting is Reuters (11/30, Smith).

House Passes Bill To Reopen Areas Near BWCAW To Copper-nickel Exploration.

The St. Paul (MN) Pioneer Press (11/30, Myers) reports that "legislation that would reopen areas near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness to copper-nickel exploration and potential mining cleared the U.S. House on Thursday." The bill "would end an Obama-administration ban on exploration and mining near the federal wilderness." The legislation "also prohibits any president from creating any new national monument in Minnesota without congressional approval."

Vandals Cause $25K In Damage To Historic Mining Structures.

The Rapid City (SD) Journal (11/30, Holland) reports that vandals "caused an estimated $25,000 damage" to two powder houses at the former Homestake Gold Mine. Chip Kimball, manager of the Bureau of Land Management's South Dakota field office in Belle Fourche, said, "It hurts my heart to see these buildings damaged. They're beautiful old buildings that are absolutely neat to see." The damage has "prompted BLM officials to offer a reward of up to $1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible."

Additional coverage was provided by KNBN-TV Rapid City, SD (11/30, Olson).

Bureau Of Reclamation

Bureau Of Reclamation To Negotiate Water Exchange With State Of Utah Plan Would Divert River Water To Lake Powell Pipeline.

The Moab (UT) Times-Independent (11/30) reports that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the state of Utah are "initiating negotiations for a water exchange contract, which proposes exchanging the state's assigned Green River water right for the use of Colorado River Storage Project water released from Flaming Gorge Dam." According to a press release from the BOR, "the exchange will provide Utah with a reliable and certain water supply, while assisting the bureau in meeting its legal obligations." The negotiation meeting is scheduled for Dec. 4.

Delta Residents Vent About Jerry Brown's Twin Tunnels Water Plan.

The San Francisco Chronicle (12/1, Fimrite) reports that about 200 people on Thursday attended a town hall meeting at the Jean Harvie Community Center to learn "about Gov. Jerry Brown's plan to solve California's water delivery problems." But "the folks from the river towns and rural communities along the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta didn't like what they heard about the plan that is being called California WaterFix."

Fish And Wildlife Service

Arctic Drilling Hits Speed Bumps In U.S. Tax Bill.

Reuters (11/30, Gardner) reports in continuing coverage that the GOP's bid to open Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refugeto drilling hit an obstacle after a nonpartisan Senate official ruled that the exploration was subject to environmental assessments by the Interior Department. The official said the energy committee measure did not adequately consider requirements under a national environmental law. However, Republicans offered new language to the measure and said drilling would advance if the tax bill passes.

Roll Call (11/30, McPherson) reports a dozen House Republicans wrote a letter to GOP leaders urging them not to allow drilling in the ANWR, potentially complicating the negotiations for a tax bill that can pass both chambers. The group wrote, "For decades, Congress has voted to prohibit oil and gas development in the Refuge, with the overwhelming support of the American public. ... Support for this protection remains strong today. After years of debate, the Arctic Refuge stands as a symbol of our nation's strong and enduring natural legacy." The House bill did not include an ANWR provision, but it is not clear if the representatives' concerns would be enough to prevent a vote on a final tax bill if the drilling measure is present.

U.S. Recovery Plan For Endangered Mexican Wolf Assailed By Environmentalists.

Reuters (11/29, Zuckerman) reports that the Trump Administration on Wednesday "unveiled a recovery plan for the endangered Mexican wolf, but environmentalists immediately assailed the program as so deficient it would lead to the demise of one of North America's most imperiled mammals." Environmental groups such as the Center for Biological Diversity "said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plan is deeply flawed and would further endanger a creature that has struggled to make a comeback despite decades of conservation efforts." According to Michael Robinson, a conservation advocate with the center, "specifically, the government's recovery program would cause further geographic isolation of the wolves, suppressing their numbers and leading to greater inbreeding."

Also reporting are the Arizona Republic (11/30, Devoid) and Courthouse News (11/30, YOUNG-GRINDLE).

Biologists: Grizzly Numbers Hold Steady Around Yellowstone.

The AP (11/30, Brown) reports that "grizzly bear numbers in and around Yellowstone National Park are holding relatively steady, according to figures released Thursday, as state wildlife officials begin discussions on whether to hold the first public hunts for the animals in decades." According to the leader of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team, "there are an estimated 718 bears in the Yellowstone region that includes portions of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho." Study team leader Frank van Manen with the U.S. Geological Survey noted that "that's up slightly from last year's tally of 695 bruins, but is not considered a significant increase because of uncertainties around the estimates."

Additional coverage was provided by the Bozeman (MT) Daily Chronicle (11/30, Wright).

The Tree That Rocked The Music Industry.

NPR (11/30, Benincasa) reports that "new regulations on the international movements of rosewood have hit hard in parts of the music industry, which has long relied on rosewood as a 'tonewood' used in many kinds of instruments, including guitars, cellos and clarinets." According to the article, "the reason for the crackdown" is "Chinese consumers' growing demand for rosewood or 'hongmu' furniture." However, U.S. manufacturers "say the regulations are misguided," and some officials agree. Craig Hoover, who manages the CITES treaty for the United States at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said, "I think the question of whether we're regulating more than we need to is really the one that's on the table for us right now. And we need to examine whether or not there are things that we can let go, in terms of CITES controls, and still achieve the conservation results we want to achieve. So, I don't think we have come to the conclusion that we got it exactly right."

Swift Foxes Swiftly Spreading Into Western Wyoming.

Wyoming Public Radio (11/30, Edwards) reports that the swift fox is "gaining in numbers on the western half of the state, according to recent surveys by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service." Non-game biologist Nichole Bjornlie said, "for some reason, the species has long done well in Wyoming and Colorado but was almost wiped out in Montana and Canada"

National Park Service

President And First Lady Light National Christmas Tree.

ABC World News Tonight (11/30, story 14, 0:10, Muir) reported that President Trump and the First Lady lit the National Christmas Tree in Washington on Thursday. NBC Nightly News (11/30, story 13, 0:15, Holt) reported that this year's event was co-hosted by Kathie Lee Gifford and "featured several performers including the Beach Boys."

The AP (12/1, Colvin) reports that the President "counted down from 10 before his wife, Melania, pushed a button to set the tree aglow with golden lights and silver stars." Said Trump, "Today's a day that I've been looking very much forward to all year long. And now, as the president of the United States, it's my tremendous honor to finally wish America and the world a very merry Christmas."

Politico (11/30, Nussbaum, D'Abruzzo) reports that "25,000 visitors are expected to participate in public tours" of the newly decorated White House during the holiday season. The White House plans to host about 20 receptions honoring groups such as the press, the Secret Service, members of Congress, White House staff, and military families.

The Washington Post (11/30, Heil) reports that the First Family appears to have started a new tradition by introducing an official Christmas ornament, "a glittery gold-colored ornament bearing the presidential coat of arms." It is not clear yet how many of the ornaments will be distributed.

Visits To Katahdin Woods Quadruple From Last Year's Season.

The AP (11/30) reports that the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument is "likely to draw nearly 15,000 visitors by the end of the year — four times the number of people who visited during an abbreviated first season." According to Superintendent Tim Hudson, "7,162 vehicles visited the area for the year as of Saturday, and Hudson says he conservatively estimates the vehicles carried a total of two people each — a total of 14,323 visitors."

WMEA-FM Portland, ME (11/30, Sambides) reports that "reactions to the 2017's vehicle count were, predictably, mixed." Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce President Jamie Brundrett said the figure was "exactly what we were all hoping for." However, monument opponent and Maine Snowmobile Association President Bob Meyers called the turnout "pretty underwhelming."

Road To Fort Pickens To Reopen Saturday After Repairs.

The Pensacola (FL) News Journal (11/30, Gabriel) reports that "the National Park Service road between Pensacola Beach and historic Fort Pickens will reopen early Saturday after repairs from Hurricane Nate." Gulf Islands National Seashore "said Thursday that contractors have finished repairs to washed-out asphalt and to the honeycomb-like matting designed to keep the road bed in place."

Fort Sumter National Monument Seeks Public Comment.

The Charleston (SC) Moultrie News (11/30) reports that Fort Sumter National Monument is seeking public input on "the proposed replacement of the existing and inoperable accessibility chairlifts with a combination of ramps and an enclosed elevator which will meet guidelines with the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)."

Continuing Coverage: Maine AG Joins Bipartisan Coalition Opposing Nat'l Park Fee Hikes.

Continuing coverage of proposed fee hikes at national parks was provided by the Free Press (ME) (11/30, O'Brien), the Ellsworth (ME) American (11/30, Dodson), the Greene County (VA) Record (11/30, Beigie), the Moab (UT) Times-Independent (11/30, Egelhoff, Knight), the Missoulian (MT) (11/30, Erickson), the Helena (MT) Independent Record (11/30, Erickson), and the Belgrade (MT) News (11/30).

Office Of Insular Affairs

Bernie Sanders Unveils Massive Puerto Rico Reconstruction Bill.

The Huffington Post (11/28, Marans, Kaufman) reports that Sen. Bernie Sanders "introduced a bill Tuesday to rebuild and modernize the infrastructure of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands with a massive federal investment of $146 billion." The legislation, titled "The Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands Equitable Rebuild Act of 2017," would "transform the U.S. territories' energy, housing, education, agriculture, transportation and health care systems, addressing problems that have bedeviled the islands since long before two massive hurricanes plunged them into a state of full-on humanitarian crisis in September." However, the bill "faces a bleak future in the Republican-controlled Congress."

What Bikini Atoll Looks Like Today.

Medium (11/20, Scott) reports that Stanford biology professor Stephen Palumbi visisted Bikini Atoll "for a 10-day research trip featured in Big Pacific, a documentary that aired this summer on PBS." He found that the atoll, "nearly 60 years after the last of 23 nuclear explosions in its land, air and water...again looks like the idyllic Pacific paradise it was in 1946." Palumbi saw "a reassembling ecosystem, including schools of large fish, reef sharks and robust coral, which may have begun life as little as a decade after the area's annihilation."

Federal Government Now Demanding Priority Over VI Bondholders Before Releasing $500 Million Loan.

The Virgin Islands Consortium (VIR) (11/30) reports that "the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on Wednesday took no action on a bill aimed at authorizing the Government of the Virgin Islands to receive hundreds of millions of dollars in low-interest loans from the federal government." However, "what was once an authorization for a community disaster loan through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the local government that lawmakers were ready to quickly pass, now includes a sticking point that has placed the senators in an almost impossible position." In a letter the Legislature, Gov. Kenneth Mapp wrote "that the U.S. Treasury and FEMA were requiring priority payments from the Matching Fund Revenue (MMR) and Gross Receipt Tax (GRT) bonds over the Government of the Virgin Islands' current bondholders."

Guam Student Scores Improve, But Still Low.

The Pacific (GUM) Daily News (11/30, Eugenio) reports that "Guam public school students' test scores for school year 2016-2017 were better than last year, especially in English." However, "island students still test low in reading and math. And, overall, Guam students' scores still are lower than the national average."

People In Marshall Islands Face Existential Threats From Climate Change.

Taiwan News (11/29, Pei-ju) reports that in "parts of the Pacific Ocean, the number of environmental refugees continues to mount due to sea level rise, surging temperatures, unusual storms, and enduring droughts." According to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, "violent storm Cyclone Pam wreaked havoc in the Pacific ocean in 2015 which left 75,000 residents in Vanuatu displaced or homeless, and more than 20,000 people from the Marshall Islands have emigrated to the U.S, owing to the impacts of extreme weather conditions in their homeland."

Official: CW Program Still Needed While Nurses Transition To Other Visas.

Marianas Variety (11/30, Lirio) reports that Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Chief Executive Officer Esther Muna "said the hospital still needs the CW program for its nonresident nurses and other healthcare staff while CHCC applies for other types of U.S. work visas." Muna "said their nurses and other critical staff cannot be 'out of status' which means they will have to leave the island."

US Geological Survey

Rare Earthquake Shakes East Coast.

ABC World News Tonight (11/30, story 3, 1:35, Muir) reported that a rare earthquake was felt on Thursday "in DC, Philly and New York." The quake was centered near Dover, Delaware. No damage or injuries have been reported. NBC Nightly News (11/30, story 4, 1:20, Holt) reported that the quake had a magnitude of 4.1 and hit just before 5:00 p.m. "This is a large earthquake for the East Coast. It's one of the largest in the last decade and is felt from New York to Washington, DC," said seismologist Lucy Jones. Additional coverage was provided by the CBS Evening News (11/30, story 3, 0:20, Mason).

The AP (11/30, Chase) reports that Paul Caruso, "a geophysicist with the USGS's earthquake information center in Colorado, said he didn't expect any significant damage from the small quake, which he described as unusual."

Also reporting are CNN (11/30, Almasy), USA Today (11/30, Goss, James, Network), the Washington Post (11/30, Achenbach), Reuters (11/30, Maler), Newsday (NY) (11/30, Gralla, Dowdy), the Baltimore Sun (11/30, Dance), and WTOP-FM Washington Washington (11/30, Hensley).

Opinion Pieces

Developing Alaska's Wildlife Refuge Is A Win-win-win.

Sen. Dan Sullivan asserts in a Washington Post (11/30, Sullivan) op-ed that in an editorial criticizing a decision to develop part of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the Post "recycled stale, 40-year-old talking points without adding a single voice from the vast majority of Alaskans — Democrats and Republicans — who support the development." Sullivan emphasizes that the development "will create jobs, grow the economy, increase energy security for Americans, and, importantly, help protect the global environment and strengthen our national security."

Alaska Drilling Dividend. The Wall Street Journal (11/30) editorializes that potential drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is another growth dividend that the new Republican tax reform legislation will offer. The Journal argues that the economic benefits of the potential drilling far outweigh the minimal environmental impact.

A Man Is Dead. But How?

The Washington Post (11/30) editorializes that US Park Police, which "rarely finds itself the subject of intense scrutiny," now "is under the microscope for a barely explained incident Nov. 17 in which at least one of its officers opened fire on an apparently unarmed motorist after an alleged hit-and-run accident on the G.W. Parkway." The motorist died on Monday. According to the Post, "it is anyone's guess why this incident ended in death, because everyone even tangentially involved in it has clammed up – the Park Police, whose officer or officers shot the man at least twice in the head; the Fairfax County police, whose own officers, tailing the Park Police vehicle, apparently recorded the shooting with their dashboard camera; and the FBI, to which the Park Police transferred the investigation a few days after the incident." The Post argues that "the public also deserves a detailed explanation of what happened."

Trump Fails Test For Small Government.

For the "Congress" blog of The Hill (11/30, Hopper), M. Reed Hopper, a senior attorney with the Pacific Legal Foundation, writes in disappointment that the Trump Administration has failed to live up to its promise to curb "regulatory overreach and overzealous enforcement" with its stance on the designation of "1,500 acres of private land in Louisiana as 'critical habitat' for the dusky gopher frog." In Markle v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hopper writes, "along with the new

habitat rule, provided a test for the Trump administration." However, "based on recent pleadings in the Markle case and in a similar case where the service designated thousands of acres of unsuitable land as 'critical habitat' for the Gunnison sage-grouse, it appears the Trump administration has abandoned its promise to rein in runaway federal agencies, at least in the area of ESA regulations and will continue the previous administration's practice of pushing the limits of federal power to the breaking point."

Parks, Duke Rate Hikes And Cheesy Distinctions: This Week's Report Card.

The editorial board of the Asheville (NC) Citizen-Times (11/30) gave a "A to the National Park Service rangers and others whose efforts prevented the fire a year ago in Gatlinburg from becoming even worse than it was." According to the board, "the toll was high – 14 lives lost, 17,000 acres burned, $2 billion in property damage – but it would have been worse had it not been for the efforts of the two score rangers and other first responders under the direction of Jared St. Clair, Tennessee District supervisor for the park service."

Additional Reading.

- ***Grand Staircase, Home To Countless Dinosaur Fossils, Could Be Destroyed By Mining (Op-Ed).*** LiveScience (11/30, Polly).
- ***Outdoor Areas Are National Treasures.*** Las Vegas Sun (12/1, Corona).
- ***EDITORIAL: Raising Prices Doesn't Guarantee A Benefit.*** Martinsville (VA) Bulletin (12/1).
- ***Our View: Support Route 66 Bill.*** Joplin (MO) Globe (12/1).
- ***Our View: Keep Great News Coming For Great Lakes.*** Duluth (MN) News Tribune (11/30).
- ***Commentary By Mary Jean Huston: Western Wildfires Also Hurt Wisconsin.*** Racine (WI) Journal Times (12/1, Huston).
- ***Water Will Be The Issue In Arizona In 2018, And That Scares Me.*** Arizona Republic (11/30, Allhands).
- ***Easing Pollution Regulations Won't Save Coal. Nothing Will.*** Bangor (ME) Daily News (11/30).
- ***Tax Bill Threatens Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.*** TC Palm (FL) (11/30, David "Lefty", Durando).
- ***Maintaining Local Control Is Key.*** Norfolk (NE) Daily News (11/30).

Top National News

White House Reportedly Planning To Replace Tillerson With Pompeo, Place Cotton At CIA.

Multiple sources report that Secretary of State Tillerson is expected to be replaced by CIA Director Pompeo in the near future, with Sen. Tom Cotton then nominated to lead the CIA. While the White House did not confirm the plan, reportedly crafted by Chief of Staff Kelly, nor did officials defend Tillerson on Thursday. Analyses say that Pompeo would be a more aggressive force at Foggy Bottom, and also one much more aligned with President Trump than Tillerson has been.

In opening the CBS Evening News (11/30, lead story, 2:35), Anthony Mason reported that CBS "has confirmed the White House has a plan to force Tillerson out." CBS' Margaret Brennan: "Today, President Trump refused to answer questions about a White House plan to replace Secretary of State Rex Tillerson after less than a year on the job. Mr. Trump has been publicly frustrated with his top diplomat." Trump: "We disagree on a couple of things. Sometimes I'd like him to be a little bit tougher." Brennan: "That comment came just three days after Tillerson held an extraordinary news conference last month to shoot down reports that he had called the President a 'moron.'"

On ABC World News Tonight (11/30, story 4, 2:45, Muir), Cecilia Vega reported that there was "hardly a vote of confidence from President Trump. Do you want Rex Tillerson on the job, Mr. President?" Trump: "He's here. Rex is here." Vega: "But the question tonight: for how much longer? ABC News has learned White House officials have a plan to replace [Tillerson], an ouster that could come in a matter of weeks. ... Trump has repeatedly and very publicly undercut his own Secretary of State, saying Tillerson was 'wasting his time' trying to negotiate with North Korea, even calling him weak."

NBC Nightly News (11/30, story 5, 1:15, Holt) reported on "the drama erupting inside the President's Cabinet." NBC's Hallie Jackson said that Trump's Thursday remarks were not a

"ringing endorsement for Tillerson, as speculation swirls around his future in the Cabinet." The Wall Street Journal (11/30, Bender, Nicholas) reports under the headline "Trump Declines To Quash Speculation About Rex Tillerson's Ouster" that the President did not refute the reports.

On CNN's Situation Room (11/30), Jim Acosta reported that Tillerson "appears to be on his way out," adding that "it's no secret Tillerson has been on thin ice for weeks ever since he was quoted calling the President a 'moron.'" Rich Edson reported on Fox News Special Report (11/30) that the reports of White House plans to "transition Tillerson out" come as "officials acknowledge low morale at the State Department" due to staffing cuts amid Tillerson's "effort to redesign" the department.

The AP (11/30, Colvin, Lederman) reports "Administration officials" said the White House "is discussing a plan to oust" Tillerson and replace him with Pompeo, who would in turn be replaced by Cotton, "one of Trump's staunchest defenders on foreign policy in Congress." The New York Times (11/30, Baker, Haberman, Harris) reports that Cotton "has signaled that he would accept the job if offered," though Cotton told Fox News Special Report (11/30), "Sarah Sanders said today that she had no personnel announcements to make, and we are in the middle of voting on a very important tax bill in the Senate. I will be going back there shortly to cast those votes where I am proud to be representing the people of Arkansas."

The Washington Post (11/30, Rucker, Parker, Gearan) reports that the plan to replace Tillerson with Pompeo and Pompeo with Cottton was "hatched by" Chief of Staff Kelly. The Post writes, "Chatter about Tillerson's potential ouster reached a fever pitch in October, after NBC News reported that Tillerson had called Trump 'a moron.' Though Tillerson had told friends he wanted to make it as secretary of state for a full year and has insisted publicly that he had no plans to quit, rumors of his impending departure gained a nickname – Rexit." Tillerson "has alienated both onetime allies at the White House and his underlings at the State Department with what many call a highhanded and tone-deaf manner."

The Los Angeles Times (11/30, Wilkinson, Bierman) says that "multiple media reports said Trump was actively considering replacing Tillerson" with Pompeo "in another top level shakeup of an administration that has seen an unusual turnover of senior officials." The change is expected before January 20, when Trump will mark one year in office. The Hill (11/30, Fabian, Easley) reports that Sanders "refused to say" whether the Trump still has confidence in Tillerson. The Washington Free Beacon (11/30, Kugle) reports that the press secretary said Tillerson "will 'close out the year' just like reporters 'because that's how the calendar works.'"

The Washington Post (11/30, Gearan, Morello) reports that Tillerson "went about his day as usual." Politico (11/30, McCaskill) reports that Tillerson "made what a State Department spokeswoman said were two ordinary trips to the White House. Neither his public schedule nor the daily White House guidance had included a visit to the White House." Roll Call (11/30, Bennett) headlines its report "White House Won't Discuss Tillerson's Future Beyond Year's End." CNBC's Christina Willkie tweeted, "It used to be that having 'the full confidence of the president' was the kiss of death for staffers (Spicer, Price, Flynn). But they won't even give Tillerson that much lip service. He's just 'here.'"

In the New York Times (11/30), former Deputy Secretary of State Anthony Blinken writes, "It's hard to overstate the lasting harm Mr. Tillerson's tenure will do to America's diplomacy." In November, Barbara Stephenson of the American Foreign Service Association "reported that 'our leadership ranks are being depleted at a dizzying speed.' Since January, the department has lost 60 percent of its career ambassadors – the equivalent of four-star generals – more than 40 percent of its three-star-equivalent career ministers and about 14 percent of its two-star-equivalent minister counselors." Blinken writes, "In the absence of an engaged, diplomatically energized America, others will set the agenda...and probably not in ways that advance our interests or values."

Bloomberg News (11/30, Jacobs) and Reuters (11/30, Walcott, Holland) also have stories on the reported change at State.

Pompeo Has Reportedly Been Getting Ready To Move To State. The Washington Post (11/30, Rogin) reports that "since well before the White House plan...became public Thursday, Pompeo had been informally preparing to take over in Foggy Bottom, reaching out to potential candidates for positions and collecting ideas." Pompeo "has been calling around to friends and top Republican foreign policy hands and asking them to help him get ready to be America's top diplomat." Politico's Blake Hounshell tweeted, "It seems Mike Pompeo is already measuring the drapes on the seventh floor of the Truman Building."

In another report, the Washington Post (11/30, Gearan, Morello) says that several top congressional figures were noncommittal. Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Bob Corker said, "I

really have no way of rating Pompeo. ... I could barely pick Pompeo out of a lineup." Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA), ranking member on the House Armed Services Committee, told C-SPAN, "I've served with Congressman Pompeo. I'm not sure he's a significant upgrade from Secretary Tillerson."

However, Reuters (11/30, Mohammed) writes that Pompeo "would have three assets Rex Tillerson did not: experience in government, the confidence of President Donald Trump, and a defter touch with Congress and the bureaucracy." Still, he "would suffer from problems that have afflicted Tillerson, chief among them a boss who has shown little regard for diplomacy and no qualms about undermining his secretary of state with tweets," according to current and former officials.

McClatchy (11/30, Shorman, Kumar) reports that Pompeo "has taken aggressive foreign policy stances, saying the West faces increasing threats. But he has also said the greatest threat facing America is its national debt." Aaron Blake of the Washington Post (11/30) writes that while heading the CIA, "a job that often requires independence from the White House and politics more generally," Pompeo "has made conspicuously pro-Trump moves...to the point where he has reportedly given intelligence officers heartburn."

The New York Times (11/30) editorializes, "The problem is that Mr. Pompeo may be too chummy. ... Pompeo has never shed his partisan clothing," and "has not been shy about mixing politics with intelligence and policy and may feel even freer to do so at the State Department." David Ignatius writes in his Washington Post (11/30) column that under Pompeo, "the atmospherics will be a more activist, hawkish, extroverted US foreign policy. Pompeo is good at the things Tillerson isn't. And he has the president's confidence and speaks with the tough, sure voice that Trump wants to project."

Max Boot of the Council on Foreign Relations tweeted, "Odds are that Pompeo will do better than Tillerson – it would be nearly impossible to do any worse. But that doesn't mean that US foreign policy will become any more coherent or effective."

Cotton Would Become Youngest-Ever CIA Chief. The New York Times (11/30, Davis) reports that if the 40-year-old Cotton, an Iraq War veteran and first-term senator, does succeed Pompeo, "the youngest member of the Senate would also be the youngest person ever to lead the nation's premier intelligence agency. Serving as C.I.A. director would seal his reputation as a young man in a hurry in Washington, underlined by his lack of experience relevant to the job." The Times says, "It is unclear how leaving the Senate would affect Mr. Cotton's outsize political ambition, widely believed to include an eventual run for president."

Paul Kane of the Washington Post tweeted, "Cotton-to-CIA would be high risk to national ambition: GHWB only agency director to ever become POTUS. It can end in infamy (Tenet, Petraeus) or as capstone to career (Goss, Brennan)."

Other Top Officials May Soon Exit West Wing. The Wall Street Journal (11/30, Bender) reports that other key Administration figures may also exit before January 20, including National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn, Deputy Chief of Staff Rick Dearborn, and Legislative Affairs Director Marc Short. Reuters (11/30, Mason) reports that one "Trump adviser" said, "You're definitely going to see some people leave after tax cuts get done."

Outraged UK Officials Call For Cancellation Of Trump Invitation Following Retweets.

Second-day coverage of President Trump's retweeting of three videos shared by British anti-Muslim activist Jayda Fransen slowed, with only CBS running a detailed report, and ABC and NBC running briefer items. Continuing coverage deals primarily with the uproar in the UK, where Prime Minister Theresa May is under pressure to cancel an invitation for Trump to make a state visit.

On the CBS Evening News (11/30, story 6, 2:10, Mason), Charlie D'Agata reported, "The far-right anti-Muslim group Britain First is used to street fighting to drive home its extremist message. But now, a day after President Trump re-tweeted the group's inflammatory videos, the fight has spread to parliament." Labour MP Stephen Doughty: "He is either a racist, incompetent, or unthinking, or all three." D'Agata: "Opposition politicians piled on the pressure to cancel the official state visit that has been extended to the President. ... Even members of the Conservative government agreed." Sajid Javid, a member of May's Cabinet, tweeted, "So POTUS has endorsed the views of a vile, hate-filled racist organisation that hates me and people like me. He is wrong and I refuse to let it go and say nothing."

ABC World News Tonight (11/30, story 8, 0:40, Muir) reported on the "growing backlash" against Trump, with "the London mayor and members of Parliament across the political spectrum expressing outrage." Labour MP Dennis Skinner: "Action is needed now, not a slap on the wrist. Cancel the state visit." Muir: "Calls are growing louder for the Prime Minister to withdraw the

invitation of a state visit to President Trump." NBC Nightly News (11/30, story 6, 1:00, Holt) showed a clip of May saying, "The fact that we work together does not mean that we're afraid to say when we think the United States have got it wrong." Casting Trump's retweets as "an unforced diplomatic error," Fox News Special Report (11/30) reported that Trump "hadn't bothered to check on who the group was" before he posted the videos. Politico (11/30, Lima) reports that British Ambassador to the US Kim Darroch "said that the people of Britain 'overwhelmingly reject the prejudiced rhetoric'" of Britain First.

The New York Times (11/30, Castle) reports, "Pressure was growing in Britain on Thursday to withdraw President Trump's invitation for a state visit, as trans-Atlantic tensions increased." British politicians "have reacted with incredulity" to the retweets, "and they held an urgent debate on the matter in Parliament on Thursday. Opposition politicians demanded that the idea of a state visit should be dropped, with some critics arguing that it would place Queen Elizabeth II, as host, in an invidious position."

Bloomberg News (11/30, Donaldson, Penny) reports that in a statement, London Mayor Sadiq Khan said, "I have previously called on Theresa May to cancel her ill-judged offer of a state visit to President Trump. After this latest incident, it is increasingly clear that any official visit at all from President Trump to Britain would not be welcomed." British political columnist Matthew D'Ancona writes in the New York Times (11/30), "Trump's state visit to Britain should be canceled without delay. The withdrawal of the invitation...would indeed be a diplomatic embarrassment and – given Mr. Trump's vindictive temperament – would be unlikely to go unpunished. ... But it must be taken."

The Washington Post (11/30, Adam, Booth) reports under the headline "Britain Furious, Trump Unapologetic As Fallout Swells From Anti-Muslim Videos" that "in a sign of the disruptive wake unleashed by Trump, Britain's Home Secretary Amber Rudd had to remind Parliament and the public that Britain's relationship with the United States was bigger than one president – and that important trade, security and intelligence sharing are ongoing." The Wall Street Journal (11/30, Douglas, Gross) reports that the has strained relations and created sudden and unexpected tension between two close allies. In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (11/30) says that this may be the greatest real damage caused by Trump's recklessness.

Reuters (11/30) and the Los Angeles Times (11/30, Boyle, King) have similar coverage of the British response.

Sanders: Trump's Retweets "Elevate The Conversation." Bloomberg News (11/30, Olorunnipa, Epstein) reports that White House press secretary Sarah Sanders defended Trump's retweets "as contributions that 'elevate' debate on terrorism and national security." Sanders said, "What he's done is elevate the conversation to talk about a real issue and a real threat, that's extreme violence and extreme terrorism, something that we know to be very real and something the President feels strongly about."

The Washington Post (11/30, Wagner) reports that Sanders "said she did not think Trump knew who the activist was who originally posted the videos." CNN's Situation Room (11/30) reported that Sanders also "dodged" questions about whether the videos are accurate amid revelations that an "attacker" in one of the videos who is alleged to be a Muslim migrant was actually born and raised in the Netherlands. Politico (11/30, Lima) briefly covers Sanders' comments.

State Department Warned White House That Retweets Could Spark Embassy Protests. CNN (11/30, Labott, Phillip) reports on its website that "multiple State Department officials said the department communicated to the White House that there was concern that protests could happen at US embassies." Officials feared that the retweets "would spark a reprise of the violent protests at US embassies in the Middle East which are already on high security alert."

More Than 30 Senators Have Criticized Retweets. PBS' NewsHour (11/29, Desjardins) reports on its website that it "reached out to every US senator for their reactions to these Trump retweets," and of the 50 to respond so far, 29 Democrats and four Republicans "criticized the tweets, two Democrats and 11 Republicans said they haven't seen them, and three declined to comment." PBS has the senators' comments. The Hill (11/30, Manchester) reports on the PBS tally.

Legislators, Commentators Critical. CNN (11/30, Vazquez) reports on its website that Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) told CNN that Trump's retweets do not "help the fight against terrorism." Kinzinger said, "I think we have ISIS on its heels. We're fighting, frankly, these forces of evil all over the world. But I do think it matters if you retweet a video that's not real or that is put out by an extremist in the UK."

Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) tweeted, "The President tweeting insulting anti-Muslim

videos was offensive, dangerous, and just plain wrong. I stand with our Muslim neighbors, friends, and allies and against bigotry and hate." Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN) tweeted, "If Courts have any doubt about whether Trump's Muslim travel ban is a Muslim travel ban, they should review Trump's retweeted anti-Muslim videos." Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY) tweeted, "@POTUS's retweet of anti-Muslim videos is not only indefensible – it betrays our values & could put our diplomats & military service in danger." Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN) tweeted, "When the President of the United States embraces and emboldens hate groups, at home or abroad, Congress must formally examine his fitness for office and his ability to continue to lead this great nation."

Former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said on CNN's Situation Room (11/30) that Trump's actions were "extremely reckless and careless." He said there is a "danger" that by giving those videos a platform, Trump may "create disruptions abroad and demonstrations at US embassies...that jeopardize lives." Former DNI James Clapper similarly said on CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 (11/30) that Trump's decision to retweet the videos "smacks of recklessness if not abject carelessness. It's very concerning to me to see this unnecessary risk to our people overseas."

In his Washington Post (11/30) column, Eugene Robinson asks, "How long are we going to pretend that President Trump is fully rational? How long are we going to ignore the signs that he is dangerously out of control?" Robinson writes that Trump "continues to entertain paranoid conspiracy theories of the kind usually found beneath tinfoil hats," and that "the problem is...serious – and it's getting worse."

Anne Applebaum writes in her Washington Post (11/30) column, "If the president's account was not the president's account, then counter-extremist teams in the British government or at the tech companies would now track it, and might eventually suspend it: After all, it has successfully given extremists some mainstream endorsement. But it is the president's account."

Washington Post columnist Michael Gerson tweeted, "When a president endorses anti-Muslim propaganda, he is defaming millions of Muslim Americans, encouraging hate crimes, alienating Muslim allies in the war against terrorism, and increasing the risk to American military forces fighting beside those allies."

Senate Tax Bill Delayed As Parliamentarian Rejects "Trigger," JCT Predicts Higher Deficit.

In a development that the New York Times (11/30) says "complicated the Republican argument" that their tax bill "will essentially pay for itself," the Joint Committee on Taxation said Thursday "that economic growth induced by the tax cut would only offset $407 billion of its $1.5 trillion cost over the next decade." Ylan Mui reported on CNBC's Closing Bel (11/30) that the $407 billion figure "does appear to be lower than what Senate Republicans were hoping for," and the Los Angeles Times (11/30, Mascaro, Puzzanghera) says that according to the report, "the bill still would add $1 trillion to the deficit, undercutting assertions by Republican leaders and Trump administration officials that the additional growth spurred by the bill's large tax cuts would pay for themselves over time." USA Today (11/30, Shesgreen) says the report "could introduce fresh uncertainty to the Senate deliberations just as Republicans appeared to be on the brink of passing their sweeping tax package."

The Washington Post (11/30, A1, Long) reports in a front-page story that Republicans appeared "almost shocked by how little credit the report gave to the power of tax cuts to drive economic growth," and some "argued that the tax committee's report just couldn't be correct." However, "outside experts were not surprised by the results, which align with the view of many mainstream economists and several independent analyses."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley took issue with the score, telling CNBC's Closing Bell (11/30), "In Washington, DC generally, but particularly in the Congressional Budget Office and only recently in the Committee on Joint Tax, there's been a bureaucratic opposition to considering anything in a dynamic scoring area. So I think you're going to see them to be very, very conservative because of that long-term opposition to doing dynamic scoring, and I think it just proves to me that we're going to do a lot better because of their bureaucratic resistance to dynamic scoring." However, the Washington Times (11/30, Sherfinski) reports that Sen. Ron Wyden, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, said, "The score ends the fantasy about magical growth, about unicorns and growth fairies suddenly showing that tax cuts pay for themselves."

Meanwhile, Bloomberg News (11/30) reports that Senate Majority Leader McConnell said Thursday that votes on the measure will resume at 11 a.m. Friday "as the collapse of a key compromise to win a majority for a Senate tax overhaul left Republicans scrambling to salvage

the legislation." According to the Senate parliamentarian, "a so-called trigger," which "would have increased taxes if revenue targets weren't met," did not "pass procedural muster." Bloomberg adds that "at least three Republicans," Sens. Bob Corker, Jeff Flake, and James Lankford "had tied their votes to the mechanism," and are "now demanding that leaders agree to other changes in the bill to avoid a huge deficit increase." The Washington Post (11/30, A1, Werner, Debonis, Paletta) says Corker and Flake "demanded the bill be fundamentally changed to add tax revenue back into the package, a concern that had become heightened because" of the JCT's finding.

Axios (11/30, Owens) says Republicans now need "to find hundreds of billions of dollars to make deficit hawks happy or the bill might die – and many Republicans don't like any other ideas to raise taxes." Nancy Cordes said on the CBS Evening News (11/30, story 2, 2:35, Mason) that "many Republicans are worried they'll miss the moment if they tinker with the bill any longer." A front-page story in the Wall Street Journal (11/30, Hughes) casts the development as a major complication for Republicans.

Politico (11/30, Kim, Wilhelm) quotes Senate Majority Whip Cornyn as saying, "It doesn't look like the trigger is going to work, according to the parliamentarian. ... So we have an alternative, frankly: a tax increase we don't want to do to try to address Sen. Corker's concerns." Reuters (11/30, Cornwell, Becker) reports that Republicans were "considering building future tax increases into their bill as they sought to lock in votes needed for approval." Sen. David Perdue said, "It's not a threshold anymore. It's just a tax increase. ... The only thing that's come off the table is the trigger concept."

In what Bloomberg News (11/30) calls "a potential nightmare scenario for Republicans," GOP leaders are "contemplating a variety of potentially unpalatable measures – including making some tax cuts on the individual and corporate side end within six or seven years." The Hill (11/30, Bolton, Jagoda) says Senate Republican leaders "have agreed to roll back $350 billion in tax relief in response to a procedural ambush by deficit hawks led by" Corker "that nearly killed the GOP tax reform bill." According to Cornyn "the details of the proposal are being worked out," but Perdue "said the estimated reduction in tax relief would be $350 billion over a decade."

McCain Says He Will Support Tax Bill. In what the AP (11/30, Gordon, Ohlemacher) describes as a "major boost" for the bill, Sens. John McCain and Lisa Murkowski "announced their support." Similarly, The Hill (11/30, Carney) calls McCain's support "the latest boost to Republicans, after every GOP senator voted to start debate on the legislation Wednesday evening." Capitol Hill Correspondent Kasie Hunt said on NBC Nightly News (11/30, lead story, 2:35, Holt) that even if Republicans "do pass this plan, they still have a long way to go. They'll have to reconcile major differences with the House proposal."

Sean Hannity said on Fox News' Hannity (11/30), "Who do you trust? The Obama sycophants that gave us these failed policies, their cohorts in the liberal media, the friends on the left side of the aisle? They want this bill to fail when they failed all of us for eight years? Or what about this President that has literally put confidence in the heart of American corporations by getting rid of Obama regulations and red tape. We now have seen what economic growth could mean and what an economic turn-around could be. This bill must pass. Our economic future depends on it."

Treasury Employees Say Department Not Preparing Detailed Analysis Of Tax Bill. The New York Times (11/30, Rappeport) reports that Treasury Secretary Mnuchin has said "that over 100 people in Treasury are 'working around the clock on running scenarios for us,'" and "promised that Treasury will release its analysis in full," as the Senate prepares to vote, "the administration has yet to produce the type of economic analysis that it is citing as a reason to pass the tax cut." People in Treasury's Office of Tax Policy say they "are not working on the type of detailed analysis that he has mentioned," and an "economist at the Office of Tax Analysis" said the Department "had not released a 'dynamic' analysis showing that the tax plan would be paid for with economic growth because one did not exist."

The Los Angeles Times (11/30, Puzzanghera) says the Department's inspector general "has launched an inquiry into whether the department hid an analysis of the Republican tax bill – or even did one at all." After the New York Times story was posted Thursday, Sen. Elizabeth Warren "wrote to Treasury Inspector General Eric M. Thorson...asking for an inquiry." Warren wrote, "Either the Treasury Department has used extensive taxpayer funds to conduct economic analyses that it refuses to release because those analyses would contradict the Treasury secretary's claims, or Secretary Mnuchin has grossly misled the public about the extent of the Treasury Department's analysis ... I am deeply concerned about either possibility."

NYTimes, WPost Analyses: Despite Trump's Claims, Wealthy Will Benefit From Tax Bill. A New York Times (11/30, Stewart) reports that while the President has argued that the tax reform

legislation will not benefit "the wealthy and well connected," and will cost him "a fortune," the proposals "seem almost tailor-made to enrich the president and people like him." Trump "has not released his tax returns, so it's impossible to know to what extent he would personally benefit from the legislation. But there's little doubt that he would." The Washington Post (11/30, Bump) reports in an analysis that the JCT and CBO have both concluded that "the benefits of the Republican proposal is weighted to wealthier Americans."

ABC News: Americans Earning Up To $75,000 Will See Tax Increase Under Senate Bill. David Muir reported on ABC World News Tonight (11/30, story 6, 2:10, Karl) that an "independent analyst" found that "the top one percent of Americans would get 62 percent of the benefit in ten years." Jonathan Karl added that while the bill's "corporate tax cuts are permanent, the individual rates go back up in ten years. For Americans earning up to $75,000 a year, that will mean a tax increase."

NBC Analysis: More Than Nine Million Households Have Medical Expenses Exceeding Tax Bills' New Standard Deductions. NBC Nightly News (11/30, story 2, 2:00, Holt) examined what the tax proposals will mean "for Americans' ability to pay for healthcare." Tom Costello reported that in 2016, "nearly nine million households claimed medical deductions, more than half, 65-years or older, including for in-home therapy, costly medications and nursing care, expenses that often total much more than the new standard deductions Republicans are posing of $12,000 for individuals, $24,000 for couples." Moreover, if the ACA's individual mandate is eliminated, "nonpartisan experts predict everyone's ins premiums will jump at least 10 percent, all of that on top of killing a host of deductions that Americans take for state and local taxes, mortgage interest, alimony, student loans, even school supplies teachers buy."

USA Today (11/30) editorializes against the tax bill's provision to repeal the individual mandate, which it says is "is vital to ensure the viability of markets where individuals can buy coverage." In an opposing op-ed for USA Today (11/30, Matthews), Merrill Matthews. a resident scholar with the Institute for Policy Innovation in Dallas, argue that the bill "doesn't end the health insurance mandate; it just eliminates the tax penalty if people choose not to buy, or can't afford, government-approved health coverage," and calls the provision "a huge tax cut for uninsured Americans."

Trump: NYTimes Has Become A "Virtual Lobbyist" Against Senate Tax Bill. Politico (11/30, Nelson) reports after the New York Times' editorial page posted a series of tweets Wednesday criticizing the Senate tax bill, President Trump accused the paper "of becoming 'a virtual lobbyist'" against the legislation. Trump tweeted, "The Failing @nytimes, the pipe organ for the Democrat Party, has become a virtual lobbyist for them with regard to our massive Tax Cut Bill. They are wrong so often that now I know we have a winner!" and, "The Failing @nytimes has totally gone against the Social Media Guidelines that they installed to preserve some credibility after many of their biased reporters went Rogue!" USA Today (11/30, Korte) reports that Times Deputy Managing Editor Clifford Levy "tweeted that Trump was 'mistaken' in his assertion that the tweets violated the Times social media rulebook." According to Levy, the tweets "were sent by the Opinion section...and the guidelines apply only to the newsroom."

Trump Slams Acquittal Of Immigrant Accused Of Murder In San Francisco.

Reuters (11/30, Dobuzinskis) reports that an undocumented immigrant from Mexico "was acquitted of murder and manslaughter by a San Francisco jury on Thursday in the fatal shooting of a woman that Donald Trump used as a rallying cry against 'sanctuary cities' during his presidential campaign." Jose Ines Garcia Zarate, who had been deported to Mexico five times, "was charged in the July 1, 2015, killing of Kate Steinle on a San Francisco pier." Defense attorneys said Garcia Zarate "found the gun and it accidentally discharged, the bullet ricocheting off the ground...before striking the woman." President Trump tweeted about the verdict, "A disgraceful verdict in the Kate Steinle case! No wonder the people of our country are so angry with illegal immigration."

The AP (12/1) reports the President called the verdict "disgraceful," tweeting, "No wonder the people of our Country are so angry with Illegal Immigration." Also reporting on the President's reaction, CNN (11/30, Tatum) notes Trump "often cited Steinle's death...during his presidential run as an example of the dangers of sanctuary cities."

The San Francisco Chronicle (12/1, Ho) says the verdict "set off a flurry of reactions," with Attorney General Sessions blaming the killing "on San Francisco's policy of refusing cooperation with immigration agents." The Washington Times (11/30, Dinan) quotes Sessions as saying, "When jurisdictions choose to return criminal aliens to the streets rather than turning them over to federal immigration authorities, they put the public's safety at risk. I urge the leaders of the

nation's communities to reflect on the outcome of this case and consider carefully the harm they are doing to their citizens by refusing to cooperate with federal law enforcement officers."

The New York Times (11/30, Dickerson, Fuller, Stevens) reports Steinle's death "fed into a fierce debate over whether immigrants without legal status should be deported more aggressively, and over the role local law enforcement should play."

Trump: China's North Korea Diplomacy Has "No Impact On Little Rocket Man."

Reuters (11/30, Brice, Osborn) reports President Trump Thursday "dismissed a Chinese diplomatic effort to rein in North Korea's weapons program as a failure," while Secretary of State Tillerson "said Beijing was doing a lot, but could do more to limit oil supplies to Pyongyang." In a tweet, Trump "delivered another insulting barb" against North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, who he called Wednesday "Little Rocket Man" and a "sick puppy." Wrote the President, "The Chinese envoy, who just returned from North Korea, seems to have had no impact on Little Rocket Man." Tillerson, meanwhile, "welcomed Chinese efforts on North Korea," saying, "The Chinese are doing a lot. We do think they could do more with the oil. We're really asking them to please restrain more of the oil, not cut it off completely."

A second Reuters (11/30) report says Defense Secretary Mattis on Thursday also said that he has "confidence in diplomatic efforts on North Korea," saying, "I am not willing to say that diplomacy has not worked. We will continue to work diplomatically, we will continue to work through the United Nations, the United Nations Security Council and we will be unrelenting in that."

Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI) said on CNN's The Lead (11/30), "The fact that we are in this position today where we have no good options left to us really is a failure of past leadership, both Democrat and Republican. And so the only viable option that I see before us today is a diplomatic one."

France Calls For New Sanctions. Bloomberg News (11/30, Viscusi) reports French Defense Minister Florence Parly Thursday "said further sanctions are needed to rein in North Korea's ballistics program," which she warned is "progressing and progressing fast." In an interview with BFM TV, Parly said, "This summer, we thought we weren't in range. Now, it seems that very few Western cities aren't."

Photos Suggest New Missile Bigger And More Powerful. The New York Times (11/30, Choe) reports the ICBM North Korea launched this week was "a new type of missile bigger and more powerful than any the country had tested before," South Korean officials said Thursday. Photos from the North's official Korean Central News Agency "are providing valuable clues about the capabilities of the missile, named the Hwasong-15."

Satellite Photos Show North Korea Constructing New Launch Site. Satellite images obtained by Fox News (11/30, Friling) "show what appears to be another launch pad being constructed at the Panghyon Airbase in North Pyongyang, North Korea, in the past week – at the same site of the July 4 intercontinental ballistic missile launch." According to analysts at Image Sat International, this marks "the first time that they have decided to rebuild a site that they have used before."

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"Help Wanted: Top Diplomat Sought." The New York Times (11/30) editorializes, "The problem is that [CIA Director] Pompeo may be too chummy. ... Pompeo has never shed his partisan clothing," and "has not been shy about mixing politics with intelligence and policy and may feel even freer to do so at the State Department."

"Kellyanne Conway Might As Well Be 'Opioid Czar.'" The New York Times (11/30) editorializes that while President Trump "sees the opioid epidemic as a media opportunity," he has not taken several necessary steps to progress in fighting the crisis. Trump has not named a "permanent director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy since" his previous nomination, Rep. Tom Marino, was withdrawn. Additionally, Trump's "2018 budget request would increase addiction treatment funding by less than 2 percent, even including $500 million already appropriated by Congress in 2016 under the 21st Century Cures Act."

Washington Post.

"Rename The Block In Front Of The Russian Embassy." The Washington Post (11/30)

editorializes that in 1984, "Congress voted to name a stretch of 16th Street immediately outside the then-Soviet Embassy "Andrei Sakharov Plaza," in honor of the Soviet Union's best-known dissident. The move infuriated Moscow," and now the DC Council is considering "a new renaming that would be equally worthy" – "Boris Nemtsov Plaza," in honor of the opposition leader who was gunned down in February 2015. The Post says that while it "won't be surprising if there is opposition from the Trump administration to the renaming," it gives council members "the opportunity to demonstrate that street names should be under their authority."

"Why Is Homeland Security So Insecure About The Travel Ban?" A Washington Post (11/30) editorial calls it "troubling" that DHS "has spent almost two months determining" whether information in a report by Inspector General John Roth on the rollout of President Trump's first travel ban "can be released to the public." The Post sees "no reason for delay" and calls on the Department to "allow the inspector general to release as much of the report as possible within the normal bounds of government disclosure."

Wall Street Journal.

"Alaska Drilling Dividend." The Wall Street Journal (11/30) editorializes that potential drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is another growth dividend that the new Republican tax reform legislation will offer. The Journal argues that the economic benefits of the potential drilling far outweigh the minimal environmental impact.

"A Goodfriend For The Fed." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (11/30) praises President Trump's nomination of Marvin Goodfriend to the Fed Board of Governors, calling Goodfriend an experienced and sound choice.

"Mr. Trump Trolls Mrs May." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (11/30) says that the strain on US-UK relations may be the greatest damage caused by President Trump's recklessness in re-tweeting three videos shared by British anti-Muslim activist Jayda Fransen.

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Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:
Senate Tax Bill Hits Obstacle Over Deficit Concern
Economy, Markets Rev Up
China's Tech Giants Have A Second Job: Helping Beijing Spy On Its People
Electricity Prices Plummet As Gas And Wind Gain Traction

New York Times:
White House Plans Tillerson Ouster From State Dept., To Be Replaced By Pompeo
Republican Tax Bill Hits Snag Over Deficit Concerns
Trump Pressed Top Republicans To End Senate Russia Inquiry
In Snub To US, Russia And Egypt Move Toward Deal On Air Bases
Markets Pass Another Milestone, As Investors Remain Fearless
Nine Women Accuse Israel Horovitz, Playwright And Mentor, Of Sexual Misconduct
Why Parts Of Beijing Look Like A Devastated War Zone

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Outcry Over Sexual Abuse Allegations Threatens Franken's Future
After Years Of Deficit Preaching, Report Offers A Hard Lesson
GOP Leaders Scramble To Save Tax Bill
Cure For Beltway Blues? Try High School Hoops.
Officials: Ouster Of Tillerson In Works
Secretary Would Leave With Little Achieved

Financial Times:
UBS Chief Blasts Regulators' Drive To Curb Banker Pay
Trump Considers Replacing Tillerson With Pompeo
Barcelona Brand Suffers After Independence Turmoil
Oil Output Cuts To Be Extended Throughout 2018

Washington Times:

U.S. Talks With Russia About Military Partnership In Afghanistan War
Tax Cut Plan Slips Out Of Senate Republicans' Hands When 'Trigger' Compromise Is Nixed
Jose Garcia Zarate Acquitted Of Murder In Kate Steinle Shooting
With 125 Consumer Bureau Cases To Review, Mulvaney Asks Trump For Help
Abortion Issue Powerful Enough To Swing Senate Race In Alabama
U.S. Ally Mauritania Under Fire For Tolerating Centuries-Old Practice Of Slavery

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:
ABC: Matt Lauer Fired; Russell Simmons-Sexual Allegation; Delaware Earthquake; WH-Tillerson; Conyers Sexual Allegations; Tax Reform Plan; Dow Record High; Trump-Muslim Tweet; Tampa-Serial Killer; Las Vegas Heist; Missing Toddler Search; Miami-Shark Alert; Jim Nabors Dies; WH-Christmas Tree Lighting; WW2 Veterans.
CBS: WH-Tillerson; Tax Reform Plan; Delaware Earthquake; Matt Lauer Fired; Conyers Sexual Allegations; Trump-Muslim Tweet; Tampa-Serial Killer; American Airlines Computer Error; Saudi Arabia-Gender Equality; Dog Intelligence Study; Jim Nabors Dies; Flight Attendant Retiring.
NBC: Tax Reform Plan; Tax Reform Plan-Effects; Dow Record High; Delaware Earthquake; WH-Tillerson; Trump-Muslim Tweet; Matt Lauer Fired; Russell Simmons-Sexual Allegation; Conyers Sexual Allegations; American Airlines Computer Error; Veterans-Mental Health; Jim Nabors Dies; Comestics Factory Explosion; WH-Christmas Tree Lighting; Police Charity.

Network TV At A Glance:
Tax Reform Plan – 9 minutes, 20 seconds
Matt Lauer Fired – 8 minutes, 30 seconds
WH-Tillerson – 6 minutes, 35 seconds
Conyers Sexual Allegations – 6 minutes, 30 seconds
Trump-Muslim Tweet – 3 minutes, 50 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:
ABC: Dow Record High; Tax Reform Plan; San Francisco Shooting Trial;
CBS: San Francisco Shooting Trial; Tax Reform Plan; WH-Tillerson; Conyers Sexual Allegations; Jim Nabors Die.
FOX: San Francisco Shooting Trial; Tax Reform Plan; USA Gymnastics Harassment.
NPR: Tax Reform Plan; San Francisco Shooting Trial; North Korea Missile Test; Argentine Missing Sub.

Washington Schedule

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:
PRESIDENT TRUMP — Meets with the Prime Minister Fayez al-Sarraj of Libya; has lunch with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Secretary of Defense James Mattis; gives remarks at the White House Christmas Reception.
VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — No public schedule announced.
US Senate: No public schedule announced.
US House: 8:00 AM House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on amphibious warfare – Readiness Subcommittee hearing on 'Amphibious Warfare Readiness & Training: Interoperability, Shortfalls, and the Way Ahead', with testimony from U.S. Marine Corps Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations Lt. Gen. Brian Beaudreault; Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5) Vice Adm. Andrew Lewis; and Government Accountability Office Defense Capabilities and Management Team Director Cary Russell Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2212, Washington, DC www.armedservices.house.gov https://twitter.com/HASCRepublicans

9:00 AM House expected to vote Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act – House of Representatives meets for legislative business, with agenda expected to include completion of consideration of 'H.R. 1699 – Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017' Location: Washington, DC http://www.house.gov/

9:30 AM House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on HUD community block grants – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on 'Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Block Grants – Disaster Recovery', with testimony from Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Community

Planning and Development Neal Rackleff Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2358-A, Washington, DC http://appropriations.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP
Other: 10:00 AM Brookings discussion on attitudes on President Trump's foreign policy – 'The Middle East and Russia: American attitudes on Trump's foreign policy' Brookings Institution discussion, including the release of a new Brookings Center for Middle East Policy public opinion poll on American attitudes toward the Middle East, including the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Iran, and Russia's role in the region. Speakers include University of Maryland Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development Shibley Telhami, Brookings Institution Foreign Policy Senior Fellow and Deputy Director Suzanne Maloney, and former U.S. Ambassador to Israel Daniel Shapiro Location: The Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC http://www.brookings.edu https://twitter.com/BrookingsInst #Saban17

12:00 PM 'Supreme Court Showdown on Sports Betting' Spectrum Gaming Group media briefing – Spectrum Gaming Group media briefing on 'Supreme Court Showdown on Sports Betting', ahead of oral arguments at the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of Christie vs. National Collegiate Athletic Association (4 Dec). Speakers include Democratic Rep. Frank Pallone Jr., Villanova University Jeffrey S. Moorad Center for the Study of Sports Law Executive Director Andrew Brandt, Hunton & Williams Partner Elbert Lin, Theodore Olson (Gibson Dunn), Joe Asher (William Hill US), Michael Pollock and Adam Steinberg (Spectrum Gaming Group), Daniel Wallach (Becker & Poliakoff), Sara Slane (American Gaming Association), and Jake Williams (Sportradar) * Stockton University Lloyd D. Levenson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality & Tourism serves as academic advisor to the briefing Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC http://www.spectrumgaming.com/

2:00 PM Smithsonian hosts 'The Long Conversation' event – Smithsonian hosts 'The Long Conversation', experimental program of 15-minute talks over a period of eight hours on the question 'What makes you optimistic about the future?' from 'various leaders, innovators, and luminaries'. Also includes announcement of 'Smithsonian 2022' five-year plan for expanding the institution's reach, a pop-up bar, immersive art/tech installations, a docent robot welcoming guests, and some surprise performances. Attendees include Smithsonian Board of Regents Member Democratic Rep. Doris Matsui and National Museum of Natural History Sant Director Kirk Johnson Location: Smithsonian Arts & Industries Building, 900 Jefferson Dr. SW., Washington DC www.si.edu https://twitter.com/smithsonian

6:00 PM Brookings annual Saban Forum – Brookings Institution Center for Middle East Policy 14th annual Saban Forum Opening Gala, with speakers including Republican Sen. Tom Cotton, former U.S. Special Envoy to Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations Martin Indyk, U.S. Marine Corps Gen. (Ret.) John Allen, and former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak * Event is an annual dialogue between senior U.S. and Israeli leaders from across the political and social spectrum Location: InterContinental The Willard Washington DC, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC http://www.brookings.edu/saban.aspx https://twitter.com/brookingsFP #Saban17

Last Laughs

Late Night Political Humor.

Jimmy Kimmel: "I had an interesting day today. So I woke up. I wrestled the kids. I took a shower. I drove into work. I sat down on my desk. Somehow found myself in a Twitter war with Roy Moore."

Jimmy Kimmel: "Meanwhile, at the White House tonight, our President, President Trump, and his wife, Moldavia, took part in the 95th and final National Christmas Tree lighting."

Jimmy Kimmel: "Earlier this year, President Trump declared opioids to be a national emergency, so he allocated $12 million to fight them for the whole country. He spent $80 million this year on golf, so he is serious about this."

Stephen Colbert: "Tillerson was always kind of an unusual pick for Secretary of State. He was a multi-millionaire oil executive with no diplomatic experience. Though he wasn't afraid to stand up to some of the world's most dangerously unhinged leaders – he called one of them a moron."

Stephen Colbert: "The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office found the Senate version of [the tax] cuts would create a $1.4 trillion hole in the budget. It doesn't even cut everyone's taxes

equally. By 2027, people making $40-to-$50,000 a year will pay a combined $5.3 billion more in taxes while the group earning $1 million or more will get a $5.8 billion cut. Don't worry, that will trickle down to the rich when they throw their money in the air and dance underneath it in joy."

Stephen Colbert: "You know, folks, President Trump has been very tough on immigrants, but it hasn't all been deportations. He's also detaining some foreigners against their will. For instance, Melania."

James Corden: "The New York Times is reporting that Donald Trump is expected to fire his Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson, in the coming weeks, or as Rex Tillerson is calling it, a Christmas miracle."

James Corden: "The co-author of Donald Trump's book, 'The Art of the Deal,' says that according to two secret sources, White House staffers are starting to express concern over the President's mental health. Wow, that's some great investigative journalism right there. Or he could have just checked Twitter!"

Trevor Noah: "The House version of the [tax] bill would allow churches to directly endorse political candidates, which would make for extremely interesting sermons. 'And with Jesus's final breath, he said, "It is finished." But what's not finished is the race, so elect him as the next mayor.'"

Trevor Noah: "I just wish one time, Donald Trump would re-tweet a cat video, something fun. I wish just one time, we'd open Twitter and it would be like, 'What did Trump tweet?' 'It's a kitten.'"

Jimmy Fallon: "Earlier tonight, President Trump and his family lit the National Christmas Tree. That was very nice. Of course, Trump refused to light it until everyone agreed his tree had the most lights in history."

Jimmy Fallon: "It came out that Trump wants to replace Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. He decided not to when he heard Tillerson was his secret Santa."

Conan O'Brien: "Last night...Today show team hosted the lighting of the Rockefeller Christmas tree. There was no mention of Matt Lauer. No mention. NBC executives said, 'We think one exposed piece of wood is enough for tonight.'"

Conan O'Brien: "Two large properties decided to disassociate from Donald Trump. Big story. A big deal. One is the Trump SoHo Hotel and the other is the Kremlin."

Conan O'Brien: "A sixth woman has come forward to accuse Sen. Al Franken of sexually inappropriate behavior. On the plus side, if Franken resigns as senator from Minnesota, he can still be elected the senator from Alabama."

Jordan Klepper: "[Roy] Moore is also being brutally attacked by his opponent, Democrat Doug Jones, who is using the low-down, dirty tactic of inviting Moore out in public into an elitist trap, known as a debate. But Moore is too smart for that liberal sleight of mouth, which is why he is totally refusing. Good work, Roy. Debates are pointless and stupid."

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Spread The Swamp? Trump Administration Wants To Move Government Offices Out Of Washington.

The Los Angeles Times (12/7, Halper) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is "aiming to move the headquarters of the Bureau of Land Management, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Reclamation out of Washington as soon as logistically possible." The plan was examined Thursday during a hearing of the House Natural Resources Committee.

The Huffington Post (12/7, D'Angelo) reports that the hearing titled "Transforming the Department of the Interior for the 21st Century," examined "goals and policy ideas for reorganizing and relocating parts of the Department of the Interior and its bureaus," according to a committee memorandum. In his opening statement, Rep. Bruce Westerman, the subcommittee's chairman, "said that Interior has 'lost touch' with the concerns of the U.S. public, and that 'decades of top-down directives issued from Washington' have rendered the department inefficient and unaccountable." However, Rep. Donald McEachin "dismissed the notion that Interior staffers need to be closer to the people they serve, noting that 90 percent of the department's personnel are already working outside of Washington."

E&E Publishing (12/7, Doyle) reports that a volunteer energy adviser to the Interior Department "cautioned" Thursday "against some of the more dramatic reorganization proposals floated" by Zinke. According to the article, "while emphatically agreeing that Interior could usefully relocate some operations out West, Western Energy Alliance President Kathleen Sgamma identified potential problems in some concepts that Zinke has aired for the Bureau of Land Management and other agencies." Sgamma said she is also "concerned about potential plans for a rotating command structure, similar to a unified command structure in the military," since Interior agencies have different missions.

Senate Confirms Two Interior, EPA Nominees.

The Hill (12/7, Henry) reports the Senate Thursday confirmed Joe Balash "as assistant secretary for land and minerals management at the Interior Department," and Susan Bodine to head "the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, which oversees enforcement of pollution laws." Sen. Sen. Dan Sullivan, for whom Balash worked as chief of staff, called him "probably one of the most qualified people to hold this job in the entire country."

The Washington Examiner (12/7, Siciliano) reports that "industry officials bemoaned that it

took months of 'needless delay' before Balash was finally given a vote." Ethan Lane, Executive Director of the Public Lands Council and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, said, "A fully staffed Department of the Interior is critical to the business operation of western ranches, and we are pleased to see another critical position filled."

Also reporting are the Fairbanks (AK) News-Miner (12/8, Granger), the Alaska Dispatch News (12/7, DeMarban), the Alaska Public Radio Network (12/7, Ruskin), and Must Read Alaska (12/7, Downing).

Senate Panel Considers Nominees For Interior Department, Energy Department. DailyEnergyInsider (12/7, Martin) reports that the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Tuesday considered President Trump's nominations of Tim Petty to serve as assistant secretary of the Interior for water and science and Linda Capuana to serve as administrator of the Energy Information Administration. Petty served in the Interior Department's water and science division under President George W. Bush. Committee Chair Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) said, "I am confident that both of our nominees are well positioned for these roles, and it is certainly my hope to move their nominations quickly through committee to full Senate confirmation."

President Trump's National Monument Cuts Draw 5th Lawsuit.

The AP (12/7) reports that a coalition of conservation groups filed a lawsuit Thursday to stop President Trump's cuts to Bears Ears National Monument. The lawsuit filed by "11 organizations including the Sierra Club is the fifth legal challenge to Trump's reductions to Bear Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments" and "it is the third lawsuit focused on Bears Ears." The article notes that "the complaint echoes arguments made in the two previous Bears Ears lawsuits, claiming that Trump exceeded his power and jeopardized protections for 'irreplaceable archaeological sites.'"

Outdoors Industry Groups Ratchet Up Trump Criticism. The Hill (12/7, Henry) reports that "President Trump's decision this week to shrink two national monuments escalated a fight between the outdoors industry and his administration." Retailers such as Patagonia and REI blasted "Trump's decision, equating it to theft, while lining up to challenge its legality." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, "who has made conservation and outdoorsmanship a cornerstone of his political persona, has taken the brunt of the criticism from the retailers." Zinke responded by slamming "Patagonia as a 'special interest' that is using the monument issue to help their bottom line." Also, Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift "noted that the industry is 'not monolithic' in its approach to public lands." She said, "There's certainly a separation between the many honest people in the outdoor industry and those who spend millions of dollars to lie to the American people in a shameful effort to boost the sales of their foreign-made products."

Bloomberg News (12/7, Harris) reports apparel maker Patagonia Inc. filed a lawsuit against President Trump late Wednesday over his decision to reduce the size of the Bears Ears national monument in Utah. Patagonia is joined by other conservation and preservation groups, all claiming the decision "exceeds his authority under the 1906 Antiquities Act." Patagonia and the other groups, who filed papers in a US District Court in Washington, "are seeking a court order blocking the move."

The Wall Street Journal (12/7, Carlton) says outdoor-recreation goods retailer REI also posted a message in opposition to the decision, and promised to ramp up its efforts to better protect public lands. The Journal says at least 1,300 employees of companies represented by the Outdoor Industry Association have sent letters to 426 members of Congress protesting the downsizing. It also quotes Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke as calling Patagonia's claim a "nefarious, false and a lie." Zinke stated that such outdoor companies represent special interests that have tried to block federal land from public use, whereas shrinking the monuments is meant to allow multiple uses of the land. He added that removing the lands from monument status still leaves monuments larger than some national parks, and that the removed lands would remain under federal protection.

Also reporting are the New York Times (12/8, Popovich), the Denver Post (12/7, Blevins), The Guardian (UK) (12/7, McCarthy), the Christian Science Monitor (12/7, McCombs, Price), and Slate (12/7, Bonnington).

'Largest Ever' Drilling Lease Sale In Alaska Yields Few Bids.

The Hill (12/7, Henry) reports that despite auctioning 900 tracts of land in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, totaling 10.3 million acres, the BLM only received bids worth $1.16 million for seven tracts. The Trump Administration pitched the sale as part of its "American Energy

Dominance" plan, but the auction brought in fewer bids than other recent NPR-A sales. E&E Publishing (12/7) reports ConocoPhillips Alaska and Anadarko bid in partnership for all seven offerings. The companies selected land directly southwest of Conoco's Willow oil discovery, which is estimated to hold around 300 million barrels of recoverable oil. The state of Alaska held a separate lease sale yesterday, which brought in $21.1 million in winning bids. The winning bidders purchased most of the remaining blocks of state-owned land on the North Slope.

Dems Use Alaska Oil Lease Sale Numbers To Undermine GOP ANWR Push. The Daily Caller (12/7, Bastasch) reports Democrats and environmentalists are using the weak sale to counter the GOP's efforts to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling. The sale brought in $14.99 an acre, which would only translate to $11 million in federal revenue for the 1.5 million ANWR coastal plain. The spokesman for Democrats on the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources said, "There's simply no market for oil leasing in the Arctic." However, Alaska Natural Resources Commissioner Andy Mack said the results should not be compared. He said, "The biggest point is this is wide open, with not one existing lease in this area." The Washington Examiner (12/7, Siegel) reports Sen. Maria Cantwell said, "The dismal response to this lease sale proves what we've been saying all along: Even the small amount the GOP claims will be raised by drilling in the Arctic is a sham. ... Congress should strike the language turning the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) into an oilfield and start over." Rep. Raul Grijalva sent a letter to Keith Hall, the director of the Congressional Budget Office, requesting a reassessment of the revenue drilling ANWR would generate. Grijalva said, "In light of yesterday's lease sale in the National Petroleum Reserve, which generated a paltry $1.2 million for an offering of 10.3 million acres, or only 12 cents per acre, we request that you reassess the cost estimate for the provisions that would open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas leasing."

UPI (12/7, Graeber) reports Sens. Elizabeth Warren, Jeff Merkley, and Tom Udall, along with Rep. Alan Lowenthal, joined members of Alaska's indigenous communities to voice opposition to ANWR drilling efforts. Adrenne Titus, an Inupiaq, said, "The Inupiaq people do not want this drilling. ... We do not want to open the Arctic Refuge to drilling."

Additional coverage was provided by the Alaska Public Radio Network (12/7, Ruskin).

Six Wildfires Continue To Devastate California.

The CBS Evening News (12/7, lead story, 2:50, Glor) reported that six major wildfires are burning in Southern California, and that the fires have claimed their first death, a woman in Ventura County. Over "100 homes have been destroyed or damaged," while "at least 330,000 people have been evacuated." "Anyone anytime we have erratic winds like this, we're never out of danger. We're not letting our guard down. Firefighters are still down the street here working on structure protection," said Rick Macklin of the Ventura County Fire Department.

ABC World News Tonight (12/7, lead story, 3:20, Muir) reported that wind gusts in Ventura exceeded 80 miles per hour. The Thomas Fire has now burned over 150 square miles. The Skirball Fire in Los Angeles is 20% contained. NBC Nightly News (12/7, lead story, 3:25, Holt) reported that 20,000 homes are still threatened by the fires. 55,000 firefighters are working to attack the fires from the ground. In San Diego, hot embers flew through the air and ignited spot fires that can be very devastating very quickly.

The CBS Evening News (12/7, story 2, 1:45, Glor) reported that the Thomas Fire has burned 96,000 acres and "is only five percent contained." Santa Ana winds are expected to "continue through Saturday with wind gusts between 40 and 60 miles per hour." NBC Nightly News (12/7, story 2, 1:00, Soboroff) reported that Gary Monday, the Ventura County Fire Department Battalion Chief, said, "This wind event is a historic wind event for our county and the destruction that it's created. With the drought years that we've had, just a bad combination."

ABC World News Tonight (12/7, story 4, 0:40, Muir) reported that "red flag warnings now have been extended to Sunday with the most extreme fire conditions in the next 12 hours." Winds will be "gusting 40 to 60 miles an hour over the next 24 to 36 hours." ABC World News Tonight (12/7, story 3, 2:35, Muir) also reported that Ventura County Fire Chief Mark Lorezen is most concerned about the winds going into the evening. He also said that without rain, the active, multiple fire situation could easily stretch until Christmas. The Los Angeles Times (12/7, Vives, Parvini, Cosgrove, Sahagun, Serna) reports that "in Sylmar, where the Creek fire is burning, 12,605 acres had been destroyed and the blaze was 10% contained by Thursday morning." The New York Times (12/7, Medina, Healy) reports that the fire in San Diego County "spread to more than 2,000 acres in five hours, destroying and damaging a relatively small number of homes but threatening at least 1,000 more." In the area around Bel Air, "much of the chaparral that normally covers the hills was ash."

The New York Times (12/7, Medina, Jordan, Pérez-Peña) reports that "Gov. Jerry Brown declared an emergency in San Diego County on Thursday evening as local officials there widened the evacuation zone and warned that conditions were expected to worsen." Additionally, state officials have "used the highest category in their color-coded fire hazard warning system," using purple to color much of Southern California. At least 322 schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District have canceled Thursday and Friday classes.

The Washington Post (12/7, Wilson, Berman, Rosenberg) reports that veteran firefighters have described the situation "as a challenge unlike any fire they had battled before." Los Angeles Fire Department Chief Ralph Terrazas warned "that the forecast of the city's weather and humidity conditions for Friday still put it in the 'extreme range' of fire risk." However, in Los Angeles, "officials announced that the majority of residents who had evacuated would be allowed to return to their homes."

Additional coverage is provided by ABC World News Tonight (12/7, story 2, 1:50, Muir) and Bloomberg News (12/7, Caronello, Cannon).

Zinke Spent $6,250 On A Helicopter Trip To Ride Horses With Pence.

Business Insider (12/7, Choi) reports that according to previously undisclosed travel logs obtained by Politico (12/7, Lefebvre), Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke spent thousands of taxpayer dollars on government helicopter trips, including one trip – costing $6,250 – to ride horses with Vice President Pence. Travel records showed that the helicopter trips altogether cost more than $14,000 over the summer.

The Washington Examiner (12/7, Phillips) reports that in response to the Politico report, Heather Swift, a spokesperson for the Interior Department, said, "It's complete garbage and yellow journalism at its worst." She said, "After a congressional hearing, the Secretary attended an official Congressional event with the new Congressman from Montana (who replaced him) and the Speaker of the House before going to an emergency management briefing. On the other occasion he did an aerial survey of a power line corridor, which was pending before the Department, while traveling back from meetings in southern Virginia in order to get to a meeting with the Vice President."

Additional coverage is provided by The Hill (12/7, Carter), Newsweek (12/7, Sinclair), the Huffington Post (12/8, Visser), and the New York Daily News (12/8, Chia).

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

Wampanoag Tribe Takes Land Into Federal Trust.

The Vineyard (MA) Gazette (12/7, Kennedy) reports that the Bureau of Indian Affairs "this week announced plans to accept into trust about 15 acres of land for the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), a swath that borders current tribal lands and has frontage along State Road." The land was "actually purchased by the tribe in late 2014, but the BIA decision would join the land with another 480 acres held in trust by the federal government for the tribe's benefit." The article notes that "the move also raises questions about how the tribe might ultimately use the land."

Bureau Of Land Management

U.S. Delays Rule On Methane Emissions From Federal Lands.

Reuters (12/7, Gardner) reports that the Bureau of Land Management announced it will delay an Obama-era rule limiting methane emissions from oil and gas operations on federal and tribal lands. The agency said the decision was intended to "avoid imposing likely considerable and immediate compliance costs on operators for requirements that may be rescinded or significantly revised in the near future." The Washington Examiner (12/7, Siegel) reports that the Trump administration's delay for Obama-era methane emissions regualtions will extend for two years.

The Washington Post (12/7, Fears) reports that as the Trump administration appears to back away from a focus on methane leaks, the American Petroleum Institute "has stepped in with a program to reduce the leaks." According to API's Erik Milito, director of upstream and industry operations, "The program overall is set up to continuously improve the environmental performance for onshore operators throughout the country through the process of learning, collaborating and taking action. This is a very robust program."

E&E Publishing (12/7) reports, "Interior's suspension of the Obama-era rule fits into a broader review of regulations that the Trump administration says 'potentially burden' domestic energy production."

Additional coverage was provided by the AP (12/7, Daley), the Washington Post (12/7, Grandoni), the Washington Times (12/7, Wolfgang), the Lake Powell Life (12/7, Batchelor), and the World Oil (12/7).

Cliven Bundy's Fight Against The Feds Has Roots In Interpretation Of Mormon Scripture.

The Washington Post (12/7, Sottile) reports that "fifteen years before Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy led an armed standoff against federal agents near his arid desert ranch, the practicing Mormon combed through Latter-day Saints scripture and writings with his neighbor, another rancher upset about how the government regulates the public land around them." The two "found support for their beliefs, and they have since passed their findings on to others who continue to challenge what they consider federal overreach and a collapse of the U.S. Constitution." The pair "compiled the works, highlighted and annotated, into an anthology called 'The Nay Book,' named for rancher Keith Nay, Bundy's late neighbor." The document is "rarely found outside Bundy's inner circle, and it appears to lay a religious foundation for the rancher's strong and consistent views that the federal government has been trampling his rights."

Burning Man May Expand To 100,000 People By 2019.

The Reno (NV) Gazette-Journal (12/7, Kane) reports that "despite complaints from some critics that Burning Man is already too big, the organization may make their main event even bigger." As Bureau of Land Management officials in Nevada "review how the annual, weeklong arts festival has affected the surrounding environment and communities since it moved to Nevada in 1990, Burning Man is proposing that the BLM allow the event to grow to 100,000 people in the future." According to the article, "BLM officials and Burning Man organizers met with locals this week from Gerlach, Reno and Lovelock, the three communities most affected by Burning Man, to hear their concerns about growth."

Additional coverage was provided by USA Today (12/7, Kane).

23 Parcels Of Land Leased In 2 Counties For Oil, Gas Drilling.

The Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel (12/8, Harmon) reports that the Bureau of Land Management on Thursday "leased 23 parcels in Mesa and Garfield counties for oil and gas development, rejecting protests filed by environmental organizations." Baseline Minerals Inc. "paid $337,480 for the leases, which include 14 in Mesa County, eight in Garfield County and one in both counties." The BLM had "offered 28 leases for lease and the remaining five will continue to be available on a non-competitive basis for two years, after which time they would have to be renominated and go through the formal leasing process."

BLM To Offer 43 Parcels At Quarterly Lease Sale.

The Moab (UT) Sun News (12/7) reports that the Bureau of Land Management will "offer 43 parcels, totaling approximately 51,401 acres in Grand and San Juan counties, at its March 2018 quarterly oil and gas lease sale." Acting Canyon County District Manager Gary Torres said, "BLM continues to support a balanced approach to energy exploration and working landscapes on public lands. We carefully considered comments from the public and our partners in developing the list of parcels and resource protection measures for this lease sale."

Bureau Of Reclamation

Trump Administration Throws Up Hurdles For First New Tribal Water Rights Settlements.

The Nation Sun News (12/7) reports that the Trump Administration is "expressing major concerns about the first new tribal water rights settlements being considered in Congress." According to the article, "even though the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs rushed through a hearing on the settlements on Wednesday in order for members to get to votes, there was plenty of time for a senior official from the Department of the Interior to outright oppose a bill for Hualapai Tribe and to call for additional work on another for the Navajo Nation." Alan Mikkelsen, the second-highest ranking leader at the Bureau of Reclamation, said the administration "cannot support" S.1770, the Hualapai Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act.

Community Meeting On Future Resorts Set For Lake Berryessa.

The Napa Valley (CA) Register (12/7) reports that the Bureau of Reclamation and Napa County will" host a Lake Berryessa community meeting on resort development next week at the Lake Berryessa Senior Center." The community forum will be held Wednesday at the Lake Berryessa Senior Center.

Bureau Of Safety And Environmental Enforcement

BSEE Issues Safety Alert Following Drillship Fatality.

Marine Log (12/7) reports the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement issued a safety alert after a fatality on Transocean's Petrobras 10,000 drillship. The worker was employed by Spencer Ogden and was working on pipe handling operations at the time of the injury. The BSEE issued the alert because many of the factors in the incident are common to many drilling rigs in the Gulf. The agency is recommending that all operators and drilling contractors review hazardous areas and safe work practices.

Additional coverage was provided by Maritime Executive (12/7).

Fish And Wildlife Service

U.S. Would Expedite Permit Reviews For Drilling In Alaska's Arctic Refuge.

Bloomberg News (12/7, Nussbaum) reports that a Trump Administration official said Thursday that it "has a plan in place to speed up permit reviews for drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge if Congress approves exploration there." Energy Department Counselor Vincent DeVito said, "We do have a plan for expediting that," adding, "the pathway toward energy dominance runs through Alaska." DeVito "declined to predict a timeline for the process, but said the department is getting 'a regular stream' of inquiries from industry about the potential for exploring in the area." Reuters (12/7, Resnick-Ault) reports DeVito emphasized the expediting the process would not come at the expense of environmental stewardship.

U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service Issues Revenue Sharing Payments In Winona Area.

The Winona (MN) Daily News (12/7) reports that "under the provisions of the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act, payments totaling $190,953 were made in July 2017 to counties, cities and townships in the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois for lands administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and managed as part of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge." The article says that the "annual payment is made to local units of government as compensation for the loss of tax revenue on lands that are part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, National Fish Hatcheries, or Waterfowl Production Areas."

Watchdog To Sue Trump Administration Over 'Injection' Of Politics Into Science.

The Sputnik News (12/7) reports that the environmental group Center for Biological Diversity said Thursday that it is suing the federal government "over a new policy that gives state governors veto power over including an animal on the endangered species list." The group contended that "assessment teams for evaluating species that could be considered endangered were meant to include only groups of scientists, not representatives of US states' governors, who may not have scientific backgrounds."

Wolf Ruling Has Agency Wrestling With Grizzlies.

Courthouse News (12/7, YOUNG-GRINDLE) reports that "a court ruling regarding the removal of a wolf population from Endangered Species Act protection has spurred reconsideration of a similar decision for Yellowstone grizzlies." The holding "stems from a lawsuit filed by the Humane Society of the United States in response to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's action to remove the Western Great Lakes population of gray wolves from federal protection."

Fed Agencies: Permit "Not Likely To Adversely Affect" Endangered Species.

The Sierra Vista (AZ) Herald (12/7, Neff) reports that "a federal judge was told last week the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concur that a permit needed for the Villages at Vigneto project 'may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect' three species or their critical habitat." In a Nov. 30 filing, the U.S. Department of Justice told U.S. Magistrate

Judge Lynnette Kimmins that the FWS "concurred with the Corps' previous determination about the impact on the northern Mexican gartersnake, the southwestern willow flycatcher, and the western yellow-billed cuckoo of a Clean Water Act section 404 permit held by developer El Dorado Benson."

Air Force To Expand Training Area Into Nevada Wildlife Refuge.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (12/7, Brean) reports that an environmental impact statement was released Thursday opening the public comment period on "the Air Force's plans to expand its vast training range and close off more of Desert National Wildlife Refuge north of Las Vegas." The Air Force seeks "to add 301,507 acres to the Nevada Test and Training Range, which already covers more than 2.9 million acres in Clark, Lincoln and Nye counties." The article notes that "roughly 278,000 acres of the expansion would be carved from Desert National Wildlife Refuge, about half of which is already under military control."

Public Input Sought On Fishing Plan For Wildlife Refuge.

The Port Clinton (OH) News Herald (12/7) reports that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking public input on a proposal by the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge to allow recreational fishing within the Metzger Marsh unit.

National Park Service

Pearl Harbor Survivors In Their 90s Attend Solemn Ceremony.

The AP (12/7, McAVOY) reports that "survivors gathered Thursday at the site of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor to remember fellow servicemen killed in the early morning raid 76 years ago, paying homage to the thousands who died with a solemn ceremony marking the surprise bombing raid that plunged the U.S. into World War II." According to the article, "about 20 survivors attended the event at a grassy spot overlooking the harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial. They were joined by about 2,000 Navy sailors, officials and members of the public."

Also reporting are the Honolulu Star-Advertiser (12/7, Cole), the Boston Globe (12/7, Thompson), The Times (UK) (12/8), and the International Business Times (12/7, Varandani).

Bill To Create A Pacific War Memorial Passes House.

KITV-TV Honolulu (12/7, Ako) reports that "a bill establishing a memorial for U.S. soldiers who lost their lives in the Pacific during World War II, passed the U.S. House of Representatives by unanimous consent Thursday." H.R. 4300, the Admiral Lloyd R. "Joe" Vasey Pacific War Commemorative Act, "directs the National Park Service and the non-profit Pacific Historic Parks to create the memorial." A similar bill is circulating in the Senate.

Zion Sets Visitation Record, Highlighting Crowding Concerns.

The AP (12/7) reports that Zion National Park has "already set a new visitation record with a month left to go in 2017, a milestone that highlights concerns about overcrowding at the iconic red-rock landscape." According to the article, "nearly 4.4 million people visited the park through the end of November, an increase of about 5 percent over last year." The new figures "come as park officials weigh a first-of-its kind reservation system and the National Park Service considers hiking fees to $70 per car during the peak summer season at several popular parks, including Zion."

NPS Extends Comment Period On Reservation Plan.

The Moab (UT) Times-Independent (12/7, Egelhoff) reports that the National Park Service has "extended the comment period for its traffic congestion management plan at Arches National Park, with the new deadline set for Dec. 18." The original deadline was set for Nov. 23. Kate Cannon, superintendent of the Southeast Utah Group of National Parks, "said that the extended comment period will give NPS the opportunity to receive more feedback on the reservation system proposed in the plan and is necessary given what she calls 'the confusing timing of the traffic plan announcement.'"

Prehistoric Sea Cow Fossils Discovered In California Could Be Species Entirely New To Science.

Newsweek (12/7, Dovey) reports that "while mapping fault lines in California, scientists

accidentally stumbled upon the 20 to 25 million-year-old fossilized remains of a now-extinct sea cow, a relative of the modern-day manatee and dugong." The researchers "believe the remains may be of a previously unidentified sea cow species, and now want to run tests to confirm the discovery of this possibly previously unknown creature." The sea cow remains were discovered on Santa Rosa Island.

Surveillance Cameras Coming To Downtown As Part Of Partnership With Park Service.

The St. Augustine (FL) Record (12/7, Keever) reports that a wireless camera system, known as WildFire, has been installed to monitor the St. Augustine downtown area as part of a partnership between the St. Augustine Police Department , Flagler College and the National Park Service. WJXT-TV Jacksonville, FL (12/7, Henning) reports that the National Park Service "invested around $40,000 for the 14 cameras that are already up and running around the city. The city has invested about $7,000 dollars in the system."

Park Has A New Superintendent.

The Pike County (PA) Courier (12/7) reports that Kirsten Talken-Spaulding has been named Acting Superintendent of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. John J. Donahue "recently retired from the position of Superintendent after 14 years in the park." Talken-Spaulding said, "I am really looking forward to learning more about Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and helping with the transition to a new superintendent. There are a lot of exciting projects going on in the park right now and I want to maintain that positive momentum moving forward."

Osuna Ranch Joins National Register Of Historic Places.

The Encinitas (CA) Coast News (12/7, Macone-Greene) reports that the Osuna Ranch has joined the National Register of Historic Places.

Office Of Insular Affairs

The U.S. Virgin Islands Clean Up For The Holidays.

The Washington Post (12/7, Sachs) reports that more than two months after Hurricane Irma hit St. Thomas, the U.S. Virgin Islands is "slowly, steadily, painstakingly" improving. The article says that "as high season nears, the U.S. Virgin Islands are scrambling to clean house before the guests arrive." According to the article, "before Thanksgiving, the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority had restored 40 percent of the power on St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John; the utility company expects the number to rise to 90 percent by Christmas." Also, "crews are clearing tree limbs, power lines and piles of debris from roadways, and patching up holes the size of moon craters." Meanwhile, "cruise ships are tying up in St. Thomas and St. Croix, and JetBlue and Delta flights are landing on a daily basis."

Opinion Pieces

Ryan Zinke: Why We Shrunk The Monuments.

In an op-ed for CNN (12/7, Zinke), Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke explains why he recommended that President Trump shrink the Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante monuments. Zinke asserts that in recent years, "presidents have abused the Antiquities Act to lock up vast swaths of public land." He argues that the Antiquities Act is "not a tool for presidents to use to restrict access for outdoor recreation on land that belongs to all of us." Zinke writes that "the President's actions focus on protecting land within the smallest area necessary while restoring traditional uses of these lands and prioritizing the voice of the people over that of the special interest groups." He also notes that "this action does not transfer one square inch of this land out of federal ownership." Zinke concludes by pledging to ensure that public lands are used "'for the benefit and enjoyment of the people,' as the words above the Roosevelt Arch in Yellowstone National Park so proudly proclaim."

President Trump, Come See What Makes America Great

Montana Governor Steve Bullock argues in the Washington Post (12/7) that Trump's decision to shrink two national monuments in Utah "reveals how at the most basic level he and his

administration misunderstand what it means to preserve and protect our history – our heritage – for future generations." He adds, "Frankly, it makes me wonder whether the president is truly committed to investing in what makes America great, because a fundamental part of what makes America great is our land." Bullock argues that public lands "are one of this country's great equalizers" because they belong to everyone, no matter "where we lived, what we did for a living or whom we voted for." He concludes, "Public lands are our history, our heritage and our birthright, and we will not see them diminished. Not on our watch."

Utah National Monuments: Donald Trump Downsizing Follows Federal Law.

In an op-ed for the National Review (12/7, Bishop), Rep. Rob Bishop writes that President Trump's "historic action" to reduce the Grand Staircase–Escalante and Bears Ears National Monuments "demonstrates that the Trump administration is committed to abiding by the law – whether a majority of Americans want him to or not." According to Bishop, his "decision to shrink the two Utah monuments, which are bigger than all five of the state's national parks combined, indicates that he is serious about squaring the use of the Antiquities Act with the intent of the Congress that passed it." Bishop applauds Trump for "standing up for local communities and adhering to the fundamental props of American government: federalism and the rule of law."

Newt Gingrich: Trump's Monuments Move Won't Harm The Environment – Ignore The Naysayers.

In an op-ed for Fox News (12/7, Gingrich), Newt Gingrich writes that the Trump Administration's move "this week to reduce the size of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments in Utah was neither unique nor even out of the ordinary." He notes that "similar actions have been taken at various federal monument sites nearly 20 times before by presidents such as John F. Kennedy, Woodrow Wilson, and Dwight D. Eisenhower." Moreover, Gingrich asserts that "redefining the boundaries of these monuments will not harm the environment, open the flood gates for dangerous mining or natural resource exploitation, or endanger Native American artifacts or historic locations." He writes that "the land around the monuments will continue to be federally protected and managed by one of our several highly-qualified federal land management agencies – which are the same agencies that manage national monuments." Gingrich concludes that President Trump, along with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, "are well within the law – and are, in fact, working to correct past illegal behavior which deprived the people of Utah any say over how land in their state could be used."

Additional Reading.

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- ***Trump's Slashing Of National Monument Lands Would Be An Irreversible Mistake.*** Boston Globe (12/8, Goodwin).
- ***Monument Cuts Show Interior's Zinke Is No Teddy Roosevelt.*** Idaho Statesman (12/7, Barker).
- ***What Would Teddy Roosevelt Do?*** Toledo (OH) Blade (12/7).
- ***It's Time For Gianforte To Stand Up For Public Lands.*** Missoulian (MT) (12/7, Doyle).
- ***Other Views: A Monumental Mistake.*** East Oregonian (12/7).
- ***Monumental Disappointment.*** Durango (CO) Telegraph (12/7, Votel).
- ***Oregon Should Fight For Cascade-Siskiyou Monument.*** Salem (OR) Statesman Journal (12/7).
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- ***Good So Far On The Rio Grande Del Norte.*** Albuquerque (NM) Journal (12/8).
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- ***Interior Department's Return To The 'Robber Baron' Years.*** High Country (CO) News (12/8, Thompson).

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Top National News

Continuing Resolution Clears Congress As Trump Meets With Leaders On Budget.

As the House and Senate passed a continuing resolution to push the government shutdown deadline back to December 22, President Trump met at the White House with Senate Majority Leader McConnell, Senate Minority Leader Schumer, House Speaker Ryan, and House Minority Leader Pelosi to discuss budget matters. But coverage focuses mainly on the CR vote, with most sources saying that crafting a budget over the next two weeks will be a very difficult task.

ABC World News Tonight (12/7, story 8, 0:25, Muir) called it "a reprieve from a possible government shutdown tomorrow night. President Trump meeting with Republican and Democratic leaders of Congress at the White House today, to discuss a new budget, both sides calling it 'productive.' Meantime, the House and the Senate both voting to move the shutdown deadline, now to December 22, three days before Christmas. Obviously, that puts off the tough negotiating now for another two weeks." Hallie Jackson reported on NBC Nightly News (12/7, story 6, 1:00, Holt), "Bottom line: No shutdown, at least for now." Jackson said the White House meeting had "plenty of talking, just not a lot of agreement: Republicans pushing for more military spending, Democrats looking for immigration concessions."

The AP (12/8, Taylor, Fram) reports that the "stopgap spending bill...passed the House 235-193, mostly along party lines, and breezed through the Senate on a sweeping 81-14 tally barely an hour later. It would keep the government running through Dec. 22, when another, and more difficult, shutdown problem awaits." The Los Angeles Times (12/7, Mascaro) reports, "Congress faces a time crunch to reach agreement amid broad divisions. Thursday's vote essentially punts the potential crisis to right before the Christmas weekend."

The New York Times (12/7, Kaplan) reports, "The approval came as congressional leaders from both parties met with Mr. Trump at the White House to talk about the thicket of issues facing lawmakers as the end of the year approaches," including "the passage of bipartisan legislation intended to stabilize health insurance markets under the Affordable Care Act," the allocation of "tens of billions of dollars in response to this year's hurricanes," and funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program.

The Washington Post (12/7, Debonis) reports that Trump said at the Oval Office meeting, "We're all here today as a very friendly, well-unified group, well-knit-together group of people. We hope that we're going to make some great progress for our country. I think that will happen, and we'll appreciate it very much." However, the Post writes, "there are clear obstacles to any deal. Trump himself cast doubt Wednesday, telling reporters that Democrats 'want to have illegal immigrants pouring into our country, bringing with them crime, tremendous amounts of crime.'"

The Hill (12/7, Carney) reports that McConnell "said the stopgap measure would 'provide us with the time we need to complete discussions on a long-term solution.'" The Wall Street Journal (12/7, Peterson) reports that Ryan said, "We'll be working together in the next two weeks to find a long-term solution to our funding needs while maintaining fiscal discipline."

Politico (12/7, Bresnahan, Ferris, Cook) writes that though "Congress passed a two-week funding bill...a day ahead of the deadline," lawmakers "face a turbulent next few weeks as they try to clinch a broader budget deal by the end of the year." Fox News (12/7, Chamberlain) similarly reports that "while the bill keeps the government running for now, it would set up a pre-Christmas showdown."

A Daily Caller (12/7, Brufke) report is headlined "Congress Dodges Gov't Shutdown, Passes Two-Week Spending Bill," while Reuters (12/7, Cowan) and Bloomberg News (12/7, Wasson, Litvan) also have reports.

Violence Erupts In Wake Of Trump's Recognition Of Jerusalem As Israel's Capital.

Media reporting on the reaction to President Trump's Wednesday recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital is once again very negative. Reports highlight the violent protests that erupted Thursday in the region and continued criticism of the move by US allies.

All three networks reported last night on the protests. NBC Nightly News (12/7, story 8, 1:20, Holt) reported, "In the Middle East, violence erupting over President Trump's controversial decision." The Palestinians, who are "rejecting the President's declaration" and "say they've lost confidence in the United States' ability to be an honest broker," are clashing with Israeli troops.

The New York Times (12/7, Kershner) reports Palestinians clashed with Israeli forces Thursday "as widespread predictions of unrest were realized a day after President Trump took the high-risk move of recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital." The Israeli military said it was sending additional troops to the West Bank in response to the protests, while the Palestinian response "appeared to be teetering between a limited wave of protests and a full-blown explosion of violence."

ABC World News Tonight (12/7, story 9, 1:20, Muir) reported that "just 24 hours after" Trump's announcement, the clashes have already left more than 100 people injured in Palestinian territories. The "fear...is if people really start to believe that the peace process is dead, then these [clashes] will grow." In fact, ABC's James Longman continued, leaders of Hamas have "even call[ed] for a third intifada," and Fox News Special Report (12/7) reported that in Lebanon, Hezbollah's leader "echoed the battle cry." The region is "bracing for more violence" on Friday, when "there could also be widespread anti-US, anti-Israeli demonstrations." The AP (12/7, Federman) likewise says Israeli forces "were bracing for the possibility of even stronger violence on Friday, when tens of thousands of Palestinians attend weekly prayers at Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque."

The Washington Post (12/7, Eglash, Morris) reports the Israeli army "said it was preparing for an increase in violence in the coming days," and US institutions in the region "were also readying themselves for a possible violent fallout."

On the CBS Evening News (12/7, story 10, 1:00, Glor), Seth Doane covered some of the clashes from Bethlehem in the West Bank. Doane: "You can hear that tear gas being fired over and over again. ... You can see some of these guys [Palestinians] have slingshots. They are firing rocks toward the much-better-armed Israelis."

The Washington Post (12/7, Cunningham, El-Ghobashy), meanwhile, reports that leaders from across the Middle East condemned President Trump's decision, "with US allies and foes alike denouncing the move as reckless and likely to ignite further violence in the region." Criticism of the move "poured in from US allies and foes alike, from Morocco to Saudi Arabia to Iran. ... Even stalwart US allies in the Gulf – normally enthusiastic fans of Trump's presidency, reprimanded the administration."

The Wall Street Journal (12/7, Jones, Stancati) reports Saudi Arabia in a statement Thursday criticized the Administration's decision and called on the White House to reverse the "irresponsible and unwarranted step," saying it would lead to "a drastic regression" in peace prospects. Iraq's Foreign Ministry summoned US Ambassador Douglas A. Silliman to hand him a letter of protest over the decision.

Reuters (12/7) reports that a senior Palestinian official in President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah party said Thursday that Vice President Pence, due to visit the region later this month, "is unwelcome in Palestine." Jibril Rajoub said, "We will not welcome Trump's deputy in the Palestinian Territories. He asked to meet (Abbas) on the 19th of this month in Bethlehem, such a meeting will not take place." The AP (12/7, Federman) likewise says Rajoub "said the Palestinians would not meet with Pence during his visit to the region later this month," but "a White House official said Pence still plans to meet with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas as scheduled." Politico (12/7, Nussbaum) quotes a "White House official" as saying Pence "still intends to meet with Abbas and Palestinian leaders and thinks any decision to pull out of the meeting would be counterproductive."

The Los Angeles Times (12/7, Zedan, Bulos) reports Palestinian politician Mustafa Barghouthi argued that Trump's decision "forbids Palestinians from having any contact with the US," which, he said, "has completely lost its role as a broker of the peace process."

"White House officials" told the Jerusalem Post (12/7, Wilner) that Trump's decision "was made separately from a deliberative, 10-month effort to restart direct peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians led by Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law and senior adviser." Trump's action, the said, "was ultimately driven by the president himself." One White House official said. "This was a separate decision from the [peace] process. But as you can see from the President's speech, we remain incredibly committed." Administration officials told the Post "they take seriously Palestinian and Arab concerns and understand the reaction that has followed Trump's speech," but they "hope their anger will pass."

The Washington Times (12/7, Persons) reports US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman said Thursday that Trump's move "brings a greater chance of peace in the region." Friedman said on Fox News' Fox & Friends (12/7), "The President didn't want the Israelis to show up at the bargaining table and be forced to negotiate for something they already had." He added that the move "reflects the popular will." Friedman also said on Fox News' Fox & Friends (12/7), "If you

look at the peace process if you will over the past 25 years, the Palestinians have had a basket of issues that they have been attempting to advance during the course of the negotiations. ... The President made very clear he wasn't seeking to foreclose any of those issues. But here's what the President did want to foreclose. He wanted to foreclose the fantasy, and that's all it is a fantasy, that somehow Jerusalem could be disconnected from the state of Israel."

On its front page, the New York Times (12/7, A1, Landler, Halbfinger, Kershner) says that while Trump declared the US still supported a two-state solution, chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said in an interview Thursday that Trump and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel "have managed to destroy that hope." He added, "They've left us with no option. This is the reality. We live here. Our struggle should focus on one thing: equal rights." The Times says that while Erekat's "change of heart is unlikely to change Palestinian policy," the fact that he is "speaking openly about it attests to the turmoil caused in the Middle East by Mr. Trump's recognition of Jerusalem."

"All but two of 11" former US ambassadors to Israel contacted by the New York Times (12/7, Chan) said they thought the plan was "wrongheaded, dangerous or deeply flawed." One of the exceptions was Ogden R. Reid, who served as ambassador from 1959 to 1961, who said, "I think it's the right decision. Not a lot more to say." The other exception was Edward S. Walker Jr., who was ambassador from 1997 to 1999, who said, "I think it's about time. We've been remiss in not recognizing realities as they are. We all know Israel has a capital, it's called Jerusalem, and over my 35 years of service in the Middle East no one ever questioned that."

Fareed Zakaria writes in his Washington Post (12/7) column that with the decision, Trump "did something puzzling for a person who claims to be a great dealmaker. He made a massive, preemptive concession to one side in a complicated negotiation without getting anything for it in return." He writes that "if this move were part of a larger strategic plan, that would be one thing," but "instead, it appears to be a one-off decision, designed largely to delight core elements of Trump's base at home – evangelical Christians and pro-Israel donors."

White House Says US To Attend Winter Olympics Despite Haley Remarks.

The New York Times (12/7, Shear, Mullany) reports that US officials "expressed concern about security at the Winter Olympics in South Korea in February, initially raising the possibility of withdrawing from the games but later insisting that American athletes will compete." UN Ambassador Haley said Tuesday night on Fox News' The Story (12/5) that it was an "open question" whether American athletes would participate in the Winter Games, given the tensions on the Korean Peninsula. White House press secretary Sarah Sanders "echoed" Haley's remarks during Thursday's press briefing, saying that "no official decision has been made" about participation. But "moments later," Sanders "took to Twitter to clarify," saying that "the US looks forward to participating in the Winter Olympics in South Korea. The protection of Americans is our top priority and we are engaged with the South Koreans and other partner nations to secure the venues." However, Mark Jones, a spokesman for the US Olympic Committee, "said there had been no discussion of American athletes' staying away."

The Washington Post (12/7, Maese) likewise reports that "despite Haley's remarks," Jones said, "We have not had any discussions, either internally or with our government partners, about the possibility of not taking teams to the 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. We plan on supporting two full delegations in PyeongChang."

Bloomberg News (12/7, Olorunnipa) says Sanders' tweet "came less than an hour" after she told reporters "that the US government – and President Donald Trump – had yet to decide whether to participate, appearing to raise doubts" about their safety. A "US official" told NBC Nightly News (12/7, story 9, 1:25, Holt) that "Haley's comments were taken out of context. Still, it all underscores the escalating tensions with North Korea."

Noting the comments by both Haley and Sanders, The Hill (12/7, Mitchell) notes that National Security Adviser McMaster, meanwhile, "earlier this week told Fox News that Americans should feel safe attending the games."

Lavrov: North Korea Open To Direct Talks With US. The Guardian (12/7, Borger) reports Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov Thursday conveyed to Secretary of State Tillerson that "North Korea is open to direct talks with the US over their nuclear standoff." According to Russia's Interfax news agency, Lavrov said during an international conference in Vienna, "We know that North Korea wants above all to talk to the United States about guarantees for its security. We are ready to support that, we are ready to take part in facilitating such negotiations. ... Our American colleagues, [including] Rex Tillerson, have heard this." The Guardian reports that Tillerson didn't immediately respond to Lavrov's comments.

North Korea: US Threats Make War Unavoidable. Reuters (12/7, Kim, Yang) reports that two US B-1B heavy bombers joined large-scale combat drills over South Korea on Thursday "amid warnings from North Korea that the exercises and US threats have made the outbreak of war 'an established fact.'" North Korea's Foreign Ministry said the drills and "confrontational warmongering" by US officials for making war inevitable. "The remaining question now is: when will the war break out?" it said in a statement. "We do not wish for a war but shall not hide from it."

Cotton: China More Of An Adversary Than An Ally On North Korea. In an interview with the AP (12/7, Lardner, Kellman), Sen. Tom Cotton "said China is more of an adversary than an ally on North Korea." In response, Cotton told the AP that the US "should expand its military presence on and around the Korean Peninsula to pressure China into being a serious partner in the campaign to defuse North Korea's nuclear program."

Official: Trump Will Release Infrastructure Plan In January.

Bloomberg News (12/7, Niquette) reports that "a senior administration official" said President Trump plans to release "his long-promised infrastructure proposal in early January." According to the official, Trump plans "to release a detailed document of principles, rather than a drafted bill, for upgrading roads, bridges, airports and other public works before the Jan. 30 State of the Union address." The official added that the plan "is essentially complete and Trump recently reviewed it." It calls for "allocating at least $200 billion in federal funds over 10 years to spur at least $800 billion in spending by states, localities and the private sector." However, Bloomberg says "infrastructure advocates" question whether congressional Republicans can "pass a spending plan with enough federal funding if it's already approved a tax measure that official estimates say would bloat the budget deficit. Some say the administration missed its best opportunity to deliver a meaningful public works initiative by not incorporating it into the tax bill."

Trump Open To Reforming Biofuel Policy.

Reuters (12/7, Cornwell) reports that President Trump would be "open to reforming the country's biofuels policy if it can be done in a way that protects jobs in both the refining and agriculture industries, senators said on Thursday after a meeting with Trump on the issue." The revelation came after a meeting requested by nine lawmakers who argued "that the Renewable Fuel Standard, or RFS, a law requiring refiners to blend increasing amounts of biofuels like corn-based ethanol into the fuel supply every year, was threatening to put refineries in their districts out of business." Sen. Ted Cruz said that the group agreed to reconvene next week.

Trump Administration Rolls Back Oil Train Brake Rules.

The AP (12/7) reports on the Trump Administration's decision to drop the Obama Administration's rule change that would have required the installation of electronically controlled pneumatic brakes by 2021 on trains carrying hazardous or flammable materials. The rule and brake system was "intended to help prevent fiery oil train wrecks like the one that happened in the Oregon last year, Oregon Public Broadcasting reported Thursday." Columbia Riverkeeper Conservation Director Dan Serres said, "we're definitely frustrated that the Trump administration is weakening standards that are not strong enough to begin with."

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer (12/7, Connelly) reports, "The U.S. Department of Transportation is junking a key, 2015 initiative enacted in the wake of the Lac-Mégantic explosion and fire in which a runaway oil train wiped out the center of the small Quebec town and killed 47 people."

DOT Kills Rules Requiring Airlines To Disclose Fees.

Bloomberg News (12/7, Levin) reports that the Department of Transportation announced that it was withdrawing one pending regulation that "would have required airlines and ticket agents to disclose to consumers all fees during the process of buying a ticket" and another that "would have collected more detailed revenue information from large carriers." The withdrawals are part of the Trump Administration's "effort to reduce regulatory burden on US businesses." "Having the DOT step back from developing rules to allow consumers to know the full price of travel and to be able to comparison shop is an affront to America," said Travelers United, an advocacy group for passengers, in a statement.

Trump EPA Vows To Replace Clean Power Plan.

The Hill (12/7, Cama) reports that the EPA is pursuing a replacement for the Clean Power Plan

after the Trump administration vowed to repeal the regulation. The Trump administration's climate rule "is likely to be far weaker than Obama's, which sought a 32 percent reduction in the power sector's carbon emissions."

The Washington Examiner (12/7, Siegel) reports that in his first testimony before Congress on Thursday, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said he "plans to replace the Obama-era Clean Power Plan, instead of just killing it outright." However, Pruitt has also criticized the endangerment finding, – which forces the EPA to regulate carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas, – saying the endangerment finding was "accelerated" and "short-shrifted."

The Hill (12/7, Henry) reports that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt claimed the EPA under the Obama administration engaged in a "breach of process" when it relied on United Nations science for part of its endangerment funding. Pruitt cited a Bush adminstration-era ruling that determined federal law had not declared greenhouse gases as dangerous enough to warrant regulations.

EPA Chief Preparing For Climate Change Debates. Reuters (12/7, Volcovici) reports that the EPA could launch a "red team, blue team" debate on climate change as soon as January, according to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. Pruitt "is reportedly vetting a list of scientists that have expressed doubts over climate change to take part in the upcoming debates, including some that have been recommended by conservative groups like the Heritage Foundation."

Paris Climate Accord Unlikely To Be Revived Under Trump, Experts Say.

E&E Publishing (12/7, Chemnick) reports that the Trump administration has said that any plans to return to the Paris climate accord would involve a "heads-of-state discussion" to find "more favorable terms" for the United. Others, however, believe that any path back to the agreement would "involve Chinese President Xi Jinping." According to Jim Connaughton, former White House Council on Environmental Quality chief under President George W. Bush, "The only thing that matters, in my view, is agreement between the U.S. and China." He "he acknowledged that neither Xi nor Trump is likely to ask for a new climate deal," and "the Chinese leader is comfortable with the status quo, and Trump doesn't care about the issue."

Announcing His Resignation, Franken Takes Shots At Trump, Moore.

Under intense pressure from his Democratic colleagues, Sen. Al Franken – speaking from the Senate floor – on Thursday announced his resignation, amid accusations of sexual misconduct. In his remarks, Franken, without mentioning them by name, jabbed at President Trump and Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore, both of whom have been accused of sexual misconduct – comments highlighted in nearly every report on the Minnesota Democrat's speech. In addition, much of the coverage emphasizes two themes: that Democrats are moving to contrast their tough stance on sexual harassment with that of the GOP; and Franken did not apologize to his accusers for his alleged behavior.

On ABC World News Tonight (12/7, story 5, 3:00), David Muir reported that in his resignation speech, "Franken pointed to what he called the irony, the allegations against the current president and against Roy Moore running for Senate, both with strong support from the" GOP. Franken was shown saying, "I, of all people, am aware that there is some irony in the fact that I am leaving, while a man who has bragged on tape about his history of sexual assault sits in the Oval Office, and a man who has repeatedly preyed on young girls campaigns for the Senate with the full support of his party."

On the CBS Evening News (12/7, story 3, 2:15, Glor), Nancy Cordes reported that "Franken bowed to pressure today, but did not bow to his accusers." Franken was shown saying, "Some of the allegations against me are simply not true. Others, I remember very differently." Cordes said, "If anything, Franken suggested he is the victim of a double standard." Franken: "I am leaving while a man who has bragged on tape about his history of sexual assault sits in the Oval Office." Cordes added, "Like President Trump, Franken is accused of groping multiple women before he came to Washington."

On NBC Nightly News (12/7, story 5, 2:00, Holt), Kasie Hunt reported that Franken "had been fighting to keep his job after seven women came forward to accuse him of sexual misconduct – too many for 15 women senators who demanded he step down. Franken insisting today he did nothing wrong. ... But this photo of Franken on a USO tour in 2006 with a sleeping Leeann Tweeden, for which he apologized, unleashed a half dozen more accusations."

The Los Angeles Times (12/7, Decker) reports, "The criticism of Trump set the tone for an unusual resignation speech. Franken's remarks did not include an apology – indeed, he appeared to have pulled back from a Nov. 16 statement in which he said he was 'ashamed' of behavior that was 'completely inappropriate' when it came to one of the women who has accused him of

misconduct." The AP (12/7, Fram) reports that while Franken "reluctantly" resigned in the face of "a torrent of sexual harassment allegations and evaporating support from" his Democratic colleagues, "he fired a defiant parting shot at...Trump and other Republicans he said have survived much worse accusations." The AP describes Franken as delivering "largely unapologetic remarks."

Reuters (12/7, Brice) reports that Franken "said he would be leaving in a few weeks," but "denied some of the allegations against him and questioned others. 'I know in my heart that nothing I've done as a senator – nothing – has brought dishonor on this institution,' Franken said. 'Nevertheless, today I am announcing that in the coming weeks, I will be resigning as a member of the United States Senate.'" The Minneapolis Star Tribune (12/7, Brooks, Rao) reports, "A spokesman later said there was not yet a set timeline for Franken to resign and that he would continue to perform regular Senate duties in the meantime." On its front page, the Wall Street Journal (12/7, A1, Andrews, Hook) reports that Franken described himself as a "champion of women" and "someone who respects the women I work alongside every day." Referring to the allegations, Franken said a "very different picture has been painted of me over the last few weeks, but I know who I really am."

The Washington Times (12/7, Miller) reports that Franken "said he was stepping down despite knowing he was not guilty of the behavior described by his accusers. He said it was the right thing to do for the people of Minnesota. 'I may be resigning my seat but I am not giving up my voice,'" Franken said, "vowing to continue his work as a political activists." The Hill (12/7, Carney) reported that Franken "expressed confidence that an ethics panel would have cleared him." Bloomberg News (12/7, Litvan) reports, "The ethics probe now will be canceled."

The Washington Post (12/7, Kindy) reports, "In interviews, Franken's accusers said the lawmaker made the right decision." However, Tina Dupuy, a former Democratic congressional aide who on Wednesday had accused Franken of groping her in 2009, said of Franken's remarks, "His speech was about his experience, his grief, his embarrassment and his pain and had nothing to do with the female experience of what he did against his accusers. It was a very un-empathetic speech to the women who told him and the public that it was not okay. There was no apology."

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (12/7, Brooks) quotes Sen. Amy Klobuchar, a fellow Minnesota Democrat, as saying of Franken's speech, "I know that he didn't really apologize to the people and that would have been nice." In an editorial, the Washington Post (12/7) says, "As with the departure of Mr. Conyers, Mr. Franken's choice to leave Congress sends an important message that even powerful men can be held accountable for their misconduct. It's disappointing that the senator, who appears to recognize the power of this cultural moment, chose to dwell on his accomplishments during his resignation speech rather than apologize."

The St. Paul (MN) Pioneer Press (12/7, Orrick) reports that Franken's "departure means Democrats can attempt to claim the moral high ground on sexual misconduct, having purged their ranks." The Washington Post (12/7, O'Keefe, Viebeck, Tumulty) reports that the resignations this week of Rep. John Conyers and Franken "over allegations of inappropriate behavior points to the wider reckoning taking place around the country as women come forward to accuse powerful men of misconduct."

The New York Times (12/7, Stolberg, Alcindor, Fandos) reports, "Democrats and their leaders forced Mr. Conyers and Mr. Franken out in a succession of coordinated statements that made clear that their continued presence would be untenable. ... Democrats appear determined to grab the moral high ground in an environment in which they hope sexual harassment becomes a wedge issue in the 2018 midterm elections – even if it costs them popular colleagues and political icons." In an analysis for the Dallas Morning News (12/7, Gillman), Todd Gillman writes, "Heading into the 2018 elections," Franken's forced resignation "means Democrats can claim some high ground. They're the party of moral rectitude, in contrast to the Republicans who tolerate – or even rally around – Roy Moore."

The Washington Post (12/7, Tumulty) reports that with Democrats "looking for a way out of the wilderness," forcing Franken to resign "was both a moral and political calculation. It was the Democrats' strongest declaration yet that they – unlike the Republicans – are willing to sacrifice their own in the interest of staking out the high ground." Politico (12/7, Dovere) reported, "For a party heading into 2018 planning to run against Republicans as morally and legally corrupt," Democrats "know they need a clean argument. ... And with the standard now set by Conyers and Franken, they know that will likely mean the end of" freshman Rep. Ruben Kihuen (D-NV) "along with any other Democrat confronted with credible allegations of harassment or assault."

In her Wall Street Journal (12/7, Noonan) column, Peggy Noonan says that the tone of Franken's resignation speech was bitter and lacked modesty. Noonan also says the Democratic

Party is moving to seize the moral high ground, should Moore win. The Christian Science Monitor (12/7, Kiefer) says that the resignations of Conyers and Franken "put Democrats on the moral high ground – albeit one with twists and turns. The party has shown itself willing to sacrifice two iconic political figures as the country grapples with a systemic scourge. And, as Democrats are well aware, it puts them in stark contrast to Republicans, who have been divided over how to respond to sexual misconduct allegations against" Moore and Trump.

Writing for McClatchy (12/7, Murphy), Brian Murphy says, "Democrats are moving swiftly and forcefully to remove congressional colleagues accused of sexual misconduct and revamp the way settlements are handled," citing the resignations of Conyers and Franken. Murphy adds, "Republicans have proceeded at a slower pace."

In an editorial, the New York Times (12/7) says, "In demanding Mr. Franken's resignation, the Democratic Party seized an opportunity to atone for its own bad history, including President Bill Clinton's sexual misconduct and, just last month, foot-dragging by leadership on the fate of...Conyers." The Times adds, "Democrats are also drawing a bright moral contrast with the Republican Party and President Trump, who boasted on tape of using his power as 'a star' to sexually assault women." The Times also highlights Trump's and the RNC's support of Moore.

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (12/7) says that Franken denied his accusers' allegations, contended the Ethics Committee would have cleared him, blasted Trump and Moore as having committed far more serious misdeeds than him, yet still resigned. The reality, says the Journal, is that Franken, for political reasons, was forced to resign by fellow Democrats, so they can claim the moral high ground in attacking Trump, Moore, other GOP candidates and their supporters.

Sen. Bernie Sanders said on CNN's The Lead (12/7), "Al Franken acknowledged that he acted inappropriately. He acknowledged that, he asked forgiveness, and then he ended up resigning. We have a president who on tape, a tape that everybody in America has seen, acknowledged basically that he was assaulting women and well over a dozen women have made that complaint. And what happens to him? He says, 'No. It's fine. It's okay.' I think that's an issue we have to deal with."

Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) was asked on MSNBC's Morning Joe (12/7) how to ensure due process for lawmakers accused by anonymous accusers and whether the "potential for this to have a chilling effect on the hiring of women." Speier said that "if there is an office that refuses to hire women that's a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act there. ... In terms of due process, we're not talking about a criminal act here. We're talking about a violation of the Civil Rights Act." Speier added, "We need an independent authority to do this kind of investigation and review. ... Right now the system we have provides all the protection for the harasser and none for the victim, a 90-day period of time before you can even file a complaint and you have to continue to work in that harasser's office and of course, the funding of settlements comes from the taxpayers which is in many respects just untenable."

Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-NY) said on CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 (12/7), "I don't think the American public is going to be too surprised if there are more revelations about people here in Washington as there will continue to be across the country in various different businesses. The reason why it's so important for us to have a national conversation about this now is we can talk about all the famous people in Hollywood or the politicians in Washington but how many women, and men, are there across this country in everyday life, everyday people who are being harassed in the workplace who have to go every day to a hostile workplace and they have no recourse and no voice? That has got to stop. This is what I hope is going be the beginning of a national conversation to address everyone who has been victimized by this."

Marcus Questions "Whether Justice Was Done" With Franken's Resignation. In her Washington Post (12/7) column, Ruth Marcus says "that Democrats are better off with" Franken having resigned. However, Marcus questions "whether justice was done." Marcus says that Franken muddled "Democrats' case against alleged groper President Trump and alleged child molester Roy Moore. Franken paid not only for their sins but also for the alleged behavior of Bill Clinton two decades ago. Democrats underreacted then and consequently were impelled to overreact now. Or, at least, act quickly. I don't know where I would ultimately come down on the propriety of Franken's continued service in the Senate because I don't have a full grasp of the facts. Do you? Did his colleagues?"

In her New York Times (12/7) column, Michelle Goldberg discusses Franken's resignation, and adds that Trump "has been accused of sexual assault or harassment by over a dozen women, but has faced few consequences. His administration is hostile to sexual harassment victims; in March, for example, he reversed a 2014 Obama administration rule that made it harder for

federal contractors to keep sexual harassment and discrimination cases secret." Goldberg adds, "So while the current frenzy to expose sexual harassers is, in large part, a reaction to the trauma of Trump's election, it has not yet touched Trump himself."

In an editorial, USA Today (12/7) says that while Franken resigned, "lopping off a few convenient heads will not foster lasting change. ... If Congress is going to change the culture that has allowed harassment to flourish across the country, it needs to keep its eye on the most egregious cases – those where a power imbalance has allowed men to prey on women who feel powerless to do anything about it."

Media Analyses: Franken Exit Boosts GOP's Hopes Of Flipping Seat Next Year. The AP (12/7, Potter, Potter, Beaumont) reports that Franken's "departure is a headache for Democrats, exposing another seat in a [2018] midterm election that already had them defending two dozen incumbents. Republicans are eager to recapture a seat that Franken won in 2008 by a tiny margin and only after a monthslong recount. They're also hoping the sexual harassment scandal that engulfed Franken will saddle Democrats with enough baggage to help Republicans break through in 2018."

The Washington Times (12/7, Persons) reports, "The Cook Political Report changed its rating for Minnesota's Senate race to 'tossup' in the wake of...Franken's resignation." Writing for Roll Call (12/7, Gonzales), Nathan Gonzales said that Franken's "resignation puts another Democratic seat into the 2018 mix, but it's still unclear whether his departure provides Republicans with a legitimate takeover opportunity." Gonzales added that "we don't know whom Democratic-Farmer-Labor Gov. Mark Dayton will appoint" to succeed Franken, "if that person would seek election to fill the remainder of the term, and who the eventual GOP nominee will be. ... We'll add the seat to the 2018 class as Likely Democratic until some of those outstanding questions have answers."

On its website, NBC News (12/7) reported that with Franken's seat to be on the ballot in 2018, in the form of a special election, Republicans are "now on the hunt for a top-tier candidate in a politically competitive state where President Donald Trump lost by less than 2 percentage points last year. The unexpected opportunity could be a 'total game-changer in terms of control of the Senate,' said Republican strategist Alex Conant, a Minnesota native who worked in communications roles for the Republican National Committee and former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty's 2012 presidential campaign. 'If,' he added, 'we field a strong candidate.'"

In an online analysis, CNN (12/7, Cillizza, Bradner) reported that Franken's exit "creates a special election to fill his seat in 2018 – a race where Republicans will have at least a fighting chance of a pickup, depending on how candidate recruitment shakes out." The Wall Street Journal (12/7, Hook) reports that Dayton on Thursday said that he'd decide on a successor to Franken "in the next couple of days." The person Dayton appoints would face a special election in November of next year to serve out the final two years of Franken's term, which ends in January 2021. The Journal says that Lt. Gov. Tina Smith (D) is viewed as a likely choice.

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"What Congress Can Learn From Al Franken." In an editorial, the New York Times (12/7) says, "In demanding [Sen. Al] Franken's resignation, the Democratic Party seized an opportunity to atone for its own bad history, including President Bill Clinton's sexual misconduct and, just last month, foot-dragging by leadership on the fate of Representative John Conyers Jr." The Times adds, "Democrats are also drawing a bright moral contrast with the Republican Party and President Trump, who boasted on tape of using his power as 'a star' to sexually assault women." The Times also highlights President Trump's and the RNC's support of Alabama Republican Senate candidate Roy Moore.

"The Trump Administration's Coal Bailout." A New York Times (12/7) editorial argues that Energy Secretary Perry's proposal to subsidize power plants "amounts to a devious and reckless attempt to prop up coal-fired plants." The Times says research suggests the proposal "could add around $11 billion a year to the cost of electricity. ... Yet it would do little to improve the electrical grid." It further asserts that the proposal uses blackouts and electrical reliability "as a ruse to prop up its favored fossil fuel and stick ratepayers with the bill."

Washington Post.

"An Unnamed American Remains In Custody With No Lawyer. His Jailer Is The US

Military." The Washington Post (12/7) editorializes that the US government should inform the American citizen believed to be an Islamic State fighter and detained by the Defense Department in early September of his right to habeas corpus, and allow him access to the judicial system as the constitution guarantees. The Post says the government has been holding the man in custody for nearly three months while it "decides whether the case against him would be strong enough to win a conviction in US criminal court," but otherwise not "making any case for why this delay is necessary or constitutional." Meanwhile, the Justice Department has said the ACLU cannot represent the man, who remains anonymous. Yet this is permitting the government to "effectively block a prisoner's access to the justice system by keeping his identity secret."

"Al Franken's Departure Is A Welcome Sign." In an editorial, the Washington Post (12/7) says, "As with the departure of [Rep. John] Conyers, [Sen. Al] Franken's choice to leave Congress sends an important message that even powerful men can be held accountable for their misconduct. It's disappointing that the senator, who appears to recognize the power of this cultural moment, chose to dwell on his accomplishments during his resignation speech rather than apologize."

"Barbara Comstock Offers A Realistic Lifeline For Metro." The Washington Post (12/7) editorializes that Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-VA) has proposed legislation that might contain "the last, best hope to rescue Metro." The goal of the legislation is "to mandate a massive systemic overhaul that would establish a temporary Metro reform board, replacing the bloated existing one and stripping it of elected officials." The Post opines that the bill "is a clear message to Republicans, who need convincing, that the Washington area's transit system is important and needs additional money."

Wall Street Journal.

"Jerry Brown's Pension Epiphany." The Wall Street Journal (12/7) editorializes that California Gov. Jerry Brown's intervention in a state Supreme Court case concerning his 2012 pension reforms and their constitutionality is noteworthy. The reforms limit pension spiking and have been challenged by unions.

"Al Franken's Non-Sequitor." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (12/7) says that Sen. Al Franken denied his accusers' allegations, contended the Ethics Committee would have cleared him, blasted President Trump and Alabama Republican Senate candidate Roy Moore as having committed far more serious misdeeds than him, yet still resigned. The reality, says the Journal, is that Franken, for political reasons, was forced to resign by fellow Democrats, so they can claim the moral high ground in attacking Trump, Moore, other GOP candidates and their supporters.

"Merkel's Not-So-Grand Coalition." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (12/7) criticizes German Chancellor Angela Merkel's proposal to form a grand coalition with the center-left Social Democrat Party (SPD) rather than hold a new election or form a minority government. The Journal questions the proposal given the failure of Merkel's previous attempt at forming a coalition with center-left parties and voters' disapproval of the SDP in government. It also argues such a coalition could have negative policy consequences by pulling Mrs. Merkel away from promised tax cuts or realistic migration policies, and political consequences because it will send the signal that voter preferences don't matter to leaders.

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Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:
Bitcoin's Wildest Rise: 40% In 40 Hours
Franken Will Resign Over Allegations Of Sexual Misconduct
Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Identified As Buyer Of Record-Breaking Da Vinci
Jailed For A Text: China's Censors Are Spying On Mobile Chat Groups

New York Times:
Al Franken To Resign From Senate Amid Harassment Allegations
"It Burns And It Keeps Burning": Scenes From Southern California's Wildfires
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For Black Mississippians, Trump's Visit Stirs Anger
Danger Is 'Extreme' As Wind Propels Fires In Calif.

Financial Times:
Chaotic Trading Marks New Surge In Bitcoin Price
GE Cuts 12,000 Jobs In Power Equipment Division
Martin Schulz Calls For 'United States Of Europe'
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Funny Business: Comedians Mocking Liberal Leaders Get Scant Play From Trump-Ridiculing Media

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Tel Aviv Residents On U.S. Embassy Move: Let Jerusalem Have It

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:
ABC: California Wildfires; Al Franken Resigns; New Mexico High School Shooting; Russia Meddling Investigation; Federal Budget-WH Meeting; Trump Israel Announcement-Middle East; South Carolina-Police Violence Trial; Michigan-Traffic Accidents; Flu Season; Da Vinci Painting Auction.
CBS: California Wildfires; Al Franken Resigns; USA Gymnastics Sex Abuse; South Carolina-Police Violence Trial; New Mexico High School Shooting; Terrorism Warning-Laptop Bomb; FBI-Trump Comment Response; GE-Coorporate Restructuring; WH-WWII Memorial; Trump Israel Announcement-Middle East; Safest Cars And SUVs; American Musician.
NBC: California Wildfires; New Mexico High School Shooting; Al Franken Resigns; Federal Budget-WH Meeting; South Carolina-Police Violence Trial; Trump Israel Announcement-Middle East; BitCoin Boom; Winter Olympics-US Participation Questioned; Australia-Same Sex Marriage.

Network TV At A Glance:
California Wildfires – 18 minutes, 40 seconds
Al Franken Resigns – 7 minutes, 15 seconds
South Carolina-Police Violence Trial – 4 minutes, 20 seconds
Trump Israel Announcement-Middle East – 3 minutes, 40 seconds
New Mexico High School Shooting – 2 minutes, 40 seconds

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NPR: California Wildfires; Congress-Resignations; Mississippi-Civil Rights Museum; Trump Israel Announcement-Middle East.

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Today's Events In Washington.

White House:
PRESIDENT TRUMP — Has lunch with Vice President Mike Pence; meets with Secretary of Defense James Mattis; participates in a Make America Great Again Rally.
VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — No public schedule announced.
US Senate: Deadline for new funding deal to avert federal govt shutdown – Funding for the federal govt due to expire, unless extended, following the passage of 'H.R. 601, the Continuing

Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017' – a short-term continuing resolution, providing a 10-week extension in funding – through both chambers of Congress in September * Last week, a further short-term CR was introduced in the House of Representatives which would extend funding for a further two weeks Location: TBD https://twitter.com/WhiteHouse

US House: 9:00 AM House expected to vote on Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act – House of Representatives meets for legislative business, with agenda expected to include completion of consideration of 'H.R. 3971 – Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2017' Location: Washington, DC http://www.house.gov/

9:00 AM House Energy subcommittee hearing on the role of the DOE in energy sector cybersecurity – Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on 'Examining the Role of the Department of Energy in Energy Sector Cybersecurity', with testimony from Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability Bruce Walker Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Rm 2123, Washington, DC http://energycommerce.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/HouseCommerce

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Other: 8:00 AM International LGBTQ Leaders Conference continues – International LGBTQ Leaders Conference, themed 'Representation is Power', day two, with speakers including Democratic Reps. Dan Kildee and Mark Takano and 'Women Out to Win' reception with Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin and Virginia Delegate-Elect Danica Roem Location: Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC www.lgbtleaders.org https://twitter.com/VictoryFund

10:00 AM Attorney General Jeff Sessions hosts roundtable on drug policy with Heritage Foundation representatives Location: Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, DC www.justice.gov https://twitter.com/TheJusticeDept

10:00 AM DNC Unity Reform Commission final meeting – Democratic National Committee Unity Reform Commission final meeting, with attendees including Commission Chair Jen O'Malley Dillon and Vice Chair Larry Cohen. The commission – made up of 21 members selected by 2016 presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders and DNC Chair Tom Perez – will recommend improvements to ensure the presidential nomination process is accessible, transparent, and inclusive Location: Washington Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Rd NW, Washington, DC http://www.democrats.org/ https://twitter.com/TheDemocrats

12:00 PM Conservative Women's Network hosts discussion with Republican Rep. Mark Meadows Location: Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC www.cblpi.org https://twitter.com/LuceLadies

Last Laughs

Late Night Political Humor.

Stephen Colbert: "Yesterday, we finally got congressional testimony from Donald Trump Jr. His grilling by the House Intelligence Committee lasted roughly eight hours, making it the first time a Trump has put in a full work day."

Trevor Noah: "Regardless of how you feel about Al Franken, he does have a point. The Democrats are draining their swamp, while Republicans are installing the jungle gym in Roy Moore's new office."

Trevor Noah: "If Al Franken was a Republican, for better or worse, he would still have his job. He was just in the wrong party, that's all, like a dude who shows up at a wedding wearing a toga. Wrong party."

Jimmy Fallon: "After Franken resigned, another senator is expected to resign tomorrow. I'm not basing this on any news. I'm just assuming there will be another senator who has to resign."

Conan O'Brien: "Vladimir Putin announced he's running for re-election as President of Russia. Putin's campaign slogan is, 'I made America great again.'"

Conan O'Brien: "Ireland will be collecting $15 billion from Apple in a settlement from back taxes. Ireland will receive the money on Friday, and Guinness will have it all by Monday."

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Thousands Of Interior Dept. Employees Report Harassment And Intimidation At Work.

The New York Times (12/14, Cochrane) reports that around 35 percent of 30,000 Interior Department employees who responded to a recent department-wide survey "reported that they had experienced harassment or intimidation at work." Over "85 percent of those employees said they had to continue to interact with the person responsible for the mistreatment." Additionally, "8 percent of employees reported sexual harassment, 20 percent reported negative treatment based on their age and 16 percent based on their sex."

The AP (12/14, DALY, BROWN) reports that "the Bureau of Indian Affairs and National Park Service reported the most incidents, with 40 percent of BIA workers and 39 percent of parks workers reporting some form of harassment." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said in a statement Thursday he has "zero tolerance for any type of workplace harassment," adding that he has directed agency heads to move quickly "to improve accountability and transparency with regard to this absolutely intolerable behavior."

CNN (12/14, Green) reports that "Zinke said that he has already fired 'a number of predators,' actions he said previous administrations were too scared to take." He said, "From day one, I made it clear that I have zero tolerance for any type of workplace harassment, and I have directed leadership across the entire Department to move rapidly to improve accountability and transparency with regard to this absolutely intolerable behavior. All employees have the right to work in a safe and harassment-free environment. I've already fired a number of predators who other administrations were too afraid to remove or just turned a blind eye to. Under my leadership we don't protect predators. When I say 'zero tolerance' I mean that these people will be held accountable for their abhorrent actions."

The Hill (12/14, Cama) reports that Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt "also blamed the Obama administration for not taking care of the problem." Bernhardt said in a statement, "The previous administration failed to aggressively address these problems and it shows. The culture across the department will change." Bernhardt "asked each bureau within the department to submit plans within 45 days to address the findings, Interior said."

Also reporting are ABC News (12/14), ABC News (12/14, Ebbs), the Daily Beast (12/14), Voice of America (12/14), and Outside (12/14, Ogles).

Congressional Committee Testily Debates Proposed National Park In Utah.

The Deseret (UT) News (12/14, Romboy) reports that the House Natural Resources' federal lands subcommittee held the first hearing Thursday on Rep. Chris Stewart's bill that would put into law President Trump's "order splitting the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument into three significantly smaller monuments and creating a new national park." The hearing "delved into former President Bill Clinton's use of the Antiquities Act to create Grand Staircase-Escalante in 1996, the merits of the law itself and how the new monuments and proposed park would help or

hurt tourism and rural economies." Rep. Colleen Hanabusa "questioned the timing of the bill, pointing out it is incomplete and contains no maps for the park." Hanabusa "also noted that no National Park Service representatives were invited to speak at the hearing."

Conservation Group Launches $1M Ad Campaign Hitting Trump Monument Decision.

The Hill (12/14, Henry) reported that the "conservation group" Western Values Project "is launching a $1 million television and radio advertisement campaign targeting three House Republicans over President Trump's decision to shrink monument protections in Utah." The spots target "Reps. Greg Walden (R-Ore.), Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-Wash.) and Martha McSally (R-Ariz.). The ads tell viewers about Trump's executive order shrinking the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments in Utah, and highlights potential public land policy changes in the three states it is set to air in. The group calls on viewers to tell" the GOP lawmakers "to 'stop the attacks on public lands because your American birthright is not for sale.'"

Also reporting is the Oregonian (12/14, Theen).

Montana Republican Gets Behind Yellowstone Mining Ban.

The AP (12/14) reports that Rep. Greg Gianforte is "sponsoring legislation to withdraw land near Yellowstone National Park from future mining, after describing an identical Senate measure as 'dead on arrival' in the House." Gianforte spokesman Travis Hall "said the Republican has been working with other lawmakers to make sure the bill introduced Thursday can pass." An identical bill sponsored by Sen. Jon Tester had stalled.

Additional coverage was provided by the Billings (MT) Gazette (12/14, French), Yellowstone Insider (12/14, Reichard), and KBZK-TV Butte, MT (12/14, Dyas).

Federal Tax Bill Would Raise Louisiana's Cap For Oil Revenue That Pays For Coastal Restoration.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (12/14, Baurick) reports that congressional representatives from Louisiana "have worked a provision into the Republicans' sweeping tax bill that would substantially raise the limit on offshore oil and gas revenues Louisiana and other Gulf states can use." The measure was announced on Thursday by Republicans Sen. Bill Cassidy and Rep. Steve Scalise, which would increase the amount of shareable revenue from $500 to $650 million for the years 2020 to 2021. Additionally, it would "allow the sale of 5 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in either 2026 and 2027."

Additional coverage was provided by The Lens (12/14, Hasselle).

How Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's Views Have Changed Under Trump.

NPR (12/14) reports on how Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's "reputation as a conservationist conservative" has changed since he joined the Cabinet. In an interview, Outside Magazine's Elliott Woods discussed his profile: "Ryan Zinke Is Trump's Attack Dog on the Environment."

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

Homeowners Want Answers On Pueblo Roads Deal.

The Albuquerque (NM) Journal (12/14, Bennett) reports that "homeowners living on roads claimed by area pueblos are calling on Santa Fe County to do its own historical research before signing off on any road agreements with the local tribes and the federal government" .State Rep. Carl Trujillo and Deputy County Manager Tony Flores took questions Wednesday night, "in the first of a series of public meetings intended to help residents of the Pojoaque Valley understand terms of potential agreements between the county, federal agencies, and the pubelos of Nambe, Pojoaque, Tesuque and San Ildefenso."

City In Iowa Challenges Approval Of Nearby Tribal Gambling.

Law360 (12/14, Posses) reports that "an Iowa city filed suit in federal court Wednesday challenging the National Indian Gaming Commission's decision allowing a Nebraska tribe to use land in the Hawkeye State for gambling, contending that the determination is contrary to the law and would threaten the city's nearby gambling facilities." The city of Council Bluffs, Iowa's federal court complaint claims "that the NIGC and the U.S. Department of the Interior shouldn't have concluded last month that the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's trust parcel in Carter Lake, Iowa, is eligible for gambling."

Bureau Of Land Management

Bennet Backs BLM Move To Western State.

The Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel (12/14, Harmon) reports that "moving the Bureau of Land Management headquarters out of Washington, D.C., has the conditional support" of Sen.. Michael Bennet. His office said in a statement that Bennet could support any move out of DC "as long as the move is more than symbolic and includes resources to better manage our public lands."

Additional coverage was provided by KCNC-TV Denver (12/14, Bush).

Vern Buchanan Calls On Paul Ryan To Keep Ban On Slaughtering Horses In Place.

The Sunshine State (FL) News (12/14, Derby) reports that Rep. Vern Buchanan, cochairman of the Animal Protection Caucus, urged House Speaker Paul Ryan "to keep the ban on horse slaughtering in place." Buchanan "rounded up 20 fellow members of Congress" to urge Ryan and Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, the chairman of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee, "to urge they keep the ban in effect as the House and Senate try to reach a final agreement on spending." As it stands now, "extending the ban is included as part of the Senate's legislation but not the House's."

O&C Counties Seek Summary Judgment In BLM Lawsuit.

The Albany (OR) Democrat-Herald (12/14, Paul) reports that "the Association of O&C Counties on Tuesday filed a summary judgment memorandum in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., asking the court to rule on whether the Bureau of Land Management's resource management plan lives up to a decades-old contract outlining annual timber harvests and resulting payments to 17 counties in western Oregon." The lawsuit claims "the resource management plan would allocate three-quarters of 2.5 million acres for fish, water and wildlife issues, but fails to address the long-standing contract, which calls for an annual timber harvest of at least 500 million board feet of timber." Linn County Commissioner John Lindsey "said several Oregon counties are already experiencing severe budget issues, due in part from the continued decline of payments from the O&C timber sales."

BLM Investigator Alleges Misconduct By Feds In Bundy Ranch Standoff.

The Oregonian (12/14, Bernstein) reports that "a scathing memo from the lead investigator who assessed how federal officers handled the 2014 armed standoff with Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy accuses agents of far-reaching misconduct, recklessness and unrestrained antipathy toward the family." The 18-page document is dated Nov. 27. According to the article, "prosecutors shared it last Friday with defense lawyers for Bundy, his two sons and co-defendant Ryan Payne as they were in the midst of their conspiracy trial, but it's not part of the public court record." The document "prompted Cliven Bundy's lawyer to file a motion early Monday to dismiss the case, already in disarray over concerns raised previously about the government's failure to promptly share evidence with the defense."

BLM Will Offer Grand San Juan Parcels For Lease.

The Moab (UT) Times-Independent (12/14) reports that, per a press release, the Bureau of Land Management is offering up "43 parcels, totaling approximately 51,401 acres in Grand and San Juan counties at its March quarterly oil and gas lease sale." If the leases are issued, certain environmental protection measures will be required in addition to an environmental review. The public is able to protest the offered parcels up until Jan. 2, 2018.

State Land Office And BLM Propose Land Exchange For Economic Opportunities.

The Alamogordo (NM) Daily News (12/14, Devine) reports that "the timing and costs of a proposed land swap between the New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) drew sharp criticism from members of the public and from the Otero County Commission Thursday." In October, the Interior Department "approved the agreement to exchange land that would consolidate holdings within the Río Grande del Norte National Monument and the Sabinoso Wilderness Area under federal control."

BLM Conducts Tour Of Indian Lakes Holding Corrals.

The Nevada Appeal (12/14, Ranson) reports that the Bureau of Land Management "offered a tour last week of its Indian Lakes Off-Range Wild Horse and Burro Corral northeast of Fallon to update

the care of horses and announce an improved website for horse and burro adoptions." John Neill, BLM's facility manager for Palomino Valley, and Jason Lutterman, the bureau's spokesman for the national wild horse and burro program, "took 14 people on a one-hour tour of the corrals, the second tour of the year."

Bureau Of Reclamation

Dam Construction Bill Puts Washington Senator In Tough Spot.

Bloomberg BNA (12/14, Schultz) reports that House Republicans are pushing "a years-in-the-making bill that would speed up federal approvals of dam projects in the West," and, "in doing so, they could also force Pacific Northwest Democrats into a tough spot." According to the article, "for years, Republicans have been trying to pass legislation that would put a cap on the amount of money and time the Bureau of Reclamation can spend studying the environmental impact of proposed dam projects." However, "these bills have always been thwarted in the Senate by a united Democratic opposition, led primarily by Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.)." This time, however, the legislation's "backers have a trick up their sleeve: They've added a measure to the legislation that would give the green light to a $737 million water resources project in Cantwell's home state, a project she's been championing for years." But "Cantwell said the Republicans' tactics won't work on her."

Ex-Federal Official Indicted In Bribery Scheme At Hoover Dam.

The AP (12/14, Sonner) reports that "a longtime former official for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Nevada has been indicted on federal fraud charges for his alleged role in a bribery scheme involving a government contract at the Hoover Dam." The grand jury indictment accuses Fredrick Leavitt of "accepting a $200,000 bribe to help steer a contract to a local accounting and tax firm in 2015." Dustin Lewis, a certified public accountant at the firm, was also named in the indictment.

Additional coverage was provided by KXNT-AM Las Vegas (12/13), KLAS-TV Las Vegas (12/14), and KNPR-FM Las Vegas (12/14).

Bureau Of Safety And Environmental Enforcement

US Considers Weakening Offshore Safety Rules To Promote More Drilling.

Platts (12/14, Scheid) reports that the Trump Administration could potentially ease "offshore oil and natural gas safety regulations, including eliminating certain requirements for Arctic drilling put in place by the Obama administration, and cutting testing requirements for rules developed in response to BP's Deepwater Horizon disaster, an Interior Department document showed Thursday." The plan states that the "BSEE is reviewing existing regulations to determine whether they may potentially burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources, constrain economic growth, or prevent job creation." The plan also said it is considering substantial changes to blowout prevention methods as well as well control approaches, which were finalized in 2016.

Fish And Wildlife Service

Here's What Oil Drilling Looks Like In The Arctic Refuge, 30 Years Later.

The New York Times (12/15, Fountain) reports that "satellite images of a small part of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge show the site of what, so far, is the only oil well ever drilled in the refuge, an exploratory well known as KIC-1 that was completed in the mid-1980s." The well was "plugged and abandoned, and the drilling equipment and a special timber pad it sat on have long since been removed," but "even after three decades, the well's footprint — about 600 feet long on its longest side — is easily distinguishable from the undisturbed tundra around it." The drillers "took care to protect the tundra," but "KIC-1 shows how even when care is taken, the delicate landscape of northern Alaska can be damaged by drilling activities, and that the damage can persist."

US And Canada Struggle With Status Of Grizzly Bears.

Courthouse News (12/14, Lundquist) reports that "at its year-end meeting this week, the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee reviewed the status of six Northwestern grizzly bear populations and discussed what's needed for the species to recover over the next five years." The binational committee "recently oversaw the process of delisting the Yellowstone subpopulation of grizzly bears after the population had reached the goals of 500 bears total and 48 females with cubs." Grizzly Bear Study Team ecologist Frank Van Manen was "fairly confident Wednesday that the Yellowstone population was doing fine, estimating that the population has grown to 718 grizzlies bears, including 57 females with cubs."

Wolf Decision Could Undermine Plan To Remove Grizzly Bears From Endangered List. The Helena (MT) Independent Record (12/14, Chaney) reports that "an appeals court ruling in a federal lawsuit challenging how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed Great Lakes gray wolves from the Endangered Species Act list could unravel plans to delist grizzlies in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem." FWS grizzly recovery coordinator Hillary Cooley said during a meeting of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee in Missoula on Tuesday, "We had put our final delisting rule out in July and within a week we got the court opinion. The Great Lakes wolves were listed for the entire Lower 48 states, and then they carved out a DPS (Distinct Population Segment) and tried to delist them. That's what we've done with the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, as well, so we thought we should take a look."

U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service Requests Public Comment On Yellowstone Grizzly Delisting. Wyoming Public Radio (12/14, Kudelska) reports that "federal officials are reviewing the June decision to take grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem off the endangered species list." The FWS will "review how the delisting of grizzlies in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem could affect the bear's population in its historical range throughout the lower 48."

Endangered Species Are Influenced By Politics, A New Report Finds.

Wyoming Public Radio (12/14, Kudelska) reports that a new report says decisions on endangered species are influenced by politics, according to the Endangered Species Coalition. The report focuses on "ten fish, plant and wildlife conservation decisions where they say science was ignored or suppressed." The article says that "conservation decisions have long been influenced by politics," but Coalition member Leda Huta "said the current administration is worse than others." Huta said, "Under President Trump, that pressure from special industry interest is worsening. And has become almost indebted and infiltrated into the leadership position within these agencies and as a result, we're seeing a decline in scientific decisions around species."

National Park Service

National Park Service Reduces Free Admission Days.

CNN (12/14, Gray) reports that the national parks will offer fewer fee-free days in 2018 as part of "an effort by the park service to address an $11 billion maintenance backlog, spokeswoman Kathy Kupper said." Maintenance is needed for "projects like infrastructure or things that directly benefit the visitor – overlooks, campgrounds, roads, bridges – all the way down to the programs that are done for the visitors," Kupper said. Another way the NPS is "hoping to address the maintenance backlog is by increasing entrance fees at 17 of its most popular parks, including Yellowstone, Grand Canyon and Yosemite."

Additional coverage was provided by the St. George (UT) Spectrum (12/14, DeMille).

New Players In Fee Hike Debate.

The Mount Desert (ME) Islander (12/14, Shepherd) reports that the Pew Charitable Trust is weighing in on proposal by the National Park Service to increase visitor fees. Kathie Summers-Grice "said the organization is not recommending any specific course of action, but advocating for a thoughtful conversation in Congress." Summers-Grice said, "Pew wanted to highlight the problem and provide a [plan for a] reliable funding stream for the parks. It is Pew's view that this is a puzzle [and] we believe there is an equation and a number of measured options that [does not] include an increase away across the board."

Entry Fee Hike Could Hurt Rocky Mountain National Park.

The Fort Collins (CO) Coloradoan (12/15, Marmaduke) reports that "Coloradoan analysis and research, including an interview with an economics professor who's researched national park visitation, highlighted a few potential impacts" of a fee hike to Rocky Mountain National Park.

Colorado State University economics professor Stephan Weiler expects the fee hike to "drive away some visitors." Also, it could "inspire visitors to buy a different kind of pass that results in less money going directly to Rocky."

Atlantic Coast Pipeline Gets Another Approval.

The Richmond (VA) Times-Dispatch (12/14) reports that the National Park Service has "given the Dominion Energy-led Atlantic Coast Pipeline another key approval, authorizing construction and operation of the pipeline under the Blue Ridge Parkway." The NPS has "issued construction and right of way permits for the crossing, concluding it 'is consistent with the long-term conservation of scenery, wildlife and cultural resources under the agency's care,' Dominion said in a statement." Dominion said, "The agency's approval was reached after more than three years of careful study and meaningful engagement with the public and other agencies. In consultation with the agency, we adopted the most protective crossing method for the Parkway that will completely avoid surface impacts and preserve public view sheds."

Also reporting is the Staunton (VA) News Leader (12/14, Peters).

Shenandoah National Park Announces Launch Of Curriculum On Park Establishment.

The Augusta (VA) Free Press (12/14) reports that Shenandoah National Park Superintendent Jennifer Flynn "announced the release of 'The Spirit of the Mountain,' a new web-based interactive curriculum designed to tell the complex story of the Park's establishment and its effect on the local region." Flynn said, "We are excited to offer this additional method for the public to understand the complex story of the Park's establishment and to present this content in way that allows teachers across the country to use our story to teach important concepts in their Social Studies classes."

Yellowstone's Stephens Creek Capture Facility Closer To Housing Quarantine Program.

The Bozeman (MT) Daily Chronicle (12/14, Wright) reports that a second fence line was "built in September so that portion of the Stephens Creek Capture Facility could host a quarantine program, a process through which bison can be deemed free of the disease brucellosis." According to the article, "the designation would allow them to be moved elsewhere, like the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in northeastern Montana." Yellowstone National Park officials had "hoped the bison would already be at the Fort Peck Indian Reservation by now, but political and scientific disputes have kept that from happening."

Yellowstone National Park To Open For Winter Season.

The AP (12/15) reports that Yellowstone National Park will "open to the public on Friday for motorized over-snow travel."

Northwest Indiana Wild Bison Herd Nearly Doubles In Year.

The AP (12/14) reports that "a wild bison herd has almost doubled since being brought to a northwest Indiana prairie in 2016." The Nature Conservancy "brought 23 bison to its Kankakee Sands preserve in October 2016." The bison have "given birth to 10 calves this year — five bulls and five cows." In addition, "ten more bison were brought from Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota to join the herd in October."

Blue Ridge Parkway Reopens In Asheville Corridor After Snow.

The AP (12/14) reports that the Blue Ridge Parkway has "reopened in the Asheville corridor, one week after a snowstorm closed it down in North Carolina." The National Park Service "says the parkway is now open from milepost 375 at Bull Gap to Milepost 384." The Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center and the Folk Art Center in Asheville are also open.

Eagle Point Park Added To National Register Of Historic Places.

KCRG-TV Cedar Rapids, IA (12/14, Scheinblum) reports that Eagle Point Park has joined the National Register of Historic Places.

Office Of Insular Affairs

Palau Compact Renewed But Awaits Funding Approval.

The Guam Daily Post (12/14) reports that "after years of delay, the Compact agreement between

Palau and the United States has finally been renewed, but approval of the funds promised in the agreement is still pending." The Palau Compact was included in the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act that President Trump signed into law Wednesday in Washington. Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Doug Domenech said, "Finalization of this agreement with Palau is long overdue. We look forward to final action from Congress to provide the appropriations necessary to finalize this important U.S. government commitment to Palau." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "underscored the need to approve the funding, saying, 'it's an important element of the Pacific national security strategy to maintain stability in the Western Pacific Region.'"

US Geological Survey

Pesticides May Have Poisoned Canada Geese.

The Coeur d'Alene (ID) Press (12/14, Bartholdt) reports that "dead geese found in Hayden and on the Rathdrum prairie this year died from ingesting rodent pesticides, according to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game." The department "sent four geese to the USGS National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wis., for a necropsy." Biologists found "the geese tested negative for lead poisoning and avian influenza, and asked the lab tests be continued." Kara Campbell, regional wildlife biologist, said, "A few more weeks went by with no word, but then I received an email from the USGS lab with results indicating phosphine poisoning as the cause of death."

Additional Reading.

- ***2 Earthquakes Reported In Kansas.*** Salina (KS) Post (12/14).
- ***4.0 Earthquake Hits Outside Scotts Mills, East Of Woodburn And Salem, No Damage Reported.*** KTVL-TV Medford, OR (12/13).
- ***Small Earthquake Hits Delaware Weeks After 4.1 Magnitude Temblor.*** WPVI-TV Philadelphia (12/14).

Opinion Pieces

Hurrah For Camp Nelson Progress, Boo To Trump's Threat To Sacred Monuments.

In an editorial, the Lexington (KY) Herald-Leader (12/14) supports designating Camp Nelson in Jessamine County as a national monument status, "as Rep. Andy Barr and, as of last week, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke have recommended." However, the paper says that "it's hard to celebrate...when national monuments sacred to Native Americans are at risk of losing protections because of actions by the Trump administration that Barr and other congressional Republicans support." It concludes that everyone should be able to "agree that this tribute to courage that resisted racism should not come at the expense of land held sacred by other American survivors of racial violence."

Tax Reform Bill Would Give Back Alaskans Control Of Their Energy Future.

In an op-ed for the Daily Signal (12/14, Loris), Nicolas Loris, a fellow at The Heritage Foundation, supports giving "Alaskans more control over their energy future by opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge." Loris argues that "the energy potential of Section 1002 is enormous, while the industry's footprint would be minimal." He also asserts that "Alaskans understand that energy development, tourism, recreation, and wildlife protection harmoniously co-exist."

Additional Reading.

- ***Time To Limit Antiquities Act.*** Salem (OR) Capital Press (12/14).
- ***Rollback Of Public Lands Bad For Veterans.*** Montana Standard (12/14, Evans, Door, Gence, Perso).
- ***Guest Writer: Protect Our Land.*** Arkansas Democrat Gazette (12/15, Simon).
- ***Public Lands: A Shared Heritage.*** Kemmerer (WY) Gazette (12/14, King, Connelly, Harmon).
- ***Connelly: Cantwell To Republicans: 'Lip Service Won't Protect The Arctic'.*** Seattle Post-Intelligencer (12/14, Connelly).
- ***The Price Of A National Park Fee Hike.*** High Country (CO) News (12/14, Langlois).
- ***What's A Park For? | The Point Reyes Light.*** Point Reyes (CA) Light (12/14, Dowie).

- ***Governor's Washington Post Op-ed On Public Land Is Misleading.*** Montana Standard (12/14, Jones).

Top National News

Trump Touts Administration's Efforts To Roll Back Regulations.

President Trump on Thursday highlighted his Administration's efforts to roll back Federal rules, saying they have cut 22 regulations for every new one implemented. The network news broadcasts did not cover the White House event, and coverage in print and online is relatively light. Generally, however, the reporting is positive, focusing on the President's comments, though a number of accounts note the criticism from environmental and other groups who say the push for deregulation endangers the safety of Americans.

The Washington Times (12/14, Boyer) reports that Trump said, "We blew our target out of the water. ... We beat our goal by a lot." According to Trump, in the first 11 months of 2017, his Administration "canceled or delayed over 1,500 planned regulatory actions, more than any previous president by far." He added, "The never-ending growth of red tape in America has come to a sudden, screeching and beautiful halt." The Washington Examiner (12/14, Westwood) says Trump "credited his deregulatory push with the economic growth that has occurred during the first year of his presidency." However, the Washington Post (12/14, Eilperin) says many of the rules "were either in the planning stages or, in the case of 244 of them, had languished for some time and have now been classified as inactive."

Bloomberg News (12/14, Sink, Levin) reports that Trump "cut a red ribbon between two stacks of paper, a smaller one marked 1960 and a larger one marked 'Today,'" and said that "the federal regulatory code had grown from 20,000 pages to 185,000 pages during the period." Business Insider (12/14, Kranz) reports that Trump sent a tweet after the event, which read, "Today, we gathered in the Roosevelt Room for one single reason: to CUT THE RED TAPE! For many decades, an ever-growing maze of regs, rules, and restrictions has cost our country trillions of dollars, millions of jobs, countless American factories, & devastated entire industries." Townhall (12/14, Pavlich) reports that the White House said that "federal agencies are expected to cut $9.8 billion in unnecessary regulation costs in 2018."

The New York Times (12/14, Lipton, Tackett) reports that Trump said his Administration was answering "a call to action," and described its progress as the "most far-reaching regulatory reform" in US history, "a claim he did not back up." The Times adds that while Trump's efforts "have brought cheers from the business community," they have "generated fierce pushback from state attorneys general and environmental groups who say that pulling back regulations has left the environment more vulnerable to pollution and consumers with fewer of the protections that were adopted after the financial crisis." The AP (12/14) also points to "critics" who say Trump "has tried to dismantle important protections for the environment, consumers and others."

The Hill (12/14, Wheeler) says regulatory advocates called the "deregulatory push 'self-serving' and dangerous to Americans," while the New York Post (12/14, Fredericks) says while Trump contends "that there are too many rules stifling economic growth," critics argue "that claim is overstated and accuse Trump of trying to dismantle important protections for the environment and consumers."

USA Today (12/14, Korte) reports that Trump said his "goal is to shrink the code of federal regulations to its 1960 level." However, Neomi Rao, the director of the White House's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, "suggested it wouldn't be that easy." Rao said, "I think returning to 1960s levels would likely require legislation. It's hard for me to know what that looks like. ... Deregulation also takes time. If we're doing something consistent with law, it takes time to reduce rules." Politico (12/14, McCaskill, Nussbaum) says Rao "also appeared to throw some cold water" on Trump's assertion that he has "cut more regulations that any president in history — by far, it's not even a contest." Rao said that "it's hard to measure what that is. ... Under Reagan, my understanding is that they had years of net reductions, but I'm not sure that there has been. … I don't think there has been anything like this since Reagan, at least."

FCC Votes To Repeal Obama-Era Net Neutrality Rule. The CBS Evening News (12/14, story 3, 1:40, Glor) reported that the FCC "voted to roll back Obama-era regulations on the companies that provide Internet service." NBC Nightly News (12/14, lead story, 2:45, Holt) indicated that "critics say the decision to end it affects everything from streaming services like Netflix to how quickly websites load, even to what websites you see."

ABC World News Tonight (12/14, story 6, 1:00, Muir) reported that the FCC voted to

repeal net neutrality, which is described as "rules that were designed to ensure equal access to the Internet." The repeal "will allow Internet providers Verizon and Comcast to block or slow down what websites customers see or favor the websites of companies that pay them." "It's painful for me to say this, that this is the new norm at the FCC. A norm where the majority ignores the will of the people," said FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn. The Los Angeles Times (12/14, Puzzanghera) reports that "Internet service providers now will be required only to disclose their online practices, with the Federal Trade Commission policing them for anti-competitive practices." Republicans claim that "they are simply restoring government oversight of the internet to where it was before 2015, reestablishing the light-touch regulatory approach that allowed the online ecosystem to flourish and develop into an economic force." "Entrepreneurs and innovators guided the internet far better than the heavy hand of government ever could have," said FCC chairman Ajit Pai.

USA Today (12/14, Snider) reports that the new riles, referred to as the Restoring Internet Freedom order, will "officially take effect after publication in the Federal Register." The order requires that "ISPs...must disclose any cases in which they prioritize some content, whether its their own or that of a paying partner, over other content." In response, "some in Congress say they will introduce Congressional Review Act legislation to overturn the measure." The Washington Post (12/14, Fung) reports that the FCC "also rejected some of its own authority over the broadband industry in a bid to stymie future FCC officials who might seek to reverse the Republican-led ruling." The vote was 3-2 along party lines. Critics of the vote have argued that eventually consumers "could begin to see packages and pricing schemes that would steer them toward some content over others." In response to the vote, "the hacking group Anonymous said it will 'make these men realize what a terrible mistake they made,' threatening to 'come after' Pai and his allies."

The New York Times (12/14, Kang) reports that "several Democratic state attorneys general, including Eric T. Schneiderman of New York, said they would file a suit to stop the change." Additionally, "several public interest groups including Public Knowledge and the National Hispanic Media Coalition also promised to file a suit." The Internet Association, a trade group representing Facebook, Google, and other tech firms, "said it also was considering legal action." The AP (12/14) reports that Pai opined that it "certainly wasn't heavy-handed government regulation" that contributed to the "phenomenal" development of the Internet. Pai also asserted that "broadband providers...will have stronger incentives to build networks, especially in underserved areas." He believes that the regulatory rollback will result in a "free, more open internet."

Reuters (12/14, Shepardson, Bartz, Johnson) reports that the meeting was "held amid protests online and in front of the FCC headquarters in Washington." Before the vote, the meeting was evacuated "for about 10 minutes due to an unspecified security threat," before resuming "after law enforcement with sniffer dogs checked the room." White House spokeswoman Sarha Sanders said that the Trump Administration "supports the FCC's efforts. At the same time, the White House certainly has and always will support a free and fair internet." The AP (12/14, Arbel, Ortutay) also reports that the vote on Thursday "also eliminates certain federal consumer protections, bars state laws that contradict the FCC's approach, and largely transfers oversight of internet service to another agency altogether, the Federal Trade Commission." AT&T senior executive vice president Bob Quinn asserted in a statement on a blog that the Internet "will continue to work tomorrow just as it always has." He promised that "the company won't block websites and won't throttle or degrade online traffic based on content."

The Washington Times (12/14, Richardson) reports that "American Civil Liberties Union senior policy analyst Jay Stanley urged fans of net neutrality to pressure Congress to use the Congressional Review Act to 'nuke' the 'misguided agency rules.'" Sen. Ted Cruz praised the FCC for eliminating rules that granted "sweeping power to unelected bureaucrats who would have the ability to dictate every aspect of the internet." "Moving forward, the message for government regulators and Congress should be simple: The internet should be free of taxation, censorship and regulation," said Cruz. Politico (12/14, McGill) reports that the FCC also "voted to consider whether to change or kill the national media ownership cap that limits broadcasters to reaching no more than 39 percent of the U.S. market."

The Washington Free Beacon (12/14, Harrington) reports that "the FCC said ISPs will again be classified as an 'information service' under Title I of the Communications Act, which was affirmed by the Supreme Court in 2005." Additionally, "mobile broadband internet services will...be reinstated as private mobile services by the FCC." The Washington Examiner (12/14, Quinn) reports that FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel "called Thursday's action 'rash' and said the FCC has been disrespectful to U.S. citizens by undoing the net neutrality rules." "Net

neutrality is Internet freedom. I support that freedom," she said. "I dissent from this rash decision to roll back net neutrality rules. I dissent from the corrupt process that has brought us to this point. And I dissent from the contempt this agency has shown our citizens in pursuing this path today. This decision puts the Federal Communications Commission on the wrong side of history, the wrong side of the law, and the wrong side of the American public."

Breitbart (12/14, Moran) reports that Congressman Mike Doyle commented on Tuesday, "All you have to do is look at what went on over the last 10 or 15 years to see how the [internet service providers] repeatedly sought to crush potential competitors and challenged the FCC's previous net neutrality rules in court to understand why the Open Internet Order was needed — and to see what will happen if the Open Internet Order is repealed." The Wall Street Journal (12/14, McKinnon) reports that zero-rating deals, which exempt some services or websites from mobile carriers' data caps, could become widespread under the new rules.

The Wall Street Journal (12/14, Board) editorializes that the FCC made the correct decision in allowing markets to direct innovation and competition. The Journal believes that the net neutrality rules positioned the FCC as a political gatekeeper over the Internet, which was inappropriate. The publication believes that consumers and content producers will enjoy benefits from increased investment in fiber and wireless technology following the rollback.

NLRB Overturns Obama-Era Rule That Aided Worker Challenging Chains. The New York Times (12/14, Scheiber) reports that the NLRB on Thursday overturned an "Obama-era precedent that had given workers significant leverage in challenging companies like fast-food and hotel chains over labor practices." The 3-to-2 party line vote "changes the standard for holding a company responsible for labor law violations that occur at another company, like a contractor or franchisee, with which it has a relationship." It "restores the pre-2015 standard, which deemed a fast-food corporation a joint employer only if it exercised direct and immediate control over workers at the franchise, and in a way that was not limited."

Pence Delays Middle East Trip To Be Available For Tax Vote.

Reuters (12/14, Holland) reports that "a senior White House official" said Thursday that Vice President Pence will delay his upcoming trip to the Middle East in case his tie-breaking vote is needed to pass tax reform legislation in the Senate. Pence had planned to leave for the trip on Saturday, but will now leave sometime Tuesday. Said the "senior White House official," "We don't expect his vote to be needed but we don't want the scenario where he's on the other side of the world and we have to come back." Roll Call (12/14, Bennett) sees Pence's decision to delay the trip as "a signal GOP leaders expect to thread the needle."

Seib: Bill's Passage Would Allow Trump To End Year With A Win. In a piece for the Wall Street Journal (12/14, Seib), Gerald Seib reviews President Trump's first year in office. Seib writes that after a number if legislative stumbles, passage of tax reform would allow the Administration to end the year with a victory that will have long-standing political and business impacts.

Bartiromo: Tax Reform Will Continue Positive Economic Trends. In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (12/14, Bartiromo), Fox News and Fox Business anchor Maria Bartiromo touts Trump's economic record and argues that tax reform will help the positive economic trend continue.

Rubio Holds Out For Expanded Child Tax Credit.

The New York Times (12/14, A1, Rappeport, Kaplan) reports that while Republicans "expect to unveil the final bill on Friday and vote on the legislation early next week so that it can be sent to President Trump before Christmas," their plans "were thrown into some disarray on Thursday" by Sen. Marco Rubio, who, USA Today (12/14, Jackson, King) reports, said that he will oppose the bill if the child tax credit is not expanded to assist families who do not owe income taxes.

The Miami Herald (12/14, Daugherty) says a Rubio amendment to the Senate bill to expand the credit "was shot down two weeks ago after Republican senators chafed at raising corporate taxes to pay for it" and when conferees "decided to raise a proposed corporate tax cut to pay for a lower tax rate for wealthy individuals," Rubio "wasn't happy." Rubio said Thursday, "My concern is, you found the money to lower the top rate and you found the money to add in (but) you can't find a little bit to somewhat increase the refundable portion of it?. ... There's ways to do it and we'll be very reasonable." Senate Majority Whip Cornyn "said leadership is working with Rubio to get him on board," and told reporters, "I think he'll be satisfied." The Washington Post (12/14, A1, Stein) reports that Rubio has been in direct negotiations with bill conferee Sen. Tim Scott. While Senate negotiators "have told Rubio they are open to expanding the program some," it is "on a smaller scale than he wants." The (12/14, Wilhelm, Faler) Wall Street Journal (12/14, A1,

Hughes, Peterson, Rubin) reports that Scott said he thinks progress is being made. Politico (12/14, Wilhelm, Faler) says Rubio "said he's received no assurances his concerns will be addressed, though he said President Donald Trump alluded to them Wednesday in a speech."

Kasie Hunt said on NBC Nightly News (12/14, story 3, 1:50, Holt) that "Republicans could be at risk of falling short of the 50 votes they need to pass the bill." Similarly, the AP (12/14, Ohlemacher, Gordon) says Rubio's stance "jeopardiz[es] the Republicans' razor-thin margin as they try to muscle the $1.5 trillion bill through Congress next week." Losing his vote "would leave the Republicans with little wiggle room to pass their first major legislation" of the Trump presidency. Votes against the measure by Rubio and Sen. Bob Corker, who voted against the original bill, would leave the vote "at 50-50, with Vice President Mike Pence prepared to cast the tie-breaker for passage. Corker said Thursday he is undecided." Further complicating the matter, Sen. John McCain is hospitalized with side effects of brain cancer treatment, and Sen. Thad Cochran "had a non-melanoma lesion removed from his nose earlier this week," though "GOP leaders are hopeful they will be available next week." Bruce said on ABC World News Tonight (12/14, story 2, 0:45, Muir), "We're told he's looking forward to getting back to work here on the Hill, but no word yet on when that will be." Senate Republicans "are hoping to act on tax reform early next week, and...they are going to need every vote they can get."

David Muir said in the lead story for ABC World News Tonight (12/14, lead story, 3:15, Muir) that Trump is "still promising it will be the 'greatest Christmas present that a lot of people have ever received," but Mary Bruce said he "is aware...there are signs of trouble." Bloomberg News (12/14) reports that Trump told reporters Thursday that he is "very sure" Rubio will vote for the bill. Trump said, "I think that Senator Rubio will be there. ... Very sure." White House Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Kevin Hassett said on CNN's Out Front (12/14), "I expect they'll work something out. I don't think anyone thinks Rubio will hold up this bill." Asked if the Administration would accept the child tax credit getting bigger, Hassett said that "the child credit level, it's very generous right now and I don't think it needs to be expanded, I don't think anyone in the White House does. But we respect Senator Rubio and the process."

However, Rubio is not the only potential hold-out. An aide to Sen. Mike Lee, who, along with Rubio, cosponsored an amendment to the original Senate bill to expand the child tax credit said Thursday that the senator is undecided on whether to support the bill, Reuters (12/14, Cowan) reports. The Washington Times (12/14, Sherfinski) quotes Lee spokesman Conn Carroll as saying, "Sen. Lee continues to work to make the CTC as beneficial as possible to American working families."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch said on Fox News' Special Report (12/14), "We have to work out those problems. That always happens toward the end of these very, very difficult appropriation battles. There is always somebody trying to get something more. Those are important issues, those child credits. ... I think it will get worked out one way or the other but it's going to take good faith on both sides to be able to do it. Like anything else, we've got to get it resolved in order to get the bill passed." The Washington Post (12/14, Werner, Paletta) reports that Hatch said Republicans "are looking at shortening the duration of tax cuts that their plan would give to families and individuals," in order to "free up more revenue for additional changes to their tax overhaul." However, the move "could also heighten complaints that the bill prioritizes cuts for corporations over households." Hatch said, "That's one of the things we're looking at. ... They're looking at every possible thing they can to meet the revenue needs, as always at the end of the thing we're looking at everything."

Chief congressional correspondent Nancy Cordes reported in the lead story for The CBS Evening News (12/14, lead story, 2:15, Glor) that while Trump has called the bill "a Christmas present," Democrats "argue it's mostly a gift to big business, permanently slashing the corporate rate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent without cutting many corporate loopholes," while "the personal tax cuts...are temporary, and Obamacare's individual mandate is eliminated, which could boost the number of uninsured Americans." Lester Holt said on NBC Nightly News (12/14, story 4, 2:00, Holt) that Republicans were "unable to repeal and replace Obamacare," so they are "instead trying to undermine it."

Sen. Ron Wyden told CNN's Situation Room (12/14) that "people understand that this is a betrayal of the middle class and in fact, the tax breaks in the Senate bill for the multinational corporations are permanent, the ones for the working people are temporary, and by the way, if Marco Rubio extracts the concession that may be a very good one, are we going to shorten the bill that's already temporary for the middle class to pay for it so the middle class people would get hosed once more?"

Bill Opponents Seek To Sway Collins. The New York Times (12/14, Rappeport) reports that

opponents of the tax bill are mounting an effort to convince Sen. Susan Collins to vote against it. Collins, "cut several deals with Republican leaders in exchange for going along" with the Senate bill, and "those trade-offs still seem to be in place as far as Ms. Collins is concerned." However, since she "is one of the few Republican senators who sometimes votes against her party, the pressure from opponents of the tax plan to flip her vote is rising as the bill inches closer to final passage."

Despite Trump, States Working To Cut Carbon Emissions.

The AP (12/14, Casey) reports ever since President Trump said he would withdraw the US from the Paris climate pact, "states looking to tackle carbon pollution have been forced to go it alone." Over a dozen created "an alliance committed to reducing emissions in line with the Paris accord, an international agreement that aims to halt the rise in global temperatures." Several leaders from those states "were in Paris this week for a climate summit two years after the historic accord was signed." Others states "are taking a look at the country's only regional program that mandates emission reductions in the power sector. Known as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, it covers nine states in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic and is poised to expand."

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"Who Will Judge The Judge?" The New York Times (12/14) editorializes that Alex Kozinski "is one of the nation's most respected and influential federal judges," and "if Judge Kozinski were anything but a federal judge with life tenure, he'd most likely be out of a job by now." According to the Times, "in what has become a painfully familiar phrase over the last two months, the judge's conduct was an 'open secret' in the federal court system, law schools, and the legal profession at large." The Times adds that "there's a good reason for keeping impeachment of judges very rare: The federal judiciary must remain as free as possible from intrusion by the political branches," but "that is not a defense if the judiciary itself can't meaningfully address unacceptable behavior in its ranks." Judge Kozinski's case "provides an opportunity to show that it can."

Washington Post.

"Congress Should Help Puerto Rico – Not Hurt It." A Washington Post (12/14)editorial highlights the "still grim" conditions in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria and decries what it describes as the "disgraceful treatment of Puerto Rico as an afterthought," which "is evident in tax measures being proposed by the GOP in its overhaul of the tax code." The Post says the House and Senate bills "would impose new taxes on U.S. companies with operations in Puerto Rico, lumping the U.S. territory into the same category as foreign countries." Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosello said the provisions "would actually kill American jobs in Puerto Rico, devastating an already struggling economy." The Post calls on Congress to "drop these unfair taxes and...approve the federal aid needed to get Puerto Rico on its feet."

"Corruption Makes Ukraine Even More Vulnerable To Russia." A Washington Post (12/14) editorial says Ukraine President Petro Poroshenko's government, "which promised to put an end to the endemic corruption that has haunted Ukraine since it became independent in 1991, has instead become a major obstacle to reform." The Post argues that so long as Ukraine "fails to clean up its institutions and firmly embrace the rule of law, it will remain deeply vulnerable to Russian subversion." The US and EU "should insist that [Poroshenko] stop targeting anti-corruption investigators and create a special anti-corruption court."

"The Supreme Court Gets A Second Change To Quash Gerrymandering." The Washington Post (12/14, Board) editorializes that in October, the Supreme Court heard arguments "over whether it should limit politicians from tinkering with legislative district lines to advantage their own party." According to the Post, "partisan gerrymandering has become both increasingly sophisticated and increasingly anti-democratic, as parties cement their hold on power at the cost of public faith in representative government." The court's decision "to consider Wisconsin's skewed map was the first sign in years that the justices might be willing to intervene," and now, the court "has taken on a second challenge," which "concerns gerrymandering by Maryland Democrats seeking to unseat a Republican member of Congress." The Post adds that "the addition of the Maryland case may signal the court's willingness to strike down extreme gerrymanders," and argues that "making clear that there's a limit to constitutionally acceptable

gerrymandering would deter lawmakers from chicanery going forward."

Wall Street Journal.

"The Internet Is Free Again." The Wall Street Journal (12/14, Board) editorializes that the FCC made the correct decision in allowing markets to direct innovation and competition. The Journal believes that the net neutrality rules positioned the FCC as a political gatekeeper over the Internet, which was inappropriate. The publication believes that consumers and content producers will enjoy benefits from increased investment in fiber and wireless technology following the rollback.

"Beauties And The Beasts." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (12/14) condemns attacks and death threats against Miss Iraq, Sarah Idan, after she posed for a photo with Miss Israel, Adar Gandelsman, at a beauty contest in Tokyo last month.

"The US Is Left Behind On Trade." The Wall Street Journal (12/14) editorializes that the recent trade deal finalized between Japan and the EU highlights how Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's is responding to the Trump Administration's withdrawal from the TPP by turning to other allies, perhaps in hopes of luring the US back in. The Journal argues that the EU-Japan deal threatens to leave American firms in many sectors at a significant disadvantage.

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Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

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Disney To Acquire Fox Assets In Big Bet On Video Streaming
Several GOP Senators Press For Late Changes In Tax Bill
Harvard Endowment Chief Pushed For Steeper Devaluation Of Assets

New York Times:
FCC Repeals Net Neutrality Rules
Republican Tax Bill Faces New Uncertainty Ahead Of Expected Vote
Disney Makes $52.4 Billion Deal For 21st Century Fox In Big Bet On Streaming
A Sheriff, A Mystery Check And A Blogger Who Cried Foul
Theresa May, Once A 'Dead Woman Walking,' Reaches A First Finish Line
A.G. Sulzberger, 37, To Take Over As New York Times Publisher

Washington Post:
Disney Gobbling Up Fox To Fight Tech Competition
Split FCC Votes To End Rules On Net Neutrality
How Trump's Pursuit Of Putin Has Left The US Vulnerable To The Russia Threat
For Some, Politics Has Made 'Evangelical' A Thorny Label
Possible Rubio Defection Puts Tax Bill Closer To The Brink

Financial Times:
Disney Agrees $66bn Deal To Buy Murdoch's 21st Century Fox Assets
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Washington Times:
Rep. Nunes Works Quietly To Tighten Restrictions On 'Unmasking' During Presidential Transitions
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Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:
ABC: GOP Tax Bill; GOP Tax Bill-McCain; St. Louis-Police Standoff; Weather Forecast; Disney-21st Century Fox Acquisition; Net Neutrality Vote; WH-Omarosa Resignation; Putin News Conference; LSU Hazing Death; Holiday Shopping Season; Sexual Misconduct-Dustin Hoffman;

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NBC: Net Neutrality Vote; WH-Omarosa Resignation; GOP Tax Bill; GOP Tax Bill-Obamacare; California Wildfires-Firefighter Killed; Putin News Conference; Iran-UN Violations; Sexual Misconduct Cases; Disney-21st Century Fox Acquisition.

Network TV At A Glance:
GOP Tax Bill – 10 minutes, 5 seconds
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WH-Omarosa Resignation – 4 minutes, 25 seconds

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ABC: Net Neutrality Vote; GOP Tax Bill-Rubio; California Wildfires-Firefighter Killed; Charlottesville Car Attack-Suspect Charged.
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PRESIDENT TRUMP — Unavailable.
VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — Unavailable.
US Senate: Unavailable.
US House: 5:30 PM House of Representatives convenes for a pro forma session.
Other: 9:00 AM The Dialogue hosts discussion on 'The Trump Administration, Latin America & Energy' at NPC – 'The Trump Administration, Latin America & Energy: Mexico, Natural Gas & LNG Imports' Inter-American Dialogue discussion at the National Press Club, focusing on the role of LNG for U.S. energy exports and commercial ties in Latin America, as well as the U.S.-Mexico energy relationship. Speakers include Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources John McCarrick, Sempra Energy Issues Management Director and Regional Vice-President Mark Nelson, Rapidan Energy Group Global Gas Director Leslie Palti-Guzman, Baker Botts Latin America Practice Co-Chair and partner Carlos Sole, Institute of the Americas Energy & Sustainability Vice President Jeremy Martin, and Inter-American Dialogue Energy, Climate Change & Extractive Industries Director Lisa Viscidi. Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC www.thedialogue.org https://twitter.com/The_Dialogue.

10:00 AM 'Transition Trucking: Driving for Excellence' award presentation – U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring Our Heroes, in partnership with Kenworth Trucking, and FASTPORT announce the winner of the 2017 'Transition Trucking: Driving for Excellence' award in a ceremony at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Location: U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H St NW, Washington, DC www.hiringourheroes.org https://twitter.com/USChamber.

12:00 PM U.N. official concludes visit to U.S. with press conference – United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights Philip Alston concludes visit to the U.S. with a press conference, sharing his preliminary observations and recommendations * While in the U.S., Special Rapporteur Alston examined govt efforts to eradicate poverty in the country and how they relate to U.S. obligations under international human rights law. Location: 2121 K St NW, Washington, DC www.ohchr.org https://twitter.com/UNHumanRights.

2:30 PM AG Sessions press conference on efforts to reduce violent crime. – Attorney General Jeff Sessions will hold a press conference to discuss efforts to reduce violent crime. OPEN

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Last Laughs

Late Night Political Humor.

Jimmy Kimmel: "The FCC did something despicable today, they voted to put an end to net neutrality. This is the rule that says everyone gets equal access to the Internet – a big company or somebody selling crocheted owls from their house in the Midwest."

Jimmy Kimmel: "But I just want to say, thank you, President Trump. Thanks to you and this jack-hole you appointed to run the FCC, big corporations are about to take full control of the Internet. So Merry Christmas, everybody. And by the way, tomorrow is the last day maybe ever to enroll for health care under the Affordable Care Act. … Do it now, because once net neutrality's gone, we might not even have WebMD anymore."

Stephen Colbert: "Earlier this afternoon, the FCC voted to repeal net neutrality. What that really means is repealing regulations that prevented your Internet provider from blocking certain websites or slowing down your data. Now they can, and that's wrong because the only thing that should slow your Internet speed is the number of people also sitting at Starbucks working on their screenplays."

Stephen Colbert: "Until this afternoon, the rules prohibited broadband providers from striking special deals that would give some websites or apps priority over others. So now a big player like Google could make their site load faster than a smaller one like Etsy, which is bad news for my Etsy shop, Steve's sleeves."

Stephen Colbert: "This is a real hot-button issue, as evidenced by the fact that the FCC received 22 million public comments. But an investigation has revealed as many as 2 million of those comments were fake, and half a million originated from Russian email addresses. Come on, Russia. Can't you just leave America alone? Go rig the winner of Norway's Got Talent or something."

Stephen Colbert: "After Trump tweeted how Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand begged for campaign contributions and would do anything for them, the USA Today's editorial board wrote a 'President who would all but call Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand a whore is not fit to clean the toilet in the Barack Obama Presidential Library.' Wow. That is incredible. That is brutal. That is scathing, especially from the USA Today. It could really hurt Trump among La Quinta Inn rewards club members."

Jimmy Fallon: "Hey guys, do you remember that old episode of 'The Apprentice' where Trump fires Omarosa and she flips out? Well, I guess they aired a rerun the other night at the White House."

Jimmy Fallon: "But Omarosa's trying to put a positive spin on things. She said her goal all along was to reach one year of working in the White House, which is funny because that's actually Trump's goal too."

Jimmy Fallon: "Meanwhile, Trump said that he wants to give people a giant tax cut for Christmas. Yeah. Leave it to Trump to give you a Christmas present that's actually just your own money. It's like, 'Oh, you shouldn't have.' 'I didn't.'"

Jimmy Fallon: "Today, the FCC voted to repeal net neutrality, which will make people pay for faster Internet service. People called it greedy and unfair. Then the cable company said, 'Have we

not met? Hi, yeah, we're the cable company. That's what we do.'"

Seth Meyers: "Now, polls show that Americans overwhelmingly support net neutrality, with 83 percent overall in favor of keeping the FCC rules, including 75 percent of Republicans, and it makes sense Republicans would favor an open Internet. Otherwise, they would have to get their news from newspapers or CNN, instead of Facebook group Patriot Eagle MAGA 1776."

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DOI In The News

U.S. Launches Effort To Reduce Reliance On Imports Or Critical Minerals.

Reuters (12/21, Volcovici) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Thursday "launched an effort to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign supplies of critical minerals used in smartphones, computers and military equipment, which he said poses a national security and economic risk." Under a directive from President Trump, Zinke will "work with Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to publish in 60 days a list of non-fuel minerals that are vulnerable to supply chain disruptions and necessary for manufacturing and will develop a strategy to lessen U.S. dependence on foreign suppliers." According to the article, "the policy would aim to identify new domestic sources of critical minerals; increase domestic exploration, mining and recycling; giving miners and producers electronic access to better mapping and geological data; and streamlining leasing and permitting for new mines."

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (12/21, Martin) reports that "Zinke said the campaign would focus on a mapping, much of it aerial, to find the minerals, increase geological data, and streamline the application process to expedite domestic mining and production." At a signing ceremony, Zinke said, "Right now, the United States is almost completely reliant on foreign adversaries and competitors for many of the minerals that are deemed critical for our national and economic security," Zinke said at a ceremony at the Department of Interior.

The Elko (NV) Daily Free Press (12/21) reports that Sen. Dean Heller, who attended the

signing ceremony, said, "I applaud Secretary Zinke for initiating a review of the outdated, job-crushing policies that inhibit our ability to utilize our own mineral resources. Nevada is one of the most mineral rich locations on earth, and hard rock mining contributes to thousands of jobs in our state. In order to harness our nation's true mineral potential and end our reliance on foreign production, we need to streamline and update these policies, and that's why I authored legislation that would do just that. I thank Secretary Zinke for his leadership on this issue and his work to help allow Nevada and this country to enact a strategy to fully maximize our nation's mineral potential."

Additional coverage was provided by Platts (12/21, Innace) and the Financial Times (12/21, Sanderson).

Trump Halts Funding For Offshore Drilling Safety Study.

The Hill (12/21, Cama) reports the Trump Administration has halted "its funding for a major study meant to improve how regulators enforce offshore oil and natural gas drilling safety." On Thursday, the "congressionally chartered" National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine said the Department of Interior's Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement "sent a stop-work order for the study earlier this month." In a statement the National Academies said it is "disappointed" that the "important study has been stopped." The Washington Post (12/21, Fears) reports Interior spokesman Gregory Julian "said the study was suspended because it might not be needed." On Thursday afternoon he stated, "Simply put, we paused the study because it appeared to be duplicative of ongoing work."

The AP (12/21, Michael Virtanen) reports a Dec. 7 letter from the bureau "ordering the suspension of all work under the contract said that within 90 days the department would decide whether to lift the order or terminate the study altogether." The New Orleans Times-Picayune (12/21, Schleifstein) reports Jacqueline Savitz, "senior vice president for U.S. oceans with the environmental group Oceana," said, "One thing we should all be able to agree on is that safety is of paramount importance, so preventing a study like this simply flies in the face of common sense."

Also reporting are the CBS Evening News (12/21, story 11, 0:20, Glor), the Washington Post (12/21, Fears), BuzzFeed (12/21, Vergano), and the Union of Concerned Scientists (12/21).

Secretary Zinke Urged To Recover $84.8 Million Misspent On Delta Tunnels.

Bay Area (CA) Indymedia (12/21, Bacher) reports that six House Democrats on December 15 sent a letter to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "urging the federal government to recover $84.8 million in taxpayer funds that were misused to benefit a select few wealthy San Joaquin Valley agricultural water districts participating in the controversial Delta Tunnels planning process." The letter asks Zinke "to recover the missing funds and 'to shed more light on the scheme,' including whether similar undisclosed subsidies were provided to any other parties, or if the water districts that benefitted from this arrangement might still be reimbursed by taxpayers." The lawmakers wrote, "These decisions by the Interior Department, dating back to 2007, appear to violate multiple laws and policies, including the state law requirement that the beneficiaries of a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta conveyance facility must pay for 'costs of the environmental review, planning, design, construction, and mitigation' of any new facility."

Bernhardt's Schedules Reveal His Wide-Ranging Portfolio.

E&E Publishing (12/21, Doyle) reports that schedules obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show Interior Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt's priorities since assuming office. According to the article, "the sage grouse debate captivated" Bernhardt "from his earliest days in office," and it has "lingered atop his agenda." The schedules also show "the outside advocacy groups and assorted individuals who have secured face time with Bernhardt in his sixth-floor Interior Department office, which visitors enter by passing next to a large stuffed polar bear."

Barrasso Advises Caution On Population Targets For Sage Grouse, Echoing Governor And Environmental Groups.

The Casper (WY) Star-Tribune (12/21, Richards) reports that "the tumult over sage grouse management in recent months appears to have calmed, but in a recent letter Sen. John Barrasso reminded the feds once again to avoid controversial strategies for managing the imperiled bird, like setting population targets." In his letter, Barrasso implied that "managing the bird by population, as is done with some species but scientists don't recommend for grouse, does not compliment Wyoming's way of doing things," according to the article. Barrasso's "words of

caution echo similar sentiments from the environmental community and Gov. Matt Mead, and they are in response to both the favorable attitude towards population targets from Interior Sec. Ryan Zinke and an Interior review of the sage grouse plans published in August."

Cummings Seeks Reorganization Plans From OMB To Avoid 'Degradation Of Federal Workforce'.

Federal News Radio (DC) (12/21, Thornton) reports that House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Ranking Member Elijah Cummings has sent a letter to Mick Mulvaney, director of the Office of Management and Budget, "requesting copies of each agency's reorganization proposal by Jan. 3." Cummings is unsatisfied "with the handful of disclosures agencies have publicly made so far about their plans." According to the article, "Cummings and other Democrats on the committee have been calling for hearings since October, concerned about possible 'degradation of the federal workforce,' a phrase that returns in his most recent letter calling for transparency."

Regulations, Pipelines And Public Lands.

E&E Publishing (12/21, Gilmer) reports that the oil and gas sector has seen a litigious year in 2017. The largest disputes have been focused on rolling back methane emissions, fracking, and royalty rules.

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

Feds Look To Toss Chickasaw Casino Land Dispute.

Law360 (12/21, Reddan) reports that the Interior Department "told an Oklahoma federal court Wednesday that the Comanche Nation's challenge to the land acquisition for a Chickasaw Nation casino should be dismissed because the claims are barred by a statute of limitations on challenges to federal regulations."

Beloit Casino 'Promising,' But Illinois Legislator Says It Would Hurt Rockford.

The Rockford (IL) Register-Star (12/21, Braun) reports that "prospects look good for a casino with an indoor water park to be built in Beloit, Wisconsin, in time for a 2021 opening, backers of the project said at a news conference Thursday." Officials of the city of Beloit and Ho-Chunk Nation "shared results of a November economic impact study that shows the $405.5 million project would employ 1,500 people." Beloit City Manager Lori Luther said she expects the Bureau of Indian Affairs to approve "the project by the end of next year."

Additional coverage was provided by the Beloit (WI) Daily News (12/21, Montgomery) and WIFR-TV Rockford, IL (12/21, Adams).

Bureau Of Indian Education

Alaska's Only Tribal College Will Waive Tuition For Alaska Native Students.

KTOO-FM Juneau, AK (12/21, Koenig) reports that earlier this month, "Iḷisagvik College in Utqiagvik – the only federally recognized tribal college in Alaska – announced that it will waive tuition for all Alaska Native students, starting next semester." Pearl Brower, President of Iḷisagvik College, "said that students have expressed concern with the price of tuition, which for a full course load runs over $3,000." The college is "planning to cover the cost of the waiver internally, although the price will be defrayed by the Bureau of Indian Education, which gives Iḷisagvik money for each full course load being taken by Alaska Native or American Indian students."

Additional coverage was provided by the AP (12/22).

Bureau Of Land Management

AG Sessions Orders Examination Of Bundy Case After Mistrial Over Prosecution Bungling.

The Washington Times (12/21, Richardson) reports that, following a mistrial due to the prosecutors failure to disclose information to the defense, Attorney General Jeff Sessions ordered a third-party examination of the Bundy prosecution. Ian D. Prior, the department's principal deputy director of public affairs, said in a statement, "The attorney general takes this issue very

seriously and has personally directed that an expert in the [Justice Department's] discovery obligations be deployed to examine the case and advise as to the next steps." Acting US Attorney Steven W. Myhre, who oversees the prosecution, said, "The office welcomes the assistance of the attorney general as we continue to evaluate the case in light of the court's ruling."

In analysis piece, the Los Angeles Times (12/21, Montero) writes that "the government has largely failed to obtain convictions" against the Bundys, "apparently because of bad tactics and missteps." Meanwhile, Bundy legal team's narrative "that the family is pushing back against an unjust and oppressive government" has "possibly swayed some jurors."

The New York Times (12/21, Pérez-Peña), the AP (12/21, Ritter), Oregon Public Broadcasting (12/21, Notarianni) also cover the Bundy case.

King II Coal Mine Approved For Expansion.

The Durango (CO) Herald (12/21, Romeo) reports that the King II coal mine has received "quick approval for an expansion that will extend operations until at least 2023." GCC Energy, which has operated the mine near Hesperus since 2007, "asked the Bureau of Land Management for an expansion of 950 acres of underground workings." According to the article, "the request for expansion was granted Dec. 15 by the Interior Department in Washington, D.C. rather than going through the BLM's state office in Denver – a process that sped up the approval and eliminated the possibility for appeal." Steven Hall, spokesman for the BLM in Denver, "said the decision reflects the Trump administration's orders to expedite energy development, as well as streamline decision-making processes as it relates to the extraction industry."

Arch Coal Can Begin Roadwork To Expand Mine.

The Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel (12/22, Webb) reports that U.S. District Court Judge Philip Brimmer "denied a request Thursday by environmental groups for a temporary restraining order that would have kept Arch Coal from beginning to clear roads and build pads to do exploratory drilling in the Sunset Roadless Area." The ruling "clears the way for Arch Coal subsidiary Mountain Coal Co. to immediately begin bulldozing in the roadless area if conditions permit despite this week's snowfall." It "comes less than a week after the Interior Department approved two Bureau of Land Management coal lease modifications covering the roughly 1,700 acres, just days after the U.S. Forest Service consented to issuing those leases."

Oklahoma Ranch Offers Up-Close Look At Wild Horses.

The AP (12/21) reports that "an Oklahoma ranch offers visitors an up-close look at wild horses through a federal program aimed at protecting the symbols of the American West but also managing public land for multiple uses." Mowdy Ranch in Coalgate is "one of the Bureau of Land Management's three ecosanctuaries for mustangs." According to the BLM's Debbie Collins, with the agency's horse and bureau program, the ranch "houses 150 mares relocated from Nevada."

Mother Of Teen Who Drowned At Otter Creek Reservoir Sues Feds.

WTVA-TV Columbus, MS (12/21) reports that "the mother of an Arizona teen who drowned in a culvert at Otter Creek Reservoir filed a wrongful death lawsuit Wednesday against the federal agencies that manage the waterway." Chase Leroy Clark, 17, was "sucked into the culvert that runs under Otter Creek Road and drowned despite efforts to free him." According to the article, "Melisa Betley, the boy's mother, alleges in the lawsuit that the Interior Department, Bureau of Land Management and Army Corps of Engineers failed to remedy or guard against the hazard."

Bureau Of Ocean Energy Management

WorkBoat Show: There's Still A Lot Going On.

Workboat (12/21, Krapf) reports that at the International WorkBoat Show, Walter Cruickshank, the acting director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, was the featured speaker at the Offshore Program. Cruickshank, described as "upbeat," noted "that the first lease sale of the Trump administration in August was the biggest in history – 76 million acres – and the next one in March 2018 will be even bigger at 77 million acres."

BOEM's New York Bight Webinar Responds To NYSERDA Offshore Wind Proposal.

The Windpower Engineering & Development (12/21, O'Hearn) reports that "eight weeks after NYSERDA released its Area for Consideration for at least four new offshore wind energy areas

(WEAs) in the New York Bight, the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) held a half-day webinar to present the bureau's response." On December 4, the Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force for the New York Bight met via webinar. According to the artricle, "BOEM experts Luke Feinberg and Isis Johnson-Farmer outlined the offshore wind lease auction process and covered changes that had been made to NYSERDA's proposal, including the addition of two small Proposed Call Areas to the east of the Area for Consideration, removal of the Hudson Canyon from the WEAs, an extension of the navigation Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) and the removal of a scallop rotational area from the WEAs."

Bureau Of Reclamation

New Operations Chief Named For Central Valley Project.

The Central Valley (CA) Business Times (12/21) reports that Kristin White has been named deputy operations manager for the Bureau of Reclamation's Mid Pacific Region Central Valley Operations Office in Sacramento.

Bureau Of Safety And Environmental Enforcement

BP Spill Settlement Money Could Fund These 4 Outdoor Recreation Projects.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (12/20, Baurick) reports that not all of the settlement funds paid by BP arising out of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon incident are being used for restoration projects. Roughly $86 million out of the $5 billion allotted for Louisiana "will go toward enhancing outdoor recreation in areas affected by the disaster." The Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group issued a draft plan for the funds this week covering $22 million that will be used for recreation projects. The plan is open for public comment.

Fish And Wildlife Service

Jones Reintroduces N. Topsail Beach Bill.

The Coastal Review (12/21) reports that Rep. Walter Jones "announced Wednesday that he had reintroduced a bill to change 30-year-old federal mapping that Jones and others say 'incorrectly' placed much of North Topsail Beach off-limits to federal money for development and disaster assistance, including the National Flood Insurance Program." According to the article, "Jones and North Topsail Beach officials have long maintained that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's mappers in the early 1980s incorrectly classified more than 6,000 acres at the north end of Topsail Island as 'undeveloped.'" Jones' legislation would direct the Secretary of Interior to revise the Coastal Barrier Resources Act map for North Topsail Beach.

Are Those Venus Flytraps Near Carolina Forest In Danger Of Extinction?

The Myrtle Beach (SC) Online (12/21, Hudson) reports, the federal government says the native habitat of Venus flytraps "in the Carolinas may be in peril and require a protective listing under the Endangered Species Act." The plants "thrive in the Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve, but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says they suspect the population there has declined due to changes in the surrounding habitat, along with residential and commercial development."

Atlantic Coast Pipeline Wants To Start Cutting Down Trees.

The Richmond (VA) Times-Dispatch (12/21, Zullo) reports that "though it still lacks several key approvals, the Dominion Energy-led Atlantic Coast Pipeline project has asked federal regulators to allow workers to begin cutting down trees along some portions of the 600-mile route in West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina." Dominion submitted the request to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission last week. Before FERC can approve the tree-cutting, however, "Dominion must finish consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on potential effects on sensitive species and reach an executed agreement as required under the National Historic Preservation Act."

Lawsuit May Stall Suncoast Parkway Extension.

The Tampa (FL) Tribune (12/20, Behrendt) reports that "a last-minute lawsuit may put the

brakes on the long-awaited extension of the Suncoast Parkway north into Citrus County." On Dec. 15, the Friends of Etna Turpentine Camp, Inc., "filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service over documents it says the agency has failed to provide to the public." Construction was set to start early next year.

Rare Bighorn Hunt Lets Armed Civilians Onto Bombing Range.

The AP (12/22, Brean) reports that an "exclusive" hunt is "now under way at the Nevada Test and Training Range, where 15 hunting tags have been issued in three mountain ranges normally off-limits to the public." According to Maj. Christina Sukach, a public affairs officer at Nellis Air Force Base, "the bombing range has been opening its gates to hunters a few weeks a year for decades under an arrangement that dates back to the 1950s at least." The article notes that "the test and training range includes about 846,000 acres of the neighboring Desert National Wildlife Refuge, and though that land is closed to the public, it is co-managed by both the Air Force and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service."

World's Oldest Albatross Returns To Midway Atoll, Lays Egg.

Maui (HI) Now (12/21) reports the world's oldest known breeding bird has laid an egg on Midway Atoll. Sixty-seven-years-old Wisdom "flies thousands of miles each year to return to Midway Atoll in Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument, along with millions of other albatross, to nest and raise their young." US Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge staff "spotted Wisdom and her mate, Akeakamai, near their nest in late November, and on December 13 staff confirmed that Akeakamai was on the nest incubating an egg."

EPA Might Let Bee-Killing Pesticide Be Sprayed On 165M Acres Of Farmland.

Newsweek (12/21, Guarnieri) reports that the Environmentmental Protection Agency "might allow the spraying of a bee-killing pesticide, thiamethoxam, on more than 165 million acres of farmland." Syngenta "submitted a proposal to the federal agency last Friday to increase the use of the pesticides across the country, according to the nonprofit Center for Biological Diversity." The article notes that "the proposal comes on the heels of a University of San Diego California study published Wednesday that found neonicotinoids and pesticides from intensive agriculture are 50 percent more harmful to bees than scientists previously thought."

National Park Service

Park Service Upgrade Could Gin Up 1,100 NM Jobs.

The Taos (NM) News (12/21, Krasnow) reports that work to repair and maintain assets of the National Park Service "has the potential to create 110,000 jobs around the country," according to a new report by the Cadmus Group for the Pew Charitable Trusts. Pew said, "As the NPS begins its second century, it is grappling with $11.3 billion in deferred maintenance at the more than 400 sites it manages. Roads are crumbling, trails are blocked, buildings are deteriorating, and water and sewer pipes are leaking. Years of inconsistent congressional funding have made it difficult for NPS to make all of the needed repairs, which means the agency has had to postpone less critical maintenance."

Civitan Park Gets Federal Grant For Splash Pad.

MuskogeeNOW (OK) (12/21, Wright) reports that Rep. Avery Frix announced Thursday "that the Muskogee Parks and Recreation Department has been conditionally approved for a National Park Service grant of $237,608 to build a splash pad at Citivan Park in Muskogee." The money come from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Drakes Estero Diver Sues Park Contractors.

The Point Reyes (CA) Light (12/21, Guth) reports that "Matt Zugsberger, a diver employed last year to help pull the remains of Drakes Bay Oyster Company from Drakes Estero, has filed a lawsuit in district court against the two companies hired by the National Park Service to complete the $4 million job." Zugsberger claims "that the companies T.L. Peterson and Galindo Construction defrauded the park service by disposing of toxic waste pulled from the estero at unauthorized sites." He also alleges "negligence on the job site resulting in his personal injury and claims he was wrongfully terminated after voicing his concerns."

Conservancy Gets $50,000 For Land Near Bear Den Overlook.

The McDowell (NC) News (12/21) reports that the Cannon Foundation "awarded a $50,000 grant to Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina on Monday to help the land trust transfer a 208-acre property adjoining the Blue Ridge Parkway at the Bear Den Overlook into public ownership." The conservancy has "until September 2018 to pay off the loan used to purchase the property." According to the article, "once the loan is paid off, Foothills Conservancy will donate the property to the National Park Service for addition to the Blue Ridge Parkway system."

Gillibrand: Add Rochester Cemetery To National Register Of Historic Places.

The Auburn (NY) Citizen (12/21, Harding) reports that Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand supports adding Mount Hope Cemetery to the National Register of Historic Places. The article notes that "among those who are buried in the cemetery are Susan B. Anthony, a prominent women's rights activist, and abolitionist Frederick Douglass." In a letter to the National Park Service, Gillibrand wrote, "Placing this site on the National Register would bring much-deserved recognition of its important historical and regional role."

Fort Lauderdale African-American Cemetery Added To Historic Register.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel (12/21, Sweeney) reports that Woodlawn Cemetery, "the only remaining segregation-era African-American cemetery in Fort Lauderdale," has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Remains Found At Grand Canyon Thought To Be California Hiker.

The AP (12/21) reports that "Grand Canyon National Park rangers say remains have been found that are believed to be those of a California hiker who went missing in June." The National Park Service "announced Thursday that people on a private river rafting trip discovered remains while on a day hike." According to the article, "rangers found evidence indicating the remains are those of 72-year-old Raafat 'Ralph' Amin Nasser-Eddin of Los Angeles."

Office Of Insular Affairs

Interior Provides $3M Compact Grant To Palau.

The Saipan (MNP) Tribune (12/22) reports that Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Doug Domenech has "advanced a partial Compact grant payment of $2.5 million to the Republic of Palau and an additional $500,000 grant to conduct the FY 2017 Single Audit." Domenech said, "As long as we continue to operate under a continuing resolution, we can only make a partial payment to Palau, however we are hopeful that Congress will soon finalize a budget for FY2018 and also act to appropriate full funding for the Palau Compact Agreement we signed with Palau in 2010. The time has come for Congress to finalize the Compact agreement that embodies our unique and special relationship with Palau."

Saipan: The Island Where Chinese Mothers Deliver American Babies.

The Wall Street Journal (12/21, Emont) reports the number of Chinese citizens traveling to give birth on the island of Saipan, the only US soil Chinese can visit without a visa, is climbing. The Journal writes the phenomenon of "birth tourism" on the island is growing, and US authorities are pursuing individuals who take advantage of such tourists by exploiting them, and those tourists who overstay their visit.

Here Are The 7 Small Nations That Sided With U.S. And Israel On U.N.'s Jerusalem Vote.

USA Today (12/21, Durando, Dorell) reports that "the seven countries that sided Thursday with the United States and Israel on a U.N. General Assembly resolution declaring 'null and void' President Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital are all small and obscure as world players" are Guatemala, Honduras, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, and Togo.

National Park In St. John Is Now 'All Open,' NPS Says.

The Virgin Islands Consortium (VIR) (12/19) reports that the Virgin Islands National Park has "declared all roads, trails and beaches open at the park in St. John, 105 days after Hurricane Irma ravaged the island of St. John, the National Park Service announced Wednesday." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said, "Virgin Islands National Park is home to some of the most beautiful beaches in America and is a major economic contributor to the Island's economy, which is why it

will be an important part of rebuilding after this devastating hurricane season. We are very excited to declare the park open for business, just in time for the holidays when many tourists visit the Islands."

Also reporting is CNN (12/21, Hetter).

Final Version Of US Tax Bill Excludes Credit For American Samoa.

The Seafood Source (12/20, Bittenbender) reports that the U.S. tax reform bill will "not include an extension of an economic development credit for American Samoa." However, U.S. Delegate Aumua Amata "said she's hopeful the program, which StarKist's chief executive officer has called critical to the company's operations in the South Pacific territory, will be taken up next year." Amata said in a statement, "We're also encouraged with the prospects of further consideration in 2018 of the American Samoa Economic Development Credit specifically, along with a series of similar tax extender requests from other territories and around the country. We look forward to continuing to work with Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga on this ongoing effort to strengthen our economy."

Office Of Surface Mining

Surface-Mining Health Study That Trump Halted Could Be Finished With Other Funding.

The Lexington (KY) Herald-Leader (12/21, Estep) reports that "a national science panel might use donations to finish a study that the Trump Administration halted on whether people face greater health risks from living near surface coal mines in Central Appalachia." The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine "said in a news release Thursday that private donors have expressed interest in financing the completion of the study." The release said, "Given how important this study is to the citizens and communities surrounding these surface mining sites in Appalachia, the National Academies believe the study should be completed and are exploring options to do so."

Additional coverage was provided by WFPL-FM Louisville, KY (12/22, Young).

US Geological Survey

'Worst-case Scenario': Deadly Snake Fungus Threatens Species Across The World.

USA Today (12/21, Hafner) reports that "a deadly fungus that forms fast-spreading lesions across a snake's body can be found in 23 species in the United States and poses a global threat for the reptiles." A new study published Wednesday in the journal Science Advances "warns of the fungus known as Ophidiomyces ophidiodiicola." Microbiologist Jeffrey Lorch, a co-author of the study at the U.S. Geological Survey National Wildlife Health Center, said, "These diseases have had such great impacts because they affect multiple species, and it now looks like the same is true of snake fungal disease."

3 Small Earthquakes Recorded In Central Oklahoma By USGS.

The AP (12/21) reports that the US Geological Survey recorded three earthquakes in Oklahoma Wednesday night into Thursday morning. The earthquakes' magnitudes measured 3.4, 3.0, and 2.3. The earthquakes did not cause any reported injuries or damages. Numerous Oklahoma earthquakes in recent years "have been linked to underground wastewater injection from oil and gas production."

Opinion Pieces

National Monuments Continue To Be At Risk From Trump.

In an editorial, the Santa Rosa (CA) Press Democrat (12/21) criticizes the Trump Administration's move to reduce the size of national monuments. The paper acknowledges both sides of the issue, but argues that "in this deeply partisan era, Americans may not be ready to reach consensus. If so, lawmakers should err on the side of preservation." But "in the meantime," the editorial says that "allowing public lands to bounce back and forth between protection and active extraction based on who lives in the White House serves no one."

Editorial: Public Comments On Grizzlies' Return Ignored.

In an editorial, the Everett (WA) Herald (12/21) criticizes the Trump Administration for ignoring public comments on "a proposal to reintroduce small numbers of grizzly bears into the North Cascades National Park" after the decision by the Interior Department "to shut down a North Cascades National Park committee's review of an environmental impact statement for four scenarios that sought to slowly restore a small self-sustaining population of grizzly bears to the North Cascades." The paper argues that "shutting down the review of the proposal before comments and testimony have received full consideration favors neither supporters nor critics and demonstrates no respect for bears, people or democratic government."

It's Long Past Time To Drill For Oil And Gas In The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

In an op-ed for the Daily Caller (12/22, Brower, Jr.), Harry K. Brower, Jr., mayor of the North Slope Borough of Alaska, supports oil and gas exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Brower also notes that "the majority of local, tribal and regional leadership" in the North Slope Borough, as well as "the majority of residents from the Village of Kaktovik – the only people living within the 1002 coastal plain of ANWR – support oil and gas development there." Simply put, "the people who stand to be most impacted by development at ANWR widely support drilling in the refuge."

Additional Reading.

- ***Donald Trump Has Already Carved A Lasting Legacy.*** New Republic (12/21, Drew).
- ***Covering The Environment In The Age Of Trump.*** New Mexico Political Report (12/22, Paskus).
- ***Act Now To Improve, Enforce Forest Management.*** Albuquerque (NM) Journal (12/21, Chandler, Wright).
- ***Venting Frustrations.*** Durango (CO) Telegraph (12/22, Votel).
- ***Lethal Lead.*** Vineyard (MA) Gazette (12/21, Bellincampi).
- ***Trophy Hunting Is Macabre, But It May Also Be Endangered Species' Best Hope For Survival.*** National Post (CAN) (12/21, Zarate).
- ***OUR OPINION: Preservation Of Historic Tax Credits Is Good News.*** Sioux City (IA) Journal (12/22).
- ***A Veterans Day Visit To The National Prisoner Of War Museum.*** Greensburg (IN) Daily News (12/21, David, Scot).
- ***Friends Of The Yampa: Let's Work Together For Our Lands, Rivers.*** Craig (CO) Daily Press (12/21).

Top National News

Lawmakers Avert Government Shutdown, Put Off Key Issues Till January.

Congress on Thursday approved a stopgap spending bill to avert a partial government shutdown and keep the government operating at current funding levels until Jan. 19. The tone of the coverage is somewhat negative, highlighting that while lawmakers were able to avoid a shutdown, in their eagerness to begin the holiday recess, they left a number of issues unresolved and will have to address them when they return in January.

The Hill (12/21, Marcos, Zanona) reports that hours before the House vote, President Trump "urged House Republicans to get on board and pass the stopgap bill to avoid distracting from tax reform." Trump tweeted, "House Democrats want a SHUTDOWN for the holidays in order to distract from the very popular, just passed, Tax Cuts. House Republicans, don't let this happen. Pass the C.R. TODAY and keep our Government OPEN!" The Washington Examiner (12/21, Ferrechio) says that while House Minority Leader Pelosi "led a majority of House Democrats to vote against the bill," in the Senate "Democrats would have faced blame for a partial government shutdown because they are needed to pass legislation in the upper chamber."

Reuters (12/21) describes lawmakers as "eager to begin a holiday recess until Jan. 3," and says both chambers "scurried to pass the hastily written bill." Lester Holt said on NBC Nightly News (12/21, story 5, 2:10, Holt) that the measure "leaves a lot of unfinished business hanging until the new year." Mary Bruce said on ABC World News Tonight (12/21, story 5, 0:35, Muir) lawmakers "punt[ed], essentially, on many tricky political debates until after the new year." The CBS Evening News (12/21, story 2, 0:15, Glor) also reported briefly on the stop gap

measure.

The AP (12/22, Taylor) reports that lawmakers did "the bare minimum in a sprint toward the holidays and punt[ed] disputes on immigration, health care and the budget to next year." When lawmakers return, they will face "enormous challenges on immigration, the federal budget, health care and national security along with legislation to increase the government's authority to borrow money," each of which "is sure to test the unity that Republicans are enjoying now."

Likewise, the New York Times (12/21, Kaplan) says that although the stopgap bill "saves Republicans from what would have been a colossal embarrassment just after they celebrated passage of the biggest tax rewrite in decades," the "lack of a resolution to several pressing issues leaves lawmakers facing a tough task when they return after the holidays, with the possibility of a high-stakes showdown when the next government funding deadline approaches." The Wall Street Journal (12/21, Peterson) also raises the specter of an unpleasant showdown in January.

USA Today (12/21, Collins) says the bill "provides $2.85 billion in funding for the popular Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, through the end of March." Bloomberg News (12/21, Edgerton, Litvan) reports that the stopgap measure also includes "a waiver of a budget rule that would trigger automatic cuts to Medicare and dozens of other federal programs because of the deficit impact of the tax overhaul passed this week. The waiver would clear the way for Trump to sign the tax legislation before the end of the year rather than waiting until January."

A Roll Call (12/21, McPherson) story posted after the House vote but before the Senate vote said the measure "reauthorizes Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act through the same date." The New York Post (12/21, Schultz, Jaeger) says in a story between the two chambers' votes that the measure "includes $673.5 million to fix the USS McCain and Fitzgerald, which both crashed in the Pacific over the summer due to crew errors, and $884 million for ballistic-missile defenses seen as integral in the face of a nuclear North Korea's recent saber-rattling." In addition, it "provides $2.1 billion in mandatory funding for veterans health services."

However, the Los Angeles Times (12/21, Mascaro) reports that lawmakers "left undone a long list of priorities that members of both parties had hoped to finish this year." The measure passed the House 231 to 188, and the Senate "quickly followed, voting 66 to 32." Among the matters left unresolved is "protection for the Dreamers, who face the threat of deportation starting in March because of President Trump's decision to end the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which allowed them to stay and work in the U.S." A Breitbart (12/21, Binder) story passed after the House vote but before the Senate vote said that "a DACA amnesty plan is likely to be pushed by the Republican establishment and Democrats to be slipped into an omnibus spending bill" in January.

Politico (12/20, Bade, Bresnahan) says the Congressional Hispanic Caucus met with Senate Minority Leader Schumer on Thursday afternoon, pressing him to persuade Democrats "to reject the funding bill," but, "it was clear after the meeting that there would not be enough Democratic senators to block the bill later Thursday over immigration." The Washington Post (12/21, O'Keefe) says members of the caucus "walked off the House floor Thursday afternoon and headed across the U.S. Capitol to Schumer's office suite" for a meeting "several participants" described as "a tense and heated exchange." The Washington Times (12/21, Dinan) describes Congress as "brushing aside demands of illegal immigrant Dreamers," and says Democrats "weren't willing to risk a shutdown for the Dreamers, and enough of them joined Republicans in the Senate to overcome the filibuster threshold, ensuring the bill would pass."

Also left unresolved, the Washington Post (12/21, Debonis, Werner) reports, was the issue of "federal aid for victims of recent hurricanes and wildfires." While the House "passed a separate $81 billion disaster relief bill," the Senate "did not immediately take it up amid Democratic objections."

The Washington Post (12/21, A1, Debonis, Werner) reports that "some frustrations lingered" among House Republicans. As many "burst into applause after passing the short-term spending measure," Rep. Thomas Rooney of Florida, who has sought aid for hurricane-impacted citrus growers, said, "That we're clapping for a three-week CR just basically shows we can't do appropriations, we can't take care of our constituents back home, we just have to punt for three more weeks so we can leave for Christmas. ... For some reason, that justifies applause. I don't get it. I don't get this place." Also unhappy were "advocates of increased military spending," who "fumed after House GOP leaders abandoned a plan to attach a defense bill directing more than $600 billion to warfighters through September."

Officials Tout Tax Bill Trump Is Expected To Sign Friday.

The Hill (12/21, Fabian) cites a "White House official" who said President Trump will likely sign the Republican tax bill on Friday. Said the official, "There's a very good chance the president

signs it tomorrow."

During a year-end briefing called by the White House "to highlight President Trump's accomplishments," a "senior administration official" on Thursday "congratulated reporters on receiving tax cuts," the Washington Examiner (12/21, Nelson) reports. After "giving a rundown of 2017 happenings and describing future ambitions," the official said, "I hope you like your tax cut or bonus." The Examiner adds that officials "declined to make their rosy reflections on the record, but stressed the passage of 81 pieces of legislation crowned by this week's tax cut bill, which also repeals Obamacare's individual mandate and opens an Alaska wildlife refuge to oil drilling."

Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway said on Fox News' Fox & Friends (12/21), "I think there are so many men and women in this country who are going to now start a small business, who are going to say 'I like what I see.' The regulations are fewer. The tax code is simpler. The tax cuts are more robust. ... I bet all those entrepreneurs out there, those moms and pops, those moms and dads who have been waiting for a President who is a leader to give them more of their hard-earned money, are going to go ahead and start more businesses." Also on Fox News' Fox & Friends (12/21), Ivanka Trump said, "I'm really looking forward to doing a lot of traveling April when people realize the effect that this has both on the processes of filling out of their taxes, the vast majority will be doing so on a single postcard. But also, having experienced the relief that will be starting as early as February. So then it will be a real privilege to show not only what the companies are doing, but the personal impact that it is going to have to so many people across this country."

Sen. Chris Van Hollen took a different view of the legislation on MSNBC's Morning Joe (12/21), arguing, "The reality is what Republicans promised repeatedly with respect to their latest version of trickle-down, is that workers would get a $4,000 pay increase, permanent pay increase. So over a 10-year period, that would be $40,000. We're going to be asking every six months whether people got their $4,000 annual raise throughout this period. It's not coming."

UNGA Votes 128-9 To Condemn US Over Jerusalem.

On Thursday, the United Nations General Assembly voted 128-9 in favor of a resolution to condemn the US position on Jerusalem. Media coverage cast the outcome as an overwhelming rebuke of President Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, and to move the US embassy there. It also focused heavily on Ambassador Haley's threats to cut aid to countries that voted against the US.

The Washington Post (12/21, Morello, Eglash) describes the outcome as "a pointed rebuke not only to President Trump but also to a U.S. pressure campaign to sway votes by threatening to cut funding." The Post notes 35 nations abstained from the vote, and only the US, Israel, and seven other nations – none of which "are powerhouses" – voted against it. Another 21 countries, including Australia, Canada, Mexico, Poland, and the Philippines, did not cast votes, reports Reuters (12/21), which suggests that Trump's threat to withhold funding "appeared to have some impact, with more countries abstaining and rejecting the resolution than usually associated with Palestinian-related resolutions."

ABC World News Tonight (12/21, story 8, 0:40, Muir) reported that prior to the US being "denounced by most nations in the world," Ambassador Haley warned that "this vote will make a difference on how Americans look at the UN and on how we look at countries who disrespect us in the UN, and this vote will be remembered." Correspondent David Muir said despite Haley's "words, the vote to condemn, overwhelmingly approved, including by nearly every major US ally, and Russia, as well. The resolution is nonbinding, and Haley said it will make no difference in US policy." USA Today (12/21, Dorell) quotes Haley as stating that "'no vote in the United Nations will make any difference' on the U.S. decision to move its embassy to Jerusalem, which will go ahead because 'it is the right thing to do.'"

The Washington Times (12/21, Taylor) reports Haley emphasized "that the resolution was a sign of 'disrespect' for the U.S. and Israel." Politico (12/21, Nelson) reports that she "admonished the world body for its historical criticism of Israel," and "reiterated the Trump administration's defense of its decision: that the move was little more than a recognition of the reality that Jerusalem is Israel's capital and that the U.S. had not taken a side in any final-status issues, including on the borders of Jerusalem itself." Haley again "warned that U.S. financial support was not guaranteed," stressing that because of its "generous contributions" to the UN, the US has "a legitimate expectation that our goodwill is recognized and respected." The Wall Street Journal (12/21, Fassihi) says during the debate and in her address to the General Assembly, Haley was visibly angry.

The CBS Evening News (12/21, story 3, 2:20, Glor) reported that the State Department

"said after the lopsided vote against the United States, the threat to cut off future funding is real and that nations that cross the Trump Administration will now receive extra scrutiny. Judging by this vote, however, it appears many of those countries came to the conclusion Mr. Trump's threat is more bluff than bite." According to the AP (12/21, Lederer), "within hours" of the vote, the Administration "appeared to be backing away from its funding threats," with State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert saying cuts to those nations that voted against the US are not a foregone conclusion. She said Trump's "foreign policy team has been empowered to explore various options going forward with other nations," but added that "no decisions have been made." NBC Nightly News (12/21, story 2, 2:15, Holt) maintained that the State Department was "trying to spin the vote and this rebuke as a victory because the tally could have been worse."

Meanwhile, the New York Times (12/21, Gladstone) reports, Palestinian foreign minister Riad Malki accused the US of "ignoring the dangerous repercussions of its decision." An "equally defiant" Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asserted that "Jerusalem is the capital of Israel, whether the U.N. recognizes it or not." The Times says the vote "deepened Mr. Trump's isolation over the issue, threatened to alienate Arab allies of the United States and may have further complicated prospects for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict." It also "reflected resentment towards threats" by Trump and Haley about US funding, and constituted "a setback for a president who is still looking for a major foreign achievement after nearly a year on the job."

Portman: Threat To Withhold US Aid Was "Totally Appropriate." Sen. Rob Portman was asked on CNN's The Lead (12/21) about the Administration's threat to nations who didn't vote with the US in the UN. Portman said, "I think the people I represent who are paying those dues to the UN – and again about one-third of the peacekeeping is paid for by our taxpayers – I think, you know, they deserve to have a representation in the UN which is Nikki Haley that stands up for us. I think it's totally appropriate. I think it should be an aggregation of all positions, in other words, not just this one position, you've got to look at our alliances around the world to determine who's helping us and who's not. And that should be one of the factors that's considered."

US, South Korean Troops Have Practiced Infiltrating North Korea To Seize WMDs.

Fox News' Special Report (12/21) reported US and South Korean troops have held exercises "practicing ways to infiltrate into North Korea and seize weapons of mass destruction." Fox said the exercises indicate that Kim Jong-un's regime "might be the target of more aggressive planning by the US."

The Telegraph (UK) (12/20, Riley-Smith) says the White House "has 'dramatically' stepped up preparation for a military solution in recent months amid fears diplomacy is not working," according to "well-placed sources." The Telegraph described some options the White House is considering, including "destroying a launch site before it is used by the regime for a new missile test" or targeting "stockpiles of weapons."

Another North Korean Soldier Defects To South Korea. Brian Todd reported on CNN's Situation Room (12/21) that a North Korean soldier in his teens or early 20s defected to South Korea in a "harrowing" escape that involved North Korean troops shooting "to kill" the defector as South Korean troops fired "warning shots" to "fend[] off" those North Koreans. The defection is the fourth this year and the second in the last five weeks. Fox News' Special Report (12/21) showed Mark Fitzpatrick of the International Center for Strategic Studies saying that "there have never been this many defections in any year from North Korea," at least "not in recent memory. It may indicate that there is a real desperation in the North Korean army."

Security Council To Vote On New North Korea Sanctions Resolution. Reuters (12/21, Nichols) reports the UN Security Council will vote Friday "on a US-drafted resolution that seeks to toughen sanctions on North Korea in response to its latest intercontinental ballistic missile launch," according to diplomats. Reuters says the draft resolution "was circulated to the 15-member council on Thursday," and that, also according to diplomats, "The United States has been negotiating with China on the draft resolution for the past week."

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"The Trump Administration To Restaurants: Take The Tips!" The New York Times (12/21) editorializes that a rule recently proposed by the Department of Labor that would allow "allowing

employers to pool tips and use them as they see fit as long as all of their workers are paid at least the minimum wage" could hurt bartenders and waiters, since the rule could enable business owners to pocket the tips or spend it on things like building improvements. The Times theorizes that "diners who are no longer certain that their tips will end up in the hands of the server they intended to reward might leave no tip whatsoever" or "seek to covertly slip cash to their server." The Times concludes by opining that the rule could be perceived by restaurant employees, many of whom thought President Trump would fight for their interests, as a giveaway of money that they've earned.

"Forget The Strategy Paper. Watch What He Does." The New York Times (12/21) editorializes that the National Security Strategy report introduced by President Trump on Monday "is so at odds with the way Mr. Trump has been conducting national security policy that it is likely to confuse people even more than they already are, or more likely, to be ignored altogether." The Times asserts that there are contradictions between the contents of the report, "which in some respects reflects mainstream thinking," and "Trump's tweets, statements and actions that present the unpredictable public face of his policies." The Times singles out the subject of Russia, which is accused of "using information tools in an attempt to undermine the legitimacy of democracies" in the report even as Trump is silent on punishment for these alleged acts.

Washington Post.

"17 Good Things That Happened In 2017." In an editorial, the Washington Post (12/21) says, "Many of us found 2017 to be a stressful year, but the news wasn't all bad. In the spirit of the season, we decided to salute 17 good things that happened in 2017." For example, the Post says, "Both the world and U.S. economies continued to grow, continuing one of the most sustained economic expansions ever in the wake of the 2008 financial crash." Another item on the Post's list: "Roy Moore, Republican candidate in the hyper-Republican state of Alabama, lost a special election for the US Senate."

"The Public Has A Right To Know How Much The Tax Bill Benefits Trump." The Washington Post (12/21) argues in an editorial that the American public "has a right to know" how "the president would benefit personally" from the tax Republican bill. The Post says Trump "is the first president in 40 years to hide his returns," adding that he apparently "believes the fallout from the information contained in the returns would be worse than the criticism he receives for withholding them."

Wall Street Journal.

"The Corporate Tax Cut Dividend." A Wall Street Journal (12/21, Board) editorial says Democrats' strategy for 2018 is to run against the Republican tax bill based on its low poll numbers. Democrats, the Journal adds, are hoping the tax cuts will not succeed and workers will not be helped.

"Heritage At True North." The Wall Street Journal (12/21) editorializes that Kay James, the new president of the Heritage Foundation, knows how to develop and lead the think tank on a unifying course into the future. The Journal opines that when it chose James, Heritage remembered its roots as a collection of conservative scholars who set out to inform debates on conservative policy with factually rigorous studies. The publication envisions volatility within the conservative movement in the months to come, but is confident in the choice of James.

"Trump's Present For Putin." The Wall Street Journal (12/21) editorializes that the Trump Administration's approval of the sale of weapons to Ukrainians fighting to stop Moscow-backed separatists in their country is a needed reversal of the polices of the Obama Administration, which did not sell the Ukrainians lethal weapons. The Journal encourages the Administration to sell the Ukrainians more powerful weapons like anti-aircraft and antitank missiles because of Russia's military advantages in those areas. The publication opines that Vladimir Putin will respond more to strong pushback in Ukraine than any rhetoric from President Trump about the US wanting good relations with Russia.

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Baseball's Rainmaker Forced Out After Alleged Misconduct
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Obamacare Sign-Ups At High Levels Despite Trump Saying It's 'Imploding'
Tax Cuts Buoy Republicans, But They're Swimming Against An Undertow
Jakarta Is Sinking So Fast, It Could End Up Underwater
In Blow To Spanish Unity, Catalan Separatists Keep Majority In Regional Vote

Washington Post:
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'Words To Avoid' Become Vocabulary Of Resistance
In Striking Rebuke, UN Rejects Trump On Jerusalem
DHS Weighs New Steps To Stop Surge In Migrants
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UN Vote Repudiates US Recognition Of Jerusalem
EU Prepares Canada-Style Brexit Deal For UK
Self-Driving Cars Face A New Test: Snow
Iced Tea Maker Soars 500% After Pivot To Blockchain

Washington Times:
How Obama Manipulated Sensitive Secret Intelligence For Political Gain
Most Americans Doubt They'll Benefit From Republican Tax Cuts
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NBC: Weather Forecast; UN Jerusalem Vote; VP-Afghanistan Visit; Trump-Walter Reed Visit; Government Budget; Opioid Crisis; Building Explosions; California Wildfires; Australia-Pedestrian Plowing; Airport Security; Holiday Shopping Scam; UK Royals Engagement Photos; Female High School Football Player; Christmas Countdown; Friends Charity.

Network TV At A Glance:
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CBS: Government Budget; UN Jerusalem Vote; California Wildfires; Orchestra Conductor-Sexual Allegations; Wall Street News.

FOX: Government Budget; UN Jerusalem Vote; Obamacare Enrollments.
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House convenes for legislative business – House of Representatives convenes for legislative business, with agenda for the week including Conference Report to Accompany 'H.R. 1 – Tax Cuts & Jobs Act', House Amendment to Senate Amendment to 'H.R. 1370' – the legislative vehicle for the continuing resolution, 'H.R. 3312 – Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act of 2017', 'H.R. 4015 – Corporate Governance Reform and Transparency Act of 2017', and consideration of 'S. 1393 – Jobs for Our Heroes Act', 'S. 1536 – Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act', and 'S. 1532 – No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act' under suspension of the rules Location: Washington, DC http://www.house.gov/
Other: No relevant event scheduled.

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Late Night Political Humor.

Jimmy Fallon: "The big story is still the GOP tax bill. And I read that it'll save President Trump $15 million a year. When Trump heard that, he said, 'Wow, did I switch to Geico?'"

Seth Meyers: "Rep. Maxine Waters criticized President Trump in a recent interview for questioning the integrity of the ongoing Russia investigation, asking, quote, 'What is he afraid of?' Well, let's see. There's wind, vegetables, birds of prey, Eric, commitment, and theme parks."

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Interior Aims To Speed Oil And Gas Permitting On Public Lands With 30-Day Reviews.

The Washington Post (7/6, Grandoni, Eilperin) reports that as part of the Administration efforts "to loosen restrictions on the fossil fuel industry," Interior Secretary Zinke "issued an order on Thursday designed to speed up the permitting process for drilling." The goal is for the Bureau of Land Management to process applications within 30 days. Zinke said in a statement, "As is outlined in this order, we will look at ways to improve the process and make sure regulations serve their intended purpose rather than create a mountain of useless paperwork." However, it isn't clear that the move will increase domestic energy production. Not only does "the vast majority of onshore oil and gas production" occur on private and state land, but companies aren't producing on leases they already hold. According to the Wilderness Society, only "12.7 million acres of public land of the 27 million acres currently under lease were in production during fiscal 2016." The AP (7/6, Gruver) reports the Interior Department found that the average wait for oil and gas companies is 257 days, while backlogs in Wyoming and Utah have topped 500. Zinke promised that the National Environmental Policy Act would still be upheld, but that some regulations restrict energy development that could be made more environmentally friendly. Zinke said, "We're going to be a fair and prudent partner, but we're not going to be an adversary to creating wealth and opportunity on some of our public lands." The Washington Examiner (7/6, Siciliano) reports the Interior Department recorded a total of 2,802 applications for drilling permits that still await action.

Reuters (7/6, Volcovici) reports Zinke said, "I'm directing the BLM to conduct quarterly lease sales and address these permitting issues. ... We are also looking at opportunities to bring support to our front line offices who are facing the brunt of this workload." The Independent Petroleum Association of America applauded the move, as government relations head Dan Naatz said, "Reinstating quarterly lease sales is vital as independent producers consider future American energy opportunities on federal lands." However, Chris Saeger, executive director of the Western Values Project, said, "With historically low gas prices, these companies aren't using millions of acres of leases they already have, so there's no reason to hand over even more." The Hill (7/6, Cama) reports Zinke said, "Our intent is to strengthen our regulatory environment by streamlining, by providing stability where it's not arbitrary and simplifying it. So if a company wants to operate commercially on federal land, then I think that return on investment should be known within a short period." The Washington Times (7/6, Wolfgang) reports the Interior Secretary indicated the order will help shore up environmental protections. He said, "It's better to

produce energy here under reasonable regulations than to watch it be produced overseas with no regulation. ... We're going to do it right. That means we're going to hold industry accountable. We're looking at how to make rules and regulations, strengthening those rules and regulations by simplifying, providing stability, and streamlining the process up front so a return on investment decisions can be made quickly." The Huffington Post (7/6, D'angelo) reports the API's Erik Milito said, "A key component of a successful policy is repairing the federal permitting process so that companies have the confidence to invest and see their projects move forward." Randi Spivak, public lands director at the Center for Biological Diversity, said the Trump Administration is "trying to fast-track the climate disaster and destroy America's public lands in the process."

Additoinal coverage was provided by E&E Publishing (7/6), the Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (7/6, Maffly), the Alaska Dispatch News (7/6, Martinson), the Farmington (NM) Daily Times (7/6, Moses), the San Francisco (CA) Chronicle (7/6, Alexander), Philly (PA) (7/6, Bruno), The Street (7/6, Bruno), New Mexico Political Report (7/6, Paskus), Sputnik News (7/6), Law360 (7/6, Phillis), and Inside Climate News (7/6, Gustin).

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the New York (NY) Times (7/6), the Albuquerque (NM) Journal (7/6, Gruver), the Houston (TX) Chronicle (7/6, Gruver, Press), the Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (7/6, Gruver), U.S. News & World Report (7/6, Gruver), the Elko (NV) Daily Free Press (7/6), the Columbia Basin (WA) Herald (7/6, Gruver), Fox Business (7/6, Gruver), the Olean (NY) Times Herald (7/6, Gruver), the Daily Mail (7/6, Gruver), the Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune (7/6, Gruver), the Fort Collins (CO) Coloradoan (7/7), Philly (PA) (7/6, Gruver), the Washington (DC) Post (7/6, Mead Gruver |, Ap), and KCNC-TV Denver (CO) Denver (7/6, Gruver).

New Mexico Hopes Order Generates Revenue. The AP (7/6, Bryan) reports officials in New Mexico are hoping Zinke's order will help to boost funding for public education and other government services as the state solidifies its finances. The New Mexico Oil and Gas Association has said that the Bureau of Land Management costs the state and federal governments millions in lost royalties and taxes that are badly needed for education and other public services. Ryan Flynn, the head of the industry group, said the additional revenue could help New Mexico recover from a budget crisis.

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by U.S. News & World Report (7/6, Bryan), the Albuquerque (NM) Journal, the Houston (TX) Chronicle (7/6, Bryan, Press), the Washington (DC) Times (7/6, Bryan), the Fort Wayne (IN) Journal-Gazette (7/6, Bryan), the Elko (NV) Daily Free Press (7/6), the Belleville (IL) News-Democrat (7/6, Bryan), the Dubois (PA) Courier-Express (7/6), the Olean (NY) Times Herald (7/6), and the San Francisco (CA) Chronicle (7/6, Bryan).

Interior's Inbox Fills With Comments On National Monuments Review.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (7/6, Brean) reports that "more than 1.1 million public comments have poured in so far on the Trump administration's review and possible rollback of national monuments in Nevada and elsewhere." The Interior Department will" accept public input through Monday as part of its review of 22 national monuments created or expanded by presidential decree since Jan. 1, 1996." President Trump has given Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "until Aug. 24 to recommend possible action to scale back or eliminate any monuments deemed too large or too restrictive to public access or economic development." The article adds that "five marine national monuments in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans are also under review in a separate but related process for which public comment deadline is July 26."

Additional coverage was provided by the Las Cruces (NM) Sun-News (7/6), the Hesperia (CA) Star (7/5, McDonald), and KFOX-TV El Paso, TX (7/6, Purvis).

REI Asks Customers To Challenge Zinke Over Public Lands Review. CNN (7/6, Green) reports that "national outdoor retailer REI is urging its customers to challenge Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke over proposed plans to review what public lands will continue to receive monument classification and federal funding." In an email campaign sent to customers Thursday, REI "explained to buyers that they are the 'public in public lands' and asked them to 'tell Secretary Ryan Zinke why our public lands need to remain protected now and for future generations.'" The note said, "Our country's public lands define who we are. These are the places where we work, where we play and where we connect to our shared history – and today, some of these places are in jeopardy."

It's Magical Legal Thinking To Say Trump Can't Reverse Obama's National Monuments. In an op-ed for the Los Angeles Times (7/6, Gaziano, Yoo), Todd Gaziano, the executive director of the Pacific Legal Foundation's D.C. Center and its senior fellow in constitutional law, and John Yoo, a law professor at UC Berkeley, argue that "a presidential power to create permanent national monuments flies in the face of the plain text of federal law, the conventional relationship between presidents and Congress and historical understandings of executive power." They assert that

"Trump has the right to reverse the national monuments created by previous presidents without an act of Congress, but by the same token, the Constitution creates a check by allowing future presidents to reverse Trump too." They note that "prior presidents acted unilaterally to create or vastly expand several national monuments." The authors conclude that "it's simply unrealistic to pretend that acts created by unilateral presidential decrees cannot be undone in the same manner."

Connelly: Senators Tell Trump – Hands Off Our Monuments. In his column for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer (7/6, Connelly), Joel Connelly writes that the Trump Administration "should keep hands off our national monuments, the six U.S. senators from Washington, Oregon and California have told U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in toughly worded letters." Connelly notes that "Zinke has described himself as a 'Roosevelt conservationist.'" He concludes that "the 'study' of 27 monuments will test whether he walks his talk."

Op-ed: Creation Of Bears Ears National Monument Was A Response To Years Of Grave-Robbing. In an op-ed for the Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (7/6, Coriz), Garon Coriz, a tribal member of Santo Domingo Pueblo, N.M., writes that "the brave locals in support" of the Bears Ears National Monument "have grown quiet due to fear of reprisals in the county, but the tribes and their leaders stand firm." According to Coriz, "the outpouring of nearly unanimous support during the public comment period for Bears Ears National Monument, which ends Monday, shows the tribes don't stand alone." He expects that "moving forward, this saga will likely transition needlessly to the courts as Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and the Trump administration seek to downsize and rescind national monuments across the country."

Op-ed: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Has Been Good For The Community Of Kanab. In an op-ed for the Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (7/6, Hand), Susan Hand, the co-owner and manager of Willow Canyon Outdoor in Kanab, writes that she has "witnessed positive outcomes for our business, our community and the myriad visitors from around the world that gather here in awe" at the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. She notes that "nationwide, over 90 percent of Americans who've commented at our government's site (www.regulations.gov) wrote to protect our national treasures." She urges readers tot "use the website address above to comment by July 10."

Trump Admin Wants To Cut Spending On Lands, Tribes.

Critics Say It Will Backfire. KUOW-FM Seattle (7/6, Ryan) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "went to Congress last month to present a $1.6 billion, or 13 percent, budget cut for the Interior Department." Zinke "said the Interior Department is top-heavy and can carry out its core missions with less money." However, Zinke's predecessor, Sally Jewell, said in an interview, "Coming in and slashing and suggesting that there is a mountain of waste, fraud and abuse you can tap into is nonsense. The cuts that have been proposed would be devastating to the mission of the Department of the Interior."

The Energy 202: The One Issue Where Trump Is Standing Up To Russia.

The Washington Post (7/6) reports that "on Wednesday the Interior Department posted the schedule of its secretary, Ryan Zinke, for May online." The article says that "continuing a pattern that defined his first two months in office, Zinke held several more meetings with oil and gas representatives than with conservation groups, while increasing his overall number of tribal consultations." Zinke also "video-conferenced with representatives from two longtime GOP allies, the National Rifle Association and the National Association of Home Builders." Two conservation groups Zinke "met with in May were the Land Trust Alliance and the Partnership of Rangeland Trust."

15 AGs Urge Court To Uphold Congressional Review Act.

Law360 (7/6, Boysen) reports that "the Republican attorneys general of 15 states piled onto a suit that challenges the constitutionality of a regulation rollback law, the Congressional Review Act, on Wednesday, telling an Alaskan federal court the law is perfectly constitutional and urging it to toss the suit and 'preserve this important procedural tool.'" The suit was brought in April by the environmental nonprofit Center for Biological Diversity against Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, "after Congress used the CRA to repeal rules."

Politics Cited In Trade Show's Move From Utah To Colorado.

The AP (7/6, Wyatt) reports that the Outdoor Retailer trade show on Thursday "confirmed that it is leaving Utah after 20 years and decamping east to Denver." According to the article,

"organizers who made the announcement Thursday were frank that the reason they chose to move from Salt Lake City to Denver, starting in 2018, was because Colorado is more 'progressive' and has a better 'culture' for the industry." The article notes that "show organizers said in February that they were leaving Utah for a new long-term home because of Republican state leaders' opposition to the new Bears Ears National Monument and other public land policies." Marisa Nicholson, director of the Outdoor Retailer trade show, said, "We chose Denver because of Colorado's long-term commitment to protecting and nurturing public lands."

Additional Coverage: Trump Donates To National Park Service, But Still Cutting Their Budget.

Additional coverage of the funding to preserve battlefields was provided by USA Today (7/6), the Martinsville (VA) Bulletin (7/6, Schemmer), the Newport (TN) Plain Talk (7/6, Schemmer), the Northwest Georgia News (7/6, Schemmer), the Rogersville (TN) Review (7/6, Schemmer), the Salamanca (NY) Press (7/6, Schemmer), the Arkansas Democrat Gazette (7/6), Stars And Stripes (7/6, Toscano), WSLS-TV Roanoke (VA) Roanoke, VA (7/6), WFRV-TV Green Bay (WI) Green Bay, WI (7/5, Stafford), WCAX-TV Burlington (VT) Burlington, VT (7/6), KTXL-TV Sacramento (CA) Sacramento, CA (7/5), KAMR-TV Amarillo (TX) Amarillo, TX (7/5, Stafford), and WJXT-TV Jacksonville (FL) Jacksonville, FL (7/5, Stafford).

Additional Coverage: Medal Of Valor Awarded In Pearl Crash.

Additional coverage that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke presented Bryan Eisenberg with the Medal of Valor on Tuesday was provided by the Honolulu Star-Advertiser (7/6) and KITV-TV Honolulu (7/5).

Zinke's Public Lands Sell-off Is Undermining The "Frontline".

In an op-ed for the Missoulian (MT) (7/6, Richards), Ryan Richards, a senior policy analyst for the Public Lands team at the Center for American Progress, writes that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has "been vocal about his vision for the Department of the Interior, saying that he wants to support 'frontline staff' and 'restore trust' with communities neighboring federal land." However, Richards argues that Zinke's statements in Whitefish as the Western Governors Association met — "presumably geared toward appeasing energy interests — contradict these principles." According to Richards, "Zinke's target was a lesser-known but important policy called mitigation, which compensates for the negative impacts development has on our natural heritage by requiring a set amount of restoration elsewhere."

The Real Value Of Our Public Lands.

In a piece for NMPolitics (NM) (7/6, Jimenez), James Jimenez, executive director of New Mexico Voices for Children, writes that "more and more racial and ethnic minorities are pitching tents" and going camping. A recent survey "showed that of the 1 million U.S. households that went camping for the first time in 2016, nearly 40 percent were either Hispanic (13 percent), African American (12 percent) or Asian American (14 percent)," and "much of this shift is due to millennials, who make up a growing share — now 38 percent — of households that are active campers." But "these gains are in danger." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "recently announced that he wants to privatize our national park campsites." Jimenez argues that "there are a lot of problems with this — primarily that prices will very likely be raised." Furthermore, "there is generally much less accountability when private companies run government programs." He claims that "it becomes not only more difficult to determine just how our tax dollars are being spent, but there is also more room for subtle forms of discrimination to take place." Jimenez writes that "by definition privatization means an economic focus on the use of public lands rather than a conservation and equity focus."

Commentary: Ownership Of Land Would Be Better Than Paltry PILT Payouts.

In commentary for the Elko (NV) Daily Free Press (7/5, Mitchell), Thomas Mitchell criticizes the Payment in Lieu of Taxes that Neevada received. This past week in Pahrump Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "announced at a meeting with various Nevada officials that the PILT largesse this year will be $464.6 million, a 6 percent increase over the previous year," but "for some reason, also neither explained nor questioned, Nevada's share of the booty increased by only 2 percent to $26.18 million, about the same as inflation." Mitchell concludes that "instead of sitting around with tin cups waiting for pitiful PILT handouts, Nevada should demand more control of its land and collect all of those revenues to reduce our tax burden."

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

House Committee Schedules Another Hearing On Land-into-trust Process.

The Nation Sun News (7/6) reports that the House Committee on Natural Resources will "meet next week to look at the Indian Reorganization Act." The article says that "the witness list hasn't been posted online but tribal leaders complained about being left out of a prior hearing regarding a law whose purpose is to restore lands to tribal ownership." According to the article, "with Republicans in control of Congress, and a Republican in the White House, tribes fear their trust lands, resources and sovereignty will be targeted in Washington."

Tribes Close In On Federal Recognition.

The Newport News (VA) Daily Press (7/6, Williams) reports thtat "six Virginia Indian tribes that have petitioned for federal recognition are a few congressional votes away from their goal." The Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017, "the bill that would grant these tribes federal recognition, passed in the House of Representatives on May 17." The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs "must consider the legislation before the full upper house can vote on it."

Appeals Court Reverses Ruling Against BIA.

Bartlesville (OK) Radio (7/6) reports that the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals has "reversed the 2016 Tulsa court ruling that voided the U.S. government's approval of oil and gas leases and drilling permits on Osage tribal land in Osage County." The court "ordered that the ruling made in March of 2016 against the Interior Department, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Chaparral Energy be vacated and dismissed."

Sisseton Cattleman Found Guilty Of Fraud In Pasture Grazing Scheme.

The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead (ND) (7/6, Amundson) reports that "a Sisseton cattleman has been found guilty of mail and wire fraud by a federal jury in Aberdeen for defrauding cattle producers of more than $200,000 in a grazing scheme." Keith Hagen, "and his former wife, Amanda Holy Bull, were indicted in February of 2016." According to the article, "the two leased land from the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Lake Traverse Reservation in far northeast South Dakota."

Bureau Of Land Management

BLM Seeks Comment On 3D Seismic Project.

The Moab (UT) Times-Independent (7/6) reports that the Bureau of Land Management Moab Field Office is "seeking public comment on an environmental assessment (EA) analyzing the potential impacts of a geophysical exploration project." Dawson Geophysical Company and Rose Petroleum, LLC "propose to conduct a 3-D seismic study on approximately 38,700 acres located about 26 miles northwest of Moab."

Rock Springs BLM Approves The Mining Of 9.2 Million Tons Of Coal.

KCWY-TV Casper, WY (7/6) reports that the BLM Wyoming Rock Springs Field Office has "approved a coal lease modification for Black Butte Coal Company, allowing the mining of approximately 9.2 million tons of coal." Black Butte Coal Company applied for the modification of an existing lease within the existing Black Butte Surface Mine "in order to avoid the bypass of mine-able federally managed coal located in two tracts totaling 450 acres."

Bureau Of Ocean Energy Management

Senators Urge Governor To Join Seismic Testing Opposition.

The Maryland Coast Dispatch (7/6, Soper) reports that "a renewed effort to open vast areas of ocean floor off the mid-Atlantic coast to potentially dangerous seismic air gun testing led to Maryland's elected officials firing off a letter this week to Gov. Larry Hogan asking him to intercede on the state's behalf." Sens. Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen "fired off a letter to Hogan urging him to act on behalf of the state to block the proposed seismic air gun testing off

the mid-Atlantic coast or at the very least, urge the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to properly vet the proposal through a statutorily mandated Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) consultation."

Progress Florida Joins Thousands Opposing Trump's Plan For Seismic Airgun Testing Off Florida Coast. Florida Politics (7/6, Ammann) reports that Progress Florida is "one of the organizations and leaders opposing a plan to use seismic airgun testing for oil and gas exploration off the state's Atlantic coast." The group "says the procedure threatens marine wildlife and coastal economies as well as Florida's tourism and fishing industries." On Thursday, Progress Florida "joined the Boston-based Environmental Action to deliver more than 7,000 citizen petitions to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration urging the agency to deny permits for seismic airgun surveys in protected areas of the Atlantic Ocean, including along the Florida coastline."

Support Safe Offshore Energy Exploration. In an op-ed for the Tallahassee (FL) Democrat (7/6), Mark Alvarez, a U.S. Army veteran and member of Florida Vets4Energy, is "pleased to see the Executive Order by President Trump to explore offshore resources prioritizing safe U.S. energy development." Alvarez points out "the direct correlation between energy security and our country's national security." Alvarez supports seismic surveying because they can "help reduce the risk of damaging the environment by helping to select the most appropriate locations to consider drilling and eliminate many targets well before drilling would even be considered."

It's Time To Move Forward With Offshore Seismic Surveys. In an op-ed for the Greenville (SC) News (7/6, Alario), Robert Alario, managing member of Alario & Associates LLC, a member of the National Ocean Industries Association, and former chairman and president of the Offshore Marine Service Association, supports seismic surveying. He notes that "it has been more than 30 years since the last surveys were made of the Atlantic seaboard's offshore resources." Alario argues that "if we want to hold onto this position of strength and ensure a secure and affordable supply of energy in the years ahead, and improve the economic options available to our state, we must better understand what resources potentially lie off our coasts." He concludes that "the first, reasonable step to doing so is conducting new seismic surveys of our outer continental shelf."

Additional Coverage. Additional coverage of the Trump Administration's offshore drilling plans was provided by the Daily Intelligencer (NY) (7/6, Levitz), the Sarasota (FL) Herald-Tribune (7/6), the Thibodaux (LA) Daily Comet (7/6, Grandoni), the Charleston (SC) Post and Courier (7/7), and UPI (7/6, Graeber).

Bureau Of Reclamation

Saline Lakes Are Drying Up Across The West – And Putting Birds At Serious Risk.

In an op-ed for the Los Angeles Times (7/6, Yarnold), David Yarnold, president and CEO of the National Audubon Society, writes that "in a new study on the effects of water loss and climate change on birds, the National Audubon Society has found that, of the nine western saline lakes most important to birds, more than half have shriveled by 50% to 95%." Yarnold is optimistic because "sensible solutions are possible." As an example, he notes that the Bureau of Reclamation and "several major municipal water utilities have carried out an innovative conservation program across the Colorado River Basin." Yarnold warns that "the West is facing a new normal, with increasing temperatures, cycles of drought and water levels that are shrinking and fluctuating more than at any time in the last century." he concludes that "this new normal demands a new phase of collaboration and innovation when it comes to water policy."

Fish And Wildlife Service

Native Americans Say Grizzly Bear Decision Violates Religion.

The AP (7/6, Volz) reports that "Native American tribes, clans and leaders from seven states and Canada say the U.S. government's recent decision to lift protections for grizzly bears in the Yellowstone National Park area violates their religious freedom." They are "suing to block the government from removing Yellowstone grizzlies from the endangered and threatened species list, which would allow Montana, Wyoming and Idaho to hold grizzly bear hunts." The Native American plaintiffs claim "that trophy hunting for grizzly bears goes against their religious and spiritual beliefs." The lawsuit "filed June 30 asks a federal judge to rule that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must consider the Native Americans' beliefs and consult adequately with them before removing grizzly protections that have been in place since 1975."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune (7/6, Volz), the Detroit (MI) News (7/6, Volz), the Albuquerque (NM) Journal (7/6, Volz), the Houston (TX) Chronicle (7/6, Volz, Press), Philly (PA) (7/6, Volz), the Washington (DC) Times (7/6, Volz), the Boston (MA) Globe (7/7, Volz), WTOP-FM Washington (DC) Washington (7/6), and WRC-TV Washington (DC) Washington (7/6, Volz).

Why Removing Yellowstone Grizzlies From Endangered Species List Is Wrong. For the "Pundits" blog of The Hill (7/6, Molvar, Contributor), Erik Molvar, a wildlife biologist and works as executive director for Western Watersheds Project, writes that conservation groups are "lining up to fight the recent grizzly delisting decision in court" because they "aren't buying the line that stripping federal protections from grizzly bears has a scientific basis." According to Molvar, "it is certainly good news that grizzly populations around Yellowstone have increased since the 1970s, but there is a long way to go before this bear population is secure and interconnected with other grizzlies." To Molvar, "real recovery would mean connecting grizzlies from Yellowstone to the populations to the north and west, not the current isolated and tenuous bear populations that face a number of new threats to their survival." He asserts that "the bottom line is that the grizzly bear is more likely to continue recovering under the federal authority of the Endangered Species Act than it would be under state management."

Pygmy Rabbit Survivors Monitored After Sageland Fire Rips Through Breeding Facility In Douglas County.

The Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review (7/6, Landers) reports that "wildlife managers are monitoring 32 endangered pygmy rabbits evacuated from a state-managed breeding facility scorched by a wildfire last week in Douglas County near Quincy." Two of those rabbits have been found by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists, "who continue to search for survivors of the blaze." They estimate that "approximately 70 other rabbits died the night of June 28 when the Sutherland Canyon wildfire overran the 10-acre Beezley Hills breeding compound operated by WDFW on property purchased by a private landowner to support the species' recovery." The article notes that "partners in the project include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Nature Conservancy."

Plague Kills Prairie Dog Colonies At Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, Some Areas Closed.

The Lubbock (TX) Avalanche-Journal (7/6, Harris) reports that "an outbreak of plague has killed two colonies of prairie dogs at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, prompting staff to close some areas to visitors out of caution as the disease poses the potential to impact pets, and less likely, people." Jude Smith, project leader for the refuge, "said Paul's Lake — a popular sight for visitors at the refuge — and access roads to the lake are temporarily closed to the public." According to Smith, "the refuge was home to four prairie dog colonies," and "the disease wiped out almost 100 percent of two colonies."

Refuge Occupier Eric Lee Flores Sentenced To 2 Years Probation, 5 Months Home Detention.

The Oregonian (7/6, Bernstein) reports that on Thursday, a federal judge sentenced Eric Lee Flores "to two years of probation, including five months of home detention, for his role in the January 2016 occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge." According to the Oregonian, Flores, who "lives on the Tualip Reservation in Washington and has been working for the Tualip natural resources department in its fish hatchery business," was "the second defendant to plead guilty on June 9, 2016, admitting he conspired to impede federal employees from carrying out their work at the federal wildlife sanctuary in Harney County through intimidation, threat or force." Flores told FBI agents that he "brought up to seven guns – including two rifles and handguns – to the refuge and handed them out to other occupiers."

Feds Offers Reward In Poisoning Death Of Protected Red Wolf In NC.

The Charlotte (NC) Observer (7/6, Henderson) reports that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is "offering a $2,500 reward for information on the poisoning death of an endangered red wolf in coastal North Carolina." The wolf was "found dead Jan. 27 in Tyrrell County."

National Park Service

Feds Approve Transmission Line Across The River Near Historic Jamestown.

The Washington Post (7/6, Schneider) reports the US Army Corps of Engineers has granted its final approval for Dominion Energy's proposed Surry-Skiffes Creek transmission line, which has faced opposition from environmentalists and historians that fear the project will mar the view from historic Jamestown. For its part, Dominion Energy says the transmission line is needed to ensure reliability for the Peninsula after environmental regulations force the shutdown of the utility's two coal-burning units in Yorktown. Dominion Energy spokeswoman Bonita Billingsley Harris said of the approval, "We believe the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has done a diligent and thorough review." The article mentions that Dominion Energy has "agreed to take steps to limit the environmental impact" and to use "a design that uses the fewest towers possible and to paint them in a way that minimizes their appearance."

The Newport News (VA) Daily Press (7/6, Ress) reports Dominion Energy will ask the James City County Board of Supervisors on July 11 to approve a permit to build a switching station connecting the line to the grid. Dominion Energy estimates that it will cost about $180 million to build the line and has agreed to a $91 million environmental mitigation plan.

The Newport News Daily Press article is also carried by the Virginia Gazette (7/6, Ress).

Senator Schumer Pens Letter To National Parks To Clean Up Crookes Point.

Staten Island (NY) Live (7/6, Bascome) reports that Sen. Charles E. Schumer sent a letter Thursday to the National Park Service, "urging it to prioritize cleanup efforts at Crookes Point in Great Kills Park." In the letter addressed to acting National Parks Director Mike Reynolds, Schumer "addressed the significance of this space for Staten Island fishermen and the constant stream of garbage reported and documented in the original article." Schumer wrote, "In light of these reports, I urge you to quickly deploy the appropriate resources to ensure that this beautiful and critically important section of the park continues to be clean and safe to use as soon as possible."

Church Recognized As A Contributor To Underground Railroad.

The AP (7/7) reports that "with a new designation from the National Park Service, Second Baptist Church in New Albany is now in the same category as Harriet Tubman's adulthood home and the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site in Washington, D.C." According to the article, "Second Baptist Church's connection to the Underground Railroad has never been unequivocally proven to include housing escaped freedom seekers, although there is a tunnel located underneath the building." But "what is known is that congregation members reflected the 'benevolent' spirit of the Underground Railroad, said Pam Peters, a board member of the Friends of the Town Clock Church and a local historian who filed Second Baptist Church's Network to Freedom application." The article says that "Second Baptist Church's pastors preached against slavery and prayed over escaped freedom seekers when they appeared in town" and "congregation members also taught black soldiers who were recovering from Civil War injuries in the local hospital." Peters "had to prove to the National Park Service that all those things actually happened before Second Baptist Church could receive its Network to Freedom designation." It took Peters three months.

New River Gorge Bridge To Camp Brookside Area Under Repair.

The AP (7/7) reports that "the bridge that provides the only road access to the Camp Brookside area of New River Gorge National River in West Virginia has been closed for repairs." The National Park Service "says the shutdown began Thursday and is expected to last five weeks."

Traffic Triggers Closures Of Cadillac Mountain Summit Road.

The Bangor (ME) Daily News (7/6, Kong, Ring) reports that Acadia National Park "temporarily closed the road to the Cadillac Mountain summit to incoming vehicles seven different times on Sunday and Monday, underscoring the need for a comprehensive transportation plan at the park, according to a park official." The article says that "because of traffic congestion during the busy July 4 weekend, even a quieter side of the park – the Schoodic section – saw a closure for about 90 minutes on Sunday on the road between the entrance to Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) and Schoodic Point, according to a table of official road closures." Ocean Drive, "which provides access to Sand Beach, was closed a little more than 15 minutes on Monday afternoon." John T. Kelly, management assistant at Acadia National Park, "said his feeling is that the closures are 'making our transportation plan all that more pertinent.'"

Saving The Shenandoah Salamander..

The Earth Island Journal (7/6, Hendricks) reports on efforts to protect the Shenandoah salamander, which is only found in Shenandoah National Park. Currently, the National Park Service is in talks with the US Fish and Wildlife Service "about updating the recovery plan for the amphibian." In addition to the recovery plan update, Shenandoah National Park and the US Geological Survey are "creating a long-term management plan for the species." Also, the NPS "recently awarded Shenandoah National Park additional natural resources funding to compile data and create an adaptive management plan for the salamander beginning in fiscal year 2019."

Mammoth Cave National Park Gets New Leadership.

WBKO-TV Bowling Green, KY (7/6) reports that the National Park Service "announced leadership changes Thursday for Mammoth Cave National Park." According to the article, "Sarah Craighead will be the Deputy Regional Director, Southeast Region (based in Atlanta), and Barclay Trimble will be Mammoth Cave's next superintendent."

Jasper's Downtown Listed On National Register.

The Dubois County (IN) Herald (7/6) reports that "Jasper's downtown square, referred to as Jasper's Downtown Historic District," has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Office Of Insular Affairs

Amelia Earhart Mystery: Newly Found Photo Could Prove The Pilot Lived—and Was Captured By The Japanese.

Newsweek (7/5, Glum) reports that flight pioneer Amelia Earhart "vanished in 1937 while trying to fly around the world." Now, "almost exactly 80 years later, there may be a new development in her disappearance." Experts said "they believe a recently uncovered photo from the National Archives shows Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan the same year the aviators went missing, the Today Show reported exclusively on Wednesday." The photo is "labeled 'Jaluit Atoll,' which is the name of an area in the Marshall Islands in the Pacific Ocean, and displays the Japanese ship Koshu as it moves a 38-foot-long item."

Additional coverage was provided by the History Channel (7/5, Pruitt).

Marshalls Works Hard For Slight Improvement On Trafficking Issues.

Marianas Variety (7/6) reports that the Marshall Islands has "worked hard over the past 12 months to improve slightly its poor ranking on fighting human trafficking." According to RNZI correspondent Giff Johnson, "being ranked at the bottom had spurred more activity, like a national plan of action, funding for victim services and awareness raising efforts." However, the latest 2017 Trafficking in Persons Report by the U.S. Department of State "said that while the Marshall Islands had made modest efforts to identify trafficking victims, there were no prosecutions or convictions for trafficking offences in the past year."

The Tax-free Shipping Company That Took Control Of A Country's UN Mission.

Climate Home (UK) (7/6, Gibbs) reports on "how the tiny, climate-threatened Marshall Islands came to be represented at UN shipping talks by a private company based in Virginia, 11,000km away." Thanks to International Registries Inc., the Marshall Islands "boasts the second largest fleet of ships in the world and the world's largest fleet of oil tankers." According to the article, "the shipping industry remains out of step with the rest of the world on climate change."

A Look At The US Defense Capabilities To Handle Threat Of North Korean Missile.

Following reports that "North Korea has launched a two-stage intercontinental ballistic missile," ABC News (7/4, Stracqualursi, Martinez) provides an overview of the "extensive missile defense system designed to help protect against a missile attack from that country."

President Trump, There's One Island That Could Form A Pacific Wall Against Chinese Influence.

In a piece for Townhall (7/6, Vespa), Matt Vespa writes that "in the Pacific, China is spreading dollars, subsidizing building projects across Tonga and the Federated States of Micronesia." Vespa argues that the US should "push back" against "China exerting soft power all over the Pacific." According to Vespa, "the key brick that could form President Trump's Pacific Wall against China rests in Guam."

Office Of Surface Mining

The Abandoned Mine Land Fund Should Not Be Treated As A Slush Fund.

For the "Pundits" blog of The Hill (7/6, Wardle, Contributor), Arthur R. Wardle, a research associate at Strata Policy, writes that "Congress, unions and other special interests have repeatedly attempted to tap into: the Abandoned Mine Land fund's "large reserves for their own benefit." He warns that Congress is "currently attempting to throw funding mean for abandoned mines toward "economic revitalization," which would threaten the fund's reclamation objective." Wardle writes that 'vigilant resistance to these changes is the only thing preventing the AML from turning into a slush fund." He argues that "turning the Abandoned Mine Land fund into a slush fund jeopardizes ongoing reclamation work for short-term political favors."

US Geological Survey

Vaccine Shown To Protect Prairie Dogs From Bacterial Disease.

The AP (7/6) reports that "a vaccine developed in Wisconsin has been shown to protect prairie dogs from plague." According to the article, "researchers reported that prairie dogs that ingested vaccine baits were twice as likely to survive outbreaks of plague as prairie dogs that didn't get the vaccine." The vaccine was "developed at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center in Madison."

Top National News

In Warsaw, Trump Calls On West To Defeat "Radical Islamic Terrorism."

Coverage of President Trump's visit to Warsaw focuses mainly on his speech, with reports saying that Trump addressed a friendly crowd and focused on the defense of the West against terrorism and what more than one report called a "clash of civilizations." Several reports say that the speech had heavy nationalist overtones, and served as a defense of Trump's travel ban as well as some of his other policies. Moreover, Ken Thomas of the AP (7/6) writes that Trump "didn't hesitate to use his quick visit to Poland to air some pointed grievances, blasting his predecessor, casting doubt on his own spy agencies and unloading on news outlets by name." Trump "repeated his longstanding critique of CNN and singled out NBC News, complaining it was 'equally as bad despite the fact that I made them a fortune with The Apprentice but they forgot that.'"

In its lead story, the CBS Evening News (7/6, lead story, 2:40, Brown) reported that in Poland, Trump "committed to defending countries in the NATO alliance." Trump: "We stand firmly behind Article 5." Trump also "delivered his sharpest criticism of Russia to date." Trump: "We urge Russia to cease its destabilizing activities in Ukraine and elsewhere and its support for hostile regimes including Syria and Iran." ABC World News Tonight (7/6, lead story, 3:25, Muir) reported that Trump delivered "an ominous warning, presenting a clash of civilizations between the West and what he called 'radical Islamic terrorism.'"

The New York Times (7/6, Thrush, Davis) reports that Trump delivered "a stark message to a friendly Polish crowd," casting "the West's battle against 'radical Islamic terrorism' as a way to protect 'our civilization and our way of life.' He portrayed his domestic agenda as an equally serious challenge to powerful, entrenched bureaucracies in the United States and Europe."

The Washington Post (7/6, Phillip, Wagner, Birnbaum) says that Trump delivered "a dark and provocative address with nationalist overtones." Trump asked, "Do we have the confidence in our values to defend them at any cost? Do we have enough respect for our citizens to protect our borders? Do we have the desire and the courage to preserve our civilization in the face of those who would subvert and destroy it?"

The Wall Street Journal (7/6, A1, Nicholas, Troianovski) also says that that the speech had nationalist overtones, and called on the West to recognize the existential threat of terrorism. The Journal says the address was intended to add intellectual heft to Trump's travel ban, border wall, and anti-immigration policies. The Hill (7/6, Shelbourne, Swanson) also says Trump "defended controversial new policies" with the speech. The Los Angeles Times (7/6, Lauter, Bennett) says Trump "had expressed similar ethnocentric ideas during his presidential campaign, but had never before described them at such length." The Times says the speech showed the influence of Stephen Bannon and Steven Miller. The latter "wrote much of the speech."

Reuters (7/6, Rampton, Sobczak) reports that the President "affirmed US commitment to the defense of NATO allies" in a speech "that gently criticized Russia, and said Western civilization must stand up to 'those who would subvert and destroy it.'" Bloomberg News (7/6) says the speech "was meant to challenge to Western nations, to ask whether civilizations are confident enough to protect and preserve what Western nations cherish most," according to an aide speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Wall Street Journal (7/6) praises the speech as one that offered principles and ideas beyond the basics of policy, and one that defended Western civilization against radicalism. Matthew Continetti of the Washington Free Beacon (7/6) calls it "one of the most important speeches of his young presidency." Breitbart (7/6, Klukowski) says that Trump "gave a serious speech about the serious threats facing the West as a whole." But in his Washington Post (7/6) column, Eugene Robinson says that the speech "had nothing useful to say about today's interconnected world in which goods, people and ideas have contempt for borders" and instead showed a "dangerous thirst for a clash of civilizations."

McClatchy (7/6, Bergengruen) reports that while Trump did publicly back the US commitment to NATO mutual defense, "that doesn't erase the damage caused by his initial omission and long-stated hostility to the alliance."

Eric Trump said on Fox News' Fox & Friends (7/6) that the President's visit to Poland is "a beautiful symbol to so many of these countries, which they work hard, they fight hard, they've been great friends, they've been great allies."

Pence Praises Speech. Vice President Pence said on Fox News' Hannity (7/6), "President Donald Trump reaffirmed our nation to be the leader of the free world." By reaffirming NATO, calling on NATO members to live up to their commitments, and call on Russia to stop supporting hostile regimes, Trump offered "an example of bracing, direct and candid leadership that people across this country welcome as president."

WPost Wonders Which Values Trump Wants To Defend. The Washington Post (7/6) asks in an editorial, "Which values is he summoning us to defend? There were encouraging elements in his address suggesting that he was referring to the universal values that America celebrated" on July 4, but "perhaps what gives the most doubt is that he celebrated 'the right to free speech and free expression' without mentioning that the government welcoming him has worked worryingly to narrow those freedoms, along with the independence of its judiciary – and without mentioning that, at home, Mr. Trump himself has been far from a tribune of the free press."

Anne Applebaum similarly writes in her Washington Post (7/6) column that Trump "offered his support to a Polish government that is both the most nationalist in Europe and now the most isolated in Europe. ... The free press is under attack in Poland, along with the independence of the judiciary." Applebaum writes that with his speech, "Trump has confirmed Poland's nationalist government in its isolationist and anti-democratic course."

Poland's Ruling Party Bused In Supporters To Cheer Trump. The AP (7/6, Gera) reports, "Poland's conservative government had reportedly promised the US president enthusiastic crowds in its formal invitation," and Trump was welcomed "by an enthusiastic crowd in Warsaw that chanted his name and waved US and Polish flags." Many in the crowd "said they had come from distant cities and towns in buses organized by the country's populist ruling Law and Justice party."

Deputy Assistant to the President Sebastian Gorka, on Fox News' Fox & Friends (7/6), called Trump's speech "a massive moment," comparing it to "President Reagan's speech in 1982 or the speech in '87." Gorka said the speech indicated how the US "will stand shoulder to shoulder with great nations like Poland in this collective defense alliance that is NATO."

Hosts Seated Trump Near Portrait Of King Who Played Role In Defeating Islamic Invasions. Breitbart (7/6, Lane) reports, "The Polish authorities had a great deal of choice for where to host the symbolic first meeting of President Trump's first European visit," but "they chose to sit President Trump besides a portrait of one of Poland's best-known warrior kings," Jan III Sobieski, who played a key role in "ending centuries of Islamic attacks and invasions reaching the heart of Europe."

Trump Has "Awkward Moment" In Greeting Polish First Lady. The AP (7/6) reports, "In yet another awkward moment," Trump "thought the hand extended by Poland's first lady was for him – and not for his wife, Melania." After shaking hands with the American First Lady, Agata Kornhauser-Duda, shook hands with the President. Becket Adams of the Washington Examiner (7/6) writes, "It doesn't quite appear that Poland's first lady snubbed President Trump on Thursday, but you'd think otherwise based on the US press' sloppy and overeager coverage."

Trump Backs Three Seas Initiative. USA Today (7/6, Korte) reports that Trump "lent his

support to a Polish-led effort to build up the infrastructure of eastern Europe on Thursday, casting the newly emerging Three Seas Initiative as a way to counter Russian dominance in the region." The President did not mention Russia by name, but "the invitation for Trump to attend the summit was evidence enough that the 12-member bloc is looking West for economic ties."

Trump Says "A Lot Of People," Not Just Russia, Could Have Meddled In US Election.

President Trump's criticism of Russia's policies in Ukraine and the Middle East in his Warsaw speech is eclipsed in coverage by his assertion that Russia may not have been solely responsible for meddling in the 2016 US presidential election. The Washington Times (7/6, Boyer) reports that Trump "sharpened the lines of division between Washington and Moscow," criticizing Russian actions in Ukraine and Syria. However, ABC World News Tonight (7/6, story 2, 1:10, Muir) reported, "when he was asked about Russian meddling in our election on the eve of his big meeting" with President Vladimir Putin, Trump replied, "Well, I think it was Russia, and I think it could have been other people and other countries. It could have been a lot of people interfered. ... And I won't be specific, but I think a lot of people interfere. I think it has been happening for a long time."

NBC Nightly News (7/6, story 2, 2:25, Guthrie) similarly reported Trump had "unusually harsh words for Russia, while still stopping just short of accepting the conclusion of this country's intelligence agencies that it was Russia who meddled in last year's presidential election." Jim Acosta said on CNN's Situation Room (7/6) that Trump "offered Putin something of a gift, expressing doubts once again about the US intelligence community's clear assessment that Russia interfered in the election. At the news conference in Warsaw earlier today, the President essentially said the jury is still out when it's really not."

The AP (7/6, Thomas, Superville) reports that "hours before a crucial meeting" with Vladimir Putin, President Trump "stopped short Thursday of condemning Moscow for meddling in the US presidential election – and refused to say if he would raise the issue when the leaders go behind closed doors." Trump criticized Russia's actions in Ukraine and backing for Iran and Syria, but his "critique of Russia did not appear to extend to its actions during last year's presidential campaign." Reuters (7/6, Rampton, Mason) reports that Trump said at his Warsaw news conference, "I think it was Russia, but I think it was probably other people and/or countries, and I see nothing wrong with that statement. Nobody really knows. Nobody really knows for sure."

USA Today (7/6, Korte) reports, "Trump again cast a skeptical eye on intelligence community assessments that Russia interfered" with the election, and the Washington Post (7/6, Phillip) reports, "Trump refused Thursday to say definitively that he believes Russia was responsible" for the interference. Politico (7/6, Crowley) reports that Trump "declined to say clearly that he believes the Kremlin interfered in the 2016 election. 'It could have been [that] a lot of people interfered,' Trump said, contradicting the firm assessment of the US intelligence community." Roll Call (7/6, Bennett) headlines its report "Trump Blames Russia – And Others – For Meddling In US Election."

The Washington Times (7/6, Miller) reports that Trump said President Obama "ignored Russian meddling in the election." He said, "The reason is he thought Hillary was going to win. If he thought I was going to win, he would have done plenty about it. His people said he choked. I don't think he choked." Eric Trump said on Fox News' Fox & Friends (7/6) that Fox News Channel is the only one to talk about "how President Obama did absolutely nothing" when informed of Russian interference in the election.

The Washington Times (7/6, Noble) reports that House Intelligence Committee ranking member Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) said Trump is "undermining American interests by casting doubt" on the intelligence community's assessment. Schiff said, "The President's comments today, again casting doubt on whether Russia was behind the blatant interference in our election and suggesting – his own intelligence agencies to the contrary – that nobody really knows, continue to directly undermine US interests."

Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) said on CNN's Situation Room (7/6) that Trump's comments on Russian interference are "alarming. ... I think part of it is President Trump and there are people that are trying to delegitimize the presidency of Trump because of this issue. It is not to delegitimize the President, but this is about defending the institution of democracy." Kinzinger later said on CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 (7/6), "The Russians feel as if the cold war is back on. They're trying to reestablish the Soviet empire through soft power, through election hackings and hard power like in Ukraine and Syria. And I do think that the reaction needs to be strong."

Former DNI James Clapper said on CNN's Situation Room (7/6) that Trump's decision to cast doubt on Russia's interference gives Putin "reassurance and encourages him to keep doing

what he is doing." When asked if there is any doubt in the intelligence community about Russia's role in the 2016 election, Clapper replied, "Absolutely none. That has been reaffirmed by those who are still in positions of responsibility in the intelligence community."

David Satter of the Hudson Institute writes in the Wall Street Journal (7/6) that Trump should not strive to reset US relations with Russia, not solely because of the election meddling but because the US must not make concessions given the international concerns Trump spoke of in Warsaw.

Democrats Call On Trump To Raise Hacking Issue With Putin. The Washington Post (7/6, Demirjian) reports that congressional Democrats are calling on Trump "to raise the subject of Russian meddling in US elections as they excoriate him for not representing the United States' interests over his own." In a letter to the President, Senate Democratic leaders wrote, "Not raising this [election meddling] matter with President Putin would be a severe dereliction of the duty of the office to which you were elected."

Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL) said on CNN's Situation Room (7/6), "I think if any American, Democrat or Republican had read what we had read, heard what we had heard, you'd want us to go full throttle" in investigating Russian interference in US elections. He added, "We're going to take our time, follow the facts wherever they take us, we all have a responsibility to do this on a bipartisan basis."

Richard Engel reported on NBC Nightly News (7/6, story 3, 2:15, Guthrie), "For President Trump, meeting President Putin may be a way to thumb his nose at critics to show he's not scared of the multiple investigation into his inner circle's ties to the Kremlin, but for Russians who have tried to stand up to Putin, Trump is being played. ... There are likely to be only six people in the room, according to a US official familiar with the planning: Trump, Putin, Secretary of State Tillerson, the Russian foreign minister, and a few translators."

Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) said on CNN's Situation Room (7/6), "You have to deal with President Putin as he is. He respects power. He respects strength. He will back down when presented a brick wall that he cannot move past." Former US Ambassador to Russia Michael McFaul said on MSNBC's Morning Joe (7/6) that he expects Trump will "like Putin" when they meet, and they will "bond over things like their common dislike of fake news and the deep state." McFaul "fears" that "Putin is going to try to play to Trump's ego to say, 'you and I need to work together against these enemies, especially those in your country."

NYTimes Analysis: Trump's Statement About "Three Or Four" Intelligence Agencies Misleading. The New York Times (7/6, Rosenberg) writes that Trump said "only 'three or four' of the United States' 17 intelligence agencies had concluded that Russia interfered in the presidential election," but those agencies are the CIA, FBI, ODNI, and NSA. The reason "the views of only those four intelligence agencies, not all 17, were included in the assessment is simple: They were the ones tracking and analyzing the Russian campaign. The rest were doing other work."

NYTimes' Chira: Trump-Putin Meeting "The Ultimate Man-Off." Susan Chira of the New York Times (7/6) calls the upcoming meeting "the ultimate man-off" between "two leaders who have staked their appeal on projecting masculinity. ... Each is almost a cartoonish version of hyper-masculinity." Putin "is frequently photographed shirtless on horseback, shooting tigers or flipping judo opponents," while Trump "takes pains to glower at the camera, boasts about the size of his hands (and not just his hands) and recently tweeted a mock video of himself wrestling CNN. And in a telling irony, the fear is that the American leader so invested in proving he's a real man will not prove to be tough enough."

Three Senators Say Trump Should Not Return Diplomatic Compounds To Russia. The Washington Examiner (7/6, Siegel) reports that Sens. Johnny Isakson, Marco Rubio, and Jeanne Shaheen, all members of the Foreign Relations Committee, sent a letter to Trump on Thursday urging him not to return "diplomatic compounds that the US seized late last year in response to the Kremlin's interference" in the election to Russia. They wrote, "The return of these two facilities to Russia while the Kremlin refuses to address its influence campaign against the United States would embolden President Vladimir Putin and invite a dangerous escalation in the Kremlin's destabilizing actions against democracies worldwide."

Russia Sanctions Bill Hits Bump In House. Politico (7/6, Schor) reports that the "bipartisan congressional attempt to constrain Trump's ability to warm up to Russia is running into new trouble." House Democrats have "objected to speedy consideration" of a fix to the sanctions bill, "opening a new partisan schism as Trump prepares to potentially forge a new, more cooperative relationship with Putin." Two House Democratic aides said the "agreed-upon fix would weaken a key provision in the sanctions bill" that lets Congress block Trump from easing sanctions against Moscow.

Vespa Ridicules Democratic Claims Americans May Have Helped Russia Interfere In 2016 Election. Under the heading "Behold, The Latest Russian Collusion Theory Peddled By Democrats That's Backed Up By Zero Evidence," Matt Vespa – writing at Townhall (7/6) – highlighted a July 5 Politico story titled "Democrats: Did Americans Help Russia Hack The Election?" A segment of the article highlighted by Vespa reads, "Hillary Clinton, Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe and Mark Warner, the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, have all stoked speculation that American insiders may have helped the Russians orchestrate their wide-ranging hacking and disinformation campaign" during the 2016 presidential race – "including with guidance on which political targets to exploit and what kinds of leaked information would most resonate with swing voters." Dismissing such Democratic speculation, Vespa said "there's zero evidence to back up the tin foil hats being doled by the Left."

NYPost Highlights WTimes Article On Hacked DNC Server. Drawing from a Washington Times report that was covered in yesterday's edition of the White House News Summary, the New York Post (7/6, Schultz) says, "Republicans are seeking answers about the Democratic National Committee hacked computer server and the private firm that had exclusive access to its cyber-security system. So far, only the California-based cyber security company, CrowdStrike, which concluded the hack of embarrassing DNC emails was the work of the Russians, has had access to the server," according to the Times' report. Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) is quoted as telling the Times, "I want to find out from the company [that] did the forensics what their full findings were."

Lynch Denies Offering Assurances To Clinton Camp On Email Investigation. Politico (7/6, Wright) reported that ex-US Attorney General Loretta Lynch on Thursday promised "to cooperate with a Senate Judiciary Committee investigation into whether she assured the Hillary Clinton campaign last year that the FBI probe into Clinton's emails wouldn't go too far. In a statement from her lawyer, Lynch also denied ever making such an assurance to a former Clinton campaign aide, Amanda Renteria – an allegation fueled by a Russian intelligence memo that's credibility has been called into question. 'Ms. Lynch does not know Ms. Renteria, did not discuss the Clinton email investigation with Ms. Renteria, and did not communicate to Ms. Renteria, either in words or in substance, that 'she would not let the FBI investigation into Clinton go too far,'" Lynch attorney Robert Raben wrote in a letter "to the leaders of the Judiciary panel."

Sperry: Document Raises Questions About Lynch's Claim On Clinton Probe. Paul Sperry writes in his New York Post (7/6, Sperry), "When former Attorney General Loretta Lynch testified last year about her decision not to prosecute Hillary Clinton for mishandling classified information, she swore she never talked to 'anyone' on the Clinton campaign. That categorical denial," however, "could come back to haunt her. The Senate Judiciary Committee...recently learned of the existence of a document indicating Lynch assured the political director of Clinton's campaign," Renteria, "she wouldn't let FBI agents 'go too far' in probing the former secretary of state." Sperry says that Senate committee "will press her to explain the discrepancy – along with why she reportedly asked former FBI Director James Comey to leave her office when he confronted her with the document. There are three explanations: Either Lynch lied under oath, or she never in fact talked to Renteria, or her categorical denial was meant to later claim she was merely discussing her role post-election."

Trump Avoids Specifics, Vows Confront North Korean Threat "Very Strongly."

On ABC World News Tonight (7/6, story 3, 2:30, Muir), Martha Raddatz said President Trump issued "a stern warning" on Thursday, making it "clear North Korea will not go unpunished," but NBC Nightly News (7/6, story 2, 2:25, Guthrie) said he is "not specifying what exactly that action might be." Reuters (7/6, Mason, Rampton) reports the President vowed Thursday to confront North Korea "very strongly" following its test this week of an intercontinental ballistic missile and "urged nations to show Pyongyang that there would be consequences for its weapons program." Speaking at a news conference with Polish President Andrzej Duda, Trump said North Korea was "a threat, and we will confront it very strongly." He said the US was considering "severe things" for North Korea, but that he would not draw a "red line."

The Washington Post (7/6, Rauhala) reports Trump warned North Korea could face "some pretty severe" consequences in response to what he called "very, very bad behavior," but "did not mention any specific plans." Said Trump, "Something will have to be done about it." The Los Angeles Times (7/6, Cloud, Wilkinson) also notes Trump "declined to provide specifics about potential options under consideration," saying, "I don't like to talk about what we have planned, but I have some pretty severe things that we're thinking about."

According to the AP (7/6, Burns), a "pre-emptive military strike may be among the 'pretty

severe things'...Trump says he is considering...but it's a step so fraught with risk that it ranks as among the unlikeliest options." Even a "so-called surgical strike" is "unlikely to destroy" North Korea's arsenal or "stop its leader, Kim Jong Un, from swiftly retaliating with long-range artillery that could kill stunning numbers in South Korea within minutes."

Bloomberg News (7/6, Capaccio, Foroohar), however, reports that Defense Secretary Mattis said Thursday that this week's launch "doesn't necessarily bring the two nations closer to war," even as Trump announced that he's weighing some "pretty severe things" in response. "I don't believe this capability in itself brings us closer to war," Mattis told reporters at the Pentagon. Mattis also said he wasn't surprised by the launch and added that US "self-restraint" prevented open conflict between the countries.

On CNN's Situation Room (7/6), Michelle Kosinski said Mattis' comments came as Trump delivered "veiled threats," and a day after Ambassador Haley "raised the specter of [military] force." The Washington Times (7/6, Muñoz) reports that "despite...hawkish rhetoric," Mattis "said both the White House and State Department have made 'very clear' the US is pursuing a diplomatic, not military, strategy to address the North Korean threat." Said Mattis, "The military remains ready, in accordance with our alliance with Japan, with [South] Korea. We stand ready to provide options if necessary, but this is a purely diplomatically-led [effort]…buttressed by the military." The AP (7/6, Burns) reports Mattis reiterated his view that military action would be "catastrophic."

Deputy assistant to the President, Dr. Sebastian Gorka, said on Fox News' Fox & Friends (7/6), "We've drawn a line. We have said this cannot go on." He added, "We will not allow this trajectory that North Korea has locked itself onto to further endanger us or our friends. And really, again, it is in now China's interest to reassess its support for this dictatorship. They hold the ace here. They have the real hand to play." Gorka also said, "We never talk about what we're going to do because that's never a good idea," but added, "We understand diplomacy without the option of force is just empty rhetoric."

Rep. Greg Meeks said on CNN's The Lead (7/6), "Sometimes, I don't think that anyone understands what Donald Trump says, not even Donald Trump. Clearly not his members of his cabinet, because they say one thing and he seems to say something else."

A USA Today (7/6) editorial says the "stakes are rising," but the "good news is that Trump has tools to dramatically increase the costs to China for tolerating North Korean provocations and has already started taking steps." Still, it says "more could be done to dissuade North Korea from its ICBM path short of military strikes."

USA Today (7/6, Dorell) reports that among the options possibly under consideration are barring the Bank of China, which has "participated in a money laundering scheme to help finance North Korea's weapons development," from the US financial system. The US and its allies could also "ramp up the interdiction of North Korean and North Korea-linked ships suspected of carrying weapons for sale abroad."

Rep. Mike Quigley said on CNN's Situation Room (7/6), "We need to build a multinational effort to move North Korea away from this kind of activity. ... You have to continue to diplomacy, despite the frustrations that are existing in the past. I think at this point in time, we have to ratchet up those efforts in Beijing and Moscow."

Washington Post (7/6) columnist Fareed Zakaria writes that "pressure will work only if there is also some reason for North Korea to make concessions. Pyongyang has indicated in the past that it seeks a formal end to the Korean War (Washington signed only an armistice in 1953), a recognition of the regime and the lifting of sanctions." Zakaria says that while "it's a bitter pill for Washington to swallow," the "alternative is to hope that China will act against its interests and crush its ally, or that North Korea will finally collapse. But hope is not a strategy."

Washington Post (7/6, Krauthammer) columnist Charles Krauthammer writes that if "the choice is binary: acquiescence or war. War is almost unthinkable," but "acquiescence is not unthinkable."

Russia Blocks US-Drafted UN Resolution. The CBS Evening News (7/6, lead story, 2:40, Brown) reported the threat posed by North Korea will be something President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin will discuss on Friday, but the Washington Times (7/6, Miller) reports Russia on Thursday blocked a UN Security Council resolution drafted by the US that called for "significant measures" in response to North Korea's launch Tuesday of an intercontinental ballistic missile. The US circulated the statement among council members, but "Russian officials argued that the missile launch Tuesday had not been verified as an intercontinental missile." A Wall Street Journal (7/6) editorial criticizes the move, which it says was likely because Putin wanted to send a message that he can make trouble if Trump resists a "reset" in US-Russia ties.

Washington Post (7/6, Lane) columnist Charles Lane says Russia "has no interest in a definitive solution," and "as long as the conflict does not erupt in actual war, Moscow is happy to have it drain and distract the United States."

US Weighing Sanctions On Chinese Companies Over North Korea Ties. The AP (7/6, Lederman, Lee) reports that "having lost patience with China," the Administration is "studying new steps to starve North Korea of cash for its nuclear program, including an option that would infuriate Beijing: sanctions on Chinese companies that help keep the North's economy afloat." While it is "an approach that's paid off for the US in the past, especially with Iran...there are significant risks, too, including the possibility of opening a new rift with Beijing that could complicate US diplomatic efforts on other critical issues."

A Wall Street Journal (7/6, Cheng, Page, Gale) analysis of North Korea's international connections reveals that even as it becomes increasingly dependent on China, Pyongyang maintains economic and diplomatic ties with many nations, including Cuba and Syria.

Yale Law School Professor Paul Gewirtz, meanwhile, writes for Politico Magazine (7/6) that Trump "seems rightly to have determined that China isn't doing enough on North Korea," but the Administration "should be wrestling with the full range of China challenges." While "a broader China policy will, of course, require administration officials to deal with the relationship's great complexities, which Trump has shoved to the side," Gewirtz argues that "this may also allow them to set the US-China relationship on a more sustainable and realistic path."

US Prosecutors Attempt To Seize Millions Linked To North Korea. According to Bloomberg News (7/6, Farrell), US prosecutors have "disclosed an effort to seize millions of dollars linked to North Korean entities from eight global banks" after Tuesday's intercontinental ballistic missile test. The US government's action, disclosed Thursday in court filings, "show a continuing determination to identify and shut down Pyongyang's points of access to the US financial system." However, there is "no indication that the government believes that any of banks – Bank of America Corp., Bank of New York Mellon Corp., Citigroup Inc., Deutsche Bank AG, HSBC Holdings Plc, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Standard Chartered Plc and Wells Fargo & Co. – knowingly violated US sanctions against North Korea."

Civilian Satellites Could Help Track North Korea Missiles. The New York Times (7/6, Sanger, Broad) reports that this week's intercontinental ballistic missile has "triggered an urgent, but quiet search for ways to improve America's early-warning ability." According to the Times, the "most intriguing solutions have come from Silicon Valley, where the Obama administration began investing in tiny, inexpensive civilian satellites developed to count cars in Target parking lots and monitor the growth of crops." While "some in the Pentagon...resisted the move...as North Korea's missile program progressed, American officials laid out an ambitious schedule for the first of the small satellites to go up at the end of this year, or the beginning of next."

WPost Analysis: Assassination Of Kim Jong Nam Sheds Light On Chemical Weapons Arsenal. The Washington Post (7/6, A1, Warrick) reports that "for the prosecutors preparing for the first court hearings later this month, some of the mysteries behind Kim Jong Nam's death inside a Malaysian airport terminal will likely never be resolved." But nearly five months after the killing of the North Korean leader's half-brother, "US and Asian officials have a clearer view of the attack's significance. In carrying out history's first state-sponsored VX assassination in a country 3,000 miles from its borders, North Korea has demonstrated a new willingness to use its formidable arsenal of deadly toxins and poisons to kill or intimidate enemies on foreign soil, analysts say."

McConnell: Bill To Fix ACA Needed Should GOP Healthcare Bill Fail.

NBC Nightly News (7/6, story 4, 2:00, Guthrie) reported Senate Majority Leader McConnell "raised new doubts about his ability to get the healthcare bill passed." NBC (Hunt) added that McConnell acknowledged he may not get the 50 Republican votes needed to pass the bill, and said that in such an instance "some kind of action with regard to private health insurance market must occur." Meanwhile, there are "dozens of protests around the country" over the bill. Politico (7/6, Haberkorn) reports McConnell's "remarks could be aimed at Senate conservatives" who want more of the ACA removed.

The Washington Post (7/6, Eilperin, Goldstein) calls McConnell's remarks "a significant shift," and the suggestion that Congress may seek to improve the ACA exchanges "is at odds with Republican talking points that they are beyond repair." The AP (7/6, Schreiner, Fram) reports McConnell's comment is "one of his most explicit acknowledgments" the GOP may not achieve their "top-priority drive to" repeal the ACA and "implicitly meant that" progress on healthcare may require Democratic support. USA Today (7/6, Collins) reports Minority Leader Schumer, "jumped on the Republican leader's comments, saying McConnell 'opened the door to bipartisan

solutions.'" Schumer said, "It's encouraging that Sen. McConnell today acknowledged that the issues with the exchanges are fixable."

Cruz: Repeal ACA Without A Replacement If Senate GOP Healthcare Bill Fails. The Washington Post (7/6, Sullivan) reports Sen. Ted Cruz, following a town hall event here hosted by Concerned Veterans For America, said that if the Senate GOP healthcare bill fails, the Senate should, as President Trump suggested, repeal the Affordable Care Act and provide a replacement "either a year or two years" later. This puts him at odds with Majority Leader McConnell, who suggested working with Democrats on stabilizing insurance markets if the GOP bill fails.

GOP Senators: Vote Not Expected For Weeks. The Hill (7/6, Sullivan) reports, "Republican senators are downplaying the chances of a quick vote next week on" their healthcare bill, with Sens. Pat Toomey, Ted Cruz, and Mitch McConnell giving a time frame of weeks. McConnell "faces a tough task in threading the needle between the demands of conservatives and centrists" who have opposing objections to the current bill.

WPost Analysis: GOP Bill's Deficiencies Stem From Expectation Trump Would Lose. In an analysis, the Washington Post (7/6, Kane) writes that Sen. Pat Toomey offered the "simple, remarkable explanation" for the GOP's struggles in repealing the ACA: "I didn't expect Donald Trump to win, I think most of my colleagues didn't, so we didn't expect to be in this situation." There were no "detailed Republican planning sessions on the Senate Finance Committee" on the matter; every important Republican leader's expectation that Hillary Clinton would "that left Republicans confused and paralyzed about how to proceed when she didn't." This unpreparedness is also reflected in the lack of action on tax reform, infrastructure, and Administration staffing. Still, "Trump's advisers have not always lent a helping hand," often leaving congressional Republicans unsure what policy was currently favored within the White House, and Trump's public comments "sowed division."

Hospital CEO Predicts "Destructive" Results Of GOP Healthcare Reform. Mt. Sinai Health System President and CEO Kenneth Davis, on CNBC's Closing Bell (7/6), predicted Congress could produce two results that "are very destructive potentially to large healthcare centers in urban areas." The first "is that we're going to be losing an awful lot of Medicaid, and that's going to provide the hospital systems with lots more patients with uncompensated care." The second is "that there will be a lot of people with preexisting conditions who can't afford their policies at all, and they are going to come into the hospital with major medical problems and also be uncompensated and once again the hospitals by law will have to take care of them, and it's going to be very difficult to see how a lot of hospitals that already have very small margins are going to survive in that environment. We are fundamentally not dealing with the basic problems in health care which these bills."

US, Other G20 Nations Reportedly "Nearing A Compromise" On Climate Change.

Politico (7/6, Restuccia) reports that the US and other G20 nations are "nearing a compromise on climate change." After days of preliminary talks ahead of today's summit, G20 negotiators are "increasingly hopeful they can settle on a joint communique in which the United States underscores its intent to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement while the other nations emphasize their support for the pact, according to a senior diplomat involved in the discussions." Diplomats, however, "stressed that the text remains fluid and could be rewritten at the insistence" of President Trump and other world leaders.

In Remarks Broadcast At G20 Summit, California Governor Announces Global Climate Meeting. The New York Times (7/6, Friedman) reports that in a videoconference address yesterday evening during the G20 summit in Germany, California Gov. Jerry Brown "reinforced his reputation as America's de facto leader on climate change, announcing to cheering crowds...that his state would gather leaders from around the world for a global warming summit next year." Brown said President Trump "doesn't speak for the rest of America" in withdrawing from the Paris accord. The California summit "will bring together the leaders of states, cities, businesses and others who made pledges to curb heat-trapping greenhouse gas emissions as part of the Paris accord and the thousands of others who were galvanized by Mr. Trump's decision."

France To Stop Selling Gasoline And Diesel Cars By 2040. The New York Times (7/6, Ewing) reports that, in "an expression of European leaders' determination to pursue an environmental agenda despite" President Trump repudiating the Paris climate accord, French Environment Minister Nicolas Hulot announced his country will end the sale of gasoline and diesel cars by 2040. The Times calls the timing of the move "significant," given Trump's current visit to Europe and Volvo's announcement the day before that it will phase out the internal combustion engine. While the target is not as ambitious as Norway plan to sell only electric cars by 2025, India by

2030, the "declaration gave additional momentum to efforts to fight climate change and urban smog."

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"Surprise Us, Mr. Trump: Name An Ethics Watchdog With Teeth." In an editorial, the New York Times (7/7) says that with the resignation of Office of Government Ethics Director Walter Shaub, "President Trump now has the chance to appoint an accommodating loyalist who'd give him far less trouble than Mr. Shaub has. Or he could surprise us, and name another independent director committed to the ethical rules of public service." Though Trump's "past behavior doesn't offer much hope," it would "be in his long-term interest to choose a director with integrity."

"The Vatican's Failure In The Abuse Scandal." The New York Times (7/7, Board) editorializes, "For all of Pope Francis' deserved acclaim in leading the Roman Catholic Church to new directions, he is failing badly on his promise to address the child abuse scandal." The Pope's "failure to confront the problem was underlined last week when the pope had to grant one of his closest advisers, Cardinal George Pell of Australia, a leave of absence from the Vatican to answer multiple charges of sexual assault in Melbourne."

Washington Post.

"Trump Wants Us To Defend 'Our Values.' Which Ones?" The Washington Post (7/6) asks in an editorial, "Which values is he summoning us to defend? There were encouraging elements in his address suggesting that he was referring to the universal values that America celebrated" on July 4, but "perhaps what gives the most doubt is that he celebrated 'the right to free speech and free expression' without mentioning that the government welcoming him has worked worryingly to narrow those freedoms, along with the independence of its judiciary – and without mentioning that, at home, Mr. Trump himself has been far from a tribune of the free press."

"The District Should Make This Needed Campaign Finance Reform A Reality." In an editorial, the Washington Post (7/6) encourages the DC Council to join other local and state governments that have begun publicly financing campaigns in order to reduce the influence of "big money" in politics. The Post says a bill now before the Council would give matching funds (5-1) to candidates who forgo corporate and PAC contributions. Among the benefits of the proposition would be giving increased power to small donations, broadening the pool of possible candidates, and releasing donors from the necessity of reliance on wealthy donors for funding. The program's estimate $5 million cost "would be a wise investment toward better government," according to the Post.

"A Worthy Legacy Of The Ebola Catastrophe." The Washington Post (7/6) editorializes that the World Bank is creating a "novel program" based on the issuance of bonds and derivatives and creation of a trust fund to prepare for the world's next epidemic is a "promising and innovative step forward...and a worth legacy of the Ebola catastrophe" in 2014 and 2015. The Post says that as lack of immediate access to a robust funding source was identified as an important flaw in the world's response to Ebola in West Africa, the World Bank's Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility will be an important partner of the WHO to boost preparedness for the next epidemic. Investors will reap premiums , but will also take a risk: in the case of a major outbreak, they will lose some or all of what they have invested.

Wall Street Journal.

"Putin's Assist For North Korea." A Wall Street Journal (7/6) editorial criticizes the move, which it says was likely because Putin wanted to send a message that he can make trouble if Trump resists a "reset" in US-Russia ties.

"The Japan-EU Trade Warning." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (7/6) says the agreement's impact will be more far-reaching than bilateral trade, especially as it sends a message to Trump that global trade will continue regardless of American participation. In addition to the Administration's disregard for the TPP and TTIP putting American farmers and exporters at a disadvantage, the Journal says its consideration of punitive tariffs threatens to provoke tit-for-tat trade wars, WTO cases, and more difficult trade negotiations in the future. Top-notch American manufacturing productivity and rebounding employment, the Journal says the Administration's trade policies are harming relationships and allowing other powers to assume trade leadership and achieve prosperity that should belong to Americans.

Big Picture

Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:
So Long, Hamburger Helper: America's Venerable Food Brands Are Struggling
Buffett's Berkshire Nears Deal To Buy Electric-Grid Giant
Trump Says West Must Defend Its Civilization
Ships Exporting Iranian Oil Go Dark, Raising Sanctions Red Flags

New York Times:
Trump, In Poland, Asks If West Has The 'Will To Survive'
As EU And Japan Strengthen Trade Ties, US Risks Losing Its Voice
Illinois Lawmakers Override Budget Veto, Ending Two-Year Stalemate
Tiny Satellites From Silicon Valley May Help Track North Korea Missiles
Millions Meant For Rail Tunnel Subsidize Ferry Rides For A Few
Sheila Michaels, Who Brought 'Ms.' To Prominence, Dies At 78

Washington Post:
McConnell Hints At Shoring Up The ACA
As Missiles Fly, N. Korea Tests Subtler Weapon, Too
Airmen Who Monitor Drones Fight War-Zone Exhaustion
Bars No Obstacle For Dirt Bike Thieves
Trump Depicts A Siege On West

Financial Times:
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CBS: Trump-G20 Visit; Ethics Office Director Resigns; Healthcare Reform-Paul Ryan Deflecting; Rep Scalise-Health Condition; NYC-Officer Shot; Illinois-Chinese International Student Kidnapped; Volvo-Electric, Hybrid Vehicles; Iraqi Artifacts Smuggling; Heat Wave-Wildfires; Wimbledon Tournament-Feud; Handicapped Child Friendly Water Park.
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Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:
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VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — No announced public schedule.
US Senate: On recess until 10 July.
US House: On recess until 10 July.
Other: 7:15 AM Air India celebrates inaugural flight from Dulles International to New Delhi – Washington Dulles International Airport and Air India celebrate 'the first ever nonstop connection between New Delhi and the National Capital Region', featuring the Air India inaugural flight arrival (7:30 AM EDT), followed by a press conference (8:30 AM EDT). Speakers include India Ambassador to the U.S. Amb. Navtej Sarna, Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser, Air India Chairman and Managing Director Ashwani Lohani, and MWAA Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Margaret McKeough Location: Washington Dulles International Airport, Dulles, VA Arlington www.metwashairports.com https://twitter.com/dcairports

12:00 PM 'Understanding What's Next for Medicaid' Alliance for Health Policy briefing – 'Understanding What's Next for Medicaid' Alliance for Health Policy briefing, with Cindy Mann (Manatt), Richard Frank (Harvard Medical School), Chuck Duarte (Community Health Alliance), and Chip Kahn (Federation of American Hospitals) examining the real-world implications of proposed policy changes to Medicaid and the impact on populations such as children, the disabled, and those who need long-term services and supports, and discussing how the current House and Senate health care bills would transform Medicaid, how a system of per capita caps would work, and what steps states are likely to take with our without changes in federal legislation Location: Rm G50, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC www.allhealthpolicy.org https://twitter.com/AllHealthPolicy

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Late Night Political Humor.

All late-night talk shows were in re-runs or did not run.

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DOI In The News

2 National Monuments Safe From Trump Administration's Review.

The Hill (7/13, Cama) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is "formally asking President Trump to keep two national monument designations without any changes." According to the article, "while Zinke's recommendation doesn't necessarily mean Trump won't try to change the protections, the conclusions for Idaho's Craters of the Moon and Washington's Hanford Reach mean they are likely safe." Zinke said in a statement, "When the President and I began the monument review process we absolutely realized that not all monuments are the same and that not all monuments would require modifications."

The AP (7/13, GERANIOS) reports that "Thursday's announcement that no changes will be made to the two monuments came after public comments and conversations with stakeholders, Zinke said." Of the Hanford Reach, Zinke said, "Sportsmen and women from all over the country go to Hanford Reach for some of the best fishing and bird hunting around. It's also home to some of the most well-preserved remnants of human history in the area." Speaking of Craters of the Moon, Zinke said, "As a former geologist, I realize Craters of the Moon is a living timeline of the geologic history of our land on the Great Rift."

The Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review (7/13, Landers) reports that "Zinke didn't get a thank you from Washington's senators for dropping the Hanford Reach from its review of 27 national monuments created by presidents through the Antiquities Act." Instead, Zinke and the Trump Administration "received a rebuke for wasting the federal time and money on the review in the first place." Sen. Maria Cantwell said, "Now that Secretary Zinke agrees that the protection for the Hanford Reach National Monument should not be changed, the Trump Administration should abandon this review and the ill-advised effort to undermine national monuments altogether. An attack on one of our national monuments is an attack on all of them."

The Washington Post (7/13, Fears) reports that Kate Kelly, the Center for American Progress' public lands director, "praised the decision to leave Hanford Reach and Craters of the Moon alone but said 'the fate of 25 more monuments rests in the hands of a process without logic

or transparency.'" Kelly said, "The only thing that's been consistent throughout Zinke's review is its arbitrariness. From the get-go, it's been a guessing game on … how the review is being conducted and what is driving Zinke's decisions."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Business Insider (7/13, Geranios), the Coeur d'Alene (ID) Press (7/13, Geranios), the Columbia Basin (WA) Herald (7/13, Geranios), the San Francisco (CA) Chronicle (7/13, Geranios), the Seattle (WA) Post-Intelligencer (7/13, Geranios), the Albuquerque (NM) Journal (7/13, Geranios), the Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune (7/13, Geranios), Philly (PA) (7/13, Geranios), the Washington (DC) Post (7/13, Nicholas K. Geranios |, Ap), the Washington (DC) Times (7/13, Geranios), WAOW-TV Wausau (WI) Wausau, WI (7/13, Geranios), and KTVB-TV Boise (ID) Boise, ID (7/13, Geranios).

Additional coverage was provided by Reuters (7/14, Coffman), the Washington (DC) Examiner (7/13, Siciliano), the Huffington Post (7/13, D'angelo), the Bangor (ME) Daily News (7/13, Sambides), the Tri-City Herald (WA) (7/13, Cary), KOMO-TV Seattle (WA) Seattle (7/13, GERANIOS), and KIVI-TV Boise (ID) Boise, ID (7/13, Bertel).

Republicans To Trump: Shrink Mojave Trails National Monument, Leave Sand To Snow Alone. USA Today (7/14, Roth) reports that "Congressional Republicans are urging President Trump to eliminate nine national monuments, including Bears Ears in Utah, and to shrink 14 others – even as hundreds of thousands of public commenters call for him to keep those monuments in place." Seventeen House Republicans "called for those changes in a letter to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke." The article notes that "among the monuments targeted for elimination are Berryessa Snow Mountain in California, Grand Canyon-Parashant in Arizona, Katahdin Woods and Waters in Maine and Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah." They "also asked Trump to shrink 14 other monuments, including four in California: Carrizo Plain, Grand Sequoia, Mojave Trails and San Gabriel Mountains." However, "they advised him not to change the boundaries of four monuments, including Sand to Snow, which stretches from the desert floor near Palm Springs to the peak of Mount San Gorgonio."

New Mexico Governor Supports Monument Review. The U.S. News & World Report (7/13, Bryan) reports that New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez "supports the review of two national monuments in New Mexico, saying it's important that the designations follow the intent and spirit of the federal law that was used to establish the sites." Martinez "outlined her comments on the Rio Grande del Norte and the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks national monuments in a letter to U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke." The letter was made public Thursday.

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Bristol (VA) Herald Courier (7/13, Bryan), the San Francisco (CA) Chronicle (7/13, Bryan), the Washington (DC) Times (7/13, Bryan), and the Wichita (KS) Eagle (7/13, Bryan).

Additional coverage was provided by the Albuquerque (NM) Journal and KRWG-FM Las Cruces (NM) Las Cruces, NM (7/13).

Oregon AG Threatens Legal Action To Protect Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. Oregon Public Broadcasting (7/13, Burns) reports that in a letter to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum threatened to sue if the Trump Administration tries "to revoke or reduce the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument." The article says that "reports have surfaced that Zinke will be visiting Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument this weekend to meet with stakeholders," but the Interior Department "would not confirm those reports."

On A Mission To Protect National Monuments. In an op-ed for Stars And Stripes (7/13, Tyson), Dj Tyson, who served in the U.S. Army for four years, writes about the importance of public lands to the nation's veterans. Tyson calls the review of national monuments as "nothing more than aggressive attempts to undermine the heritage that belongs to all Americans, and sell or lease that land for fossil fuel production." Tyson asserts that "stripping our land of its natural beauty and displacing its wildlife does not make America great." Tyson writes: "A veteran wouldn't give that treasure away. A veteran would protect it, fight for it and preserve it for all Americans, for all generations. A failure of that mission would be a failure of service to the United States of America."

Additional Coverage. Additional coverage of the review of national monuments was provided by the Woodland (CA) Daily Democrat (7/13, Raskin-Zrihen) and the Albuquerque (NM) Journal (7/14, Arellanes, Montoya, Martinez).

Trump Administration Reduces Royalty Rates In First U.S. Oil, Gas Lease Sale.

Reuters (7/13) reports that the Trump Administration "announced its first offshore oil and gas lease sale on Thursday, offering 76 million acres in the Gulf of Mexico and reduced royalty rates for shallow water leases to encourage drilling at a time of low oil prices." Interior Secretary Ryan

Zinke "said the sale to take place on August 16 will offer leases offshore Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida for exploration and development." Zinke said, "Our Outer Continental Shelf lands offer vast energy development opportunities and we are committed to encouraging increased energy exploration and production in these offshore areas to maintain the country's global dominance in energy production."

Additional coverage was provided by Sputnik News (7/13) and KOBI-TV Medford (OR) Medford, OR (7/13).

Ryan Zinke At Interior Is Implementing MAGAnomics.

The Reno (NV) Gazette-Journal (7/13, Sullivan) reports that "on the same day Budget Director Mick Mulvaney introduced the country to MAGAnomics, he said Ryan Zinke at the Interior Department is doing the best job in the cabinet at implementing its deregulatory agenda to 'make America great again.'" Mulvaney and Zinke "met with a small group of reporters Thursday to discuss efforts to produce sustained 3 percent growth as Mulvaney's Thursday op-ed using the coinage – an alternative to 'Trumponomics' – appeared in The Wall Street Journal." The article says that "as an example of a management approach to improve morale and results, Zinke said his department is 'top heavy' and 'undermanned on the front line,' among park rangers, for example." The article adds that "noting that 16 percent of his department's workforce is already at retirement age and 40 percent will be in five years, he wants to hire with the aim of providing a 30-year career path and end the current uncertainty about how to get promoted."

Interior Secretary Zinke To Meet With Local Officials Saturday.

The Klamath Falls (OR) Herald And News (7/14, Floyd) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will visit the Medford area on Saturday "to address land use issues in Southern Oregon." The secretary's "visit comes amid concerns about the recent expansion of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument as well as the federal government's obligations to fulfill terms of the OC&E Lands Act." Klamath County Commissioner Donnie Boyd "said he hoped the meeting with Zinke will ultimately prove the Department of the Interior is wiling to work with the people of Klamath County."

Picture Becoming Clearer On New Trump Regulatory Policy.

Bloomberg BNA (7/14, Bolen) reports that the Office of Management and Budget "said it will release the week of July 17 the Spring 2017 Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions, which will list for the first time the regulations that agencies intend to eliminate or modify to offset the costs of their new regulations." The report will "provide a long-awaited missing piece of President Donald Trump's new one-in, two-out regulatory policy, which requires agencies to eliminate two regulations and to offset the costs of each new regulation they want to issue." The Interior Department, "for example, is proposing to reduce its regulatory stockpile by 50 percent and withdraw 152 regulatory actions, said Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke."

DOI Touts Support From Tribes, Congressman For New Official.

Law360 (7/13, Westney) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "said Wednesday that a former department official will return in a key role at the DOI with the backing of Native American leaders and the Republican congressman he served as chief of staff." Todd Willens, "who served at the Department of the Interior from 2006 to 2008 before working as chief of staff for Steve Pearce, R-N.M., from 2010 through this year, will serve as assistant deputy secretary for the department under Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt."

New Legislation Tells Fourth Graders To Take A Hike.

For the "Congress" blog of The Hill (7/13, Ostfeld, Contributor), Jackie Ostfeld, Outdoors Associate Director for the Sierra Club, and Founder and Chair of the Outdoors Alliance for Kids, lauds the introduction of the bicameral and bipartisan Every Kid Outdoors Act. Ostfeld argues that the legislation will promote the "health and welfare of our children," as well as bolstering the outdoor recreation economy. He notes that "the legislation is inspired by the Every Kid in a Park program which has leveraged substantial investments from the private sector." Calling the Every Kid Outdoors Act "a low-cost, commonsense solution to encourage children to get active and learn about the public lands, waters, and shores that make America so unique," Ostfeld urges Congress to "pass it without delay."

Trump: Russia Knows 'I'm Going To Produce Much More Energy' Than Clinton Would

Have.

The Hill (7/13, Henry) reports that while speaking to reporters, President Trump promised to "produce much, much more energy than anyone else who was ever running for office." Trump used the opportunity to argue that Russia would have preferred Hillary Clinton's energy platform, saying, "your energy prices right now would be double" if she had one. Trump also said, "I'm a tremendous fracker, coal, natural gas, alternate energy, wind – everything, right? ... But I'm going to produce much, much more energy than anyone else who was ever running for office. Ever."

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

US House Passes Tribal Land Trust Bill.

The Coos Bay (OR) World (7/13, Cole) reports that "the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill on Wednesday that proponents say will expand land rights for three southern Oregon Native American tribes." The Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act (H.R. 1306) "provides land in trust to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians." It now goes to the Senate for further consideration.

Additional coverage was provided by KUOW-FM Seattle (7/13).

Indian Country Outnumbered At Hearing On Indian Reorganization Act.

The Nation Sun News (7/13) reports that the House Committee on Natural Resources "took a second look at the land-into-trust process on Thursday morning." According to the article, "the biggest reveal was that Republican leaders once again failed to invite an actual tribal leader to a talk about one of the most important issues in Indian Country." Also, "Democrats on the committee were only allowed to pick one witness."

Bureau Of Land Management

Sessions 'Not Taking Sides' On Bundys.

E&E Publishing (7/13, Yachnin) reports that Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Wednesday "praised the lead attorney in the government's prosecution of Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy but also said he would not be 'taking sides' in the trials related to the 2014 armed standoff between ranchers and federal agents near Bunkerville, Nev." In an appearance in Nevada, Sessions said, "I've got to tell you, it's impressive when you have a tough case, a controversial case, and you've got the top guy leading the battle, going to court, standing up and defending the office and the principles of the law." However, he added: "I'm not taking sides or commenting on the case. Just want to say that leadership requires, a lot of times, our people to step up and be accountable." The article says that "Sessions' refusal to take a position on the Bunkerville trials is notable because the Bundys and their supporters hoped the Trump administration would offer them some relief in their battle with the federal government."

Will Congress Fix Wildfire Funding This Year?

The High Country (CO) News (7/13, Worby) reports that with "the West is in the midst of another intense wildfire season," and with President Trump "proposing to cut the Forest Service's firefighting budget by nearly $300 million, the question of how to manage and fund wildfire suppression on public lands has again reared its head." The Resilient Federal Forests Act "addresses wildfire management funding, an increasingly urgent problem." Under the bill, the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management "would be able to tap into Federal Emergency Management Agency funds to fight catastrophic fires."

Judge Rejects Utah Ranchers' Plea To Evict Wild Horses.

The Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (7/13, Maffly) reports that "a federal judge on Tuesday tossed a lawsuit brought by Utah ranchers demanding the Bureau of Land Management remove 'excess' wild horses from several areas in the West Desert they say are overrun with free-roaming horses that displace their cattle." Represented by Karen Budd-Falen, a Wyoming attorney "who sources say is undergoing final vetting to serve as the BLM's next director, the ranchers argued that federal law requires the removal of horses that exceed population targets the agency has set for particular herd areas." However, U.S. District Judge Jill Parrish held "that roundups are not

compulsory, unless certain conditions are met."

Bureau Of Ocean Energy Management

US Approves Alaska Offshore Drilling From Gravel Island.

The AP (7/13, Joling) reports that "petroleum exploration has largely ceased in federal waters off Alaska but an Italian multinational oil and gas company has received permission to move ahead with modest drilling plans on leases sold in 2005." The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management "late Wednesday announced conditional approval of an exploratory drilling plan submitted by Eni US Operating Co. Inc., part of Eni S.p.A." The AP writes that "the company plans to drill four exploration wells from the Spy Island drill site, an 11-acre (.04-square kilometer) artificial gravel island constructed in state of Alaska waters 6 to 8 feet (1.8 to2.4 meters) deep." It also points out that "former President Barack Obama last year banned oil and gas exploration in most of the Arctic Ocean. President Trump in April ordered Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review the ban with the goal of opening offshore areas."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by U.S. News & World Report (7/13, Joling), Business Insider (7/13, Joling), the Elko (NV) Daily Free Press (7/13, Joling), the San Luis Obispo (CA) Tribune (7/13, Joling), the Seattle (WA) Post-Intelligencer (7/13, Joling), the Daily Mail (7/13), the Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune (7/13, Joling), Newsday (NY) (7/13), Philly (PA) (7/13, Joling), and the Washington (DC) Times (7/13, Joling).

Additional coverage was provided by The Hill (7/13, Cama), Reuters (7/13, Gardner), Morning Consult (7/13, Gheorghiu), Offshore Engineer (7/13, Sustaita), and Splash 24/7 (SGP) (7/13, Scully).

Fish And Wildlife Service

Jeffco Officials Dig In Their Heels Against Proposed Prairie Dog Relocation At Rocky Flats.

The Denver Post (7/13, Aguilar) reports that Jefferson County officials are "recommending against a controversial proposal to move a colony of prairie dogs from Longmont to Rocky Flats." According to the article, "in a letter dated Wednesday and made public Thursday, county manager Donald Davis told consultants working with developer HSW Land that county staff 'would not recommend relocation of these destructive rodent pests from Boulder County to Jefferson County.'" The article notes that "Davis did not give a reason for recommending against the relocation, a decision that would be up to the county commissioners."

'BioBlitz' Finds Scores Of Creatures In Springfield's Abbey Brook Conservation Area.

The Springfield (MA) Republican (7/13, Treeger) reports that "the public participated in a fun, scientific and educational 'BioBlitz' on Thursday at the Abbey Brook Conservation area, where they helped identify and inventory wildlife, tree and plant species." The Sustainable Springfield Partnership "conducted the event at the conservation area, with the staging site located in the rear parking lot of the Springfield Renaissance School." David Sagan, private lands biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said, "We have found and identified 54 different species in just the first two hours. We are right behind Springfield's Renaissance school, which is an awesome opportunity to not only work on science but also to engage the next generation of conservationists."

Is Sound The Secret For Saving The Manatees?

NBC News (7/13, Trani) reports that "watercraft strikes kill" about 100 manatees each year, "making boats the leading cause of manatee death." But marine mammal scientists Edmund and Laura Gerstein from Boca Raton "believe they have an acoustic solution to curb manatee mortality." They have "developed a submerged alarm system that shoots a beam of high-frequency sound from the front of the boat, warning manatees to steer clear."

National Park Service

Warner, Kaine Announce More Than $4.2M For 9 Historic Battlefields In Virginia.

WSLS-TV Roanoke, VA (7/13) reports that Sens. Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine "announced

more than $4.2 million to preserve nine historic battlefields in Virginia." The grants were awarded through the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program, funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The senators said, "Virginia is home to some of our nation's most significant history, and this National Park Service program has been invaluable in partnering with the Civil War Trust and localities to protect these sites from development. Preserving this land is critical to ensuring that our children and their children can learn from our past."

Additional coverage was provided by the Lynchburg (VA) News & Advance (7/13, Carmel).

Ga. Cities Get $90K In Federal Historic Grants.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (7/13, Ibata) reports that "seven Georgia cities, including four in the metro Atlanta area, will receive federal grants totaling more than $90,000 to support historic preservation activities, the Historic Preservation Division of the state Department of Natural Resources announced." The grants are awarded through the Historic Preservation Fund of the National Park Service.

Grand Canyon National Park Plans To Bring Back River Unit.

The AP (7/13) reports that Grand Canyon National Park is "considering recreating a river unit that was dismantled 16 months ago following a report by a federal watchdog that found a longstanding pattern of sexual harassment there." According to the article, "park employees presented a draft of their plan to reinstate river operations at a community meeting in Flagstaff on Tuesday." The article says that "under the proposed changes, the river district would operate as an independent work group within the park and would be overseen by a newly created river operations manager, who reports directly to the superintendent."

Additional coverage was provided by the Arizona Daily Sun (7/13, Cowan).

Conservationists, National Park Service And Point Reyes Ranchers Reach Settlement On Disputed Land.

The Los Angeles Times (7/13, Serna) reports that "environmentalists, the National Park Service and ranchers have reached a settlement over disputed usage rights at Point Reyes National Seashore." The agreement, "which was announced Wednesday, would give conservationists, ranch owners and others an opportunity to offer input on an amended general management plan for the rugged Bay Area peninsula." The NPS, "which leases land for cattle grazing, must complete the plan by 2021."

Additional coverage was provided by the Santa Cruz (CA) Sentinel (7/12) and YubaNet (CA) (7/13).

Dog Off-leash Backers Question 'secret' Examination Of Disputed Emails.

The Marin (CA) Independent Journal (7/13, Prado) reports that "a process to look at controversial emails that led up to the decision for more restrictive dog leash requirements is being questioned by a San Rafael off-leash advocate who says it is occurring in secret." The National Park Service in December "released details of its final environmental impact statement on new dog leash requirements, setting the stage for more restrictions in Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties that were to take effect this year." However, "in January, the park service announced it was holding off after requests from lawmakers for a delay, and the revelation of emails that showed park employees were critical of dog backers, raising questions about impartiality during the process." According to the article, "the documents appear to show a park staffer using a personal email address to seek support from various advocacy groups to back the new rules to limit dogs off leash."

Wetlands Trail Reopens At Lake Mead After Three-year Closure.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal (7/13, Hershkovitz) reports that the Wetlands Trail at Lake Mead National Recreation Area has "reopened after a three-year closure," the National Park Service announced Thursday. According to the NPS, "the trail closed in early 2014 as crews installed a control structure to prevent erosion in the Las Vegas Wash to protect stability of a bridge." The article says that "the control structure also will protect the Lake Las Vegas dam and outlet works."

Master Plan Underway For Historic Trail From Abingdon To Elizabethton.

WCYB-TV Bristol, VA (7/13, Bailey) reports that the Overmountain Victory Trail was "designated a national trail in 1980, but not all of the trail is accessible by walking and biking." The National

Park Service hopes "to open up the full 330-mile route." The agency aims "to have master plans completed for the nine sections of trail by 2020."

Park Volunteers Recognized With Southeast Regional Service Awards.

The Sevier (TN) News Messenger (7/13) reports that Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials announced that several dedicated Volunteers in Park "received regional recognition for their outstanding service." Volunteers Raymond Palmer, Frank March, Daniel Metcalf, and the Centennial Volunteer Ambassador group were "selected as recipients of Southeast Regional Service Awards for their exemplary service from over 42,000 volunteers who donated their time, skills, and talents in 66 national park units across 9 states in the southeast region." Park Superintendent Cassius Cash said, "We are so very proud of the work accomplished by these enthusiastic and talented volunteers. They have not only further established the next generation of park supporters and advocates through their outreach, they have each contributed to the legacy of this park through their service. We are truly grateful for their dedication and support."

Chiricahua National Monument Open After Closure Due To Fire.

The AP (7/13) reports that Chiricahua National Monument has reopened "after being closed because of a nearby southeastern Arizona wildfire." Officials "said the monument was closed Wednesday a precaution, but an announcement Thursday on the monument's Facebook page says the park was open 'but could be evacuated on short notice if fire conditions change.'" The blaze was "10 percent contained Thursday."

Natchez, National Park Service Advance Forks Of The Road Donation Process.

The Natchez (MS) Democrat (7/14, Hamilton) reports that "the City of Natchez and the National Park Service Tuesday entered into an agreement advancing the historic Forks of the Road land donation process." The agreement "essentially moves the donation process along and lays out responsibilities of the city and NPS until the land is donated, Natchez National Historical Park Superintendent Kathleen Bond said."

This Bobcat Brings In $308,000 A Year.

The Washington Post (7/13, Bittel) reports that a new study estimates the value of "one specific bobcat" at Yellowstone National Park "at a whopping $308,105 a year." According to the article, "in recent years, at least one cat has managed to make a living along the Madison River by ambushing ducks and other birds that ply these waters year-round." The article says that "the bobcat's exploits have caught the attention of wildlife outfitters and photographers who now schedule entire expeditions around observing and capturing the feline on film." Mark Elbroch, the puma program lead scientist for the global wild cat conservation organization Panthera, and his colleagues published their findings last week in the journal Biodiversity and Conservation.

Whitman Mission Receives EPA Award.

The East Oregonian (7/13) reports that Whitman Mission National Historic Site has been "selected to receive an award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for water conservation after the park lowered its water usage by 36 percent in 2016." The recognition "comes from the Federal Green Challenge, part of the EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Program, which challenges government offices throughout the country to reduce their environmental impact."

Utah Sheriff: 1 Dead, 5 Injured In Explosion On House Boat.

The AP (7/13) reports that "a Colorado woman is dead and five other people are injured after a nighttime explosion on a houseboat along the Utah-Arizona border, authorities said Thursday." According to authorities, "a generator exploded about 10 p.m. Wednesday as a large group that included about 20 other people vacationed on a privately owned boat on Lake Powel." The National Park Service and sheriff's office are investigating.

Monarchs, Bees And Other Insects Take Over Yosemite Milkweed Fields.

The Sacramento (CA) Bee (7/13, Caraccio) reports that Yosemite National Park has released a video "from its Nature Notes series showing how active butterflies, bees, birds and other insects are in the milkweed fields at the California tourist destination."

Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, Added To National Register Of Historic Place.

The Pottstown (PA) Mercury (7/13, Puleo) reports that the Washington Memorial Chapel has been

added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Ken Burns And Dayton Duncan On Denali National Park.

In a piece for USA Today (7/13, Duncan, Burns), Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns, the creators of the PBS documentary The National Parks: America's Best Idea, celebrate Denali National Park and Preserve turning 100 years old this year.

Additional Coverage: $10 Lifetime National Parks Pass For Seniors Will Increase To $80 Next Month.

Additional coverage that the new America the Beautiful lifetime senior passes will begin being issued for $80 was provided by MLive (MI) (7/13, Gmiter), the Atlanta (GA) Journal-Constitution (7/13), the Bangor (ME) Daily News (7/13, Koenig), WMEA-FM Portland (ME) Portland, ME (7/13, Morin), and WLTX-TV Columbia (SC) Columbia, SC (7/13, Harrison).

Office Of Insular Affairs

U.S. Dept. Of Interior Provides $250,000 In Funding To USVI For New Consumer Price Index.

The Virgin Islands Consortium (VIR) (7/12) reports that the Office of Insular Affairs has "awarded the U.S. Virgin Islands a $250,000 grant for the development and implementation of a 2017 Consumer Price Index (CPI)." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "presented the grant award to Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands Kenneth E. Mapp during their meeting at Interior Headquarters on Monday." Acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Nikolao Pula said, "The new CPI will be based on a new 2016 Household Income and Expenditure Survey. The major focus of the project is to provide current data on consumer expenditures in the U.S. Virgin Islands, congruent with national standards. This is critical in order to better assess and evaluate price trends in various sectors of the economy and prospects for economic growth and development."

Virgin Islands Consortium (VIR) (7/12) reports that Interior Department officials "say they will support the territory's efforts to establish a 'day visa' program, expand parking in Christiansted, resolve longstanding issues within the National Park on St. John and back a permanent increase in the amount of federal rum excise taxes returned to the local treasury." Governor Kenneth Mapp "described his meeting this week with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in Washington D.C. as highly productive."

The St. Thomas Source (7/12) reports that Interior Department officials told Gov. Kenneth Mapp this week that "they will back a permanent increase in the amount of federal rum excise taxes returned to the local treasury, according to Government House." Zinke has "pledged to support the territory's effort to lobby Congress to permanently increase the federal rum excise taxes returned to the U.S. Virgin Islands." Mapp said, "Making this increase permanent is a small matter for Congress, but makes a significant difference in our ability to budget. I truly thank Secretary Zinke for his commitment in this regard."

Additional coverage was provided by the Virgin Islands Daily News (7/14, Blackburn).

Governor And Senate Of CNMI Criticize Marianas Trench National Monument.

Hawaii Public Radio (7/13, Conan) reports that both CNMI governor Ralph Torres and the Senate of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands criticized the Marianas Trench National Monument in a letter to the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. In the letter, Torres "said that the federal government has failed to live up to its promises." Also, "a resolution passed by a vote of eight to one" in the Senate "called for the Monument designation to be withdrawn."

American Samoa Pleads For More US Funding.

Radio New Zealand (7/11) reports that American Samoa's governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga has "asked the territory's Congresswoman Aumua Amata to introduce federal legislation providing for annual funding for the territory of $US50 million dollars." Lolo Maliga noted that "the territory's $US23 million Grant in Aid has not increased since 1986." He "said he has asked Aumua Amata to introduce legislation calling for the Congressional annual funding to increase to $US50 million dollars to finance government operations including $US25 million dollars for capital improvement projects to replace deteriorating infrastructure."

H.R.2 810 – National Defense Authorization Act For Fiscal Year 2018.

Newsroom America (7/13) reports that the Trump Administration "supports a number of provisions in H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act." The legislation "supports key Administration priorities, including ending the defense sequester, rebuilding our military readiness, and modernizing our force for the future." The legislation "authorizes funding for our ongoing efforts to destroy the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), to deter potential adversaries, and to bolster our allies."

Explore A Tropical Paradise Through The Eyes Of The Colorblind.

Wired (7/13, Mallonee) reports that "an unusually high number of Pingelapese are completely colorblind, a condition called achromatopsia." Belgian photographer Sanne de Wilde "spent a month in Pingelap and the neighboring island of Pohnpei to get a better sense of how the Pingelapese see the world." De Wilde's finding are contained in "the incredible new book Island of the Colorblind__."

US Geological Survey

House Panel Backs Earthquake Early Warning System, Defying Trump's Plan To Kill It.

The Los Angeles Times (7/13, Lin) reports that "with bipartisan support, a congressional panel voted Wednesday to keep funding a West Coast earthquake early warning system that could have been shut down under President Trump's proposed budget." A House of Representatives subcommittee "said that the U.S. Geological Survey program should be allowed to continue and receive the same $10.2 million the network received in the last budget." Rep. Ken Calvert, chairman of the subcommittee, "said he would oppose any effort to cut the program as the budget bill moves through Congress."

Additional coverage was provided by Breitbart (7/13, Street).

Top National News

Trump Defends Son, Downplays Significance Of Veselnitskaya Meeting.

President Trump's comments during a joint news conference with French President Emmanuel Macron about his son Donald Trump Jr.'s meeting with a Russian lawyer dominate what continues to be heavy media coverage of Russia story. Trump is portrayed almost universally as defending his son and downplaying the significance of the meeting – amid vocal criticism from Democrats and calls for Trump Jr. to testify before Congress. In what is generally cast as an attempt to shift blame away from his White House, Trump also opened a new front in the story, claiming that the Obama Administration was responsible for letting the Russian lawyer, Natalia Veselnitskaya, into the country.

Cecilia Vega said on ABC World News Tonight (7/13, story 2, 3:45, Muir) that Trump's visit to France was "overshadowed" by the story, and Lester Holt, in the lead story for NBC Nightly News (7/13, lead story, 3:00) called Trump's defense of his son "uncharacteristically muted," while Kristen Welker said Trump was "steadfastly defending his son." Breitbart (7/13, Key) says Trump "defended his son's decision to take a meeting with a Russian attorney," while the New York Post (7/13, Fredericks) reports that Trump "staunchly defended his eldest son," saying, "I think the press made a very big deal over something that really a lot of people would do." Politico (7/13, McCaskill) says Trump "downplay[ed] the significance" of the meeting. Mark Phillips said on the CBS Evening News (7/13, story 2, 2:20, Mason) that Trump "was sticking to his story, that it was all part of the nasty game of politics," and "he insisted, the story was being overblown, not because the meeting shouldn't have taken place, but apparently because it produced nothing useful." Phillips added that Trump's answers "won't likely satisfy those who say that Donald Trump Jr. should never have taken that meeting. Instead, they say, he should have reported the approach to the FBI."

On its cover, TIME (7/13, Von Drehle) features a black and white photo of Trump Jr. and the words "Red Handed" below his face. The cover story, which calls the revelation of Trump Jr.'s "enthusiastic response to 'obviously very high level and sensitive' morsels supposedly collected by the Kremlin" a "bombshell," declares, "So much for White House efforts to deny a Russia problem." TIME adds that while "treason" is "an extremely hard case to make," a "more plausible charge is obstruction of justice – and here the President himself might be vulnerable."

Trump, the AP (7/13, Jalonick, Tucker) reports, characterized the meeting "as standard campaign practice and maintain[ed] that 'nothing happened' as a result of the June sit-down." Trump told reporters that "politics is not the nicest business in the world" and that "it's standard for candidates to welcome negative information about an opponent." Trump added that in this case, "nothing happened from the meeting, zero happened from the meeting." The AP highlights that the President's comments "stood in contrast to the position of his nominee for FBI director, Christopher Wray" during his confirmation hearing Wednesday.

Townhall (7/13, Pavlich) says Trump "defended" his son, as does the New York Times (7/13, Haberman), which quotes the President as calling Trump Jr. a "wonderful young man," who "took a meeting with a Russian lawyer. Not a government lawyer; a Russian lawyer." The Washington Post (7/13, Parker) quotes Trump as saying, "I do think this: I think from a practical standpoint most people would have taken that meeting. ... It's called opposition research or even research into your opponent."

However, USA Today (7/13, Jackson, Schouten) reports that "campaign and ethics experts have also disputed the Trumps' claims that the meeting constituted normal opposition research," and Vega said on ABC World News Tonight (7/13, story 2, 3:45, Muir) that while Trump said the lawyer was "not a government lawyer," in "those emails, it was crystal clear. Don Jr. agreed to meet with a quote, 'Russian government attorney,' who he was told had incriminating information on Hillary Clinton."

In a comment that media reports cast as an attempt to shift some responsibility on to the Obama Administration, Trump also claimed Veselnitskaya was allowed into the country "by the Obama Justice Department under extraordinary circumstances on a lobbying campaign with Congress and others to change US adoption policy toward Russia," the Washington Times (7/13, Boyer) reports. Trump said, "She was in the halls of Congress, also. ... Somebody said that her visa or her passport to come into the country was approved by Attorney General [Loretta] Lynch. Maybe that's wrong. I just heard that a little while ago. That's why she was here, because of Lynch." John Roberts reported on Fox News' Special Report (7/13) that Trump "pointed fingers at the press, arguing the incident have been overblown, blaming the Obama Administration for the fact that...Veselnitskaya was in the country at all."

The Hill (7/13, Fabian) says Trump "appeared to blame the Obama administration" for allowing Veselnitskaya into the country, and calls the comment "an attempt to deflect attention away from his son's decision to take the meeting." Similarly, Roll Call (7/13, Bennett) says the comment "appeared an attempt to at the least shift blame for her presence on top Democrats, and at most suggest top Democrats knew about her pending meeting with Trump Jr. and wanted it to occur." Tucker Carlson said on Fox News Tucker Carlson Tonight (7/13) that Lynch "personally got involved in helping that lawyer come to the United States. Once here, the lawyer/spy/diabolical hacker of democracy didn't just meet with Donald Trump Jr. She also sat in on a congressional hearing, she lobbied on behalf of her government, she went to events around Washington, including a dinner attended by at least one member of Congress who, for the record, is not named Trump. In other words, the story is considerably more complex than you may have heard."

Rep. Adam Schiff, ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, blasted Trump's comments on CNN's The Lead (7/13), saying that "for the President today...to defend Donald Jr. by saying, first of all, well this attorney wasn't a government attorney when that's how she was purported to be, and to go on to say, well, lots of people would have taken that meeting, is the equivalent of saying lots of people do unethical things, and so we did too. And we're okay with that. It's not okay. ... Whether it's illegal is another question, but it ought to be appalling to anyone with ethical standards."

Senate Intelligence Committee ranking member Mark Warner said on Fox News' Special Report (7/13) he "can't believe" that Trump would describe Trump Jr.'s actions as standard politics. Warner said, "Here it was in black and white, an email that said 'hey, meet with this Russian lawyer acting as an agent of the Russian government.' This is part of the Russian government's effort to help then-candidate Trump and discredit Clinton.' I don't know anybody, Democrat or Republican, that would take that kind of meeting with not only a foreign government, but a foreign adversary, and frankly a government that we've learned was trying to hack into our whole electoral process." When asked if he's seen other evidence of collusion, Warner said the committee is just now beginning to talk to people affiliated with the Trump campaign so "there is no evidence yet."

Sen. Ben Cardin said on CNN's Situation Room (7/13) that Trump Jr. owes the American people "an explanation. What he did is extremely troubling" and it is "not standard politics."

When asked about Trump saying Lynch let the Russian lawyer into the country, Cardin said, "Getting into the country is certainly not relevant to meeting with a person to get information to use in a campaign from another country. We let foreigners in our country. What is unusual is a campaign accepting information from a foreign agent that could be used against your opponent."

Sen. Amy Klobuchar said on MSNBC's Morning Joe (7/13), "We heard time and time again how the Hillary campaign wasn't as good as the Trump campaign when it came to this targeting and social media. That may be true but if you start to learn that the reason is that the Trump campaign was colluding with a foreign entity, that's a whole other world. . ... I don't know all the facts here, I'm a former prosecutor, I like to wait until I see the facts, but this is a very grave matter."

Rep. Joaquin Castro said on CNN's Situation Room (7/13), "I completely disagree" with Trump's claim that Trump Jr.'s actions are common in politics. Castro said, "Yes, opposition research is common in politics, but meeting with officials of...an adversary" of the US "is not standard practice at all."

Major Garrett reported on the CBS Evening News (7/13, story 3, 1:10, Mason) that "the Senate Intelligence Committee will request documents from Trump Jr. and Jared Kushner about that meeting, and it wants to interview, as you might expect, anyone in the Trump campaign who had contact with Russians." Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse said on MSNBC's Morning Joe (7/13) that Trump is "the only President or presidential candidate not to reveal his tax returns. There is credible information to suggest that the tax returns would reveal contacts with Russia. He is exactly the model of the business mark that the Russians target in their election interference strategies which has been written up over and over again, and he won't do it."

Michael Gerson writes in the Washington Post (7/13) that while some have "employed the excuse that members of the Trump team are new to politics," the "their innocence...is proved by their guilt." Gerson argues that this explanation "does not cover egregious acts of wrongdoing. Putting a future president in the debt of a foreign power — and subject, presumably, to blackmail by that power — is the height of sleazy stupidity." Rather than "a mistake born of greenness; it is evidence of a vacant conscience." Charles Krauthammer said on Fox News' Special Report (7/13), "I'm not impressed by the story about the lawyer. I think it's a red herring the size of a whale. She was a pawn. It doesn't change the central fact of the scandal. The scandal is the email received from an intermediary by Donald Trump, Jr. that said a Russian government lawyer...would be coming with dirt on Hillary and that the Kremlin was supporting his campaign and that the...state prosecutor in the Kremlin had a trove of documents. That's the story. I don't think it's illegal. I don't think anybody's claiming it's illegal," but it "totally undermines a six-month story from the White House, to which I was sympathetic, that there wasn't any collusion."

Senate Majority Whip Cornyn said on Fox News' Fox & Friends (7/13), "I firmly believe that Putin was trying to interfere with our election. He expected Hillary Clinton to win. It didn't turn out that way. But this is not about personalities, which is what the mainstream media wants to make it. This is Russia against the United States. Always has been, always will be. And that's what we ought to be focusing on and protecting our elections and institutions from." The CBS Evening News (7/13, story 5, 1:35, Mason) showed part of "a discussion with CBS News contributor Frank Luntz," between six Republican and six Democratic members of Congress about Russian meddling in the 2016 election.

Trump: Democrats' Focus On Russia Is "A Big Mistake." According to a pool report released Thursday, in remarks to reporters on Air Force One Wednesday, Trump argued "that Democrats had overplayed their hand on what he called 'the Russia thing,' saying the American people don't believe the accusations against him," Politico (7/13, Conway) reports. Trump said, "It's a witch hunt and they understand that. ... When they say 'treason' — you know what treason is? That's Julius and Ethel Rosenberg for giving the atomic bomb, OK?" Trump added that Democrats are "making a big mistake" by focusing on the issue. Said Trump, "My people and the people that support me, who are incredible people, those people are angry because they feel it's being unfair and a witch hunt." In a piece for the Washington Examiner (7/13), Michael Barone warns Democrats against "overreach," writing that the "overeagerness to find a smoking gun ignores the fact that the Constitution's standard for impeachment and removal from office is not the criminal code but 'high crimes and misdemeanors' – breaches of the public trust serious enough that two-thirds of senators feel justified in overriding the results of a presidential election."

Trump Says Putin Would Have Preferred Clinton As President. Also Thursday, in a pre-taped interview broadcast on Christian Broadcasting Network's 700 Club (7/13), Trump said Russian President Vladimir Putin would have preferred if Hillary Clinton had won the election. Trump argued, "We're the most powerful country in the world, and we're getting more and more

powerful because I'm a big military person. As an example, if Hillary had won, our military would be decimated, our energy would be much more expensive. That's what Putin doesn't like about me. ... From day one, I want a strong military; he doesn't want to see that. From day one, I want fracking and everything else to get energy prices low and to create tremendous energy. We're going to be self-supporting. ... He doesn't like that. He would like Hillary, where she wants to have windmills. ... There are many things I do that are the exact opposite of what he would want. When I keep hearing he would rather have Trump, I think, probably not." Trump also said in an interview broadcast on Christian Broadcasting Network's 700 Club that he and Putin "had a good meeting," adding, "I do believe it is important to have a dialogue. if you don't have a dialogue, it is a lot of problems for our country and for their country." Later in the interview, Trump said Putin "wants what is good for Russia and I want what is good for the United States" and "sometimes you're not going to get along on things, and sometimes you will." Trump added, "I think we got along very well, and that's a good thing, that's not a bad thing."

The New York Times (7/13, Haberman, Landler) says Trump told reporters on Air Force One that he confronted Putin twice about allegations that Russia interfered in the 2016 election, "and changed the subject after Mr. Putin flatly denied it because, 'What do you do? End up in a fistfight?'" In his "first extended account of a dramatic closed-door meeting he held with Mr. Putin last week in Hamburg, Germany," Trump said, "I said to him, 'Were you involved in the meddling with the election?' ... He said, 'Absolutely not. I was not involved.' He was very strong on it. I then said to him, in a totally different way, 'Were you involved with the meddling?' He said, 'I was not — absolutely not.'"

Bloomberg News (7/13, Epstein, Sink) reports that while Trump "repeatedly sidestepp[ed] questions about whether he believed Putin's denials of meddling in the 2016 presidential election," he told reporters on Air Force One that "he's willing to invite Russian President Vladimir Putin to the White House 'at the right time.'" Trump said, "Look, it's very easy for me to say absolutely, I won't" invite Putin to Washington, adding, "That's the easy thing for me to do, but that's the stupid thing to do. Let's be the smart people not the stupid people." Bloomberg also reports that Trump's comments to reports during the flight were given "on condition their conversation wouldn't be published," but those conditions "were reversed hours later by Trump himself." In his Washington Post (7/13, Zakaria) column, Fareed Zakaria questions why Trump has "had such a rosy attitude toward Russia" and Putin. Zakaria posits that Trump just "admires Putin as a leader" or "has bought in to the worldview of his senior adviser Stephen K. Bannon, in which Russia is not an ideological foe but a cultural friend, a white Christian country battling swarthy Muslims." Or there could be "some other explanation for this decade-long fawning over Russia and its leader."

Trump Voters Seemingly Unfazed By Russia Story. The Tennessean (7/13, Boucher) reports that residents of Wayne County, Tennessee, which "overwhelmingly voted for Trump," are largely unfazed by the Russia story. The story features comments from a number of local residents, including one Trump voter said that while "talk of Russia, special prosecutors and election tampering won't change his mind," he "might support someone else in the next election if Trump can't deliver on health care."

Study Criticizes Media, Contrasts Trump-Russia Coverage With Clinton-Uraniaum Coverage. The Washington Times (7/13, Harper) reports that a new study for the "conservative press watchdog" Newsbusters.org says that over the past four nights, "the "Big Three" networks devoted over 62 minutes of airtime" to the Russia story, but "those same news sources all but ignored 'Hillary Clinton's Russia-Uranium scandal' two years ago." According to analyst Geoffrey Dickens, the networks dedicated "a grand total of three minutes during the entire two-year period" to that story.

In an op-ed for the Washington Post (7/13, Abernathy), Gary Abernathy, publisher and editor of the (Hillsboro, Ohio) Times-Gazette, that while journalists react to Trump's claims of "fake news" with "public outrage, their popping veins nearly bursting through their thin skins," the media "has approval numbers lower than the president's," and it is "hard to persuade most Americans to feel our pain." Abernathy adds that "even liberals can't argue with a straight face that he's wrong about mainstream media bias." If the media "can prove Trump wrong through the evidence of their work," he continues, "the president's attacks will lose their steam. That day is not here."

Breitbart: Veselnitskaya Worked For "Many Democrats," May Have Opposed Trump Election. Breitbart (7/13, Wong) reports that while Democrats have portrayed Veselnitskaya as a Russian government official, "numerous reports and photos show she has a long record of working with US political figures, including many Democrats." Breitbart adds that although "critics have

accused her of being a high-level Russian agent trying to help the Trump administration, there is no indication she ever wanted to help the Trump campaign, and there are indications she actually opposed Trump's election."

Ryan: Trump Jr. Should Testify Before Congress. Reuters (7/13, Rascoe, Zengerle) reports that House Speaker Ryan on Thursday urged Trump Jr. "to testify to a congressional committee about the alleged links between Trump's election team and Russia." According to CNN, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Charles Grassley "planned to send a letter on Thursday to the younger Trump to ask him to appear before his committee in a public session."

As part of a more than 2,000 word profile of Trump Jr. for Politico Magazine (7/13), author Gwenda Blair writes that it is not clear whether the meeting "will lead to criminal charges or be written off as what White House chief of staff Reince Priebus has called 'a big nothing burger,'" but it "provides an opportunity to see whether Donald Jr....has finally emerged as his own man; or whether, in wanting too much to please his father, he has been an overeager and incautious servant."

Democrats Call For Kushner's Security Clearance To Be Revoked. Peter Alexander said on NBC Nightly News (7/13, story 2, 1:55, Holt) that Democrats are questioning why Jared Kushner "still has his security clearance," as he is "under scrutiny for sitting in that meeting with the Kremlin connected Russian lawyer, later omitting it on his security form." Alexander added that Trump "is the only person who can revoke Kushner's top security clearance or fire him."

McClatchy (7/13, Daugherty) reports that Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz has introduced two amendments to revoke Kushner's security clearance. The first amendment "would prohibit federal funding for presidential security clearances for someone who is under a criminal investigation by a federal law enforcement agency for aiding a foreign government." The second would bar "funding for security credentials for anyone who 'deliberately fails' to disclose a meeting with a foreign national if the disclosure is required as part of the individual's security clearance credentialing process." Both failed on a party-line vote in committee.

Asked on MSNBC's Morning Joe (7/13) if Kushner should lose his security clearance, Sen. Chris Murphy said, "I think the bigger question is why Jared Kushner still has a job. There seems to be two scenarios here. Either Jared Kushner didn't tell his superiors, didn't tell his boss, the President of the United States that he had this meeting," and he was "potentially compromised inside the White House," or "he did tell people that he had this meeting, that he changed his disclosure forms, and the White House, from the President on down to his spokesman, continued to lie about their campaign's contacts with the Russian government. Either scenario is damning for this White House." In his New York Times (7/13), Nicholas Kristof argues for stripping Kushner of his security clearance, arguing that he "attended a secret meeting whose stated purpose was to advance a Kremlin effort to interfere in the US election, he then failed to report it, and finally he sought a secret channel to communicate with the Kremlin."

Politico (7/13, Palmeri) reports that Kushner "has been pressing other White House aides to more vigorously defend the meeting," but "has faced resistance from some of Trump's top press aides, according to six sources familiar with the matter." According to those sources, Kushner "wants the White House to more aggressively push out surrogates and talking points to change the narrative around the latest twist in the Russia scandal," but "some of the communications aides, including press secretary Sean Spicer, and other senior staffers have expressed reservations," arguing that it is "best to leave it to outside counsel to handle the furor around Trump Jr."

Eugene Robinson writes in the Washington Post (7/13) that while Kushner and his wife, Ivanka Trump, "have tried their best to soar gracefully above the raging dumpster fire" of the Trump Administration, "unhappily for the handsome couple, gravity makes no allowances for charm."

Groups File FEC Complaint Against Trump Jr., Kushner, Manafort. Reuters (7/13, Rascoe, Zengerle) reports that "watchdog groups" have filed a complaint with the FEC against Trump. Jr., the President's son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner, and former campaign manager Paul Manafort, "arguing the three violated the law by meeting with the Russian." Meanwhile, the FEC "declined on Thursday to conduct a review of foreign interference in the 2016 election," as the three Republicans on the give-member panel "said they could not support moving forward because not all the facts were available."

Bloomberg Analysis: Investigators Scrutinizing Trump's 2013 Visit To Moscow. A Bloomberg News (7/13, Silver, Pismennaya) analysis highlights Trump's 2013 visit to Moscow, during which he "hobnobbed with Russian-Azerbaijani pop star Emin Agalarov, the son of the pageant's host," who "last year had his manager, Rob Goldstone, arrange" the meeting between Trump Jr. and

Veselnitskaya. Bloomberg says that with "multiple probes scrutiniz[ing] Trump ties to Russia, nearly every moment of that November 2013 weekend in Moscow is fraught with potential significance." It is, Bloomberg adds, "a microcosm of both his business world and the legal storm now engulfing his presidency."

Begala: US Should Consider Bombing Russia Over Election Meddling. Townhall (7/13, Vespa) reports that Democratic strategist Paul Begala suggested on CNN Wednesday that the US "bomb Russia in response to their election meddling." Begala argued, "We were and are under attack by a hostile foreign power, and they seem to be abetting that hostile foreign power, We should be debating how many sanctions we should place on Russia or whether we should blow up the KGB, GSU, or GRU [Russia's foreign military intelligence agency]. We should be retaliating massively because, by the way, if I were a Trump supporter I would want to retaliate massively because it has tainted his victory."

Spokesman: Pence Did Not Meet With Officials Linked To Russian Government During Campaign. Politico (7/13, Nussbaum) reports that "after repeatedly dodging the question" during a Fox News interview, Vice President Pence's spokesman Marc Lotter said the Vice President did not meet with any officials linked to the Russian government during the 2016 campaign. Fox News asked Lotter three times "whether Pence had any such meetings," but he "declined to answer." In a statement Thursday, Lotter said, "The Vice President had no meetings with any individual associated with the Russian government during the campaign or transition."

Sessions Releases Government Form Detailing His Contacts With Foreign Nationals. Reuters (7/13, Ainsley) reports that Attorney General Sessions on Thursday released a largely redacted "government form dealing with contacts he has had with foreign nationals, including Russian government officials." While the form "indicated Sessions has had no immediate contact with any foreign government or its representatives in the past seven years," he "has said he met with Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak in the run-up to the 2016 US presidential election." The Washington Post (7/13, Nakashima) reports that while officials say Sessions' omission of the Kislyak meetings "may not be a violation of security clearance rules as long as the contacts occurred in his capacity as a lawmaker," other experts "say he should have erred on the side of transparency."

Gorka: Administration May Return Diplomatic Compounds To Russia. The Washington Examiner (7/13, Quinn) reports that deputy assistant to the President Sebastian Gorka told CNN Thursday that "the Trump administration is weighing the return of two Russian diplomatic compounds because it wants to give 'collaboration and cooperation a chance.'" Gorka said, "The fact is we may not share the same philosophy, we may not share the same type of statesman view of the world but the fact is there are some issues of common concern." According to Gorka, "the White House may decide to return the compounds if the administration sees 'acts of good faith' from Russia and cited the recent ceasefire in Russia as an example." He said, "If we see good faith, remember more than 400,000 people have been killed in Syria. That is horrific. If we can see acts of good faith come out of the Kremlin with regards to things such as a ceasefire, then perhaps there is a chance for what [Secretary of State] Rex Tillerson wants to see happen, which is an improvement in relations between our two capitals."

Clinton Campaign Spokesman: Democrats "Erred" In Mocking Romney Over Russia. The Washington Free Beacon (7/13, Rutz) reports that Hillary Clinton's former campaign spokesman Brian Fallon tweeted Wednesday that "Democrats 'erred' in their mocking of Mitt Romney in 2012 for calling Russia the nation's top geopolitical foe." Along with link "to a clip of Max Boot, who advised Romney on foreign policy in 2012, sparring with Fox News host Tucker Carlson on Wednesday evening," Fallon tweeted, "Bravo @MaxBoot for calling out Putin lovers in Trump's GOP. We Dems erred in '12 by mocking Boot/Romney Russia worry."

WPost Analysis: Trump Won't Follow Advice Of His Lawyers. Under the headline "Trump's Legal Team Faces Tensions – And A Client Who Often Takes His Own Counsel," the Washington Post (7/13, A1, Rucker, Parker, Barrett) reports, "The challenge for President Trump's attorneys has become, at its core, managing the unmanageable – their client. He won't follow instructions," or "compartmentalize" or "discipline himself. Trump's legal team, led by Marc E. Kasowitz of New York, is laboring to underscore the potential risk to the president if he engages without a lawyer in discussions with other people under scrutiny in widening Russia inquiries, including Jared Kushner." The Post adds that Trump's "and Kushner's attorneys are struggling to enforce traditional legal boundaries to protect their clients, according to half a dozen people with knowledge of the internal dynamics and ongoing interactions. ... Compounding the challenges have been tensions between Trump's and Kushner's legal teams in a frenzied, siege-like environment."

Senate Panel "Very Interested" In Smith's Oppo Research Operation. The Chicago Sun-Times (7/13, Sweet) reports, "An adjunct faculty member at the Illinois Institute of Technology and a recently deceased Lake Forest business executive who played a key role in disclosing sexual misconduct allegations against President Bill Clinton in the 1990s have surfaced as players in the Trump Russia scandal." The Sun-Times says "that the Senate Intelligence Committee, which is investigating Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential campaign and whether there was collusion with the Trump campaign, is 'very interested' in the opposition research operation put together by Peter W. Smith, the Lake Forest resident who died on May 14, and his business associate, John J. Szobocsan" of IIT. The Sun-Times quotes "a source close to the committee" as saying, "The committee will want to speak with or get documents from everybody associated with the Peter Smith operation."

The Chicago Tribune (7/13, Skiba) reports that Smith a GOP "donor and operative...who said he had tried to obtain Hillary Clinton's missing emails from Russian hackers," committed suicide "in a Minnesota hotel room days after talking to The Wall Street Journal about his efforts, public records show." The Tribune says that the Journal "reported it had seen emails written by Smith showing his team considered retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, then a top adviser to Republican Donald Trump's campaign, as an ally."

Kasowitz Says He'll Apologize For Email Threats. The New York Times (7/13, Lafraniere) reports that Trump's lawyer Marc Kasowitz said Thursday that he will "apologize for a series of threatening and profane emails he sent to a stranger who had suggested that he resign." According to ProPublica, which published the email exchange, the unidentified stranger "sent Mr. Kasowitz's law firm an email with the subject line 'Resign Now,'" in which he "wrote that while he did not know Mr. Kasowitz, he believed that 'no good can come' from the lawyer's efforts to defend Mr. Trump." In response, Kasowitz sent "four obscenity-laced emails in 33 minutes," in which he "gave a phone number, demanded that the man call him and told him to 'watch his back.'" Kasowitz wrote, "I already know where you live, I'm on you. ... You will see me. I promise." Kasowitz said in a statement released by his spokesman that "his response to the man was 'inappropriate' and that he wished he could take back his words."

Fusion GPS Founder Won't Testify Before Senate Panel Next Week. Politico (7/13, Dawsey, Cheney) reports that Fusion GPS Co-founder Glenn Simpson "will not testify next week before the Senate Judiciary Committee, according to two sources familiar with his plans." Earlier this week, the panel announced a July 19 hearing that listed Simpson as a witness, but "the request for Simpson to appear was voluntary, and it's unclear whether the committee will seek to compel his testimony."

Media Analyses: Trump Takes Warmer Approach To Macron During Paris Trip.

Media coverage of the President's trip to Paris cast his meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron as warmer than their first meeting. Reports – including coverage on all three networks Thursday night – also cast Trump as presenting a much friendlier view of Paris than he has in the past, but his remarks to the French First Lady are drawing negative coverage. ABC World News Tonight (7/13, story 2, 3:45, Muir), for example, said Trump's "new-found friendship" with Macron was "on display" Thursday, "but it wasn't always that way. ... Starting with that handshake tug of war during their first meeting. Not to mention, the President's repeated Paris bashing." NBC Nightly News (7/13, lead story, 3:00) reported that while Trump "has repeatedly disparaged the city of Paris," he took a "very different tone" on Thursday. Trump: "You're going to have a very, very peaceful and beautiful Paris, and I'm coming back."

Sara Murray reported on CNN's Situation Room (7/13) reported that while Trump made Paris "his punching bag in the past, particularly on national security issues," on Thursday the President "lavished praise on his French counterpart." The CBS Evening News (7/13, story 2, 2:20, Mason) said "the hope is this visit might cement what seemed to be a fractious relationship between the two presidents."

The Washington Post (7/13, Johnson, McAuley) reports the two leaders and their wives dined Thursday evening at the Eiffel Tower after "a day filled with frequent backslaps, handshakes, toothy smiles, knee pats, photo ops and a shared determination to find common ground." While their relationship "up til now...has been largely defined by their stark differences...it is becoming clear the two leaders have a lot in common."

The New York Post (7/13, Brown) notes the two leaders "exchanged a warm handshake" as Macron received the President and First Lady "in a grand arrival ceremony at Les Invalides museum, home to Napoleon's tomb." The Post called it a "very different scene to their famously tense greeting at a NATO summit in May." Politico Europe (7/13, Herszenhorn) likewise says

Thursday's meeting was visit "full of pomp and circumstance," and the Wall Street Journal (7/13, Ballhaus, Horobin) reports the two leaders praised each other as they touted the growing bond between their two nations. Trump told reporters the two allies are "together, perhaps more so than ever" and called Macron a "great leader" and a "tough president."

Trump, Reuters (7/13, Lough, Rascoe) reports even "held the door open to a reversal of his decision to pull the United States out of the Paris climate accord," but "did not say what he would need in return to persuade him to do so." Speaking to reporters at a joint news conference with Macron, Trump said, "Something could happen with respect to the Paris accords, let's see what happens. If it happens, that will be wonderful, and if it doesn't, that'll be OK too."

USA Today (7/13, Bhatti, Onyanga-Omara, Jackson) reports Trump also pledged that the US "would work to protect the environment," dispute leaving the accord. "The United States remains committed to being a leader in environmental protection," he said. For his part, Macron said while the leaders have a "number of disagreements" on the threat of global warming, he respected Trump's decision to pull out of the agreement. The AP (7/13, Salama) says the two leaders "set aside lingering differences on climate change...asserting that it shouldn't prevent them from working together toward a post-war roadmap for Syria and to enhance Mideast security." While acknowledging their differences, Macron said, "Should that have an impact on the discussions we're having on all other topics? No, absolutely not."

Breitbart (7/13, Montgomery) reports Macron said the two had a "long discussion" on a range of different security challenges, and Trump indicated they discussed ways their countries could "strengthen [their] vital security partnerships."

The Washington Times (7/13, Taylor) reports that protesters have planned rallies for Thursday night and Friday, angered by Macron's invitation to Trump. They also plan to "slam Mr. Trump's withdrawal from the Paris climate...as well as the Trump administration's ban on refugees and travel to the US from several Muslim-majority nations." The protests, however, "are not expected to turn violent."

Trump's Comments About French First Lady Prompt Criticism. The New York Times (7/13, Stack) reports that shortly after he arrived in France, President Trump "took a moment to tell the country's first lady, Brigitte Macron, what he thought of her physical appearance." The President was overheard telling Mrs. Macron, "You're in such good shape." He then turned to Macron, and said, "She's in such good physical shape. Beautiful." The encounter was "broadcast live on a Facebook video stream on Mr. Macron's official Facebook account," and quickly went viral. McClatchy (7/13, Hadley) says Trump's "often controversial relationship with women took another downward turn" after many viewed the comments "as sexist and objectifying." On social media, "many users blasted" Trump's comments, calling them "creepy" and "inappropriate." Others, however, "defended Trump's comments and said they have been blown out of proportion." Politico Europe (7/13, Murphy) also reports the exchange.

US Journalists Angered At Trump For Calling On Chinese Reporter. The Washington Times (7/13, Boyer) reports that American journalists traveling with President Trump in Paris "were in a huff Thursday after he called on a Chinese reporter at a press conference instead of a US journalist." The "perceived slight" came at a joint press conference with French President Emmanuel Macron. The Times notes that it was the "second press kerfuffle of the day in Paris." Earlier, when Trump greeted staff at the US Embassy, "pool reporters were kept out of the event."

White House Releases Remarks After Trump Asks Why Off-The-Record Comments Weren't Published. USA Today (7/13, Estepa) reports President Trump had an off-the-record conversation on Wednesday with reporters aboard Air Force One. According to pool reports, deputy press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders "declared that it was off the record," but the President later "asked why his comments weren't used." White House official officials later told reporters that "excerpts of the conversation would be released." USA Today notes that "this does appear to be the first time the White House has retroactively made a conversation on the record."

Nice To Mark One-Year Anniversary Of Terror Attack. The Washington Times (7/13, Taylor) reports that on Friday, Nice will mark the one-year anniversary of an ISIS-inspired attack in which a terrorist drove a large, white truck into a crowd celebrating Bastille Day. The Times says that while Paris "was rocked in November 2015 by a coordinated assault that killed 130 people, authorities say, the Nice massacre was a kind of watershed moment that was followed by a macabre wave of similar low-tech terrorist strikes in several Western European nations."

USA Today (7/13, Berton) reports that Hanane Charrihi, whose mother was killed in last year's terror attack in Nice, plans to mark the anniversary of her mother's death on Friday by launching "an association aimed at stopping the radicalization of young Muslims through education."

Media Analyses: New Healthcare Bill Already Opposed By Two GOP Senators.

Senate Majority Leader McConnell rolled out a revised version of the Better Care Reconciliation Act on Thursday, with analysts saying that most of the changes were intended to win over conservatives who opposed the original legislation. But while Sen. Ted Cruz said that he now supports the bill, most coverage says that the bill – and GOP prospects for repeal and replacement of the Affordable Care Act as a whole – are in danger because Sens. Susan Collins and Rand Paul remain opposed, meaning that no other Republicans can vote "no" without killing the legislation.

On ABC World News Tonight (7/13, story 3, 2:25, Muir), Mary Bruce reported, "A new healthcare bill, but the same old problem: Can it get the votes to pass? To appease conservatives, the new version would allow insurers to offer cheaper bare-bones plans that don't cover essential health benefits. It could bring down costs for some. ... But critics worry Americans that need the most care, like people with preexisting conditions could end up paying a lot more." Collins: "We're talking about the health infrastructure in rural America and some of our most vulnerable citizens." Bruce: "To try and sway other moderates, the new version keeps two Obamacare taxes on the wealthy, includes $70 billion that could be used to help reduce premiums, and adds $45 billion to fight the opioid epidemic. But right now, two Republicans say they're voting no. Just one more no vote would sink the bill."

Anthony Mason said on the CBS Evening News (7/13, story 7, 1:45) that the "retooled healthcare plan" is "already in critical condition." CBS' Nancy Cordes: "The response from Republican hold-outs to their party's 'Plan B' was cautious best." Sen. Dean Heller: "We'll read it over the weekend and come up with a decision and see if there is any improvement." Cordes: "The new bill reinstates those taxes to help pay for $45 billion in new opioid funding. But it does not reverse the first bill's deep cuts to Medicaid, the big sticking point for moderates like Ohio's Rob Portman." Portman: "We're still working on ways to ensure that folks who are currently getting coverage under expanded Medicaid have only shuns." Cordes: "The only Republican who went from 'no' to 'yes' today was Ted Cruz."

Kasie Hunt reported on NBC Nightly News (7/13, story 3, 2:10, Holt) that McConnell "has to convince every one of the 50 remaining Republicans to vote yes or the bill fails. What's your bet on whether Mitch McConnell can pull this off?" Senate Majority Whip Cornyn: "Well, he's good. He's pulled more than one rabbit out of the hat." The Washington Times (7/13, Howell) reports that Cornyn said on Fox News, "A 'no' vote on this bill is essentially a vote for Obamacare." But the AP (7/13, Werner, Fram) reports under the headline "New Senate GOP Health Care Bill Teeters On The Brink" that GOP leaders are "increasingly desperate," and Reuters (7/13, Cornwell) says the new bill is "already in trouble."

The New York Times (7/13, A1, Pear, Kaplan) says the changes "may not have been enough to bridge the vast divide that has opened" between GOP conservatives and moderates. While the GOP "said the revised bill would provide roughly $70 billion in additional funds that states could use to help reduce premiums, hold down out-of-pocket costs and otherwise make health care more affordable," it "would still convert Medicaid from an open-ended entitlement to a system of fixed payments to states." The Washington Post (7/13, A1, Sullivan, Snell, Eilperin) says the draft also "leaves in place proposed deep cuts to Medicaid."

The Hill (7/13, Sullivan) writes that "overall, McConnell appears to have shifted the revised bill more toward the conservatives than the moderates," while USA Today (7/13, Kelly, Collins) headlines a report "Republicans Woo Conservatives In Latest Draft." The Wall Street Journal (7/13, A1, Armour, Peterson) reports that the most significant changes were those sought by Cruz and Sen. Mike Lee to permit insurers that sell ACA-compliant plans to also offer plans that do not comply. USA Today (7/13, O'Donnell) reports that the Cruz-Lee measure has been criticized by insurers who say it "would lead to an 'un-level playing field.'" The New York Times (7/13, Park, Parlapiano, Sanger-Katz) reports that the new bill also "lets people use money from health savings accounts to pay premiums," something sought by conservatives.

Still, one key conservative was unmoved. Paul said on Fox News' Fox & Friends (7/13), "The new plan actually doesn't repeal Obamacare. It keeps about half of the Obamacare taxes, keeps most of the Obamacare regulations, keeps most of the Obamacare subsidies and it creates a giant insurance bailout superfund. And I just can't vote for a bill that creates a $200 billion dollar fund to bail out insurance companies."

The Los Angeles Times (7/13, Mascaro, Levey) writes that "with their bid to roll back the Affordable Care Act only a vote away from collapse, Republican leaders scrambled Thursday to rally GOP senators behind revised healthcare legislation in hopes of passing it next week." But

Medicaid "appeared to remain as a major stumbling bloc for at least half a dozen wavering GOP senators." Kayla Tausche said on CNBC's Closing Bel (7/13) that "there are about half a dozen undecideds who either they need to read the bill further, they want to talk about exactly changes could be coming, or they need to talk to their constituents about whether this bill makes wholesale changes far enough to actually win their support." Politico (7/13, Everett, Haberkorn, Karlin-Smith) reports, "Senate Republican leaders are praying that their fragile whip count holds over the weekend."

The Washington Post (7/13) says in an editorial that the new version "is arguably worse than the unpopular bill that preceded it." It "would deeply slash Medicaid" and "would still use the savings to fund an array of tax cuts, including a break for medical-device manufacturers. It would even add a new tax break expanding tax-advantaged health savings accounts, which would mostly benefit wealthier people who have savings to put into them." The New York Times (7/13, Board) similarly editorializes, "Republican leaders in the Senate have accomplished what seemed impossible a few weeks ago: They have made their proposal to destroy the Affordable Care Act even worse." McConnell "has clearly chosen to make the legislation more appealing to conservatives...rather than find ways to address the concerns of centrists." However, the Wall Street Journal (7/13) says in an editorial that the new version retains a tax on investment income, something supported by moderates, but that they still will not commit to the bill.

The CBS Evening News (7/13, story 8, 1:50, Mason) ran a feature on how "the proposed cuts in Medicaid" could impact residents of McConnell's home state of Kentucky. McClatchy (7/13, Pugh, Clark), the Washington Examiner (7/13, King), and Roll Call (7/13, Williams) also have reports on the new legislation.

Alaska Would Get Extra Federal Funding Under Bill. Bloomberg News (7/13, Edney, Recht, Litvan) reports that another change "would send hundreds of millions of extra federal dollars to Alaska," home to wavering Sen. Lisa Murkowski. The money "comes from the legislation's $182 billion in funding meant to help stabilize insurance markets and help states provide coverage. Under the formulas, states – in this case just Alaska – with disproportionately higher premiums would get extra funds from that account."

Graham, Cassidy Working On Alternative Bill. Politico (7/13, Everett) reports that Sen. Lindsey Graham is floating a proposal that he is crafting with Sen. Bill Cassidy that would direct a large share of ACA funding directly to the states. Politico says it "could offer a starting point for Congress if the Senate GOP effort fails next week."

Hawaii Federal Judge Expands List Of Exemptions To Travel Ban.

The AP (7/14, Kelleher) reports that US District Judge Derrick Watson in Honolulu "expanded the list of family relationships needed by people seeking new visas from six mostly Muslim countries to avoid" President Trump's travel ban, ordering the government "not to enforce the ban on grandparents, grandchildren, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins" of those in the US. Watson said in his ruling, "Common sense, for instance, dictates that close family members be defined to include grandparents." Another AP (7/14) report says the ruling also said that the "travel ban can't be enforced against refugees who have assurance that an agency will receive the refugee and provide placement services."

The Washington Post (7/14, Schmidt) reports that the state of Hawaii "had asked Watson to rule on the federal government's interpretation of the Supreme Court's ruling on Trump's executive order, arguing that the list of exemptions to the travel ban was too narrow." Reuters (7/14, Levine, Rosenberg) says that Watson's ruling "dealt a fresh courtroom defeat" to the President. Politico (7/14, Hesson) reports that Neal Katyal, "an attorney for the plaintiffs, the state of Hawaii and a local imam, celebrated the momentary legal win, which could be met with appeals by the federal government." Katyal tweeted, "Sweeping victory in #hawaiivstrump just now."

CBO Report Sees Trump's Budget Proposal As "Overly Optimistic."

The New York Times (7/13, Rappeport) reports that a CBO report released Thursday cast President Trump's inaugural budget "as overly optimistic, expressing doubt about his promises to balance the federal budget." While Trump's budget "projected that by 2027, the economy would achieve a small budget surplus," the CBO analysis said that "the deficit would remain at $720 billion, or 2.6 percent of gross domestic product." The Times adds that the CBO "did not agree that its proposals would generate as much economic growth as the White House has suggested." The budget office "said that the average gross domestic product growth over 10 years is currently 1.8, and that under Mr. Trump's plan it would be 1.9 percent — far lower than the 3 percent the

administration assumes." The Washington Times (7/13, Dinan) says the report, which said that Trump's "deep spending cuts on everything from health care to education would save an additional $3.3 trillion over the next 10 years," but "still never reaches balance," undercuts "the White House's claims that the president would solve the sea of red ink within a decade."

The Wall Street Journal (7/13, Davidson) reports that the CBO said it did not have sufficient information about Trump's economic policy proposals to determine their impact on the budget. The report said, "The president's proposals would affect the economy in a variety of ways; however, because the details on many of the proposed policies are not available at this time, CBO cannot provide an analysis of all their macroeconomic effects or of the budgetary feedback that would result from those effects."

The Washington Post (7/13, Paletta, Swanson, Ehrenfreund) says the CBO report "cast[s] doubt on a plan the White House has touted as central to achieving the president's domestic agenda." The Post says the CBO report was "one of several big questions that emerged Thursday about whether Trump would be able to deliver on the central promises of his populist agenda for governing." The "combination of setbacks and delays on key policy initiatives," the Post adds, "highlight how the president is struggling to advance a populist vision of governing in a Republican Party that historically has not been receptive to such an approach." The Washington Free Beacon (7/13, Meyer) offers a more positive assessment of the CBO report, highlighting that the budget office said Trump's budget "would reduce the deficit over the next decade by $160 billion and increase GDP at the same time."

USA Today (7/13, Collins) says the CBO report came a day after "the White House released a video accusing the CBO of inaccurately forecasting economic statistics in the health care legislation Republicans are trying to pass."

Federal Budget Ran $90 Billion Deficit In June.

The Wall Street Journal (7/13, Davidson) reports that the federal budget deficit for June was $90 billion, in contrast with the $6 billion surplus of June 2016. Since October, when the current fiscal year began, the deficit is up 31 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Trump Asks Sessions To Issue Guidance On Religious Protections For Federal Agencies.

The Hill (7/13, Greenwood) reports President Trump has directed Attorney General Sessions to issue to government agencies new guidance for interpreting federal religious liberty protections. The Attorney General revealed the directive Tuesday in a speech to "the conservative Christian legal group Alliance Defending Freedom."

ABC, NBC Label Christian Group A "Hate Group." The Federalist (7/13, Hemingway) reports ABC News' Pete Madden and Erin Galloway "smeared Christians who believe the Bill of Rights secures religious liberty" as a "hate group," in an article this week headlined, "Jeff Sessions Addresses 'Anti-LGBT Hate Group,' But DOJ Won't Release His Remarks." The story read: "Attorney General Jeff Sessions delivered a speech to an alleged hate group at an event closed to reporters on Tuesday night, but the Department of Justice is refusing to reveal what he said." Townhall (7/13, Barkoukis) reports that both ABC and NBC News described the Alliance Defending Freedom as a "hate group" in headlines this week after Sessions addressed the group. NBC's headline read: "Attorney General Jeff Sessions Criticized for Speaking to 'Hate Group.'"

Trump Administration Puts Obama-Era Regulations On "Long-Term Hold."

Bloomberg News (7/13, Dlouhy, Levin) reports the Trump Administration is putting a number of Obama-era rules "on long-term hold," which the piece says is a "a legally questionable tactic that sidesteps the cumbersome rulemaking process." Among these rules is one by the Federal Highway Administration that requires "local governments monitor greenhouse gas emissions," as well as a "congressionally ordered update of penalties for automakers that fail to meet fuel economy standards." Georgetown University regulatory law professor, William Buzbee commented, "These agencies are saying they're not going to do the job they've previously said needs to be done, and they're hoping to get away with that by promising some future replacement regulation."

Court Allows EPA To Put Methane Rule On Hold For 14 Days.

The Hill (7/13, Cama) reports the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit is delaying its own ruling requiring the EPA enforce compliance on a methane pollution rule for 14 days to give the Trump Administration time to consider appealing the ruling. The court wrote that delaying the rule "longer would hand the agency, in all practical effect, the very delay in

implementation this panel determined to be" improper.

Laffer And Moore: Trump Tax Cuts Would Help Cities And States.

In a Wall Street Journal (7/13) op-ed, economist Arthur Laffer and Stephen Moore of the Heritage Foundation, co-chairmen of the Committee to Unleash Prosperity, argue that federal tax cuts will be beneficial to states and cities because they would leave more money in the hands of local businesses and consumers. Rather than pressing for federal aid, they argue, governors and mayors should be lobbing for the tax cuts proposed by President Trump.

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"A Scary New Senate Health Care Bill." The New York Times (7/13, Board) editorializes, "Republican leaders in the Senate have accomplished what seemed impossible a few weeks ago: They have made their proposal to destroy the Affordable Care Act even worse." Senate Majority Leader McConnell "has clearly chosen to make the legislation more appealing to conservatives...rather than find ways to address the concerns of centrists. ... Senators who vote for this bill will be sending a simple message to their constituents: If you get sick, you are on your own."

"The Spirit Of Liu Xiaobo." A New York Times (7/13) editorial says Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo's death is "soul-crushing for his supporters, and there are no signs China will open the door to political reform anytime soon." Now, "it will now be up to Mr. Liu's admirers to dedicate themselves to his dream of a modern China that embraces 'universal values,' which will outlive the ruthless leaders who sought to crush him but never could."

"A Twist In The Sheldon Silver Saga." The New York Times (7/14, Board) says in an editorial that when a federal appeals court overturned the corruption conviction of former New York legislative leader Sheldon Silver, "the judges did not find Mr. Silver to be a blameless man who'd been wronged," but instead acted because of a 2016 US Supreme Court ruling that "narrowed the definition of what types of official misconduct could sustain a corruption prosecution." The judges "flatly rejected" Silver's arguments "that there wasn't sufficient evidence to find him guilty of taking nearly $4 million in illicit payments."

Washington Post.

"The New Senate Healthcare Bill May Be Worse Than The Old One." The Washington Post (7/13) says in an editorial that the new version of the Senate Republican healthcare bill "is arguably worse than the unpopular bill that preceded it." It "would deeply slash Medicaid" and "would still use the savings to fund an array of tax cuts, including a break for medical-device manufacturers. It would even add a new tax break expanding tax-advantaged health savings accounts, which would mostly benefit wealthier people who have savings to put into them."

"True Honor Lies Not With China's Rulers But With The Man They Imprisoned Until His Death." The Washington Post (7/13) editorializes that late Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo "epitomized the dissident tradition, fighting back relentlessly but peacefully against a regime in his country that epitomized modern-day authoritarianism."

"Would Selling Naming Rights For Metro Stations Really Be Worth It?" In an editorial, the Washington Post (7/13) writes that the DC Metro Board Finance Committee's recent proposal to seek corporate sponsorship for certain stations as one option to raise revenue for the DC metro system shouldn't be carried out. Although the Post notes that other transit systems have generated "millions of dollars selling the opportunity to name stations," it adds, "It is hard to imagine...how the system would avoid controversy if iconic names such as L'Enfant Plaza or Metro Center were muddied with corporate logos." Instead of selling naming rights, the Post argues, "Congress and the system's regional partners need to establish a dedicated revenue stream for Metro."

Wall Street Journal.

"ObamaCare Moment Of Truth." The Wall Street Journal (7/13) says in an editorial that the new version of the Senate Republican healthcare bill retains a tax on investment income, something supported by moderates, but that they still will not commit to the bill.

"California's Cap-And-Trade Problem." The Wall Street Journal (7/13) editorializes that if Republicans go along with California Gov. Jerry Brown's plan to extend cap and trade, they will

relieve pressure from Democrats in low-income districts that face competitive reelection races. Such Democrats are reluctant to extend the program after voting earlier this year to raise gas taxes and impose a new vehicle registration fee, policies that already will strain the finances of manufacturers, oil refiners, and food processors – major employers in low-income areas.

"China's Empty Nobel Chair." On its editorial page, the Wall Street Journal (7/13) hails late Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo's work in trying to bring democracy to China, and says his death is a reminder to the world to keep attention on China's rights abuses.

Big Picture

Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

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ABC: Philadelphia-Missing Men Murdered; Russia Meddling Investigation-Trump; Healthcare Reform Bill; Greece-Fatal American Beating; Severe Weather; Weather Forecast; Healthcare Fraud Takedown; Mexico-Mystery American Resort Death; Princess Juliana International Airport-Tourist Death; Time Square Mowing-Trial; Tick-Borne Disease Death; ATM Machine-Man Trapped; Wimbledon Finals; Italian Immigrant Inventor.
CBS: Philadelphia-Missing Men Murdered; Russia Meddling Investigation; Russia Meddling Investigation-WH; Trump-Border Wall; Russia Meddling Investigation-Congress; Campus Sexual Assault-Federal Rules; Healthcare Reform Bill; Healthcare Reform Bill-Impact; Social Security Adjustment; Chinese Nobel Laureate Political Prisoner Dies; California-Police Car Chase Rule Change; Severe Weather; House-Dress Code Change; CBS Anchor Centennial Celebration.
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Russia Meddling Investigation – 13 minutes, 45 seconds
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Chinese Nobel Laureate Political Prisoner Dies – 1 minute, 5 seconds

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ABC: Philadelphia-Missing Men Murdered; Healthcare Reform Bill;
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FOX: Philadelphia-Missing Men Murdered; Army Man Terrorism Connection Trial; Trump-France Visit.
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PRESIDENT TRUMP — Participate in the French National Day Parade.
VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — Delivers remarks at the National Governors Association Summer Meeting; .participates in a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada.
US Senate: No public schedule announced.
US House: 9:00 AM House Natural Resources subcommittee legislative hearing – Federal Lands Subcommittee legislative hearing on 'H.R. 873, Global War on Terrorism War Memorial Act', 'H.R. 1547, Udall Park Land Exchange Completion Act', 'H.R. 2582, Confirming State Land Grants for Education Act', and 'H.R. 3115, To provide for a land exchange involving Federal land in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Weeks Law, and for other purposes', with testimony from bipartisan Reps. Richard Nolan, Mia Love, Martha McSally, and Mike Gallagher; Department of the Interior Acting Assistant Director for Energy, Minerals, and Realty Management Tim Spisak; Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation Executive Director Andrew Brennan; Tucson, AZ, City Manager Michael Ortega; and Utah School & Institutional Trust Lands Administration Chief Legal Counsel and Associate Director John Andrews Location: Rm 1324, Longworth House Office Bldg, Washington, DC http://naturalresources.house.gov https://twitter.com/NatResources

9:00 AM House expected to vote on FY'18 NDAA – House of Representatives meets for legislative business, with agenda expected to include completion of consideration of 'H.R. 2810 – National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018' * Administration has said it strongly supports a number of provisions within the bill, saying it 'contains many promising reforms', although notes that it 'fails to authorize a new Base Realignment and Closure round' Location: Washington, DC http://www.house.gov/

9:15 AM House Financial Services subcommittee hearing on fixed income market structure – Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment Subcommittee hearing on 'A Review of Fixed Income Market Structure', with testimony from Headlands Technologies founder and CEO Matthew Andresen; Nasdaq Global Head of Fixed Income and Commodities John Shay; T. Rowe Price Vice President and Head of Fixed Income Market Structure and Electronic Trading Alex Sedgwick; former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for the Financial Stability Oversight Council Jonah Crane; and Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Executive Vice President Randy Snook Location: Rm 2128, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC http://financialservices.house.gov https://twitter.com/FinancialCmte

10:00 AM House Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing on Liu Xiaobo – Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations Subcommittee hearing on 'The Tragic Case of Liu Xiaobo', with testimony from Initiatives for China President Dr Yang Jianli * Nobel Peace Prize-winning Chinese political prisoner Liu died yesterday from multiple organ

failure caused by liver cancer, amid an international call for Chinese authorities to release him for treatment abroad Location: Rm 2172, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC http://www.hcfa.house.gov https://twitter.com/HFACrepublicans

10:00 AM Social Security Subcommittee hearing on 'Social Security's Solvency Challenge: Status of the Social Security Trust Funds' Location: Rm 2020, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC http://waysandmeans.house.gov/ https://twitter.com/WaysandMeansGOP

Other: Maverick PAC annual conference – Mavericks Conference 2017, hosted by Maverick PAC. Speakers include Republican Reps. Will Hurd, Roger Williams, Carlos Curbelo, Francis Rooney, and Scott Taylor, Susan G. Komen Foundation founder Nancy Brinker, Ohio State Rep. Niraj Antani, Member of the Canadian Parliament Michelle Rempel, Member of the Colombian Congress Frederico Hoyos, U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Karen Harbert, and former Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey Location: Washington, DC www.maverickpac.com https://twitter.com/mavpac

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Late Night Political Humor.

Jimmy Kimmel: "The President and the First Lady arrived in Paris today at the invitation of French President Emmanuel Macron. There they are together. Last time they had a handshake, it lasted longer than like two of Trump's marriages."

Stephen Colbert: "I don't blame Donald Trump for skipping town. The man has had a really rough week. His son admitted to colluding with Russia. His healthcare plan is looking dead in the water. And his press secretary still has his head stuck in that honey pot."

Stephen Colbert: "Today Trump met with France's elegant First Lady Brigitte Macron, and of course, he treated her like any other woman, by objectifying her."

Stephen Colbert: "Polls show that only 12 percent of Americans support [the current GOP healthcare bill]. To put that in perspective, 12 percent is the Rotten Tomato score of the talking cat movie Nine Lives. Coincidentally, Nine Lives is also what you will need to survive TrumpCare."

Stephen Colbert: "Ted Cruz's amendment would allow insurers to sell cheaper plans with fewer benefits that would likely attract younger and healthier Americans, so instead of a comprehensive plan, insurers could charge you a little bit each month for a service that doesn't give you everything you really want. Like Netflix, but you die."

Trevor Noah: "As we speak, President Trump is in France celebrating Bastille Day with French President Emmanuel Macron, who declared war on Trump by making him go to a museum with him, and President Trump retaliated by hitting on the French First Lady in full view of everyone."

Conan O'Brien: "The new Republican healthcare bill is out. The bad news is older people still pay more than younger people. Of course, the good news is they don't pay more for long."

Conan O'Brien: "President Trump and the First Lady are visiting France. Now there have been some misunderstandings due to the language barrier like at dinner when Melania was offered a crepe, and she said, 'No thanks. I'm married to one.'"

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DOI In The News

Trump Administration Cancels Hundreds Of Obama-Era Regulations.

The Washington Post (7/20, Eilperin, Paletta) reports that OMB on Thursday described "how it would jettison hundreds of existing or planned regulations as part of its larger push to ease federal restrictions on the private sector." The agency issued a list that "shows the extent to which this administration is determined to erase many of the Obama administration's policy priorities." In all, the Administration "said it was pulling or suspending 860 pending regulations" including 469 that "were being completely withdrawn" and 391 that were "being set aside or reevaluated."

The Washington Times (7/20, Boyer) reports that OMB Director Mulvaney "accused the Obama administration...of keeping a 'secret list' of proposed regulations during Mr. Obama's eight-year regulatory onslaught against businesses." According to Mulvaney, 179 of the "860 rules or proposed rules that the Trump administration has killed...came from what he called Mr. Obama's 'secret' list." Mulvaney said, "They had a bunch of things that they wanted to regulate. ... They just didn't want to tell you about it. They thought it would be bad for their re-election prospects in 2012, so they created a secret list of regs that were not disclosed to you folks. We are disclosing it."

Reuters (7/20, Shepardson, Volcovici) reports the Trump Administration identified almost 300 regulations from the EPA, DOI and DOE relating to energy production and environmental protection that it plans to rescind, review or delay. Trump had identified many of the targeted regulations in his March energy executive order, but the rules will now undergo a formal rulemaking process to be rescinded or revised. The Hill (7/20, Wheeler) reports the EPA announced plans to redefine US waters and is extending delays on emission standards. The agency is also planning to propose a rule that would withdraw the Clean Power Plan. The Hill (7/20, Cama) reports the Clean Water Rule is also going to be altered. The Interior Department plans to publish formal changes to two regulations, one regulating hydraulic fracturing on federal

land and one governing methane emissions from oil and gas drilling on federal land. The DOI is also considering action on a rule that would have allowed for higher royalty rates from energy extraction on federal land. The Department of Energy is looking to consider energy efficiency rules and regulations for small-scale LNG exports.

Daily Caller (7/20, Bastasch) and E&E Publishing (7/20, Skibell) also provided coverage.

Interior Dept. Ordered Glacier Park Chief, Other Climate Expert Pulled From Zuckerberg Tour.

The Washington Post (7/20, Rein) reports that days before Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg's visit to Glacier National Park on Saturday "to tour the melting ice fields that have become the poster child for climate change's effects on Montana's northern Rockies," the Trump Administration "abruptly removed two of the park's top climate experts from a delegation scheduled to show him around, telling a research ecologist and the park superintendent that they were no longer going to participate in the tour." The Post calls the "decision to micromanage" Zuckerberg's visit "highly unusual – even for a celebrity visit," and points out that the Facebook founder, along "with the broader tech community in Silicon Valley has positioned himself as a vocal critic of President Trump."

The AP (7/20) reports that an official for the Interior Department "says the agency pulled Glacier National Park's superintendent from a recent park tour with Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg to save money, not to mute criticism over climate change." Agency spokeswoman Heather Swift said Thursday that the decision "was about using government resources and tax dollars responsibly." Swift "says the climate debate did not factor into the Interior Department's decision, and that 'every tax dollar matters.'"

Dem To Seek Investigation Into Interior Staff Reassignments.

The Hill (7/20, Cama) reports that Sen. Maria Cantwell "wants an investigation into an Interior Department employee's claim that he was reassigned due to his work on climate change." Cantwell "said at a Thursday hearing that she would officially ask Interior's inspector general to look into the matter." Cantwell's "request came a day after Joel Clement, the former director of Interior's Office of Policy Analysis, wrote a Washington Post op-ed saying he was improperly reassigned to an accounting position because of his work on helping Alaskan communities cope with climate change."

Additional coverage was provided by Roll Call (7/20, Nawaguna), NPR (7/20), the New Orleans (LA) Times-Picayune (7/20, Sneath), the Portland (ME) Press Herald (7/20, Woodard), the Daily Caller (7/20, Pearce), the Huffington Post (7/20, D'angelo), the Nation Sun News (7/20), and GQ (7/20, Moore).

'Iron Curtain' Of Russia Coverage Blocks News.

The Washington Times (7/20, Harper) reports that the Western Conservative Summit "begins Friday and features a host of accomplished, optimistic speakers," including Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. Jeff Hunt, director of the Centennial Institute and chairman of the summit, said, "Secretary Zinke is a patriot and true leader of the West. He understands the values and views of Western conservatives."

Senate Advances Controversial Trump Interior Nominee.

The Hill (7/20, Henry) reports that by a 56-39 margin, the Senate voted Thursday "to end debate on David Bernhardt's nomination to be deputy secretary of the Interior Department." Democrats had "raised concerns about Bernhardt's nomination because of his experience in the George W. Bush Interior Department, where he was solicitor general, and his work in the private sector." The article notes that "no Republican voted against the procedural motion on Thursday, and seven Democrats voted to advance Bernhardt's nomination."

Alaskan Joe Balash Nominated For Senior Interior Department Post.

The Fairbanks (AK) News-Miner (7/20, Friedman) reports that the Interior Department "announced Thursday that President Donald Trump intends to nominate Joe Balash to serve as the department's Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said, "It's been a long time since the Department had an Assistant Secretary from Alaska, and the president's nomination of Joe Balash further proves his commitment to Alaska and rural America as a whole. Joe is no stranger to the Department of the Interior having worked alongside the department on a number of projects in Alaska. He brings an incredible combination

of state and federal experience to the table, and he will be very effective in helping the department work with Congress to do the work of the American people. I look forward to his speedy confirmation in the Senate."

The Alaska Journal of Commerce (7/20, Brehmer) reports that Balash said, "As a nation, we are blessed with tremendous public lands and resources that give our people unparalleled opportunities for recreation and job creation for generations to come. I look forward to working with Secretary Zinke and his incredible team to seize on those opportunities and deliver on President Trump's America First Energy Plan."

Additional coverage was provided by the Alaska Public Radio Network (7/20, Ruskin).

Susan Combs Promises Senators A More "Collaborative" Interior Department.

The Houston Chronicle (7/20) reports that "former Texas comptroller Susan Combs, who has been nominated for a top position at the Department of Interior, assured senators Thursday she would work closely with states on conservation policies that can impact oil and gas drilling and other development on federal lands." During a hearing before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Combs "promised a 'collaborative' approach during questioning from western states including Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, and Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah." She said, "Secretary [Ryan] Zinke did discuss trust a number of times. He wants to be sure field offices are out there working in an open collaborative way."

Murkowski To Use August Work Extension To Approve Energy Nominees.

The Washington Examiner (7/20, Siciliano) reports that Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski will "use the delay in the August congressional recess to move as many of President Trump's energy nominees as possible through to confirmation." Murkowski "made the comments Thursday while holding a hearing to consider six nominees to serve the Energy and Interior departments, noting that confirming Trump's nominees is taking longer than expected." According to the article, "with the August session extended by two weeks, the chairwoman said her priority will be to 'move these nominees as quickly' as possible to confirm them 'before we leave in August.'"

Agencies Investigate If Military Training Set Oregon Fires.

The AP (7/20) reports that "federal and state agencies are investigating if there was a link between a series of wildfires in southeastern Oregon and military training exercises." In 2015, the Interior Department, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Oregon's Department of Fish and Wildlife "all warned of potential wildfire risk from flare use, citing species such as sage grouse that could be threatened by loss of habitat from wildfire." According to the article, "all three agencies asked the Air National Guard to restrict its use of flares during periods of 'high' fire danger, rather than just during 'extreme' fire danger."

Additional Coverage: Secretary Zinke Announces Formation Of Made In America Recreation Advisory Committee.

Additional coverage that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke met with representatives from America's outdoor recreation industry on Tuesday was provided by the Los Alamos (NM) Daily Post (7/20), AmmoLand (7/20, Evans), and Power Sports Business (7/20).

Additional Coverage: Zinke Asks Key Questions About Cascade-Siskiyou Monument.

Additional coverage of the review of national monuments was provided by the Salem (OR) Capital Press (7/20), Oregon Public Broadcasting (7/20, Moriarty), Ashland (OR) Jefferson Public Radio (7/20, Moriarty), th eSonoran News (AZ) (7/20), What's Up Newp (RI) (7/19, Belmore), and the Hi-Desert (CA) Star (7/20, Anacker).

Additional Coverage: Interior Department Awards Maritime Heritage Grants.

Additional coverage that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on July 7 "announced the recipients of the 2016 Maritime Heritage Grants" was provided by the Maritime Executive (7/20, Krepp).

Communication Breakdown.

In a piece for the Flathead (MT) Beacon (7/20, Reece), Myers Reece criticizes the contradicting statements on Glacier National Park's loosening of motorized boat restrictions on park waters. Reece writes that it's "troubling to see anything resembling a bureaucratic breakdown in communication at a time when Glacier is bursting at the seams with visitors, especially when it

involves an issue as critical as aquatic invasive species."

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

Tribes, Governor Sign Changes To Compact Allowing New Casino.

The AP (7/20) reports that Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan tribal leaders "on Thursday signed amended compacts and memoranda of understanding between the state and the two federally recognized tribes." The General Assembly and the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs must still approve the agreement "that could lead to a new satellite tribal casino." According to the article, "the revised agreements ensure the proposed, jointly owned casino the tribes want to build in East Windsor will not compromise the state's current revenue-sharing arrangement with the tribes, who own and operate Foxwood Resort Casino and Mohegan Sun."

Additional coverage was provided by the New Haven (CT) Register (7/20, Stuart) and the Springfield (MA) Republican (7/20, Glaun).

Federal Bills Could Help Mashpee Tribe.

The Falmouth (MA) Enterprise (7/20, Houghton) reports that "a subcommittee of the US Congress could help the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe in its efforts to solidify land previously granted in trust in Mashpee and Taunton." The House Committee on Natural Resources's Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs "heard testimony from four witnesses on Thursday, July 13, during a hearing on a proposal to update the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act." During the hearing, several members of the panel "said that they would like to move forward with a 'clean Carcieri fix.'"

DOI, Calif. Tribe Say Casino Challenge Should Be Tossed.

Law360 (7/20, Westney) reports that the Interior Department and a California tribe "each urged a federal judge on Wednesday to toss a suit challenging department-issued procedures that allow the tribe to pursue an off-reservation casino, saying the procedures don't violate federal gaming or environmental law."

Bureau Of Land Management

Tribe Wants Centuries-Old Remains Found In Idaho.

The AP (7/20, Ridler) reports that "at least one tribe will seek possession of human bones found protruding from an Idaho badger hole after tests determined they weren't from modern day homicide victims but belonged to people who lived five centuries ago." Shoshone-Paiute Tribe Chairman Ted Howard "said Thursday that Shoshones have occupied the southwestern Idaho area for thousands of years and the well-preserved bones of a young adult and a 10- to 15-year-old should be returned to the tribe for proper burial." Michael Williamson, a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, "said the agency is working through a process required by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to return the bones to a tribe." According to the article, "as part of that process, the agency is mailing out formal letters to about a half dozen tribes that might be culturally affiliated with the area where the bones were found."

Springfield BLM/Forest Service Office Runs Out Of Bargain-rate $10 Lifetime Senior Recreation Passes.

The Eugene (OR) Register-Guard (7/20, Wihtol) reports that "local senior citizens in 51/2 hours Thursday drained the Springfield regional office of the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management of all its $10 lifetime senior passes to federal recreation sites, but the agencies have ordered more and hope to have some available Friday." Meanwhile, "nationwide, people 62 or older are swamping the federal government with last-minute applications for the credit-card-size senior passes, ahead of an eightfold price increase to take effect Aug. 28."

Quiet Recreation Generates Economic Bang.

The Redding (CA) Record-Searchlight (7/21, Benda) reports that "a first-of-its kind study shows non-motorized recreation on Bureau of Land Management lands in far Northern California generated more than $40 million in direct spending in 2015." According to the article, "authored

by ECONorthwest and commissioned by The Pew Charitable Trusts, the study focuses on BLM's Redding and Arcata offices, which are developing a combined draft resource plan for the 396,000 acres of public lands they manage."

Additional coverage was provided by the Eureka (CA) Times Standard (7/20, Houston).

BLM Approves Crooked River Ranch Emergency Exit.

KTVZ-TV Bend, OR (7/20, Allen) reports that the Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management "announced Thursday it has approved an emergency exit for Crooked River Ranch, partnering with residents and Deschutes County to develop the route while maintaining recreational opportunities and supporting conservation as part of the agency's multiple-use mission."

Bureau Of Ocean Energy Management

NC Governor On Trump Drilling Plan: 'Not Off Our Coast'.

The AP (7/12) reports that "under pressure from President Donald Trump, North Carolina's governor announced his opposition on Thursday to drilling for natural gas and oil off the Atlantic coast, saying it poses too much of a threat to the state's beaches and tourism economy." Ahead of "a Friday deadline for comment from elected officials on the Trump administration's request for companies to perform seismic testing under Atlantic waters, Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper held a news conference at a coastal state park to announce he'll be registering the state's opposition." Cooper said, "There is a threat looming over this coastline that we love and the prosperity it brings, and that's the threat of offshore drilling." He continued, "As governor, I'm here to speak out and take action against it. I can sum it up in four words: 'not off our coast.'"

Additional coverage was provided by McClatchy (7/20, Murawski).

Chris Hall: Protecting South Carolina's Beaches And Economy.

In an op-ed for the South Strand News (SC) (7/21, Hall), Chris Hall is the Chair for the South Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club, opposes "offshore drilling in South Carolina – an industry that would permanently damage the coast, deplete billions of dollars in tourist revenues, and would not benefit local economies." He claims that "national efforts to allow drilling are out of touch with the wishes of the communities that would bear the risks associated with offshore drilling and an oil spill." Moreover, he argues that "South Carolina is especially likely to get the short end of the stick if drilling takes place off our coast, because any jobs created would likely go to Virginia, not South Carolina."

Fish And Wildlife Service

House Clears Path For Alaska's Long-awaited King Cove Road.

The Washington Times (7/20, Wolfgang) reports that the House of Representatives passed 248 to 179 a bill authorizing a "massive land swap" between the state of Alaska and the federal government that would allow for the construction of a road connecting King Cove, Alaska – an isolated community accessible only by water or air – to nearby Cold Bay. Under the legislation, tens of thousands of acres of state land would be exchanged for several hundred acres of the Izembek Wildlife Refuge, through which the road would run. President Trump "appears ready and willing" to sign the bill.

The AP (7/20, Daly) reports that "Republicans on the House Natural Resources Committee said in a report this week that at least 19 people have died as a result of plane crashes or waiting to be medically evacuated to Cold Bay, the nearest town with an all-weather airport." On the other hand, "environmental groups say the rural community has other, better alternatives, such as boats, and for decades have fought an intrusion into the refuge."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Washington (DC) Times (7/20, Daly), ABC News (7/20, Daly), the Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune (7/20, Daly), the San Francisco (CA) Chronicle (7/20, Daly), the Daily Mail (7/20), and KAAL-TV Austin (MN) Austin, MN (7/20, Daly).

Additional coverage was provided by the Alaska Native News (7/20).

NY: Endangered Karner Blue Butterfly Exceeds Recovery Goals.

The AP (7/20, Esch) reports that "the Karner blue butterfly has exceeded recovery goals in the

rare New York habitat where it was discovered by Russian author Vladimir Nabokov in the 1940s, officials announced Thursday." The butterfly, "federally listed as endangered 25 years ago, is doing well in the sandy pine barrens west of Albany, the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission said." According to the article, "the population has grown from less than 1,000 to more than 15,000 in 10 years." The 2003 federal Karner blue recovery plan for the Albany Pine Bush Preserve "set a goal of 3,000 as the minimum population for survival."

Additional coverage was provided by the Albany (NY) Spotlight News (7/20, Franco) and WAMC-AM Albany, NY (7/20, Lucas).

Hearing Saturday On Mexican Gray Wolf Plan.

The Santa Fe New Mexican (7/21, Moss) reports that "after more than three decades, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is in the final stages of creating a new management plan for the Mexican gray wolf." The draft species management plan was "released at the end of June." On Saturday, "during a meeting with Fish and Wildlife officials in Albuquerque, the public will have an opportunity to weigh in on the wolves' future in the state."

In an editorial, the Santa Fe New Mexican (7/20) urges "all sides" to "speak up so that a stronger recovery plan emerges."

Court Denies Amicus Brief In Trout Lawsuit.

The Alamosa (CO) Valley Courier (7/20, Geiger) reports that "the Colorado District Court has denied the 10-county coalition's amicus curiae brief filing, which was filed earlier in the year to aid litigation on the Rio Grande cutthroat trout." The Center for Biological Diversity "filed a lawsuit against U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) last July for removing the Rio Grande cutthroat trout from the endangered species list." The group "argues that fish is still endangered while the government says that local conservation efforts have helped enough that it is no longer endangered."

James Gill: In St. Tammany, It's A Question Of Favoring Frogs Over People (and Extinction).

In his column for the Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate (7/20, Gill), James Gill writes that even if the U.S. Supreme Court hears an appeal in the dusky gopher frog case, "its decision will not save the frog." According to Gill, "a reversal of the lower courts, and a finding that Fish and Wildlife exceeded its authority, would be the frog's death warrant." However, "to uphold them would leave its fate to the tender mercies of the thwarted landowners."

National Park Service

There Will Be No Change To Name Of V.I. National Parks, NPS Says; Legal Authority Remains The Same.

The Virgin Islands Consortium (VIR) (7/20) reports that "following a press release issued by Senate President Myron Jackson stating that the National Park Service (NPS) had suddenly reorganized the Virgin Islands National Park to the Caribbean National Parks," the National Park Service Southeast Regional Office "issued a statement to The Consortium on Thursday afternoon, strongly denying those claims." Saudia Muwwakkil, an NPS spokesperson, explained, "Each Caribbean unit of the National Park System is significant to America's natural and cultural heritage. The Southeast Regional director recently realigned the parks' reporting relationships to push decision-making closer to the field. The superintendents of each Caribbean park will now report to a group superintendent stationed in the Caribbean. This adjustment establishes a working relationship between the parks that breaks down silos and opens access to resources and expertise. There will be no changes to the parks' names or legal authorities."

Park Service May Soon Acquire Wright Factory.

The Dayton (OH) Daily News (7/20, Gnau) reports that the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park "may soon get bigger." Tony Sculimbrene, executive director at the National Aviation Heritage Alliance , "said the alliance is hoping to gain control of the former Wright Airplane Factory — located between U.S. 35 and Third Street near Home Avenue — possibly in the next 30 days." The goal is "to make the former factory — the first airplane factory in the world — part of the park."

Meanwhile, the My Dayton (OH) Daily News (7/20, Gnau) reports that Dean Alexander,

superintendent at the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, was set to retire Thursday.

Glacier National Park Still Has Glaciers, For Now.

USA Today (7/20, Villano) reports that "long-term studies indicate that the famous ice fields that inspired" Glacier National Park's "name are, in fact, shrinking." The research "predicts that all 25 named glaciers likely will be gone by 2030." However, "these large-scale changes are still at least a decade away, and the park has plenty of grandeur to go around until then."

Company Finishes Oil Search In Big Cypress; Damage Assessment Underway.

The Naples (FL) Daily News (7/20, Staats) reports that "a Texas-based company has wrapped up a look for oil in the Big Cypress National Preserve, for now at least, but the agency in charge of monitoring the work doesn't know the extent of any environmental damage, a spokeswoman said this week." Burnett Oil Co. "crews drove 30-ton trucks with giant tires into the preserve's backcountry to press vibrating steel plates against the ground and record seismic signals." National Park Service "staff members worked before, during and after the seismic survey to 'record, capture and mitigate any potential impacts from the survey,' preserve spokeswoman Ardrianna McLane wrote in an email."

Utah's Crowded Zion National Park May Require Reservations.

The AP (7/21, Whitehurst) reports that Zion National Park is considering requiring reservations "to manage an overwhelming surge of visitors." According to the article, "people without reservations could pay an entrance fee and drive through the park, but they couldn't stop to hike or picnic." The article says that "after a series of public meetings, Zion rangers are proposing an online reservation system, similar to the way campsites are reserved now."

Carlsbad Caverns National Park Proposed Fee Hike.

The AP (7/20) reports that "officials at Carlsbad Caverns National Park are proposing to raise general admission fees from $10 to $12 per person starting in October." Park officials "said Thursday that revenues from admission fees are used to pay for deferred maintenance projects not covered by the park's base budget."

Additional coverage was provided by KRWG-FM Las Cruces, NM (7/20).

Something Old: Historic Bank's Beauty Lures Brides-To-Be.

The AP (7/20, Brown) reports that the Second Bank of the United States is attracting "wedding photographers and soon-to-be brides and grooms." According to the article, "the Greek Revival-style bank is one of the most popular places for wedding photos in the city, so much so that the National Park Service set up a permit office to accommodate wedding photo shoot requests." Independence National Historical Park "issued over a dozen wedding shoot permits at the bank in June, its busiest month for wedding shoots and about 400 permits in 2016, according to park ranger Adam Duncan." However, "the number is likely much higher because not all couples apply for a permit."

Yosemite-area Fire Destroys Almost 50 Structures.

USA Today (7/20, Visalia (calif.), Times-Delta) reports that "a wildfire that started about 10 miles outside the borders of Yosemite National Park grew Thursday to more than 100 square miles and destroyed 45 structures, fire officials said." According to the article, "more than 3,100 firefighters are on hand to continue to try to contain it, looking to protect the historic foothills town of Mariposa, Calif.," and keep "one of the nation's most popular national parks open to its estimated 20,000 daily visitors." Cal Fire "said lines supplying power to Yosemite National Park continue to be threatened." Jaime Richard, Yosemite National Park spokeswoman, said, "Here in Yosemite National Park, we are seeing impacts from the smoke, so we advise anyone in the park with asthma to be aware of air quality. But, Yosemite National Park is open and we aren't seeing a significant impact at this time."

Small Wildfires In National Park Are 50 Percent Contained.

The AP (7/20) reports that "two small wildfires burning in Theodore Roosevelt National Park in western North Dakota are 50 percent contained." Both blazes are "in remote, rugged territory and are less than a square mile in size." The National Park Service "says the Jones Creek Fire is 5 acres and the Halliday Well Fire is 11 acres."

Aztec Ruins Event Focuses On Native American Art.

The Farmington (NM) Daily Times (7/21, Smith) reports that "for the second year, Aztec Ruins National Monument will present an event this weekend focusing on arts and crafts produced by Native American artists." Park Ranger Cyresa Bloom "said the event will feature 14 artists from across the Southwest, including members of the Navajo and Hopi tribes and from the pueblos of Kewa and Zuni."

Plateau-style Long Tent On Exhibit At Whitman Mission National Historic Site.

The Walla Walla (WA) Union-Bulletin (7/20) reports that Whitman Mission National Historic Site will "showcase a traditional southern Plateau tribal long tent for public view and education from July 26-Aug. 2." According to the article, "construction of the structure will include more than 125 tepee poles and eight full-size tepee canvases, in order to make an extended tepee that is 65 feet long, 18 feet high and 25 feet wide."

Controversial $5.5 Million Home For Sale Inside Black Canyon Of The Gunnison National Park.

KDVR-TV Denver (7/20, Dahlke) reports that "a controversial home located inside Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park in southwest Colorado is up sale for $5.5 million." The article notes that "the residence is the only luxury home located inside a National Park in the U.S., according to the real estate listing." It was "the center of controversy when it was built."

Additional Coverage: Unexploded World War II-Era Ordnance Found On Outer Banks.

Additional coverage that "more unexploded World War II-era ordnance has been found on the North Carolina coast" was provided by the AP (7/20) and the Raleigh (NC) News & Observer (7/20, Moody).

Office Of Insular Affairs

Insular Affairs Nominee Is A Petroleum Advocate And Climate-Change Skeptic.

The St. John Source (7/20) reports that "the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will hold a hearing Thursday to consider Doug Domenech, President Donald Trump's nominee for assistant secretary of insular affairs within the Department of the Interior." According to the Interior Department, Domenech has "support from V.I. Gov. Kenneth Mapp as well as the governors of the other insular territories under the auspices of Insular Affairs." Domenech is "a strong proponent of fossil fuels who asserts that man has very little role in climate change and that climate change is not a major concern."

MINA Struggles With Budget Cut.

The Saipan (MNP) Tribune (7/20, Bautista) reports that "federal budget cuts are seriously affecting environmental watchdog Micronesia Island Nature Alliance and the continued survival of many of its programs." According to MINA executive director Roberta Guerrero, "the group is currently faced with a 30-percent cut in its annual budget and its Tasi Ranger Watch Program faces the most damage if nothing is done about the lack of funding." According to Guerrero, MINA is short "about $55,000 to continue with many projects."

Yap Cultural Delegation Performs In Shenzhen, China.

Marianas Variety (7/20) reports that "the Yap delegation on a cultural-exchange tour in China had the honor of performing a second time in the city of Shenzhen in Guangdong Province on July 13, 2017 at the China Development Institute." According to the article, "the group's stay in Shenzhen was sponsored in part by the Pacific Islands Trade & Invest-Beijing office, the China Development Institute and the Liancheng company doing business as Luen Thai in Micronesia and across the Pacific region."

Office Of Surface Mining

DEP's Caperton Calls Federal Conflict Of Interest Review 'Offensive'.

The Charleston (WV) Gazette-Mail (7/20, Ward) reports that "the Justice administration's top

environmental regulator is complaining that a federal Interior Department review to ensure he has no financial ties to coal mines is 'both troubling and offensive,' according to documents released under West Virginia's Freedom of Information Act." Austin Caperton, secretary of the state Department of Environmental Protection, "objected when a federal ethics officer asked him to provide additional information about his personal finances and his consulting firm, Caperton Energy Co." The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement "requires financial disclosures so it can enforce a federal law that prohibits anyone who regulates the coal industry from having a direct or indirect financial interest in a coal-mining operation." In a May 23 letter to the OSM, Caperton "eventually provided some additional information, but he also insisted there was no reason for federal officials to ask for it, or to continue to examine his current finances or his employment prior to being appointed to the DEP post by Gov. Jim Justice in January."

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Trump Asks About Pardoning Himself As Mueller Expands His Investigation.

President Trump has reportedly asked advisers about his power to pardon aides, members of his family, and himself. Word of Trump's inquiries about pardons came on the same day media reports say special counsel Robert Mueller has expanded his probe into Trump's business transactions and a day after Trump said in an interview with The New York Times that any investigation beyond Russia would be outside Mueller's mandate. Coverage is negative for the President, casting his comments to the Times as a veiled threat to fire Mueller – a possibility that lawmakers and pundits say could lead serious consequences for Trump.

The Washington Post (7/20, Leonnig, Parker, Helderman, Hamburger) reports that Trump's lawyers have been "discussing the president's authority to grant pardons, according to people familiar with the effort." The Post adds that one of the people said that Trump "has asked his advisers about his power to pardon aides, family members and even himself in connection with the probe." While Trump's lawyers "declined to comment," one adviser "said the president has simply expressed a curiosity in understanding the reach of his pardoning authority, as well as the limits of Mueller's investigation." The Post quotes an adviser as saying, "This is not in the context of, 'I can't wait to pardon myself.'"

Meanwhile, The Hill (7/20, Chalfant) says Trump is "ramping up his criticism" of Mueller, "warning that the special counsel investigating Russian election interference would cross the line by looking into his finances." However, in a development that is "sure to exacerbate Trump's frustration with the Russia probe," Mueller is "reportedly doing just that." Bloomberg News (7/20, Farrell, Berthelsen) cites "a person familiar with" Mueller's investigation who said that the special counsel "is examining a broad range of transactions involving Trump's businesses as well as those of his associates." Investigators "are looking at Russian purchases of apartments in Trump buildings, Trump's involvement in a controversial SoHo development in New York with Russian associates, the 2013 Miss Universe pageant in Moscow and Trump's sale of a Florida mansion to a Russian oligarch in 2008, the person said."

Business Insider (7/20, Bertrand) says Mueller appears to be "interested in learning more about Trump's relationship with Aras Agalarov, a billionaire Azerbaijani-Russian developer who paid Trump $20 million to bring his Miss Universe pageant to Moscow in 2013." It is Agalarov's son, Emin, who "requested a meeting between [Donald] Trump Jr. and a Russian lawyer last June at Trump Tower." The AP (7/20, Day) says investigating the Trump family's "sprawling business ties would bring an investigation the president has called a partisan "witch hunt" even closer to the Oval Office."

Townhall (7/20, O'Brien) reports that Trump's lawyer John Dowd "says the probe has now strayed too far from Mueller's initial task." Dowd wrote in an email, "Those transactions are in my view well beyond the mandate of the Special counsel; are unrelated to the election of 2016 or any alleged collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia and most importantly, are well beyond any Statute of Limitation imposed by the United States Code." However, another Bloomberg News (7/20, Barrett) report says the special counsel "appears to have ample authority to examine a broad range of activities involving Trump's businesses." Mueller's appointment "included an extraordinarily broad mandate." The CBS Evening News (7/20, story 3, 2:00, Mason) reported that Mueller's mandate "is broad and allows him to investigate any matters that arose or may arise directly from the investigation."'

The Washington Times (7/20, Boylan, Miller) reports that the expansion of Mueller's investigation "has rattled his conservative base with fears that the New York billionaire could be brought down by shady business deals – not collusion with Russia." However, Trump's

"staunchest supporters...remain convinced that there was never collusion with Russia and that the special counsel is part of an open conspiracy to remove the president."

The CBS Evening News (7/20, story 2, 2:30, Reid) reported that in the New York Times interview, Trump criticized Mueller "for accepting the job as head of the Russia investigation just one day after interviewing with Mr. Trump to be FBI director." Trump: "What the hell is this all about? You talk about conflicts, he was interviewing for the job." The Washington Post (7/20, Blake) reports in its "The Fix" blog that Trump "didn't quite say he would try to fire Mueller for such a thing, but he sure hinted at it." Asked if would "fire Mueller if he went outside of certain parameters of what his charge is," Trump said, "I can't, I can't answer that question, because I don't think it's going to happen."

Hallie Jackson said on NBC Nightly News (7/20, story 5, 2:15) that Trump's "warning to the special counsel could sound to some like a threat." John Dickerson said on the CBS Evening News (7/20, story 4, 1:35, Mason) of Trump's conduct, "He's saying exactly what is on his mind, even if it breaks the normal rules. Whether those rules are about criticizing an attorney general or criticizing Special Counsel Mueller, even though that criticism could be considered interference in the investigation, which is one of the things the President is being investigated for."

Timothy L. O'Brien writes in a column for Bloomberg View (7/20) that Trump "has undoubtedly been pondering what a close examination of his finances and deals might unveil," which is "why he issued the warning to Mueller, and why there's a strong possibility that Mueller's time at the helm of this investigation will end badly, a la James Comey." Jeffrey Toobin also anticipated Mueller's eventual firing by Trump, telling CNN's Situation Room (7/20), "I think Robert Mueller is standing on a banana peel." Toobin added that "there could well come a time when the President – just as he did with James Comey, the former director of the FBI – says, 'I won't tolerate this anymore' and asks his subordinates in the Justice Department to fire Mueller. The interesting question will be, as in 1973 when Richard Nixon ordered the firing of Archibald Cox, the Watergate special prosecutor, how many members of the Justice Department's staff...will quit rather than do it or take the order and follow him. We could be at that moment at any point."

Sen. Chris Coons warned of serious consequences if Trump fires Mueller, telling CNN's The Lead (7/20), "I think there would be very widespread rejection of that action as being a fundamental threat to the rule of law in our country and I think strong action would be taken on a bipartisan basis by the Senate and the House." Coons added that "if the President steps in and cuts it off by firing Bob Mueller, I think he will pay a very heavy price here in Congress." Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX), a member of the Intelligence Committee, said on CNN's Situation Room (7/20) that it's "inappropriate for the President to try to dictate the boundaries of the investigation," and if he tries to fire Mueller, "you're going to see a strong bipartisan backlash in Congress. ... I would think you would have calls for impeachment on the Republican side if that happened."

Charles Krauthammer said on Fox News' Tucker Carlson Tonight (7/20), "I think the problem here at root is the whole ideal idea of the special counsel, the special prosecutor. Their mandates are essentially unlimited. Their resources are unlimited. Politically, they are unfireable. Legally, yes, but we know what happened with Nixon when he tried to fire a special prosecutor. I think the same would happen to Trump."

A Politico (7/20, Samuelsohn, Dawsey) analysis says that while Trump's "decision to talk off the cuff about the Russia probe to reporters allowed him to put out his version of events," it also "increased the legal risks to him, as well as to his children and the growing number of associates who have been pulled into the expanding investigation." Interviews "can be used to establish facts or intent, offering investigators a gold mine of information but potentially creating conflicts for others that can lead to headaches for their various lawyers – or to criminal charges including perjury or obstruction of justice."

FBI Investigation Relying On Discredited Dossier. The Washington Times (7/20, Scarborough) reports that the FBI "routinely" asks witnesses in its investigation "about the accusations in a dossier against Donald Trump, further expanding the reach of a discredited opposition research paper sourced from the Kremlin and financed and distributed by Democrats." According to "a source close to the investigation," the dossier serves as "a checklist agents tick off as they go over numerous unverified charges denounced as fabrications by President Trump and his aides."

Trump Reshuffling His Legal Team. On its website, CNN (7/20, Borger, Bash, Brown, Diamond) reports that Trump is "reshuffling his legal team." Lead attorney Marc Kasowitz "will see his role recede, according to two sources with knowledge of the matter." John Dowd and Jay

Sekolow "will now be the President's primary personal attorneys for the investigation, according to the two sources with knowledge of the situation. Dowd will take the lead." Inside the White House, attorney Ty Cobb "will take the lead...when he formally starts his job on July 31." Politico (7/20, Dawsey) reports that Mark Corallo, the spokesman for Trump's legal team, "has resigned within two months of being on the job, according to people familiar with the matter." Corallo "had grown frustrated with the operation and the warring factions and lawyers," and he was "concerned about whether he was being told the truth about various matters."

Mueller Investigating Possible Money Laundering By Manafort. The Wall Street Journal (7/20, Orden) reports that Mueller is also investigating possible money laundering by former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort, who for years worked for a pro-Russia party in Ukraine.

NYTimes Rejects Manafort's Call For A Retraction. Politico (7/20, Gold) reports in its "On Media" blog that The New York Times has rejected Manafort's request that it retract a story published Wednesday which reported that "he had been in debt to pro-Russia interests by as much as $17 million before he joined Trump's presidential campaign in March 2016."

Trump Team Investigating Mueller's Investigators. The New York Times (7/20, Schmidt, Haberman, Apuzzo) reports that Trump's lawyers and aides are looking into "the professional and political backgrounds" of investigators hired by Mueller, "looking for conflicts of interest they could use to discredit the investigation – or even build a case to fire Mr. Mueller or get some members of his team recused, according to three people with knowledge of the research effort." The search "includes scrutinizing donations to Democratic candidates, investigators' past clients and Mr. Mueller's relationship with James B. Comey." The Times calls the effort "another sign of a looming showdown between Mr. Trump and Mr. Mueller." The Washington Post (7/20, Leonnig, Parker, Helderman, Hamburger) says Trump's lawyers are seeking to "limit or undercut" Mueller's investigation, "building a case against what they allege are his conflicts of interest."

Senate Panel Preapproves Subpoenas For Trump Jr., Manafort, Simpson. As Mueller's investigation proceeds, the Senate Judiciary Committee has preapproved subpoenas for Trump Jr. and Manafort should they fail to accept by Friday evening an invitation to appear before the panel next week. The Washington Post (7/20, Demirjian) reports that Chairman Charles Grassley said Thursday that if Manafort, Trump Jr., and Fusion GPS co-founder Glenn Simpson do not accept the invitation by Friday night, "subpoenas would be issued 'almost immediately.'"

The Washington Post (7/20, Bump, Guskin) reports that a Post-ABC News poll this month found that 63 percent of Americans said the "meeting between relatives of Donald Trump and his campaign chairman and a Kremlin-linked Russian attorney" was not appropriate. SurveyMonkey asked "how concerned people were about the meeting coordinated," and "more than half...said that they had only some or very little concern about the meeting, while a bit under half said that they had 'quite a bit' or a lot of concern."

Kelly, Bossert Confirm Russia Tried To Manipulate 2016 Election. USA Today (7/20, Johnson) reports that while Trump will not "say whether he believes the Russia government meddled in the presidential election," DHS Secretary Kelly and Counterterrorism adviser Thomas Bossert "this week affirmed the US intelligence community's unqualified assessment that it did." Both Kelly and Bossert "said they backed the conclusion that Russia carried out a campaign of cyberattacks and fake news to influence the election in favor of Trump." Politico (7/20, Watkins) reports that Bossert said Thursday that Russia's government "clearly tried to manipulate the 2016 election," a "widely held conclusion that his boss in the Oval Office has repeatedly questioned." Bossert said the hacking and release of DNC emails were "unacceptable efforts and behaviors by a foreign nation state," but he stressed "that there had been no manipulation of ballot counts."

The Washington Free Beacon (7/20, Gertz) reports that Bossert said the Administration "is preparing to conduct aggressive action against foreign nations that hit the United States with cyber attacks." The policy the White House will unveil next month "will seek to create cyber deterrence – making hostile actors pay a steep price for attacking through the cyber realm." Said Bossert, "I'm ready to put some policy changes in place that are going to increase the cost to the bad actor and unify the like-minded so that we can throw the people that are not on that page out of the internet, if necessary."

Trump's Ambassadorial Nominees Balk At Question Of Russian Interference. The AP (7/20, Lardner) reports that some members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee were "troubled" Thursday by the "unwillingness" of several of the President's ambassadorial nominees "to say unequivocally whether Russia sought to interfere in the 2016 presidential election." Lewis Eisenberg, Trump's choice for ambassador to Italy "told the committee he'd prefer to 'reserve judgment' on whether Moscow interfered until ongoing investigations are completed." Woody Johnson, Trump's nominee to be the ambassador to the UK, "said he hasn't 'studied the evidence

on the inside,' so he can only go by what he reads." Kelly Knight Craft, "nominated by Trump to be the ambassador to Canada, said based on the publicly available material she's read, 'it looks as if, yes.'" Trump's nominee for NATO ambassador, Kay Bailey Hutchison, "said there is a 'good likelihood, yes' that Russia interfered." K.T. McFarland, who was nominated to be ambassador to Singapore, said simply, "Yes."

Obama Administration Had Plan To Counter Election Day Cyberattack. TIME (7/20, Calabresi) reports that the Obama Administration, in October 2016, "quietly produced a plan...to counter a possible Election Day cyber attack that included extraordinary measures like sending armed federal law enforcement agents to polling places, mobilizing components of the military and launching counter-propaganda efforts." The plan "stipulates that 'in almost all potential cases of malicious cyber activity impacting election infrastructure, state, local, tribal, and territorial governments' would have primary jurisdiction to respond." However, in the event of a "'significant incident' the White House had several 'enhanced procedures' it was prepared to take," including "the deployment of 'armed federal law enforcement agents' to polling places if hackers managed to halt voting."

RIA Report: US, Russia In Talks To Create Joint Cyber Security Working Group. Reuters (7/20) cites a report from Russia's RIA news agency which said that the Russia and the US "are in talks to create a joint cyber security working group." Andrey Krutskikh, "a special presidential envoy on cyber security," said, "The talks are underway ... different proposals are being exchanged, nobody denies the necessity of holding the talks and of having such contacts."

Democrats Accused Of Dragging Out Nunes Ethics Investigation. The Washington Free Beacon (7/20, Kredo) cites "multiple sources" who said that Democrats on the House Ethics Committee are "intentionally dragging out an investigation into Intelligence Committee Chair Devin Nunes" in "an attempt to influence the Intelligence Committee's sensitive Russia probe and promote their own political careers." These Democrats are accused of blocking the Ethics panel's investigation into allegations that Nunes "disclosed classified information in comments alleging Obama administration officials had accessed classified intelligence reports in order to gain information on Trump associates," in "an effort to discredit the top Republican and keep him sidelined from the sensitive Russia probe, which Democrats have increasingly used to score political points against Trump and boost their own political profiles."

In an op-ed for the Washington Post (7/20), former White House chief of staff Denis McDonough defends the Obama Administration's response to Russian interference and argues that "it remains important that the new administration follows through on the steps we took to make clear that the United States is united in our opposition to Russian interference and will not tolerate such activities in the future."

White House: Trump "Disappointed" In Sessions, But "Clearly He Has Confidence In Him."

Most media reports on the President's criticism of Attorney General Sessions cast Trump in a decidedly negative light. The coverage, which included stories on all three network newscasts, drew the picture of a White House roiled by the Russia meddling probe and of a president turning on a loyal ally. The CBS Evening News (7/20, story 2, 2:30, Reid) reported that in a "long, rambling interview" with the New York Times, the President said "Sessions should have never recused himself" from the Russia investigation, "and if he was going to recuse himself, he should have told me before he took the job and I would have picked somebody else." Trump's comments sparked speculation about Sessions' standing in Team Trump. The AP (7/20, Tucker, Lemire), for example, says the President's "airing of his long-simmering frustrations...raised significant new questions about the future of the nation's top prosecutor," and the Los Angeles Times (7/20, Bierman) that they led to "immediate speculation whether the attorney general would resign or be fired."

Jeff Zeleny said on CNN's Situation Room (7/20) that a "White House official" said Trump's comments about Sessions had a "chilling effect" inside the White House, as aides' "thinking went something like this, 'If this could happen to Jeff Sessions, it could perhaps happen to any of us.'" To the Los Angeles Times (7/20, Bennett, Bierman), "Trump's remarks...reinforced the sense that no person close to the president is safe, even if the attack might appear to undermine the president as much as the object of his anger." The Washington Post (7/20, Phillip), meanwhile, says "Sessions learned...the loyalty Trump expects isn't always reciprocated."

The question of whether Trump was looking for Sessions' resignation came up during a White House briefing. NBC Nightly News (7/20, story 5, 2:15) showed Deputy White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders saying, "I think you know this president well enough to know that if he wanted somebody to take an action, he would make that quite clear." ABC

World News Tonight (7/20, story 5, 2:50, Vega) noted that she added, "Clearly he has confidence in him or he would not be the attorney general." The Washington Times (7/20, Boyer) reports Sanders went on to point "to 'progress' at the Justice Department on issues like cracking down on the MS-13 gang, immigration and cybersecurity," and remarked, "Those are great examples of successes they've had at the Department of Justice." The Hill (7/20, Stanage) indicated that she also said "more broadly...'the president is frustrated by the continued witch hunt' of the Russia investigation." At any rate, the Washington Examiner (7/20, Westwood) reports, "the White House spokeswoman said Trump and Sessions have not spoken in the last 24 hours."

USA Today (7/20, Page) says that "to get anything done in office...Trump needs friends," yet "he has lashed out at one of his few original loyalists," the very "first senator to endorse his presidential bid and a regular surrogate on the campaign trail last year." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (7/20) similarly concludes that an unconventional political figure such as Trump is in dire need of seasoned aides such as the Attorney General, Defense Secretary Mattis, or Gary Cohn. To the Journal, experienced figures such as those help protect Trump from his own impetuousness. A New York Times (7/20) editorial is particularly harsh: "In less than an hour on Wednesday afternoon...Trump found a way to impugn the integrity and threaten the livelihoods of nearly all of the country's top law enforcement officials, including some he appointed, for one simple reason: They swore an oath to defend the Constitution, not him."

Along similar lines, Jake Tapper said on CNN's The Lead (7/20) that a Republican senator speaking on background told him, "I'm very disturbed that the President would throw Jeff Sessions under the bus. I think Sessions did the right thing ethically and the right thing legally. To undermine the Attorney General is very bad form for the President. ... One gets the impression that the President doesn't understand or he willfully disregards the fact that the Attorney General and law enforcement in general, they are not his personal lawyers to defend and protect him.... It's unclear if he understands that. And that's pretty disturbing." Another unnamed GOP senator said, "I know Jeff Sessions to be a person of real integrity, which is why he recused himself. I don't think it's good for any President of the United States to undermine the federal judiciary."

Under the headline "Republicans Rally Around Sessions After Trump Criticism," The Hill (7/20, Williams, Wong) reports that "Republicans on Thursday rushed to the defense of...Sessions." Said Rep. Chris Collins (R-NY), "I think Jeff Sessions has been and will continue to be an excellent attorney general. ... I don't expect Jeff Sessions to resign, I would not want him to resign." The Hill added that "most Republicans stopped short of criticizing Trump's remarks, characterizing them as 'rhetorical' and evidence of the president's growing frustration with the media frenzy surrounding the various investigations into his campaign's potential ties to Russia." USA Today (7/20, Jackson) noted, however, that "some lawmakers backed Trump's comments on Sessions." Sen. Rand Paul, for example, tweeted, "I agree with @realDonaldTrump, his Attorney General should not have recused himself over reported incidental contacts with Russian officials."

On the other hand, Politico (7/20, Gerstein) reports, "some Democrats" found Trump's comments "alarming." Senate Minority Whip Durbin "said the interview has 'shaken me' and said the nation was 'on the doorsteps of a constitutional crisis.'" Sen. Chris Coons, on CNN's The Lead (7/20), said Trump is "confusing what the role is of the Department of Justice." If Trump "mistakenly thinks the Department of Justice is merely a political extension of the White House, then he ought to have a good look at the Constitution and the importance of the independence of the investigatory functions of the FBI, the DOJ, and in this case, special council Bob Mueller." Asked if he believes Trump was suggesting to Sessions that he should resign, Coons said, "If I were in Jeff Sessions' shoes, if I were attorney general, I think this was a suggestion I should quit. It is strikingly disloyal from someone who should be grateful that...Sessions was the first senator and in some ways the longest and most dogged defender of Donald Trump in the course of his campaign."

The New York Times (7/20, Sullivan, Ruiz) reports, meanwhile, that "Sessions vowed on Thursday to stay in his job," saying "he and his Justice Department colleagues intended to continue to serve and he would do so 'as long as that is appropriate.'" Added Sessions, "We are serving right now. The work we are doing today is the kind of work that we intend to continue. ... I am totally confident that we can continue to run this office in an effective way." The Washington Times (7/20, Miller) quotes Sessions as saying, "We in this Department of Justice will continue every single day to work hard to serve in the national interest and we wholeheartedly join in the priorities of President Trump." The Hill (7/20, Savransky), Politico (7/20, Gerstein), Townhall (7/20, Pavlich) and the Wall Street Journal (7/20, Viswanatha), among other news outlets, run similar accounts of Sessions' remarks. Reuters (7/20, Chiacu, Ainsley) notes the Attorney General "was flanked by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and Acting Federal Bureau of

Investigation Director Andrew McCabe, who were both also criticized by the president."

Jeffrey Toobin said on CNN's Situation Room (7/20), "I've never heard a president insult a member of his own staff, Cabinet, with such vehemence, and not fire him. So that's what makes this so unusual. Sometimes presidents fire people, but here you have this rebuke without firing. But, you know, we are in a different land with President Trump in charge and, I think, Attorney General Sessions is just going to keep doing his job and I think he can keep doing it until and unless he just gets out and out fired."

Charles Krauthammer said on Fox News Special Report (7/20) that Sessions "has obviously lost the confidence of the President. They are not going to say it because if you say it, he has to resign. He doesn't want to resign. But I think this sort of limits his tenure. It's only a matter of time."

USA Today (7/20, Groppe, Estepa) reports that "while past presidents have clashed with their top law enforcement officials – which in one case led to a resignation – a president has never directly fired his attorney general." Trump "made headlines when he dismissed acting Attorney General Sally Yates for directing the Justice Department not to defend the president's temporary travel ban," but "that was the exception, not the rule. What's more, Yates was only in that temporary position for 10 days."

The Washington Post (7/20, Zapotosky, Horwitz), meanwhile, reports that "if Sessions were to resign or be fired, that could call into question the future of the special counsel investigation," because "according to federal regulations, the special counsel reports to the attorney general, though because Sessions is recused, Mueller reports to Rosenstein."

McConnell Plans Healthcare Vote For Next Week.

Senate Majority Leader McConnell is expected to hold a vote to proceed on legislation to repeal the ACA next week, but media reports are pessimistic about its chances for passage citing the absence of Sen. John McCain, who has been diagnosed with brain cancer and is in Arizona reviewing treatment options, the CBO's finding that the latest plan would leave 22 million people without coverage, and unsuccessful efforts by GOP leaders to convince holdouts to back the measure.

USA Today (7/20, Collins) says McConnell's task is complicated by McCain's absence. However, a spokesman for McConnell said the vote is still on. USA Today adds that four Republicans have said they will oppose the Senate bill to repeal and replace the ACA, while three have announced their opposition to a plan that would repeal the law without a replacement. It was not clear as of Thursday afternoon which measure would me brought to a vote next week. The Washington Times (7/20, Howell) says the GOP effort faces "an even steeper climb" due to McCain's cancer diagnosis as well as "new budget estimates that say 22 million people fewer people would hold insurance under the latest replacement plan." The Times says McConnell is working to win over holdouts and GOP leaders "want to vote to proceed onto a health care bill Tuesday."

However, Politico (7/20, Haberkorn, Everett, Kim) is pessimistic about the chances for any measures, saying a the "harsh reality" that "they're extremely unlikely to repeal Obamacare in the coming days" is setting in among Senate Republicans. The number are "increasingly working against them, with four Republican senators having announced opposition to starting debate – though the bill could further change – and more unannounced but likely nos." The AP (7/20, Fram) also sees an "uphill drive" as the White House and Republican leaders "fished Thursday for ways to win over recalcitrant senators" but saw "no indications they'd ensured the votes needed to even start debating the party's legislative keystone."

Reuters (7/20, Cornwell, Becker) says "senators expressed irritation" after efforts "to win over holdouts appeared to yield no progress," while the Washington Examiner (7/20, King) describes "confusion" as "lawmakers don't know which bill they will be voting on next week." Republican Conference Chairman Sen. John Thune said, "I think probably straight repeal," but leadership "doesn't have enough votes for either measure to pass."

The New York Times (7/20, Thrush, Haberman) reports that Trump thought he could secure the votes of reluctant Republicans "through pleasantries, cajoling and, ultimately, some Oval Office muscle," but he "scared no one into supporting the bill." The Times says that "fear of a powerful president is the surest lever to move a lawmaker from a 'no' to a 'yes' on a presidential priority," Trump "has proved simply too unpopular nationally...too weak in many senators' home states, too erratic and too disengaged from the details of governing to harness his party, as other new presidents have." Charles Blow writes in his New York Times (7/20) column that Trump "never had any plan" and "campaigned on applause-line policies: Anything that roused a

response from his rabid adherents, he repeated and amplified." Trump, he adds, "never gave details because the details didn't exist, and he wouldn't have been able to understand and articulate them if they did."

However, Eugene Robinson writes in the Washington Post (7/20) that "this isn't the first time the GOP's gratuitously cruel effort to 'repeal and replace' the Affordable Care Act has looked dead," and "it would be a mistake to take anything for granted." Arguing that the "most urgent task right now is to make sure a stake is driven through the heart of the Republican effort," Robinson calls on Americans to "keep the pressure on." A Washington Post (7/20) editorial argues that the CBO's finding that "the latest version of the Senate bill would result in 22 million more people without health coverage by 2026" is proof that the GOP bill should "stay dead," lest it becomes "a painful reality that Republicans imposed on the country, all so they could keep an irresponsible campaign promise."

Paul Says He'll Vote To Proceed In Exchange For Deal On Amendments. The Hill (7/20, Carney) reports in its "Floor Action" blog that Sen. Rand Paul said Thursday "that he would support the motion to proceed to the House-passed healthcare bill, which is being used as a vehicle for any action, if he could get a deal on amendments." Paul said, "If they want my vote, they have to at least agree that we're going to at least have a vote on clean repeal." Paul "floated that Senate leadership should guarantee votes on some of the caucus's most prominent healthcare proposals – including repeal-only, repeal-and-replace and a bill created by" Sens. Susan Collins and Bill Cassidy – "as a way to get him on board."

Paul said on MSNBC's Morning Joe (7/20), "The only difference between the Republican and the Democrat plan is the Democrat plan tried to get you to buy insurance through a mandate, government force. The Republican plan is going to dump the money in on the tail end to subsidize insurance companies. I object to both. In some ways it's actually more morally reprehensible for the government or the taxpayer to be asked to subsidize insurance companies that double their profit under Obamacare and now make $15 billion a year. I just think it's a terrible and a very un-Republican idea to give a major corporation taxpayer money."

GOP Proposal Seeks To Offset Impact Of Medicaid Cuts. The Wall Street Journal (7/20, Radnofsky, Peterson) says that as Senate Republicans seek support for their bill, they pushed a proposal that they said could lighten the impact of the measure's Medicaid cuts on the poor. The plan being advanced by Republicans and CMS head Seema Verma would use revenue from the ACA's taxes to reduce out-of-pocket costs for people who are forced to leave Medicaid as a result of cuts in the Republican bill.

Cruz: Consumer Freedom Option Will Expand Coverage. Sen. Ted Cruz made a case for his Consumer Freedom Option on Fox News' Hannity (7/20), arguing that HHS "concluded that you would see 2.2 million more people get insurance. ... Consumer Freedom expands coverage. More people get health insurance. And then what happens to premiums is dramatic. For people that choose the Freedom plans, that buy a plan off the exchange without the Obamacare mandates, their premiums would drop over $7,000 a year. For those who decide to stay on the Obamacare exchanges, because of the power of competition, their premiums drop by over $5,500 a year. That's real money in people's pockets."

Support For ACA Has Grown Since Election. The New York Times (7/20, Zernike, Goodnough) reports that since the election, support for the ACA "has risen...with more people now viewing the law favorably than unfavorably." The Times says the change "may not denote newfound love of the Affordable Care Act so much as dread of what might replace it."

Federal Judge Declines To Remove Block On Sanctuary Cities Order.

Politico (7/20, Lima) reports that US District Judge William Orrick III in San Francisco "has denied a request by the Trump administration to remove an injunction halting President Donald Trump's executive order on so-called sanctuary cities from being implemented." The denial "further thwarts the Trump White House's attempt to effectively penalize cities providing safe haven to undocumented immigrants by threatening to strip them of federal funding." Judge Orrick "moved to decline a request by the Justice Department to reconsider whether a memo by" Attorney General Sessions "narrowed the scope of Trump's executive action and lifted the need for an injunction," and ruling that "the narrower interpretation released by Sessions did not alter the court's initial April decision to impose the block."

Mulvaney Favors "Lowest Possible Corporate Rate."

OMB Director Mulvaney said on Fox News' Fox & Friends (7/20), "I don't think we have given up on that low as possible corporate rate. I would love to see a 15 percent rate. I would love to

see less. But the truth of the matter is we are still pushing for lowest possible corporate rate we can. ... The Democrats will say it's a give away to big business. It's not. We are trying to get back to a healthy American economy. We define that as three percent growth."

Gore Says Trump Causing Huge "Upsurge" In Climate Activism.

The Hill (7/20, Kamisar) reports former Vice President Al Gore has seen "one bright spot in President Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement: an explosion of pro-climate activism." He "said he is emboldened by the defense he's seen of the climate ever since Trump's controversial decision to pull the U.S. out of the accord." Gore said during a town hall interview for SiriusXM/Variety Magazine, "What we are seeing in the United States of America today is the biggest upsurge of activism in favor of the climate that we have ever experienced. And it's in reaction to what President Trump has said. ... And we are seeing the same thing around the world — the other countries have doubled down on their commitment."

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"President Trump's Contempt For The Rule Of Law." In a particularly harsh editorial, the New York Times (7/20) says, "In less than an hour on Wednesday afternoon President Trump found a way to impugn the integrity and threaten the livelihoods of nearly all of the country's top law enforcement officials, including some he appointed, for one simple reason: They swore an oath to defend the Constitution, not him."

"Mr. Macron Starts Making Waves." The New York Times (7/21) in an editorial on French President Emmanuel Macron, says that his "entry to the French presidential stage was about as exciting and theatrical as electoral politics gets," but now, says the Times, the "pushback" has begun, starting with the military, as Pierre de Villiers, the army chief of staff, "used an unprintable epithet before a parliamentary committee" in response to Macron's proposed cutbacks, "and quit." The Times says it is "likely to get worse," because Macron is planning greater budget cuts in order to reduce the deficit to the EU's "limit of 3 percent of gross domestic product."

Washington Post.

"The GOP's Repeal And Replace Plan Should Stay Dead." A Washington Post (7/20) editorial argues that the CBO's finding that the latest version of the Senate healthcare bill "would result in 22 million more people without health coverage by 2026" is proof that the GOP bill should "stay dead," lest it becomes "a painful reality that Republicans imposed on the country, all so they could keep an irresponsible campaign promise."

"Once More, The GOP Is Set To Trample On DC's Sovereignty." In an editorial, the Washington Post (7/20) writes that House Republicans' 28 to 24 vote last Thursday to repeal the "Death With Dignity Act," DC's medical-aid-in-dying law signed in December 2016, represents what DC Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton called "bright-light hypocrisy" for a party that emphasizes the importance of federalism. The Post argues that "there has not been a single documented instance of abuse" from DC's law, and concludes by asking, "The Constitution gives Congress authority over the District, but why would a party that advocates less federal control want to undermine local officials?"

"What A President With Nothing To Hide Would Say To The New York Times." In an editorial, the Washington Post (7/20) says that it "matched a few of [President] Trump's Wednesday comments to the New York Times...with imagined quotations of what an ethical president might say." For example, the Post quotes Trump as telling the Times, "Well, Sessions should have never recused himself, and if he was going to recuse himself, he should have told me before he took the job, and I would have picked somebody else. ... I think [it] is very unfair to the president." The Post then offers it's "imagined" Trump response, "Jeff Sessions was very involved in my campaign, so of course he had to recuse himself from any matters having to do with my campaign. Once it came out, after his confirmation, that he had given inaccurate testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee about his meetings with Russian officials, it was doubly a no-brainer."

Wall Street Journal.

"Trump's NAFTA Stakes." The Wall Street Journal (7/20) in an editorial says that the priorities

issued by the Administration for NAFTA renegotiation indicate that President Trump may not be pursuing a protectionist agenda. The Journal says that NAFTA has been good for US business, helping US companies to compete internationally, particularly automotive companies that make use of Mexican labor and Canadian raw materials, but also farmers, who benefit from the reduction of Mexico's agricultural tariffs. The Journal adds that many of the Administration's priorities were agreed to by Canada and Mexico in negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The Journal says that with Canada's recent trade agreement with the EU and Mexico's current negotiations with the EU, both are reducing their dependence on US trade, and urges the President to pursue freer trade with both.

"Sessions Hangs In There." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (7/20) concludes that an unconventional political figure such as President Trump is in dire need of seasoned aides such as the Attorney General, Defense Secretary Mattis or Gary Cohn. To the Journal, experienced figures such as those help protect Trump from his own impetuousness.

"The Other Sessions Issue." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (7/20) writes that Attorney General Sessions' decision this week to restore a civil asset forfeiture program restricted by Attorney General Eric Holder in 2015 was a decision to revive what many on both the left and the right consider a constitutionally questionable policy with little due process or law enforcement accountability. The Journal also argues that the Justice Department program allows federal law enforcement, such as the Drug Enforcement Administration, to subvert state laws prohibiting non-criminal asset seizures, and concludes that the Supreme Court or Congress should act to end the policy.

Big Picture

Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:
Loophole Closed: Hedge-Fund Managers Prepare Huge Tax Checks
Sears To Sell Kenmore Brand On Amazon
China's Empty Theme Parks Lack A Key Attraction: A-List Film Characters
US And Exxon Spar Over Russia Sanctions Violation

New York Times:
Trump's Fury Erodes His Relationship With Sessions, An Early Ally
Trump Aides, Seeking Leverage, Investigate Mueller's Investigators
On Reddit, Intimate Glimpses Of Addicts In Thrall To Opioids
Israeli Aid Gives An Unexpected 'Glimmer Of Hope' For Syrians
OJ Simpson Wins Parole, Claiming He Has Led A 'Conflict-Free Life'
These Americans Hated The Health Law. Until The Idea Of Repeal Sank In.

Washington Post:
Sessions Plans To Stay, Despite Trump's Remark
Simpson Granted Parole, Will Be Released In Fall
A 10-Year-Old's Mysterious And Fatal Encounter With Opioids
Trump Exploring Pardoning Powers
2 Cabinet Members In Exxon Legal Fight

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Euro Hits New Highs Despite Dovish ECB Signals
US Attorney-General To Stay Despite Trump Attack
Germany Warns Citizens To Avoid Turkey
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Trump Supporters Fear Mueller's Peek Into Business Dealings Will Be Fatal Blow
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Glioblastoma: Rare, Deadly And Incurable Brain Cancer
Veterans Start To Lose Choice Health Care Options As VA Funds Run Dry

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:
ABC: OJ Simpson-Parole Granted; OJ Simpson-Life After Prison; OJ Simpson-Restrictions; Minneapolis-Police Violence; Trump-Sessions Comment; McCain-Brain Tumor; Weather Forecast; Florida-Utility Trucks Sabotage; Chipotle-Food Poisoning; Linkin Park-Lead Singer Dies; Foster Child Adoption.
CBS: OJ Simpson-Parole Granted; Trump-Sessions Comment; Russia Meddling Investigation; Russia Meddling Investigation-Expert Comment; Exxon-Russia Sanctions Violation; McCain-Brain Tumor; McCain Brain Tumor-Medical Analysis; Minneapolis-Police Violence; Self-Driving Vehicles; Salvador Dali Remains; Lunar Landing Artifact Auctioned; New Mexico-Fossils.
NBC: OJ Simpson-Parole Granted; OJ Simpson-Life After Prison; McCain-Brain Tumor; McCain Brain Tumor-Medical Analysis; Trump-Sessions Comment; West Coast-Wildfires; Cyber Scams; Lunar Landing Artifact Auctioned; London-Zip Line Ride; OJ Simpson-American Obsession.

Network TV At A Glance:
OJ Simpson-Parole Granted – 17 minutes, 25 seconds
McCain-Brain Tumor – 9 minutes, 10 seconds
Trump-Sessions Comment – 7 minutes, 35 seconds
Minneapolis-Police Violence – 2 minutes

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:
ABC: WH-Special Counsel; Trump-Sessions Comment; OJ Simpson-Parole Granted; Minneapolis-Police Violence; Turkey Earthquake; Israel-Metal Detectors.
CBS: OJ Simpson-Parole Granted; WH-Special Counsel; CIA Director-Russia Comment; Linkin Park-Lead Singer Dies.
FOX: OJ Simpson-Parole Granted; Trump-Sessions Comment; McCain-Brain Tumor; Healthcare Reform Plan.
NPR: Trump-Sessions Comment; WH-Special Counsel; Fox Business Reporter-Trump Connection; West Coast-Wildfires; Montana-Wildfire; Wall Street News.

Washington Schedule

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:
PRESIDENT TRUMP — Participates in a credentials ceremony for newly appointed Ambassadors to Washington, DC; visits with survivors from the USS Arizona.
VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — Joins the President to visit with survivors from the USS Arizona.
US Senate: No public schedule announced.
US House: 9:00 AM House Financial Services subcommittee field hearing on 20 years of NAHASDA – Housing and Insurance Subcommittee field hearing on 'NAHASDA: 20 Years On', with testimony from Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Native American Programs Heidi Frechette; National American Indian Housing Council Executive Director Tony Walters; Essentia Clinic's Dr Harry Malcolm; LCO Housing Authority Executive Director Mark Montano; Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe member Jeff Tribble, and Governing Board Member Rosalie Gokee; and Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority Executive Director Floyd Tortilita Location: LAC Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School, 8575 N Round Lake School Rd, Hayward, WI http://financialservices.house.gov https://twitter.com/FinancialCmte

No votes scheduled in the House of Representatives.
Other: 9:00 AM OAS secretary general speaks on Venezuela at the Atlantic Council – Organization of American States Secretary General Luis Almagro speaks at the Atlantic Council on 'Venezuela on the Edge: The Time for New International Action', before panel discussion with Torino Capital Chief Economist Francisco Rodriguez, Center for Justice and Peace Executive Director Beatriz Borges, and NTN24 U.S. News Director Gustau Alegret Location: Atlantic Council, 1030 15th St NW, Washington, DC http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/ https://twitter.com/ACLatAm #ACVenezuela

10:00 AM Brookings discussion on upcoming Kenyan elections – 'What elections in Kenya mean for the country, the continent, and the world' Brookings Institution Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence Africa Security Initiative discussion ahead of the 8 Aug votes, with St. Lawrence University Associate Professor Matthew Carotenuto, Congressional Research Service Specialist in African Affairs Lauren Ploch Blanchard, and International Republican Institute Africa Division Regional Director John Tomaszewski Location: Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts

Ave NW, Washington, DC http://www.brookings.edu https://twitter.com/BrookingsInst

10:00 AM 'Mars Day!' at the National Air and Space Museum – 'Mars Day!', presented by the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum Center for Earth and Planetary Studies – an annual celebration of the Red Planet, giving visitors the opportunity to talk to scientists active in Mars research and learn about current and future missions, including Opportunity mission Lead Flight Director and Rover Driver Mike Seibert * Mars Day! annually marks the July 1976 landing of Viking 1, the first spacecraft to operate on Mars Location: National Air and Space Museum, 600 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC http://www.nasm.si.edu/marsday https://twitter.com/airandspace

Last Laughs

Late Night Political Humor.

Jimmy Kimmel: "In case you didn't know, today marks six months of President Trump. That's right. He's already halfway through his presidency. How could it only be six months? Yesterday alone felt like six months in the Trump Administration."

Jimmy Kimmel: "But he likes what the President is doing. All I know is Donald Trump gets the job, six months later, OJ's out of prison."

Jimmy Kimmel: "You know, as a businessman, Trump made a lot of things in America. The decision to have all his suits and ties made in China was made in America, for instance."

Stephen Colbert: "Say what you want about OJ, he never met with Sergei Kislyak."

Stephen Colbert: "Forget about a Cold War with Russia, I think we may be having a thumb war with France."

Stephen Colbert: "When asked about the Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller, Trump said he shouldn't have been appointed, and Trump warned that Mueller should stay out of investigating his finances. That's not a red flag at all. 'Sure, the police are welcome to search anywhere in my house, as long as they don't dig up the patio. There's nothing down there. Or the shed. And forget the crawlspace, it's way too crowded in there.'"

Trevor Noah: "Mr. President, I hate to be the one to break it to you: Macron wasn't holding your hands because he liked it. He was just trying to keep them off his wife."

Trevor Noah: "This entire interview made it alarmingly clear Donald Trump sees the presidency as one of his companies. It's whole purpose is to serve only him. Attorney General Jeff Sessions recused himself because ethics and legal norms demand it. Good for the country, unfair for Trump, because in his mind it defeats the purpose of the Justice Department, which he thinks is not to uphold law, but to do the President's bidding. The same way he thinks the purpose of the Energy Department is to charge his iPhone. 'Plug it in, Rick, daddy's got to tweet!'"

Trevor Noah: "The only thing more shocking than his autocratic view of power is his willingness to talk so open about it. In a strange way, Donald Trump is both the most honest and dishonest President of all time. I figured it out, people, he's not Hitler, he's Abraham Nixon."

Jimmy Fallon: "On one hand, OJ is a convicted felon. On the other hand, he managed to keep Trump off TV for a whole afternoon, so it's kind of a community service."

Jimmy Fallon: "The other big story is this interview President Trump did with the New York Times. And the paper said that he made several false claims. And Trump was like, 'But you chose to print them, so once again, fake news.'"

Jimmy Fallon: "In the interview, Trump warned Special Counsel Robert Mueller not to look into his family's finances. Then Mueller was like, 'Well, wasn't going to, but now I definitely am.'"

Jimmy Fallon: "Trump also said that Washington, DC should do a big parade down Pennsylvania

Avenue like the Bastille Day parade that he went to in Paris. Trump said it should be just like his inauguration, but with people."

Seth Meyers: "President Trump has now been in office for six months, oh I'm sorry, 6,000 months. That's right. President Trump has now been in office for six months. 'I know,' said Melania."

Seth Meyers: "According to CNN, President Trump has spent almost a quarter of his time at his golf properties during his first six months in office. So it's official, golf is not good exercise."

Seth Meyers: "President Trump said yesterday that he went to speak with Vladimir Putin at the G20 summit dinner because he was seated next to the wife of Japanese Prime Minister Abe, who spoke no English, which means they had at least one thing in common."

Conan O'Brien: "The people behind Game of Thrones are creating a new show about the South winning the Civil War. Yeah. True story. It's called the Trump Administration."

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Report: Interior Chief Warns Alaska Senators On Health Care.

The AP (7/27, Daly) reports that the Alaska Dispatch News reported early Thursday that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "called Alaska's two Republican senators to warn them of repercussions for the nation's largest state if they failed to toe the Trump administration line on healthcare." Sen. Dan Sullivan, who has supported repeal efforts, "told the newspaper that the call from Zinke heralded a 'troubling message,'" but Sen. Lisa Murkowski, who has opposed several key GOP measures, "confirmed that she received a call from Zinke, but said she did not perceive the call as a threat against her or Alaska."

The Los Angeles Times (7/27, Levey) says that Zinke on Wednesday called the senators "with a warning that Murkowski's vote 'had put Alaska's future with the administration in jeopardy.'" Sullivan said, "I'm not going to go into the details, but I fear that the strong economic growth, pro-energy, pro-mining, pro-jobs and personnel from Alaska who are part of those policies are going to stop."

The Washington Times (7/27, Wolfgang) reports that several projects in Alaska "are now in jeopardy." The article adds that on Wednesday, Murkowski defended her vote, saying, "We're here to govern, we're here to legislate, to represent people that sent us here. And so every day shouldn't be about campaigning. Every day shouldn't be about winning elections. How about doing a little governing around here?"

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Boston (MA) Herald (7/27), the Bristol (VA) Herald Courier (7/27, Daly), Philly (PA) (7/27, Daly), the Washington (DC) Post (7/27, Daly), the Washington (DC) Times (7/27, Daly), ABC News (7/27, Daly), the Annapolis (MD) Capital Gazette (7/27, Daly), the Brunswick (GA) News (7/27, Daly), the Chattanooga (TN) Times Free Press (7/27), the Hilton Head Island (SC) Packet (7/27, Daly), the San Francisco (CA) Chronicle (7/27, Daly), U.S. News & World Report (7/27, Daly), the Daily Mail (7/27), the Fort Wayne (IN) News-Sentinel (7/26), the Portland (ME) Press Herald (7/27, Daly), and Yahoo! News (7/27, Daly).

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Additional commentary appeared in the Washington (DC) Post (7/27, Viebeck), the

Washington (DC) Post (7/27, Rubin), the Washington (DC) Post (7/27, Eskew), and the Washington (DC) Post (7/27, Sargent).

Democrats Demand Investigation Of 'Political Blackmail' Against Murkowski. Politico (7/27, Lefebvre) reports the House Natural Resources Committee's top Democrat Rep. Raul Grijalva "said Thursday he will request a formal investigation into whether Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke threatened projects important to Alaska in retribution for Sen. Lisa Murkowski's vote against health care legislation." In a statement, Grijalva said, "Running a department of the federal government means you serve the American people as a protector of their rights and freedoms. ... It doesn't mean you serve the president as a bag man for his political vendettas."

The Washington Examiner (7/27, Phillips) reports that Grijalva and Rep. Frank Pallone, "sent letters to the Government Accountability Office and the inspector general at the Interior Department asking the them to look into conversations the secretary had with Alaska Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan." The letters "ask the agencies to investigate whether Zinke violated federal anti-lobbying laws as well as the Hobbs Act, which 'prohibits actual or attempted robbery or extortion affecting interstate or foreign commerce.'"

Additional coverage was provided by Reuters (7/27, Volcovici) and KTVA-TV Anchorage (AK) Anchorage, AK (7/27, Bowman).

Murkowski's Committee Postponed Confirmation Vote For Trump Nominees. The Hill (7/27, Cama) reports Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski "postponed a vote on six Trump administration nominees on Wednesday," the "same day" Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "allegedly threatened retribution against the Alaska Republican over her healthcare vote." Zinke "called Murkowski and Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) that afternoon, saying that her vote against debate on the ObamaCare repeal might steer the administration away from policies that benefit her state." Murkowski's staff didn't "return requests for comment on whether the developments are linked, and the committee has not said why the meeting was postponed." The article notes that six nominees include "Brenda Burman to be commissioner of reclamation at Interior; Susan Combs to be assistant secretary of the Interior for policy, management and budget; Doug Domenech to be assistant secretary of the Interior for insular affairs; Paul Dabbar to be undersecretary for science of the Department of Energy (DOE); David Jonas to be general counsel of the DOE; and Mark Wesley Menezes to be undersecretary of the DOE."

The Washington Times (7/27, Persons) reports that "a committee spokesperson said the delay was 'due to uncertainty of the Senate schedule.'"

Zinke Coming To New Mexico In Tightly Controlled Visit.

The AP (7/27) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is "visiting New Mexico this week as part of his nationwide tour connected to a review of 27 national monument designations." Zinke is "limiting his availability to reporters and avoiding a Las Cruces, New Mexico, town hall meeting with monument designation supporters and area elected officials." The article says that "his itinerary is tightly controlled and most of his activities will be away from the public eye."

The Las Cruces (NM) Sun-News (7/27) reports that Zinke "flew high above southern New Mexico" Thursday morning to survey Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument. The Las Cruces (NM) Sun-News (7/28, Soular) reports that Zinke also "met with residents and elected officials in closed-door discussions that are expected to shape the monument's future." According to the article, "by the end of the day, Zinke didn't overtly state support or opposition for reducing the three-year-old monument's current size."

The Albuquerque (NM) Journal (7/27, McKay) reports that Zinke said, "The boundaries are difficult to discern – between private, public, state lands. The features, as a geologist, I was particularly fascinated with the basalts and the volcanics – beautiful ground."

The AP (7/28) reports that Zinke is "scheduled Friday to meet with supporters of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument in northern New Mexico that is credited with boosting tourism."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Washington (DC) Times (7/27, Contreras) and the San Francisco (CA) Chronicle (7/27).

Additional coverage was provided by KVIA-TV El Paso (TX) El Paso, TX (7/27, Ortegon) and KFOX-TV El Paso (TX) El Paso, TX (7/27, Purvis).

Heinrich: Outdoor Recreation Is An Economic Force In New Mexico. The Sangre De Cristo (NM) Chronicle (7/27, Miller-Goins) reports that ahead of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's visit to New Mexico this week, Sen. Martin Heinrich "highlighted the strength of New Mexico's outdoor recreation economy." According to a new report released by the Outdoor Industry Association, "the outdoor recreation economy directly contributes $9.9 billion in consumer spending annually

and employs 99,000 people in New Mexico." Heinrich said, "Outdoor traditions—both new and old—are not only integral to our way of life in New Mexico but also major drivers for our local economies—especially in rural communities. This report demonstrates that our state's growing outdoor recreation industry supports tens of thousands of jobs. These jobs and billions of dollars of economic activity depend upon us keeping New Mexico's incredible public lands open and accessible. Our public lands are where locals and visitors alike go to fill their freezers with elk or wild turkey, camp under the stars, bike on challenging single track, or cast a fly in a trout stream. I will continue standing with New Mexicans who want to make sure our children and all future generations can benefit from our public lands, watersheds, and wildlife."

Ryan Zinke Must Respect Locals On Monument. The Las Cruces (NM) Sun-News (7/27) editorializes that reducing the size of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument "would clearly go against the will of the majority of residents, as was made clear recently when elected officials and boards from Doña Ana County, Las Cruces, Mesilla and Anthony all voted to express their support for the monument at its current size, and to oppose any attempt to reduce its size." The paper is "hopeful that Zinke and other decision-makers will carefully review" public comments "before making any decisions."

The U.S. Interior Department Has A New Mission: To Make Money.

Bloomberg News (7/27, Traywick) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "aims to retool" his department "into a federal profit center focused on increasing energy production, according to a plan laid out by his special adviser, Vincent DeVito." During an event in Washington on Thursday, DeVito stressed that the government must be run as if it were a business. He said that "the agency needs to offer federal leaseholders, whom he calls 'investors,' a reason to partner with the government, which hasn't been a particularly good business partner in the past." And "that means opening up more resources, making permitting easier and 'aggressively' cutting regulations on private industry."

Public Outcry Hopes To Sway Trump Administration On Fate Of Two Nevada National Monuments.

KSNV-TV Las Vegas (7/27, O'Neal) reports that "a last-ditch effort is underway to convince the Trump administration to keep Nevada's newest national monuments intact." Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto is "putting political pressure on Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke who is expected to visit Southern Nevada next week."

KLAS-TV Las Vegas (7/27, Marin) reports that "more than 90,000 petitions to try to save two national monuments will be dropped off Thursday at a Nevada Senator Dean Heller's office." Friends of Nevada Wilderness, "who want the land to remain preserved, said Senator Heller has been silent."

Feds Taking More Comments On Trump Marine Monuments Review.

The AP (7/27) reports that the Trump Administration is "reopening the public comment period on a review of national marine sanctuaries and marine national monuments." The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration "says it'll formally reopen public comments on the federal Department of Commerce review that began June 26." The NOAA "says the level of public interest in the review has motivated it to accept comments for an additional 15 days, from July 31 to Aug. 14."

Additional coverage was provided by the U.S. News & World Report (7/27, Watkins).

Wyden Revives Outdoor Recreation Bill.

The East Oregonian (7/27, Plaven) reports that Sen. Ron Wyden is "reaching across the political aisle to revive the Recreation Not Red-Tape Act." Supporters say the bill "would make it easier for people to enjoy the great outdoors." The aim "of the bill is to get more people outside enjoying national lands, Wyden said, by expediting the permit process for outfitters and directing federal agencies to prioritize recreation when making land and water management decisions."

Outdoor Industry Rally In Utah For Public Lands Protections.

The AP (7/27, McCOMBS) reports that "thousands of outdoor recreation industry representatives rallied Thursday at the Utah state capitol to show support for preserving public lands in an event that sent one final reminder why they're moving their lucrative trade show next year to Denver." According to the article, "an estimated 3,000 people marched from the convention center where the final show in Utah is being held this week in Salt Lake City to outside the capitol where they

listened to speakers who implored the industry to keep flexing its muscle to advocate for lands protections." Utah Gov. Gary Herbert "defended the state's record of conserving and protecting public lands Thursday in his televised news conference on KUED, while saying he regrets that discussions earlier this year to keep the show didn't work out."

Additional coverage of the show was provided by the Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (7/27, Alberty), the Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (7/27, Maffly), the Deseret (UT) News (7/27, O'Donoghue), and the Albuquerque (NM) Journal (7/27, Boyd).

Vacant Positions Leave Washington Without Watchdogs.

Patricia Harned, chief executive officer of the Ethics & Compliance Initiative (ECI), writes in a piece for The Hill (7/27, Harned) that 13 of the 73 inspector generals in government agencies are vacant, including the Interior Department. Harned says filling such vacancies "should be of highest priority," and Congress should review compensation of IGs, because they "earn their keep."

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

Indian Tribe To Continue Efforts For 2 New Michigan Casinos.

The AP (7/27) reports that The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians "says it will continue its efforts to build gambling facilities in Lansing and near Detroit Metropolitan Airport following a new setback." The tribe says it received a letter this week from the Interior Department "saying that the tribe's applications to put land into trust for the projects have been denied." The tribe claims "the denial is based on flawed legal analysis."

Additional coverage was provided by MLive (MI) (7/27, Lawler), the Detroit News (7/27, Gerstein), the Lansing (MI) State Journal (7/27, Lacy), and Law360 (7/27, Westney).

We Stole It, Indians Bought It Back; Let Them Use It. The Port Huron (MI) Times Herald (7/27) editorializes that the Bureau of Indian Affairs' "argument is logical — but only in a pedantic, fifth-grader sort of way." More importantly, to the paper, is that "the Bureau's decision, like the state of Michigan's continued fight against the spread of tribal gaming is based in the unseemly illogic of racism, Puritanism and greed." The paper concludes: "Michigan was all tribal lands once. We stole it from them. They bought it back. Let them use it to their benefit."

Why Tribal Land Acquisition Developments Are Troubling.

Law360 (7/27, Peterson) reports that "a July 13 hearing held by the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs provided a glimpse into the Trump administration's views on various topics of importance to Indian tribes." Acting Deputy Secretary of the Interior Jim Cason "testified to present the views of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), and his expressed views on a number of issues could raise concern among Indian tribes."

Bureau Of Land Management

US Court Asked To Hold Off On Decision Over Fracking Rules.

The AP (7/27, Flowers) reports the 10th US Circuit Court of Appeals has been asked by the Trump Administration "to hold off on a decision regarding a major federal fracking rule implemented by the Obama administration." Earlier this year, "Trump moved to roll back the rule, which was first issued in 2015 by the Interior Department and required drilling companies to disclose what chemicals they used within 30 days of any fracking." The rule "was put on hold last year after a federal district judge in Wyoming said the Bureau of Land Management had no authority to set such a rule." During the court hearing yesterday, "the government asked judges not to decide on the case and instead leave the district court's current ruling in effect until it can replace the rule." E&E Publishing (7/27) previewed the hearing.

Cheney Bill On Federal Coal Leasing Goes Before House.

The Casper (WY) Star-Tribune (7/27, Richards) reports that "on Thursday, the U.S. House's subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources will hold a hearing on a bill sponsored by Rep. Liz Cheney." The legislation "would make any attempt to halt leasing for coal mining on public land subject to congressional approval." Receiving that "consent from the House and the Senate would also be subject to a swift 30-day timeline."

Peabody Energy Wants To Expand Its Coal Mining Lease In Northwest Colorado.

The Denver Post (7/27, Paul) reports that the Bureau of Land Management is "weighing whether to allow Peabody Energy to lease new federal to mine up to 4.1 million more tons of coal in northwest Colorado." The BLM "says it is making the decision under the Trump administration's energy policies, which include rescinding Obama-era rules that placed a moratorium on coal leases." Peabody has "applied to lease 640 more aces of federal coal west of Steamboat Springs has part of its Foidel Creek Mine operations."

Commentary: Creating Land Use Planning Efficiencies.

In an op-ed for the Elko (NV) Daily Free Press (7/27, Juen), Jesse J. Juen, president of the Public Lands Foundation, offers suggestions as the Bureau of Land Management reviews its planning process. Among the recommendations is to "administratively fix the public comment period for environmental assessments to no more than 30 days." He also advises to "direct that Resource Management Plans for statutorily dedicated lands, such as the Oregon & California lands in western Oregon, Alaska, and legislated special management areas include alternatives that fully implement the mandates of the specific Acts."

Bureau Of Ocean Energy Management

Georgetown County Voices Opposition To Offshore Oil Drilling.

South Strand News (SC) (7/27, Stairs) reports that Georgetown County has "joined more than 125 coastal municipalities and South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster in opposing offshore oil drilling and seismic testing in the Atlantic Ocean." County Council "adopted a resolution at its July 25 meeting to express Georgetown County's opposition, after the Trump administration recently reopened the Atlantic coast to exploration and development of offshore oil and gas."

Commentary: Riding The Wind.

In an op-ed for the Mount Vernon (VA) Gazette (7/27, Krizek), state Del. Paul Krizek praises Dominion Energy's work in renewable energy, highlighting the utility's recently announced partnership with DONG Energy to build two wind turbines off the coast of Virginia Beach. Krizek writes, "Over the last four years, Dominion Energy has grown its solar portfolio from zero to 2500 acres and this project is a part of the General Assembly's mandate to increase the amount of energy Dominion receives from renewable sources, and they should continue to do more." Krizek continued, "Clearly renewable energy like wind and solar is an exciting opportunity for energy infrastructure investment and will provide a growing source of energy in the future as we expand alternatives to coal and oil beyond the current nuclear and natural gas alternatives."

Fish And Wildlife Service

Farming Within Wildlife Refuges Revamps Klamath Agriculture.

The AP (7/27, Burns) reports that "a new generation of farmers who are making agriculture more compatible with wildlife" inside the Tule Lake and Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuges. According to the article, "they're adopting irrigation methods that provide habitat for waterfowl, help keep chemicals out of the wildlife refuges, and give growers a premium price for their crops." In addition, "they're helping push the entire Klamath Basin toward a more sustainable agricultural system."

New Video Shows How The Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-wide Plan Is Working On The Landscape.

The High Plains and Midwest AG (KS) Journal (7/27) reports that the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies has released a new video that demonstrates the success of the mitigation program in the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-wide Conservation Plan in conserving habitat for the animal.

Inside Kankakee Refuge Youth Conservation Corps.

The Kankakee (IL) Daily Journal (7/27, Themer) reports that "the first U.S. Youth Conservation Corps team for the new Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area is wrapping up eight weeks of work and education Friday under the sponsorship of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service." For "four Pembroke Township high-schoolers," the article says that "the eight-week experience has opened their eyes to the wonder of nature right at home in Pembroke."

Stop The Costly, Unnecessary Road Through Alaska Wildlife Refuge.

For the "Pundits" blog of The Hill (7/27, Super, Contributor), David A. Super, a professor of law at Georgetown Law, opposes the proposed road through Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. He notes that "after reviewing the evidence, Interior Secretary Jewell determined in 2013 that the road made no sense and would cause irreparable damage." Since the House has passed H.R. 218, the King Cove Land Exchange, Super urges the Senate "to stick the bill in a drawer and forget about it."

Op-ed: Private Conservation Might Be The Future Hero For Endangered Species.

In an op-ed for the Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (7/27, Downey, Hansen), Hannah Downey, a research and policy fellow at the Property and Environment Research Center, and Megan Hansen, director of policy at Strata, write that "House Republicans may be endangering the Endangered Species Act (ESA), but that does not mean they are driving endangered species to their prospective graves." According to the authors, "though the ESA is hailed as a monumental piece of legislation designed to stem the loss of species, listing a species under the act does not actively encourage its proliferation." They say that "voluntary conservation of species and their habitat is already happening on private lands across America, and those efforts are poised to continue with or without the ESA." They urge the Interior Department "facilitate the use of voluntary agreements, such as conservation easements and habitat rental agreements, whereby private landowners are financially rewarded for enhancing species habitat." Also, they recommend that the department "walk back regulatory expansions that discourage private conservation investments, such as the designation of critical habitat on private property that is actually inhospitable for protected species anyway."

Our View: Celebrating Lake's Freedom! Don't Let Carelessness Ruin It.

The Havasu (AZ) News-Herald (7/27) editorializes that "there was cause for celebrating boating freedom on Lake Havasu last week when federal officials pulled back wake restrictions in the northern part of the lake and nearby sections of the Colorado River." However, "that celebration may turn to mourning, both for the two people who died on the lake last weekend and for the boating freedom that is threatened by a deadly lake summer." The paper says that "fighting against safety regulations such as speed limits would be much tougher, especially when boaters keep dyiing." It concludes that "anyone who appreciates the lake's reputation for boating freedom needs to help convey a zero tolerance for unsafe boating."

National Park Service

10 At Yellowstone To Be Punished For Harassment.

The AP (7/28, Brown) reports that "as many as 10 workers in Yellowstone National Park's maintenance division will be disciplined after an investigation found they subjected female employees to derogatory comments and other sexual harassment, the park's superintendent told The Associated Press." The decision "comes as widespread reports of harassment, bullying and other misconduct have tarnished the image of the National Park Service and its parent agency, the U.S. Interior Department." According to Yellowstone Superintendent Dan Wenk, "punishments will be proposed by Aug. 1 or soon afterward for the 10 employees and could range from reprimands to suspensions or firing."

Teton Park Gets Cash Boost For Jenny Lake Work.

The Jackson Hole (WY) News & Guide (7/27, Huffman) reports that Grand Teton National Park officials "learned officially this week that they will receive $757,356 through the National Park Service's Centennial Challenge program, which is aimed at completing 'deferred maintenance,' work that should have been done but couldn't get budget money." The funds will be "matched by $1.26 million from the Grand Teton National Park Foundation." The federal and private money will "aid completion of a Jenny Lake renovation project that's now in its fourth year."

Park District Receives $750,000 Grant To Improve Bay Point Regional Shoreline.

East County (CA) Today (7/27) reports that on July 19, the Interior Department and National

Park Service "awarded the East Bay Regional Park District $750,000 for public access improvements at the Bay Point Regional Shoreline." The East Bay (CA) Times (7/27, Davis) reports that it was "one of 22 recipients in the country for the National Park Service's Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program, which is awarded to projects that will improve parks in urban areas."

Missouri Congressmen Lacy Clay, Smith Push Bill To Preserve Civil Rights Movement Sites.

KBIA-FM Kirksville, MO (7/27, Mannies) reports that Reps. Lacy Clay and Jason Smith are "co-sponsors of a bill that passed the U.S. House on Wednesday that would establish the African-American Civil Rights Network." Clay "described the bill as something that 'would authorize the National Park Service to establish a program to preserve and protect the memory of the people and places that were significant in the struggle to secure equal rights for African-Americans.'" The bill next goes to the Senate.

Duncan Bill Honors Late Daily Times Editor Stone With Foothills Parkway Bridge Name.

The Maryville (TN) Daily Times (7/27) reports that Rep. John J. Duncan Jr. "introduced legislation Thursday that would name 'Bridge 2' of the new section of the Foothills Parkway (from Walland to Wears Valley) as the Dean Stone Bridge." Duncan said, "Naming it after Dean Stone is a fitting tribute for all that he did for the Park and this region." Sen. Lamar Alexander said, "There is no one who worked harder for the Foothills Parkway than Dean Stone. I will certainly work with Congressman Duncan and the National Park Service to recognize his tireless efforts."

WWII Pilots Used North Carolina Waters For Target Practice.

Now Their Bombs Are Washing Ashore. The Washington Post (7/27, Gibbons-Neff) reports that "the sudden appearance of two large, rusty and barnacle-encrusted World War II-era munitions on the beaches of Cape Hatteras, N.C., this summer have puzzled the area's park rangers and local historians." Boone Vandzura, the chief ranger of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, said, "We haven't had these in the past." However, "within a week this month, Vandzura received reports of two aging pieces of ordnance."

Park Settlement Leaves Concerns Over Future.

The Point Reyes (CA) Light (7/27, Guth) reports that "two weeks after a settlement agreement was announced by the National Park Service and three nonprofit environmental groups over the future of ranching in the Point Reyes National Seashore, the fate of the historic landscape remains uncertain." The article says that "though both sides characterized the agreement as a victory, concerns continue to swirl for ranchers and their supporters, including Congressman Jared Huffman." Huffman said, "The biggest national environmental groups were conspicuous by their absence in this litigation, yet the small minority of the environmental community that are not comfortable with continued ranching in the pastoral zone are probably enough to create a cloud of uncertainty for years to come."

A Year Later, How Safe Is Gateway?

The Queens (NY) Chronicle (7/27, O'Reilly) reports that "safety in Gateway National Recreation Area has always been on the mind of Howard Beach residents, even long before Karina Vetrano was killed in Spring Creek Park on Aug. 2, 2016." Now, "almost a year later, advocates say while some improvements have been made, more work remains to be done." State Sen. Joe Addabbo Jr. said, "We hold our breath every day that nothing happens in that area while the weeds are so high up. I would still like to see additional U.S. Park Police present ... We need to do more. And more will come, I'm convinced of that, it's just a question of when."

EPA Says It Will Revisit Utah's Haze Plan.

The Moab (UT) Sun News (7/27, Trenbeath) reports that "the State of Utah may get another opportunity to develop a plan for combating regional haze and improving visibility over area national parks after former President Barack Obama's administration rejected its original efforts in August 2016." On a recent visit to Utah, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt "said he would review the Obama-era mandate requiring the installation of modern pollution control systems on the Hunter and Huntington coal-fired power plants upwind of Moab." The National Park Service and Utah Division of Air Quality "have identified the two Emery County plants as point-source contributors to regional haze over Utah national parks and congressionally

designated wilderness areas."

$1.8M Restoration Of Perry Memorial Reported On Schedule.

The Port Clinton (OH) News Herald (7/27) reports that "despite windy and rainy weather, workers have completed cleaning 85 percent of the memorial column at Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, according to Construction Manager Jeff Ashton." He said that "the restoration project is on schedule." Ashton added "that 20 percent of the work removing the caulking is complete and workers are replacing the mortar in the areas where the caulking has been removed."

'Pizza Nazi' Kicked Out Of Restaurant Space For Harassing Patrons, Hanging Lewd Art.

Fox News (7/27) reports that "Whitney Aycock, who operated the Whit's End pizza shop in Rockaway, was recently ousted from his outpost at Riis Park Beach after beachgoers and park staffers complained of his 'hostile' and 'vulgar' behavior to the National Park Service, some of which included his proclivity for playing profane music and displaying 'lewd' artwork in public." According to the article, "in an eviction notice, which Aycock photographed alongside a package of hash-infused candy and posted to Instagram, the Gateway National Recreation Area described Aycock's actions as 'not in keeping with the mission and values of the National Park Service.'"

Pilot Presumed Dead In Crash In Alaska National Park.

The AP (7/27) reports that "a pilot is presumed dead after a downed aircraft was found burning Thursday in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve." According to park spokeswoman Megan Richotte, "Alaska State Troopers and park rangers are en route to the crash scene and expect to recover the pilot's body."

Why This Dog Rule Must Be Rescinded.

In an op-ed for the Washington Times (7/27, Emanuel), David Emanuel, co-founder of the group Save Our Recreation, opposes the National Park Service's "assault on recreational dog walking" in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. He notes that one of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's "top priorities is to expand recreational access to public lands and waters." Emanuel argues that the rule goes against Zinke's priorities.

Office Of Insular Affairs

Interior Provides Palau $5.4M Under Compact, Other Grants.

Marianas Variety (7/27) reports that Interior Acting Assistant Secretary Nikolao Pula "made available $5,463,578 to the Republic of Palau, most of which is the balance of remaining Compact grant assistance for fiscal year 2017." Pula said, "We are honored to provide assistance to Palau President Tommy Remengesau, Jr., on behalf of the U.S. under the Compact of Free Association. Furthermore, we are pleased to support proper land planning and management, as well as training in maintenance and infrastructure-upkeep. Both are critical to Palau as an island nation."

Money Will Be Available For War Claims.

The Pacific (GUM) Daily News (7/27, Limtiaco) reports that "funding will be available to pay war claims when the filing window closes next June, according to Guam Del. Madeleine Bordallo." Bordallo stated the Office of Insular Affairs "in May clarified that Guam received $68.6 million in Section 30 funds in 2014."

Money For Reparations Uncertain. The Guam Daily Post (7/26, O'Connor) reports that "new correspondence from the U.S. Department of Interior supposedly refutes statements made by Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo regarding the threshold for Section 30 funding before war claims can be paid, according to Gov. Eddie Calvo." Calvo said that "Interior's letter did not say that anything above $68 million a year in Section 30 funds would be used to pay for war reparations."

Mapp Paints Economic Doomsday Picture For USVI If Bill Allowing Retirees To Return To Work, And Another Providing Property Tax Cuts, Are Approved.

The Virgin Islands Consortium (VIR) (7/26) reports that Governor Kenneth Mapp during a press conference on Monday, "painted a picture of the USVI so bleak that it could best be described as the territory's economic doomsday." According to the article, "Mapp's depressing outlook was

based on the potential passage of two bills in the Legislature." The first measure, Bill No. 32-0102, "seeks to allow people who retired from the government to return to work in the government without paying into GERS," according to Mapp. The second measure, Bill No. 32-0109, "seeks to give a 25 percent property tax reduction to retirees who are owed retroactive wages."

US Geological Survey

California Quake-safety Support Is Properly Bipartisan.

In an editorial, the Orange County (CA) Register (7/27) calls for bipartisan support to protect "federal funding for the crucial, cheap and cost-effective earthquake early-warning system for the entire West Coast." The paper warns that "if the ongoing funding for ShakeAlert, a cost-efficient early-warning system that would provide up to a crucial minute for those of us who live here to prepare for a major earthquake, were to disappear, it would do so at our peril." The paper lauds Rep. Ken Calvert, "the chairman of California's GOP House delegation and chair of the House appropriations subcommittee that oversees spending by the Department of the Interior," standing "up in support of continuing funding for ShakeAlert."

Top National News

ACA "Skinny Repeal" Fails On McCain No Vote; Trump: "Let ObamaCare Implode, Then Deal."

In a dramatic vote at just before 1:30 a.m. Friday, the Senate rejected the so-called Affordable Care Act "skinny repeal" measure introduced by Senate Majority Leader McConnell, effectively ending GOP repeal efforts for the time being. Vice President Pence had gone to the Senate in expectation of a possible 50-50 vote, but Sen. John McCain ultimately voted no, along with Sens. Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski, and all 48 members of the Democratic caucus. President Trump tweeted at 2:25 a.m., "3 Republicans and 48 Democrats let the American people down. As I said from the beginning, let ObamaCare implode, then deal. Watch!"

The AP (7/28, Werner, Fram) reports, "Dealing a serious blow" to Trump's agenda, the Senate "rejected a measure to repeal parts of former President Barack Obama's health care law after a night of high suspense in the US Capitol. Unable to pass even a so-called 'skinny repeal,' it was unclear if Senate Republicans could advance any health bill despite seven years of promises to repeal 'Obamacare.'" Reuters (7/28, Cornwell, Cowan) reports that Trump "has offered no legislation of his own and little guidance to the Senate, although he has berated them for their inaction."

Bloomberg News (7/28, Dennis, Tracer, Kapur) reports that McCain "joined with two of his GOP colleagues to block a stripped-down Obamacare repeal bill." McCain's decision "came after weeks of brinkmanship and after his dramatic return from cancer treatment to cast the 50th vote to start debate on the bill earlier this week." McCain "came to the well of the Senate and gave a thumbs down, dooming the repeal bill to loud gasps, mostly from the Democratic side of the aisle." USA Today (7/28, Collins) reports that Pence, McConnell, "and other GOP leaders could be seen lobbying McCain and Murkowski on the Senate floor before the vote." The New York Times (7/28, A1, Pear, Kaplan) calls the vote "a huge setback" for McConnell.

The Week (7/28, Garcia) reports that McConnell called the vote "clearly a disappointing moment," but said, "It's time to move on." McConnell "claimed that due to 'skyrocketing costs,' 'plummeting choices,' and 'collapsing markets, our constituents have suffered through an awful lot under ObamaCare. We thought they deserved better.'" Stuart Rothenberg tweeted that McConnell sounded "shaken."

The Washington Post (7/28, A1, Eilperin, Snell, Sullivan) reports, "Senate Republicans suffered a dramatic failure early Friday in their bid to advance a scaled-back plan to overhaul the Affordable Care Act." McCain "returned to Washington Tuesday and delivered a stirring address calling for a bipartisan approach to overhauling the ACA, while criticizing the process that produced the current legislation. It was a speech that laid the groundwork for Friday's dramatic vote." McClatchy (7/28, Pugh) says the defeat "leaves Republicans in an uncomfortable holding pattern after seven years of promising to repeal the ACA. With control of both houses of Congress and the White House, they appeared to have a clear legislative path to fulfilling their promise," but "public support for the ACA and stubborn resistance to repeal efforts from patient, provider and advocacy groups proved stronger than expected."

The Wall Street Journal (7/28, Peterson, Hackman, Hughes) says McConnell now has not clear next step in efforts to repeal the ACA. The Los Angeles Times (7/28, Mascaro) reports, "The failure sends Senate GOP leaders back to square one in their bid to roll back the healthcare law." The Washington Times (7/28, Howell) reports, "Drained by self-inflicted wounds, shifting aims and unrelenting protests, Republicans' push to kill off President Obama's signature health law sputtered out of gas early Friday." The Huffington Post (7/28, Young) reports, "Seven years of Republican promises to repeal the Affordable Care Act withered away to almost nothing on the Senate floor early Friday morning."

Politico (7/28, Bresnahan, Everett, Haberkorn, Kim) reports that as he left the Senate chamber, McCain said, "I do my job as a senator." He later "issued a statement offering a more thorough explanation of his vote, saying that he has always believed that Obamacare should be repealed and replaced with a solution that 'increases competition, lowers costs and improves care for the American people,'" but that "the 'skinny repeal' that he voted down 'would not accomplish those goals.'"

CBS News (7/28) reports on its website that McCain "urged his colleagues to 'return to the correct way of legislating and send the bill back to committee, hold hearings, receive input from both sides of aisle, heed the recommendations of nation's governors, and produce a bill that finally delivers affordable health care for the American people.'" Roll Call (7/28) reports, "McCain's vote came after a period of tense suspended animation, where much of the attention was on McCain, who seemed to be returning to his maverick persona at just the wrong time for McConnell." Axios (7/28, Baker) headlines its report "McCain Kills Senate Health Care Bill."

NBC News (7/28, Caldwell) reports on its website, "Obamacare stays. For now." On its website, NPR (7/28, Davis, Montanaro) calls the vote "a moment of unexpected high drama." The Hill (7/28, Sullivan) and the CNN (7/28, Lee, Fox, Barrett, Mattingly) and TIME (7/28, Brewster) websites also have reports.

Price: "This Effort Will Continue." ABC News (7/28) reports on its website that HHS Secretary Price "said in a statement the Trump administration will pursue its healthcare goals through regulation. 'This effort will continue,' he said."

Schumer, Other Democrats Comment. Axios (7/28, Rothschild) reports that after McConnell said that some Democratic senators are probably "celebrating," Senate Minority Leader Schumer said, "We are not celebrating. We are relieved – that millions and millions of people who would have been so drastically hurt by the three proposals put forward will at least retain their healthcare."

Several Democratic senators commented on Twitter. Sen. Kamala Harris tweeted, "Tonight health care was saved for millions of Americans. This is your victory. Your calls, letters, and courage made this possible." Sen. Amy Klobuchar tweeted, "Thanks to Lisa Murkowski, Susan Collins and John McCain for showing such strong leadership tonight." Sen. Elizabeth Warren tweeted, "The nightmare is over, at least for now."

Sen. Chris Murphy tweeted, "I ran into John McCain as we walked underground to the Senate for the final vote. Someday I'll get to tell my grandkids what he said to me." He did not elaborate.

"Skinny" Measure Had Been Criticized By Members Of Both Parties. Earlier, the Senate had embarked on a series of votes leading up to the decisive vote on McConnell's proposal, but it was criticized by members of both parties and was pitched to recalcitrant Republicans as essentially a means to keep the quest for repeal alive, and not as a solution in itself. On ABC World News Tonight (7/27, story 2, 2:30, Muir), Mary Bruce reported, "First, they tried to repeal and replace, but that plan failed. Then just repeal, worry about replacement later. That didn't have the votes either. What's left? A pared-down plan being called the 'skinny repeal.' But tonight one leading Republican is blasting the plan." Sen. Lindsey Graham: "The skinny bill as policy is a disaster. The skinny bill as a replacement for Obamacare is a fraud."

The CBS Evening News (7/27, story 3, 2:10, Mason) reported, "Republicans in the Senate, desperate to get something through, are trying a new strategy. But late today, one of their own called it a 'fraud.'" CBS' Nancy Cordes added that "three key Republicans" – Graham, McCain, and Sen. Ron Johnson – "slammed the slimmed-down bill." Graham: "Not only do we not replace Obamacare, we politically own the collapse of healthcare." The New York Times (7/27, Pear, Kaplan, Cochrane) reports that the three senators "were unsparing in their criticism" of the measure.

NBC Nightly News (7/27, story 3, 2:15, Holt) reported, "It's expected to be a very long night in the US Senate." NBC's Kasie Hunt: "Voting is under way tonight as Senate Republicans try to pass something – anything – that would roll back parts of Obamacare."

In order to win over Republicans, Reuters (7/28, Cornwell, Cowan) reports, House Speaker Ryan said he would commit to taking healthcare legislation to conference if the Senate passes the measure. Ryan said in a statement, "If moving forward requires a conference committee, that is something the House is willing to do. But the burden remains on the Senate to demonstrate that it is capable of passing something."

The Washington Times (7/27, Howell) reports, "Few seemed happy with the looming vote, which was a far cry from the repeal-and-replace that the GOP took to voters for the last seven years." The measure would instead "leave Obamacare's economics in shambles, raising the prospect of premium increases for consumers and market disruptions for insurers who prefer certainty." But most GOP senators "said that was better than admitting failure – and said they would vote to approve it, with the understanding that it never become law."

The AP (7/27, Cassata) writes in an analysis, "Vote yes, hope no. Senate Republicans want to back a still-being-written bill...but they don't want the House to quickly approve it." The "uncharacteristic behavior was on full display Thursday, creating a surreal situation on Capitol Hill that would be comical if what lawmakers were doing didn't affect one-sixth of the economy and health coverage for tens of millions of Americans."

USA Today (7/28, Collins) reports that the healthcare debate "turned into a series of 'show votes' – with both parties trying to put the opposition in a tough position and nobody voting on legislation they actually think will pass." The Wall Street Journal (7/27, Hackman, Radnofsky) reports that first up was a single-payer healthcare measure introduced by conservative Republican Sen. Steve Daines that he himself opposes. It failed with not a single vote in support, but with 43 senators voting "present."

The New York Times (7/27) editorializes, "The Senate considers itself an august body of statesmen. But on Thursday it became a theater of the absurd when three top Republicans said they would vote for a health care bill only if House leaders guaranteed that it would not become law." The Times says the GOP "mission to destroy Obamacare has become a farce, albeit one that may yet harm the health of millions of Americans."

Trump Urged Senators To "Do It On Healthcare." The AP (7/27, Werner, Fram) reports that President Trump "tweeted his encouragement" to GOP senators, "albeit with an ominous touch: 'Come on Republican Senators, you can do it on Healthcare. After 7 years, this is your chance to shine! Don't let the American people down!'" He later tweeted, "Go Republican Senators, Go! Get there after waiting for 7 years. Give America great healthcare!"

Kellyanne Conway said on Fox News' Fox & Friends (7/27), "What this president has done in six short months on repeal and replace is remarkable, because it took President Obama 16 months or longer to get his healthcare pushed through, and he was offering goodies and he had a Democratic majority, so that shouldn't have been difficult. This man is appealing to the House and Senate, again, promised to have moral imperative to do what's right by the American people. He is imploring them to go ahead and uproot what hasn't worked and replacing with something that can."

Insurers Oppose Scrapping Individual Mandate. McClatchy (7/28, Pugh) reports that in a letter to McConnell, America's Health Insurance Plans said it "would oppose any plan that scraps the individual coverage mandate without a mechanism to require continuous coverage." The trade group wrote, "Targeted proposals that would eliminate key elements of current law without new stabilizing solutions will not solve the problems in the individual market, and in fact will result in higher premiums, fewer choices for consumers and fewer people covered next year."

The Wall Street Journal (7/26, Armour, Mathews, Hackman) reports that the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association was also critical, saying in a statement, "If there is no longer a requirement for everyone to purchase coverage, it is critical that any legislation include strong incentives for people to obtain health insurance and keep it year-round. A system that allows people to purchase coverage only when they need it drives up costs for everyone."

Zinke Reportedly Warned Alaska Senators About Repercussions Of Murkowski Votes. The AP (7/27, Daly) reports that the Alaska Dispatch News reported early Thursday that Interior Secretary Zinke "called Alaska's two Republican senators to warn them of repercussions for the nation's largest state if they failed to toe the Trump administration line on healthcare." Sen. Dan Sullivan, who has supported repeal efforts, "told the newspaper that the call from Zinke heralded a 'troubling message,'" but Murkowski, who has opposed several key GOP measures, "confirmed that she received a call from Zinke, but said she did not perceive the call as a threat against her or Alaska." Politico (7/27, Lefebvre) reports that House Natural Resources Committee ranking member Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) said that he will seek a formal investigation into whether Zinke "threatened projects important to Alaska" over Murkowski's healthcare stance.

The Washington Times (7/27, Persons) reports that the Senate Energy and Natural

Resources Committee, which Murkowski chairs, "delayed a vote to confirm several Trump administration appointees on Thursday. ... A committee spokesperson said the delay was 'due to uncertainty of the Senate schedule.'"

Ex-Obama Administration Officials Leading Campaign Against Repeal. The New York Times (7/27, Shear, Pear) profiles Protect Our Care, a group of former Obama Administration officials and other stakeholders "conceived in the hours after" President Trump's November victory that "is at the heart of the effort to oppose a repeal." Among its key players are ex-HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, ex-CMS Administrator Andrew Slavitt, and Obama White House policy advisers Leslie Dach and Jeanne Lambrew. Dach said, "The most important thing is that people understand what repeal means for them. And what repeal means is millions losing their insurance, costs going up, not down, and anxiety coming back in their lives."

Patients Have Faced "Protracted Uncertainty" As Repeal Effort Proceeds. The New York Times (7/27, A1, Hoffman) reports that "for people whose health insurance is at risk," the "months-old war in Congress over repealing and replacing" the ACA "has brought the anguish of protracted uncertainty." Those who spoke with the Times "said they did not know from one day to the next whether they would be able to continue screenings and treatment," or "are postponing or accelerating major medical decisions, weighing whether to move to more insurance-friendly states, or to close modest businesses and search for employment with health benefits."

Media Analyses: Scaramucci Exposes West Wing Rift In "Vulgar" Interview.

All three broadcast networks opened Thursday evening with coverage of new White House Communications Director Anthony Scaramucci's impromptu Wednesday night telephone interview with Ryan Lizza of the New Yorker, which multiple sources call "vulgar" and "profane." Also covered, but with less commentary, is Scaramucci's Thursday morning CNN interview, in which he is said to have suggested that Chief of Staff Priebus is responsible for leaks from the West Wing.

David Muir opened ABC World News Tonight (7/27, lead story, 4:00) by reporting on "a war brewing inside the West Wing. ... There is major tension" between Scaramucci and Priebus, and "it's turned very ugly." ABC's Jonathan Karl: "In an interview with the New Yorker, Scaramucci called Priebus 'a bleeping paranoid schizophrenic.' He also laid a profane attack on Steve Bannon and threatened to fire essentially the entire White House communications staff over leaks, saying, 'They will all be fired by me. I fired one guy the other day. I have three or four people I'll fire tomorrow.' He hints he has information on White House aides, telling the New Yorker, 'I have nailed these guys. I have digital fingerprints on everything they have done through the FBI and the bleeping Department of Justice. They will get prosecuted.' Overnight, Scaramucci said Priebus himself was doing the leaking, tweeting, 'In light of the leak of my financial disclosure which is a felony, I will be contacting FBI and the Justice Department.' He soon deleted the tweet."

In opening the CBS Evening News (7/27, lead story, 3:05), Anthony Mason said, "Not since British troops paid a visit in 1814 has the White House had so many fires to put out." CBS' Major Garrett: "Scaramucci implicated Reince Preibus...as the source of leaked classified information about his finances, though it now appears that information is publicly available. But in an interview the New Yorker published late today Scaramucci said, 'Reince is a [beep], paranoid schizophrenic, a paranoiac.' Scaramucci also went after Steve Bannon with language more fit for the outhouse than the White House: 'I'm not Steve Bannon. I'm not trying to suck my own [beep]. I'm not trying to build my own brand off the [beep] strength of the President.' We spoke to Scaramucci a few moments ago, and he described the interview as a rookie mistake, an unforced error of on-the-record candor."

Lester Holt said in the lead story on NBC Nightly News (7/27, lead story, 3:00), "The man recently tapped by the President to improve the White House's messaging and media coverage has instead emerged as the central figure in a headline-making White House power struggle, exposing an internal rivalry that today led to some nasty allegations, threats and some pretty vulgar language."

Lizza of the New Yorker (7/27) reports that Scaramucci called him on Wednesday night to ask about the source for a Lizza tweet about a White House dinner meeting that Scaramucci had attended. Lizza directly quotes some of the vulgar language censored by the broadcast networks, and reports that Scaramucci "reiterated that Priebus would resign soon" and "cryptically suggested that he had more information about White House aides." Lizza said on CNN's Situation Room (7/27) that Scaramucci called him "because he wanted to know who told me about the dinner. And he was really upset that the dinner and participants in the dinner leaked. ... He

believes the dinner he had was leaked by Reince Priebus because he was paranoid that Scaramucci was bringing folks into the White House without his knowledge. I should say that is wrong. Reince Priebus did not leak that information to me."

The Washington Post (7/27, Johnson, Rucker, Nakamura) reports, "The New Yorker interview gave voice to the profane intensity of the warring West Wing factions that has defined much of Trump's early administration – but the level of candor and raging frustration Scaramucci expressed yet again stunned a Washington political class that has become increasingly inured to the unorthodoxy of this White House." At one point, Scaramucci "switched to speaking in the third person while trying to make his mission clear." Scaramucci said, "Okay, The Mooch showed up a week ago. This is going to get cleaned up very shortly, okay?"

Bloomberg News (7/27, Talev) reports that Scaramucci "assailed rivals" Priebus and Bannon "in a profane tirade that is sure to inflame a running and very public feud among top White House officials." The AP (7/27, Bykowicz, Lemire) writes that "language pouring out of" the White House "sounded more like a mobster movie than a seat of presidential stability."

The New York Post (7/27, Fredericks) writes, "In the latest episode of 'White House Survivor,' the West Wing descended into chaos Thursday, as President Trump and his top aides turned on each other like vicious reality show divas – with no one sure who would be the next to get a knife in their back." Politico (7/27, Dawsey) writes that "in the span of six days," Scaramucci "has launched a brutally edged campaign to identify White House leakers, threatened to 'fire everybody' in the communications shop, and has declared war" on Priebus and Bannon.

Aaron Blake of the Washington Post (7/27) writes, "The Trump administration is one long exercise in desensitization. It has become difficult to be shocked by much of anything that happens. That said," the interview "is crazy. It's vulgar, vindictive and volatile. Scaramucci muses about killing people. He talks about his new White House colleagues performing sex acts upon themselves (metaphorically, of course)."

Charles Krauthammer said on Fox News Special Report (7/27), "This is the degradation of the presidency. ... None of us have ever seen this. The reason is it's not to be done. That kind of language is not to be used. ... The fact of the President is allowing all of this going on, I think it means that it rests with him. He's the only one who can actually restrain this. He appears not to. Perhaps he believes Scaramucci is the guy who will clear the swamp in the White House, but this is really disgraceful."

Tony Lee of Breitbart (7/27) writes, "The new White House communications director called the New Yorker's Ryan Lizza, a member in good standing in The Opposition Party, on Wednesday evening to blast his co-workers in a rambling rant that was so outrageous and discordant that reporters wondered whether Scaramucci drunk-dialed Lizza, was drunk with power, or, revealing he was unqualified for his communications director job, did not know how to smoothly go on and off the record."

John Dickerson said on the CBS Evening News (7/27, story 2, 2:30, Mason), "The kind of scorched earth effort that he outlines in this interview and elsewhere would suggest a White House working atmosphere in which it would be very harsh, where people would be looking over their shoulders, and that's not the way White Houses work. White Houses work when everybody is pulling for the same team, and this kind of a structure that he's talking about might keep people from talking at all, let alone leaking to reporters."

Republican strategist Alex Conant writes in Politico Magazine (7/27) that Scaramucci "is launching a take-no-prisoners mole hunt, promising to stop future leaks. He won't succeed. ... Trump's White House is not leaky because of a few bad apples. The No. 1 reason why it leaks is because his team lacks unity. It's not without irony that many of the leaks are about the very staff infighting that is causing the leaks."

The Hill (7/27, Fabian) reports, "In a tweet after the story published, Scaramucci declined to apologize to his colleagues. He did suggest he would quit using profanity publicly in his new role." Scaramucci tweeted, "I sometimes use colorful language. I will refrain in this arena but not give up the passionate fight for @realDonaldTrump's agenda. #MAGA."

Kellyanne Conway said on Fox News' Hannity (7/27), "Anthony said he uses colorful language. I think he's passionate about the President. It sometimes gets the best of him. But let me know when any of my colleagues in the West Wing call half of the country deplorable and irredeemable. Then we'll talk. Let me know when they look America in the eye and lie to them that they can keep their plan or keep their doctor if they would like to. Then we'll talk."

Roll Call (7/27, Bennett) headlines its report "Scaramucci Predicts Priebus Ouster In Vulgar Call To Reporter," while a Huffington Post (7/27, Levine) piece is headlined "Anthony Scaramucci Goes On Crass, Unhinged Rampage Against Top White House Aides." Axios (7/27, Savitsky) also

calls it a "vulgar interview." The Washington Examiner (7/27, Siegel) also reports on the interview.

USA Today (7/27, Jackson) reports that Scaramucci also "gave an aggressive television interview that appeared to finger" at Priebus. Scaramucci said in phone interview with CNN's New Day (7/27) that "we have a very, very good idea of who the leakers are, who the senior leakers are in the White House. ... As you know from the Italian expression, the fish stinks from the head down. I can tell you two fish that don't stink. That's me and the President. ... When I put out a tweet, I put Reince's name in a tweet, they make the assumption it's him because journalists know who the leakers are. If Reince wants to explain he's not a leaker, let him do that."

The New York Times (7/27, Baker) reports that Scaramucci "called out" Priebus "on live television, suggesting that he may be a leaker – all over a leak that was not actually a leak." Scaramucci "seemed to suggest on Twitter overnight that Mr. Priebus may have had something to do with the 'leak' of Mr. Scaramucci's financial disclosure form to Politico," but Politico reporter Lorraine Woellert "explained that she simply requested the financial disclosure form through normal channels and was provided it by a government agency as required by federal law."

The Wall Street Journal (7/27, Stokols, Bender, Ballhaus) reports that Scaramucci said of his relationship with Priebus, "We have had differences. When I said we were brothers from the podium, that's because we're rough on each other. Some brothers are like Cain and Abel. Other brothers can fight with each other and get along."

Sanders Will Not Say If Trump Has Confidence In Priebus. The Washington Post (7/27, Johnson) reports that White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders would not say if the President still has confidence in Priebus. Sanders said, "We all serve at the pleasure of the President, and if he gets to a place where that isn't the case, he'll let you know." When pressed, Sanders "said that she had already answered the question, and she noted that this White House has 'a lot of different perspectives because the President hires the very best people.'" Politico (7/27, Nelson) also reports on Sanders' remarks.

Robinson Says "Mad King Donald" Has Hired Scaramucci For "War" Over Mueller. Eugene Robinson writes in his Washington Post (7/27) column, "The Court of Mad King Donald is not a presidency. It is an affliction, one that saps the life out of our democratic institutions, and it must be fiercely resisted if the nation as we know it is to survive. ... The problem is not just that President Trump is selfish, insecure, egotistical, ignorant and unserious. It is that he neither fully grasps nor minimally respects the concept of honor, without which our governing system falls apart. ... Why bring in Scaramucci? Because, I fear, the mad king is girding for war. Trump is reckless enough to fire [Special Counsel Robert] Mueller if he digs too deeply into the business dealings of the Trump Organization and the Kushner Companies."

Scaramucci Reports More Than $50 Million In Assets. The AP (7/27, Condon) reports that Scaramucci "owns property and businesses worth more than $50 million," according to his financial disclosure report. The "biggest source of his wealth is an ownership stake in an investment fund he founded, SkyBridge Capital."

House Republicans Pass $788 Spending Bill Funding Pentagon, Border Wall.

The AP (7/27, Taylor) reports that the House of Representatives passed 235 to 192 a $788 billion spending bill Thursday that provided funding for the departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Energy and the Army Corps of Engineers. The bill "also includes an increase for America's nuclear weapons stockpile managed by the Department of Energy." The vote "both eases a large backlog of unfinished spending bills and gives Trump and his House GOP allies political wins heading into the August recess." The AP adds, however, that the bill is likely to face "more powerful Democratic opposition in the Senate," which may lead to a "potential government shutdown battle" over the border wall measure in the fall. The Las Vegas Review-Journal (7/27, Martin) reports that a series of amendments to block funding for the Yucca Mountain nuclear repository were not included in the $800 billion spending package.

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"Congress Defies Trump On Russia." A New York Times (7/27) editorial welcomes the new sanctions on Russia, and urges the President to sign the bill, arguing that sanctions are "a nonviolent tool – and in this case a timely and appropriate one – for making clear when another country's behavior has crossed a line and for applying pressure that could make its leaders

reconsider course."

"Call It 'Sneaky Repeal,' Not 'Skinny Repeal.'" The New York Times (7/27) editorializes, "The Senate considers itself an august body of statesmen. But on Thursday it became a theater of the absurd when three top Republicans said they would vote for a health care bill only if House leaders guaranteed that it would not become law." The Times says the GOP "mission to destroy Obamacare has become a farce, albeit one that may yet harm the health of millions of Americans."

Washington Post.

"Venezuela's Lawless Regime Staggers Toward A Coup." The Washington Post (7/27) argues in an editorial that if constituent assembly in Venezuela is called to rewrite the constitution, the US "should react decisively – but it should do so in ways that punish Venezuela's corrupt rulers, not its long-suffering population."

"The Latest On Tax Reform Is All About Cutting Rates. But What About Raising Revenue?" In an editorial, the Washington Post (7/27) argues that Republican tax negotiators' dismissal of the idea of a border adjustment tax leaves them only "two choices" to replace the $1 trillion in revenue that BAT would have otherwise raised: "scale back their tax-cutting plans or greatly increase the federal deficit." The Post calls on Republicans to do the former and not to "shower new tax breaks on companies and the well-to-do and stick future generations with the tab."

"Metro's Dithering Is Costing Millions." In an editorial, the Washington Post (7/27) argues that state and local officials in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia "are plodding their way toward establishing" a new safety oversight commission for the transit system after former Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx deadline for local commission to be established expired in February – costing the three jurisdictions $9 million in withheld federal funds. The Post concludes that "the entire sorry saga is the latest episode illustrating the scope of the challenge of coordinating a collective response among Metro's four distinct governing entities – the two states, the District and the feds."

Wall Street Journal.

"Tax Reform Principles." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (7/27) writes that Republicans' abandonment of the border adjustment tax raises the issue of how to secure revenue but that they should also receive credit for planning to offer a tax reform plan this year. The Journal then lays out a series of principle to gauge the effectiveness of any tax reform proposal, including ensuring economic growth, making cuts immediate and permanent, reforming the tax code beyond buts, and finding a way to exit the trap of deficit neutrality – which the Journal concludes could cause the death of tax reform.

"The Nuclear Spirit Of Iran." A Wall Street Journal (7/27) editorial says the US was right to call Iran's launch of a missile Thursday a violation of the spirit of the nuclear agreement, and argues that Iran is making progress on its ballistic missile program, despite the 2015 nuclear deal.

"Trump's Transgender Tweet." A Wall Street Journal (7/27) editorial lambastes President Trump for his announcement that transgender troops will be barred from serving, saying the move diverted the attention of Defense Secretary Mattis and Joint Chiefs Chairman Dunford from the Middle East and North Korea, and faults him for announcing such a significant policy shift via Twitter before the details of the policy have been determined.

Big Picture

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CBS: WH Staff Tensions; WH Staff Tensions-Analysis; Healthcare Reform Plan; Ohio Fair-Ride Accident; Armed Services-Transgender Ban; Trump Family-Confidentiality; Alaska Cruise Murder; Ford SUV-Carbon Monoxide Leak; Cartoon Voice Actress.
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Network TV At A Glance:
WH Staff Tensions – 12 minutes, 35 seconds
Healthcare Reform Plan – 6 minutes, 55 seconds
Ohio Fair-Ride Accident – 6 minutes, 30 seconds
Armed Services-Transgender Ban – 5 minutes, 20 seconds
Alaska Cruise Murder – 5 minutes

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:
ABC: Healthcare Reform Plan; Trump-Session; Indiana-Police Shot; Ohio Fair-Ride Accident.
CBS: Healthcare Reform Plan; WH Staff Tensions; New Russia Sanctions; Marine Aircraft Grounded; Ohio Fair-Ride Accident; Wall Street News.
FOX: New Russia Sanctions; Healthcare Reform Plan; WH Staff Tensions.
NPR: New Russia Sanctions; Boy Scouts Apologize For Trump Visit; Montana-Wildfire FEMA Help; West Coast Drought.

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White House:
PRESIDENT TRUMP — Meets with US Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley; gives remarks on MS-13 to Federal, State, and local law enforcement.
VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — Participates in a swearing-in ceremony for his Chief of Staff Nick Ayers

US Senate: 9:00 AM POSTPONED: Senate Aging Committee field hearing on Alzheimer's disease research – POSTPONED: Field hearing on 'Accelerating the Search: Indiana University and Maine's Jackson Laboratory Partnership for Alzheimer's Disease Research' Location: IU Health Neuroscience Center, 355 W 16th St, Indianapolis, IN Indianapolis http://aging.senate.gov/

Senate was previously due to break for its State Work Period today, but has delayed it by two weeks 'in order to provide more time to complete action on important legislative items and process nominees'.

US House: 11:00 AM Dem Rep. Luis Gutierrez introduces the 'American Hope Act of 2017' – Democratic Rep. Luis Gutierrez introduces the 'American Hope Act of 2017', via press conference with Democratic leaders and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. The bill would 'protect Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients and immigrants who arrived in the U.S. as children' Location: U.S. Capitol, HVC Studio A, Washington, DC luisgutierrez.house.gov https://twitter.com/repgutierrez

House breaks for Labor Day recess.

Other: 9:00 AM House expected to debate FY'18 Intelligence Authorization Act – House of Representatives meets for legislative business, with agenda expected to include 'H.R. 3180 – Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018', as amended Location: Washington, DC http://www.house.gov/

10:00 AM Former Office of Government Ethics director speaks at NPC – Former Office of Government Ethics Walther Shaub speaks at NPC Headliner Newsmaker, following his recent resignation from the role (effective 19 Jul, six months before completing his five-year term). Before stepping down, Shaub had called for the White House to make public all ethics waivers granted to Presidential appointees and raised questions about President Donald Trump's 'refusal to divest his business holdings'

Location: The National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC http://press.org/ https://twitter.com/PressClubDC

11:00 AM Annual Human Rights Without Borders Exhibition concludes – 3rd Annual Human Rights Without Borders Exhibition, co-sponsored by Freedom House, Wei Jingsheng Foundation, European Parliament Liaison Office with U.S. Congress, Reporters Without Borders, Tianwen United Institute, and IFCSS (Independent Federation of Chinese Students and Scholars, USA), with the main theme this year of observing of the 50th anniversary of the Cultural Revolution in China, second and final day Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Foyer, Washington, DC www.freedomhouse.org

6:15 PM Young Americans for Liberty National Convention continues – Young Americans for Liberty National Convention continues, with today's speakers including Judge Andrew Napolitano and Republican Rep. Thomas Massie Location: Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA www.yaliberty.org https://twitter.com/YALIberty

Last Laughs

Late Night Political Humor.

Stephen Colbert: "I was worried when Sean Spicer left that the communications office of the White House would lose some flavah. Little did I know that he was going to be replaced by a guy who serves up very spicy quotes."

Stephen Colbert: "The latest leak that has the Mooch's fusilli in a twist occurred yesterday when Politico published Scaramucci's financial disclosure form, revealing that he has assets worth as much as $85 million. How humiliating. Now everyone knows he's the poorest person working at the White House."

James Corden: "New White House Communications Director Anthony Scaramucci is on a real tear to stop leaks from the White House. We know this because someone in the White House leaked it."

James Corden: "Scaramucci was livid last night after some of his financial information was leaked, so he went on Twitter and seemingly blamed Chief of Staff Reince Priebus for the leak, but then he deleted the tweet later, which is a great start for a communications director. Now I don't know, Reince Priebus might be the leak, Scaramucci might be lying. Only one thing is certain: I can't spell either of their names."

James Corden: "The only thing Donald Trump and Abraham Lincoln have in common is they both wore silly hats."

James Corden: "Hillary Clinton announced she will be releasing her memoir about the 2016 presidential campaign titled 'What Happened.' The book will be released in hard back, Kindle and 30,000 emails you won't be able to find."

Trevor Noah: "Scaramucci just came in and set fire on Reince Priebus and Steve Bannon. He burnt them like a hoverboard, people. We can't go through all of the interview because it will break our bleep machine."

Trevor Noah: "We were all like, 'Oh, Spicer, we'll never get over you,' and then Scaramucci walked in, and we're like, 'God damn, we're moving on, baby, we're moving on.'"

Trevor Noah: "Oh, if you knew in advance what Jeff Sessions would do, you would have picked someone else. Now you know how America feels about your presidency. We all understand."

Trevor Noah: "Why is Trump so scared of people seeing his tax returns? I'm genuinely flabbergasted. I'm like, 'What you are afraid of?' What could be worse than what we already know about him, what could be worse? We know everything. Like, did he claim himself as Putin's dependent?"

Trevor Noah: "Like if the White House is a clown car, Jeff Sessions is the only clown who knows how to drive. And that's Trump's dilemma."

Jimmy Fallon: "I heard that 'Dancing With the Stars' is reportedly trying to get former White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer to be a contestant, marking the first 'Dancing With the Stars' contestant who's hit rock bottom before he went on the show."

Jimmy Fallon: "Spicer's not the only one doing a reality show. On the next episode of 'Undercover Boss,' Vladimir Putin is going to go work at the White House."

Jimmy Fallon: "Trump's new communications director, Anthony Scaramucci, made news for comparing Trump's attempt to repeal Obamacare to Lincoln abolishing slavery. In a related story, Anthony Scaramucci is now expected to take Sean Spicer's spot on 'Dancing With the Stars.'"

Seth Meyers: "The publisher of Hillary Clinton's upcoming memoir announced today that the title of her book will be the statement 'What Happened.' Well, that's the censored version."

Seth Meyers: "As you may recall during the campaign, when Trump was cynically trying to drive a wedge between Hillary Clinton and Democratic voters, he claimed he would be the true champion of the LGBTQ community. At one point, even holding a gay pride flag at one of his events. Look at him. He looks like a matador trying to make peace with a gay bull."

Seth Meyers: "After getting over a procedural hurdle on Tuesday, Republicans in the Senate have failed to pass several healthcare bills. One that would have only repealed Obamacare, and one that would've repealed and replaced it. Now, they're scrambling to come up with a third option. The GOP is basically a drunk guy trying every key to get into his apartment. 'No, that's my mail key. Ah, I don't even think this is my building.'"

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Trump Says U.S. To Withdraw From Paris Climate Accord.

The President's announcement of his decision to withdraw from the Paris climate accord unleashed furious condemnation from media analysts, Democrats, climate activists and foreign dignitaries. The story led all three major network newscasts – which gave it nearly 20 minutes of combined airtime – and replaced the Russia investigation as the main topic of discussion on cable. Media analyses disputed Trump's rationale for leaving the accord and accused him of downgrading the US' role as a global leader – as well as of endangering the planet's very survival. Reuters (6/1, Volcovici), for example, reports that "with Trump's action, the United States will walk away from nearly every nation in the world on one of the pressing global issues of the 21st century," aligning itself only with "Syria and Nicaragua." The New York Times (6/1, A1, Shear), meanwhile, refers to "a remarkable rebuke to fellow heads-of-state, climate activists, corporate executives and members of the president's own staff," and the Washington Post (6/1, A1, Rucker, Mooney) to a decision that "risks rupturing global alliances." NBC Nightly News (6/1, story 2, 2:10, Guthrie) warned viewers that the effects of climate change will "worsen...now that the US...plans to pull out of the...agreement."

Typical of the tenor of much of the commentary was Fareed Zakaria, who said on CNN's Situation Room (6/1) that "the United States...has been the leader of the world," but with Trump's move it "almost resigned" from that role. Brian Williams, on MSNBC (6/1), called Trump's speech "dark," and on Twitter, Nicholas Kristof wrote, "If somebody drives drunk, we arrest him. If he drives national policy recklessly, threatening our planet, we just call him 'Mr. President.'" Politico editor-in-chief Blake Hounshell somberly tweeted, "Paris is going to be America's Brexit." The Huffington Post (6/1, Kaufman), meanwhile, headlined its lead story "Liar, Liar, Planet Of Fire," and the Washington Free Beacon (6/1, Griswold) reports that "billionaire environmentalist and Democratic donor Tom Steyer even said that Trump's actions were an act of war against the American people."

As the Los Angeles Times (6/1, Mascaro) reports, however, "reaction to...Trump's decision...broke swiftly along partisan lines," and most Republicans supported the President – as did conservative media. Thus the Washington Examiner (6/1, Adams) quipped that "politicos and media pundits" weighed in "with over-the-top hyperbole worthy of a street corner end times preacher," Trish Regan warned viewers on Fox News' Special Report (6/1) that they should get ready to "hear a lot of hysteria...from many members of the left," and Steve Hayes the Weekly Standard, also on Fox News' Special Report (6/1), said that "the hysteria from the left...is not just because...Trump is president, but it's based on policy." Trump critic Charles Krauthammer said on Fox News' Special Report (6/1), "I'm all in favor of an international treaty on climate and on controlling emission of CO2, but Paris wasn't that."

With most of the reporting focused on criticism of Trump, nearly all news accounts on Trump's White House remarks highlighted his statement, "I was elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris." The Drudge Report, in fact, led with a "Pittsburgh, not Paris" banner – which linked to a similarly-headlined AP (6/1, Colvin, Pace) dispatch posted on the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's website. Jim Acosta said on CNN's The Lead (6/1) that Trump's remarks "seemed to come out of the Steve Bannon playbook," and "when you hear the President use words like 'I represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris,' you have an announcement that is steeped in campaign rhetoric." Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto took to Twitter shortly afterwords, however, and wrote, "Fact: Hillary Clinton received 80% of the vote in Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh stands with the world & will follow Paris Agreement."

Asked on CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 (6/1) if he has a message for the President, Peduto said last night, "What you did was not only bad for the economy of this country, but also weakened America in this world." Reporting on the reaction to Trump's move by area officials, the

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (6/2, Hopey) reports the President "received some support from elected officials in Western Pennsylvania," though "in most cases, the battle lines were drawn along party lines." Among those defending Trump were Reps. Mike Kelly and Keith Rothfus.

USA Today (6/1, Korte) says "Trump did not deny the scientific consensus that rising global temperatures" pose "a threat to the planet," though "he has previously called that science 'B.S.' and 'an expensive hoax' perpetrated by the Chinese." Rather, the President "complained that other countries had attached too many conditions to their voluntary agreements," and said, "In short, the agreement doesn't eliminate coal jobs, it just transfers those jobs out of America and the United States, and ships them to foreign countries." In its lead story, the CBS Evening News (6/1, lead story, 3:20, Mason) similarly reported that "this time," Trump "did not call climate change a hoax, but said he is reasserting American sovereignty, and suggested he's willing to negotiate what he sees as a better deal." Likewise, the New York Times (6/1, Landler, Plumer, Qiu) indicates that "one thing Mr. Trump did not do in the Rose Garden on Thursday afternoon was question the underlying science behind climate change." Instead, he "suggested the 194-nation accord did not go far enough in stemming the rise in global temperatures because of greenhouse gas emissions."

The Washington Examiner (6/1, Westwood) quotes Trump as also calling "the agreement...a massive redistribution of United States wealth to other countries," and indicating that "foreign leaders 'went wild' when the Obama administration agreed to the Paris deal because they knew its terms would hamstring the US economy." The Wall Street Journal (6/1, A1, Stokols, Ballhaus) quotes Trump as saying, "This agreement is less about the climate and more about other countries gaining a financial advantage over the US." An AP (6/1, Ritter) analysis disagrees with Trump, and reports that the accord "in many ways was designed to ensure the participation of the United States." For example, "the deal's transparency rules...reflect US priorities," and "even the legal structure of the deal has American fingerprints."

USA Today (6/1, Rice) reports that Nathaniel Keohane of the Environmental Defense Fund said yesterday "the US might as well put up a 'closed for business' sign up across America," which "would signal an American leadership retreat." Jake Schmidt of the Natural Resource Defense Council similarly "said that 'stepping back from such a historic agreement means we're not prepared to be leaders on the global stage.'"

The Los Angeles Times (6/1, Halper, Zavis) refers to "a statement of unabashed nationalism as he turned away from a global leadership role in the fight against climate change." The New York Post (6/1, Fredericks) describes Trump as "fulfilling a campaign promise" but "alarming other world leaders and even going against the wishes of fossil fuel giants like Exxon and BP."

Roll Call (6/1, Nawaguna) reports "Trump said the US will also immediately stop contributing to the Green Climate Fund, a United Nations-affiliated organization that helps developing nations adapt to and mitigate the harmful effects of climate change." Politico (6/1, Restuccia, Adragna, Dawsey) notes, however, that Trump "said he'd be willing to re-enter an international climate deal if he could secure better terms for the United States." Bloomberg News (6/1, Dlouhy) quotes the President as saying, "So we are getting out, but we will start to negotiate and we will see if we can make a deal, and if we can, that's great. And if we can't, that's fine."

McClatchy (6/1, Kumar, Ordoñez) reports "Republicans and conservative groups immediately cheered the decision." Said Speaker Ryan, "The Paris climate agreement was simply a raw deal for America. ... Signed by President Obama without Senate ratification, it would have driven up the cost of energy, hitting middle-class and low-income Americans the hardest." The Los Angeles Times (6/1, Mascaro) reports Senate Majority Leader McConnell "applauded Trump 'for dealing yet another significant blow to the Obama Administration's assault on domestic energy production and jobs,'" and "coal-state lawmakers, including Rep. Alex Mooney (R-WV), were thrilled to attend the White House announcement at the Rose Garden." There were, however, "several Republicans, including Rep. Carlos Curbelo, who represents a swing district in South Florida, and Sen. Susan Collins, the centrist from Maine," who "opposed Trump's decision."

Curbelo said on CNN's The Lead (6/1), "This is a strategic mistake and something that really sets us back. ... We're already seeing the effects of salt water intrusion into the Everglades which threatens our drinking water supply. We're also seeing coastal properties under threat, real estate, billions and billions of dollars. So down here in south Florida we understand that the environment and the economy are one and the same." Asked why so many Republicans do not see climate change as a problem, Curbelo said, "Regrettably this issue has been politicized. The polarization is out of control. I really think it dates back to when former Vice President Gore adopted this cause. Back then a lot of Republicans just assumed that they must be against whatever Mr. Gore was discussing at the time."

Sen. Roger Wicker, writing for USA Today (6/1), says the agreement "stood in the way of...Trump's efforts to eliminate these costly carbon dioxide rules. But this would be the least of its harm. A report released in March by NERA Economic Consulting suggests that the climate deal could cost the US economy nearly $3 trillion and more than 6 million industrial sector jobs by 2040." To Wicker, "The Paris deal would have threatened our country's prosperity."

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, meanwhile, said on CNN's Situation Room (6/1) that the message Trump is sending "to the rest of the world is that the United States is abdicating leadership here. No one who abandons the field can fight and win and the United States essentially is going to sidelines." Rep. Jackie Speier said on CNN's Situation Room (6/1) that Trump "has made himself totally irrelevant," adding that the "biggest thing that has happened as a result of this action today is that our international relations with our European friends is in shambles."

Tucker Carlson said on Fox News Tucker Carlson Tonight (6/1), "We are no longer, obviously, talking about science here. What you're watching is a priesthood defending its faith. The essence of science, meanwhile, is skepticism. That's relentlessly testing what you think you know to make certain you actually know it. ... That's not happening here. It's not allowed. Press for explanations as to what they are talking about and you're attacked as immoral, a denier. The matter is settled. Every word immutable and holy. Questions equal apostasy. Shut up and believe."

Trump Withdraws U.S. From Paris Agreement; Andrew Cuomo, Barack Obama, Scott Pruitt, More Respond. Newsday (NY) (6/1) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said, "America's energy and economic destiny should be up to the United States, not the United Nations." Zinke praised Trump for taking "bold and decisive action to pull the U.S. out of the poorly negotiated Paris Accord that would kill American jobs and manufacturing while doing little to protect the environment."

Pence, Pruitt, Perry Defend Trump's Decision. Vice President Pence said on Fox News' Hannity (6/1) that Trump "has demonstrated his commitment not just to keep his word, but to put American workers, American consumers, American energy and the American people first. This was a bad deal from the moment it was signed by the last Administration. It is an international treaty that was never submitted to the Senate probably because it never would have had a chance there. This is an agreement that puts an enormous burden on Americans consumers, on the American economy while allowing countries like India and China to virtually get off scot-free for a decade or more." The President "made a decision to fulfill his word to the American people to get out of the Paris accord, but also to leave the door open to the possibility of negotiating a completely new deal or going back into the agreement under terms that will put the American economy and the American people first."

EPA Administrator Pruitt said on CNN's The Lead (6/1), "We are leading the world with respect to innovation and technology and reducing our CO2 footprint. This agreement was truly about putting America second or last. It was not about learning from what America is doing. It was about putting constraints on the economy as the President talked about. This is not an agreement or a decision with respect to engagement on CO2. America is going to continue engage on CO2. We are going to export innovation and technology. We are going to continue our seat at the table and negotiating with the nations across the globe but with the attitude of putting our interests first, making sure we don't penalize ourselves."

Later in the interview, Pruitt was asked if Trump believes climate change is a hoax. He answered, "This is not about whether climate change is occurring or not. This is about making sure that America, as we renegotiate CO2 reductions, that we do so with an America first approach. That's why it was a bad deal for this country when it was signed. It is a bad deal today. It puts us at economic disadvantage. The President has said unequivocally that he is committed to continuing the discussions about CO2 reductions but with America at the forefront in those discussions."

The Los Angeles Times (6/1, Zavis) reports Energy Secretary Perry said, "Today the president announced that the United States will no longer be bound by an agreement unilaterally entered into by the Obama administration. This was neither submitted to nor ratified by the U.S. Senate, and is not in the best long term economic interest of the United States." He added, "Instead of preaching about clean energy, this administration will act on it. Our work and deeds are more important than empty words. I know you can drive economic growth and protect the environment at the same time, because that is exactly what I did as governor of Texas."

The AP (6/1) reports Perry, who is on a nine-day trip to Japan and China, "said from Tokyo that the U.S. will continue to develop 'next generation technology' in energy, including nuclear

energy, liquefied natural gas and renewables such as wind and solar power." Also mentioning Perry's words are Politico (6/1) and CBS News (6/1).

The Paris Accord Withdrawal Is a Win For the Coal Industry. But It Probably Won't Bring Back Jobs. Fortune (6/1, Abramson) reports, "There is shaky evidence" that withdrawing from the Paris agreement will lead to more coal mining jobs. Even without the Clean Power Plan, "experts say larger market forces – like the increasing use of natural gas and renewable energy – will prevail." James Van Nostrand, a law professor at West Virginia University and the Director of the school's Center for Energy and Sustainable Development, said, "Environmental regulations have a small impact on economics. You make environmental regulations go away, it doesn't change anything at all."

Secretary Zinke Still Soliciting Nominations For Royalty Committee.

The Nation Sun News (6/1) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is "still seeking nominations for a new royalty policy committee." Zinke "re-established the committee in March to advise him on mineral policy and leasing issues on Indian and federal lands." The Interior Department has "twice extended the deadline for nominations, with the latest to be announced in the Federal Register on Friday."

CNN Analysis: Administration Avoids Saying "Climate Change."

CNN (6/2, Green) reports that rather than claim climate change is not happening or that "global warming isn't real", "there is an administration-wide reluctance to avoid the topic altogether." Indeed, CNN adds, the Administration "has repeatedly circumvented any mention of those key little words." CNN also report that though the White House says it favors increased study of the climate, it has "cut much of the major funding that would go towards the studies."

DOJ IG Finds Problems With Department's Response To Sexual Misconduct Allegations.

The Washington Post (6/1, Rein) reports that the Justice Department "faces 'potentially significant and recurring' problems in its handling of sexual harassment claims, the agency's watchdog said Thursday, weaknesses that are watering down enforcement of its zero-tolerance policy toward employee misconduct." DOJ Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz, "in a harsh report on how managers in Justice's Civil Division handle accusations of workplace sexual harassment, found 'systemic' issues and inconsistent policies for tracking, investigating and reporting cases," and "as a result, it said, there were weak, often inequitable penalties for employees with documented misconduct." The article notes that "the issue has dogged at least one other agency, the Interior Department, where widespread harassment in the National Park Service has prompted an agency-wide survey of 70,000 employees to gauge the extent of the problem and the effectiveness of the government's response."

Additional Coverage: With New Actions, Zinke Says Alaska Is 'Open For Business'.

Additional coverage that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Wednesday "unveiled plans to update the government's resource assessment for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and to open new sections of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska to oil and gas leasing" was provided by E&E Publishing (6/1, Hobson), the Washington (DC) Examiner (6/1, Siciliano), Newsweek (6/1, Main), Natural Gas Intelligence (6/1, Passut), Newsmax (6/1, Swanson), Breitbart (6/1, Starr), Oil and Gas Investor (6/1), Stars And Stripes (6/1, DLOUHY), and E&P Magazine (6/1).

Additional Coverage: Wackowski Is New Senior Adviser For Interior Department.

Additional coverage that Steve Wackowski, "who most recently managed the reelection campaign for Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, was named May 30 to be senior adviser for Alaska affairs to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke," was provided by the Cordova (AK) Times (6/1) and Coastal Television (AK) (6/1, Athens).

King Urges Interior Secretary To Reaffirm Designation Of Katahdin Woods And Waters National Monument.

The Free Press (ME) (6/1) published Sen. Angus King's May 25 letter to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. In the letter, King urged Zinke to reconfirm the designation of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.

Note To Washington: Public Lands Trump Partisanship In These Parts.

In an op-ed for the Idaho Statesman (6/1, Johnson), Rick Johnson, the executive director of the

Idaho Conservation League, welcomes Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue to Idaho. While "Idaho is a conservative place," Johnson says that Idaho also "loves its public lands." Johnson acknowledge that "we all have different ideas of how parts of it should be managed," but writes that "we've done a pretty good job of trying to figure that out, working together." He concludes that "while we all recognize our rural neighbors are sometimes struggling, Idaho overall is doing pretty well, in part, because of our access to a great quality of life, brought to us by our public lands."

Secretary Zinke: Listen To Native Tribes, Not Corporations.

Bernadette Demientieff, executive director of the Gwich'in Steering Committee, writes in the Pundits Blog for The Hill (6/1, Demientieff) urging Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to listen to Native tribes in Alaska, and not just corporations. Demientieff says that the destruction to Native homeland should not be sacrificed for short-term financial gain. She says that the Gwich'in "people are alarmed. We see the changes in our climate, our land, our animals and our way of life. Villages are falling into the sea, permafrost melt is making infrastructure insecure and food sources are disappearing."

Wild Places Are The True Source Of America's Values.

In an op-ed for the Albuquerque (NM) Journal (6/2, Zedalis), University Of Tulsa Law Professor Rex J. Zedalis writes that "those who urge encroachment on our national monuments, parks, recreation areas or public lands overlook a central truth about America and its big-hearted, industrious and creative people." Zedalis argues that "liberty, opportunity and free thought" grow "out of a sense of complete openness, a sense of an absence of parameters, a sense of the immense scale of time, a sense of ancient and even primordial beginnings." He asserts that "these are the sources of the fundamental values that represent our great country."

Bureau Of Land Management

Budget Cut Would Send Wild Horses To Slaughterhouse, Says Activist.

The Washington Times (6/1, Sherfinski) reports that "activists are warning the country to brace for mass horse slaughterings after President Trump's new budget called for axing $10 million from the government's wild horse management program." The Interior Department's proposal "to cut costs by allowing unrestricted sales of excess wild horses on federal lands could ultimately send thousands of them to slaughter," according to Suzanne Roy, executive director of the American Wild Horse Campaign. Roy said, "It would be nice if President Trump could step in here, because it's hard to imagine that someone who wants to make America great would support destroying the symbols of American freedom and greatness."

Idaho Cattle Industry OK With Proposed Craters Grazing Plan.

The Salem (OR) Capital Press (6/1, O'Connell) reports that Idaho Cattle Association President Jerald Raymond "believes the Bureau of Land Management did a reasonable job in drafting its preferred plan to govern grazing of roughly 275,000 acres within Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve." Raymond said, "We actually think it's a pretty good plan they put forth as far as the preferred alternative." Grazing opponents such as the conservation group Western Watersheds Project, however, "vow to formally challenge the plan, arguing it doesn't adequately protect the environment and native sage grouse within the federally protected ancient lava flows."

Bureau Of Reclamation

Boise River Flows Go Higher From Increased Snowmelt.

The Idaho Statesman (6/1, Sowell) reports that "the amount of water flowing through the Boise River is expected to reach its highest level this year on Friday, after additional water is released from Lucky Peak Dam in two stages." The Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers "released an extra 500 cubic feet per second beginning late Thursday morning." Then "a few hours later, the agencies announced that an additional 500 cfs will be released beginning at 8 a.m. Friday morning."

Bureau Of Safety And Environmental Enforcement

Our Views: More Oil, Safely Drilled.

In an editorial, the Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate (6/1) says that newly appointed Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement director Scott Angelle will "have his hands full." The paper warns about "political polarization" and that critics of President Trump are "apt to blame him if another safety problem of any major scale comes along." Also, "reversing the 'red tape' that Angelle now criticizes will be difficult and require a lot of hard work." But the paper is "heartened that the industry and Angelle are continuing to make the case that energy development should be both robust and safe."

Opinion: Excellent Pick For Agency Director.

In an op-ed for the Thibodaux (LA) Daily Comet (6/2, Comeaux), Shane Comeaux calls the pick for Scott Angelle to lead the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement a "home run." Comeaux lists "three areas of focus" for Angelle so that "U.S. energy dominance can become a reality." Comeaux urges Angelle to tackle "required burdensome paperwork," "unclear regulations in the permit process," and "a focused effort toward more offshore drilling."

Fish And Wildlife Service

Environmental Group Targets Border Wall, Says Prototypes Will Imperil Desert Species.

USA Today (6/1, Loomis) reports that the Center for Biological Diversity will "file the third in what promises to be a string of environmental legal challenges to President Trump's border wall plans." The group on Thursday "filed a required notice of its intent to sue the Department of Homeland Security over plans to hire contractors to build 30-foot-long prototypes of reinforced concrete or other materials this summer near San Diego." The organization claims that "such construction north of an existing border fence would harm several legally protected endangered species...and the government has provided no documents assessing or disputing that point."

Yellowstone Grizzlies Await Delisting Rule, Possibly In June.

The Helena (MT) Independent Record (6/1, Chaney) reports that the proposed removal of grizzly bears from federal Endangered Species Act protection "remains in hibernation." Chris Servheen, who retired last year as the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee's recovery coordinator, said, "It's very unusual to have change of administration and all this time with nobody knowing what's going on. The Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM (Bureau of Land Management), National Park Service – nobody's got any directors. And if this gets politically directed instead of following the biological decision, things are going to go south." However, "the lack of an appointed agency director would not affect progress on the delisting effort, said Gavin Shire, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service chief of Public Affairs." Shire said, "We can produce a rule with an acting director. Jim Kurth, who was one of our two deputy directors, has assumed the role of acting director as of January 20. We're still hoping for publication (of a final rule) this spring or early summer."

Additional coverage was provided by the Yellowstone Insider (6/1, Reichard).

Grizzly Carcass Dumped In Stillwater River.

The Missoulian (MT) (6/1, Chaney) reports that "someone dumped a male grizzly bear's carcass in the Stillwater River near Whitefish, and state and federal wildlife officials have started an investigation." Boaters discovered "the bear in the water on May 28." U.S. Fish and Wildlife agents "believe the bear may have been dumped from the Farm to Market Road Bridge into the Stillwater west of Whitefish sometime between May 25 and 28."

Additional coverage was provided by the Daily Inter Lake (MT) (6/1), Montana Public Radio (6/1, Hegyi), and KPAX-TV Missoula (MT) Missoula, MT (6/1).

National Park Service

National Parks Spending $287K On Climate Change Internships.

Newsmax (6/1, Crowe) reports that the National Park Service is "spending $287,308 on an internship program for college students to learn about producing messages to communicate the

impact of climate change, according to a grant notice reported by the Washington Free Beacon." George Mason University is partnering with the NPS on the program, "which provides students with paid internships to produce videos, websites, infographics, and other items, according to the program's website."

Republican-linked Developer Says Indiana Dunes Work To Begin.

The AP (6/1, Slodysko) reports that "a Republican Party official with a lucrative privatization deal to redevelop an aging pavilion at Indiana Dunes State Park plans to forge ahead with the project, which was in limbo amid numerous setbacks, and hopes to break ground in the coming months." Steve Patterson, a spokesman for the group Pavilion Partners, whose principal, Chuck Williams, is treasurer of the Indiana Republican Party, said, "As we continue to work with both the state of Indiana and our architects, we anticipate final renderings to be available in late June. Once we receive feedback from the state, we hope to begin renovation of the pavilion around Labor Day." Emily Ferguson, a National Park Service compliance official, "said the state has yet to submit paperwork that would clear the way for the construction of the banquet facility." However, "she says the federal agency does not have a say over work on the pavilion."

Grand Teton's Jenny Lake In Final Year Of Renovation.

The AP (6/1) reports that "this year marks the final summer of construction at one of the most popular destinations in Grand Teton National Park in northwest Wyoming." Grand Teton spokesman Andrew White noted that "this season's work at Jenny Lake is the fourth and final major construction phase on an $18 million renovation project." According to White, "all the visitor services are open at the lake but visitors might encounter altered access routes."

Study: Focus On Elk In Yellowstone Brucellosis Fight.

The AP (6/1) reports that "a new study says wildlife managers should worry more about elk than bison as they seek to reduce the transmission of brucellosis to cattle in the area around Yellowstone National Park." The report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine suggests agencies "should consider reducing the elk population through hunting, contraception and removing infected elk." It also recommends "reducing the use of supplemental elk feeding grounds in Wyoming during the winter."

Proposed Bike Route In Western Iowa Would Span 6 Counties.

The AP (6/1) reports that "officials from six western Iowa counties are working together to mark a 209-mile bicycle route that would run from Woodbury County to Fremont County." The Frontier Iowa Trails Network is working on the designation of the Lewis and Clark Today Route. Brian Leaders of the National Park Service and others are "raising money for installation of the route's signs, which is expected to cost $200,000."

The Lottery Is Now Open For Permits To Hike Yosemite's Iconic Half Dome This Summer.

The Los Angeles Times (6/1, Forgione) reports that the lottery for a Half Dome hiking permit has started. According to the article, "the cables that guide hikers the last 400 feet to the top of the Yosemite high point will be in place starting Friday."

Office Of Surface Mining

Trump's Loyalty To Coal Is Bad For Taxpayers.

In a piece for the High Country (CO) News (6/1, Zukoski), Ted Zukoski, an attorney with Earthjustice, criticizes President Trump's executive order "which lifted the Obama administration's moratorium on coal leasing on public lands." He argues that reform is "badly needed" because "there is now little or no meaningful competitive bidding for federal coal leases." According to Zukoski, "Trump's order gutted a process meant to ensure that the coal-leasing program, last revised in the 1980s, generates a fair return for Americans and protects the environment."

US Geological Survey

USGS Finds Too Little Methane In Water Wells From Natural Gas Drilling To Worry About.

Natural Gas Intelligence (6/1, Fisher) reports that "a new study by the U.S. Geological Survey

(USGS) said natural gas drilling in the Eagle Ford, Fayetteville and Haynesville shales is not a significant source of methane or benzene found in drinking water wells located in areas of drilling operations." However, the agency "said it could take decades before the effects of unconventional oil and natural gas production on groundwater in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas is fully known." The study is the first of these areas "to systematically determine the presence of benzene and methane in drinking water wells near unconventional oil and gas production areas in relation to the age of the groundwater," USGS said. USGS hydrologist Peter McMahon, study lead, said, "Understanding the occurrence of methane and benzene in groundwater in the context of groundwater age is useful because it allows us to assess whether the hydrocarbons were from surface or subsurface sources. The ages indicate groundwater moves relatively slowly in these aquifers. Decades or longer may be needed to fully assess the effects of unconventional oil and gas production activities on the quality of groundwater used for drinking water."

Additional coverage was provided by World Oil.

Big Sur Landslide Added 13 Acres To California's Coastline.

The Daily Mail (6/1, Wilkinson) reports that "when California suffered its biggest-ever mudslide on May 20, it lost a quarter of a mile of Highway 1 near to a terrifying torrent of rock and dirt." However, "it also gained a massive 13 acres of coastline – the equivalent of ten football fields, comprising an estimated 71 million cubic feet of collapsed earth – the US Geological Survey (USGS) has revealed." USGS research geologist Jonathan Warrick "led the project, using aerial photos taken out of the window of a Cessna plane on May 27 to calculate the extent of the collapse." Warrick "found that the equivalent of 2 million cubic meters of rock and dirt – that's 70 million cubic feet, or 200,000 dump trucks' worth of soil – had fallen on the road from as far as 1,100 feet above."

Dreaded White-nose Syndrome Confirmed In Alabama Bat Species For First Time.

Alabama Live (6/1, Pillion) reports that white-nose syndrome has "been confirmed for the first time in a species called the southeastern bat, according to the U.S. Geological Survey." According to the article, "the infected southeastern bat was found in a cave in Shelby County, and is the first member of its species (Myotis austroriparius) confirmed to have white-nose syndrome and the first infected bat of any species found in Shelby County." A USGS lab confirmed the test results this week.

Top National News

Administration Asks Supreme Court To Reinstate Trump's Immigration Order.

The AP (6/1) reports that in a filing Thursday, the Justice Department asked the Supreme Court to reinstate the Trump Administration's "ban on travelers from six mostly Muslim countries." The Department argues in its filing "that the federal appeals court in Richmond, Virginia, made several mistakes in ruling against the Trump travel policy," and that "the nation will be safer if the policy is put in place."

Nunes: Media Ignoring "Unmasking" Of Trump Campaign Aides.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes, who said in April he would step aside from his panel's Russia investigation, argued Thursday that the media is ignoring former intelligence officials' "unmasking" of Trump campaign aides while focusing on possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russian officials.

USA Today (6/1, Kelly) highlights a tweet from Nunes Thursday in which he wrote "Seeing a lot of fake news from media elites and others who have no interest in violations of Americans' civil liberties via unmaskings," and says it "echoed" a Thursday morning tweet from the President, who wrote, "The big story is the 'unmasking and surveillance' of people that took place during the Obama Administration." While USA Today says Democrats "have largely dismissed" the "unmasking" issue as "an attempt to divert attention from possible collusion by Trump campaign officials with the Russians," Politico (6/1, Nelson) says "unmasking and other surveillance activities have been a larger priority for the president in the months since he took office. He has accused Obama administration officials of using the unmasking process for political purposes to target Trump campaign and transition officials."

Meanwhile, McClatchy (5/31, Schofield) says Nunes appears to have "launched an investigation of his own" into the unmasking issue, citing reports from "various news outlets" that

the intelligence committee "had subpoenaed three former Obama administration officials," former UN Ambassador Samantha Power, former National Security Adviser Susan Rice and former CIA Director John Brennan, "to address Nunes' allegations" A senor committee aide wrote in an email, "If the reports are accurate, subpoenas related to the 'unmasking' issue would have been sent by Chairman Nunes acting separately from the committee's Russia investigation. ... This action would have been taken without the minority's agreement. Any prior requests for information would have been undertaken without the minority's knowledge." However, another aide "disputed that account, saying that 'the minority was fully informed and consulted in accordance with committee rules.'"

The Washington Times (6/1, Boylan, Taylor) says this is "the first time that Ms. Power has been reported as a possible witness in the ongoing congressional Russia probes." Andrew C. McCarthy writes in a piece for National Review (6/1) that "were a pattern of unmasking established, divorced from any proper foreign-intelligence purpose, that would be a profound abuse of power in the nature of a 'high crime and misdemeanor' – the Constitution's predicate for impeachment."

The New York Times (6/1, Huetteman) reports that Rep. Adam Schiff, the ranking Democrat on the committee, "strongly criticized" Nunes Thursday "for refusing to give up his subpoena power over the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election less than two months after announcing he would step away from the inquiry." Schiff said, "When someone says they're going to recuse themselves or step aside from the investigation, you have to expect that they're not going to insist on having final approval over subpoenas, one of the most important tools of an investigation." Politico (6/1, Wright, Conway) reports that Schiff "said Thursday that he was only informed of Nunes' subpoenas the night before they went out."

Reuters (6/1) says that in an interview on MSNBC (6/1) Thursday, Schiff "accused" Nunes of violating his recusal by issuing the subpoenas. Schiff said, "Commitments to recuse himself have not been fully honored," and "added that he and Republican Representative Michael Conaway, the top Republican now leading the panel's probe into alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. election, would not be distracted from their investigation." The Washington Post (6/1, Demirjian) quotes Schiff as saying, "I think [subpoenas are] part of the White House desire to shift attention away from the Russia probe and on to the issue of unmasking. ... But Mr. Conaway and I are determined not to lose our focus on the Russian investigation, and so we plod on, keeping our eyes on what has to be done, and unwilling to let this other stuff distract us."

Comey To Testify Before Senate Intel Panel June 8.

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Burr and ranking member Mark Warner announced Thursday that former FBI Director Comey will testify publicly before their panel on June 8 as part of its investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election and possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russian officials.

The Wall Street Journal (6/1, Tau) reports that Comey's public testimony will be followed by a closed session in the afternoon. The Washington Times (6/1, Noble) says the hearing will be Comey's "first opportunity to testify in public since he was fired by President Trump last month," and ABC World News Tonight (6/1, story 5, 0:20, Muir) said Comey is "expected to answer questions about his one-on-one meetings with President Trump and the memos he kept."

USA Today (6/1, Kelly) says that the testimony, which is "expected to be explosive," could "do major damage to a White House already shaken by five separate investigations into possible collusion between Trump's campaign aides and Russian officials." Rep. Jackie Speier similarly said on CNN's Situation Room (6/1) that Comey's testimony will come in "probably...the most explosive and most watched hearing since Watergate." She thinks he'll be asked questions related to whether Trump "obstructed the investigation that was ongoing around Michael Flynn."

Reuters (6/1, Heavey) says the hearing "could be difficult for President Donald Trump," and Bloomberg Politics (6/1, Dennis) anticipates "intense questioning" of Comey over "what Trump said to him about the Russia investigation before the president fired him on May 9." Comey's testimony, Bloomberg adds, "is sure to be a pivotal event in Trump's already tumultuous presidency."

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A New York Times (6/1, Savage) analysis questions whether Trump should "invoke executive privilege to try to block Mr. Comey from talking" and considers "the issues that would be raised by applying executive privilege in this case," while the Washington Times (6/1, Boylan) looks back on the files late-FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover kept in his home, calling them "the most powerful archive of blackmail material on presidents, politicians and pundits compiled in American history." The Times says "the whereabouts of Mr. Comey's files" is among "the most urgent questions lawmakers on Capitol Hill will have for Mr. Trump's next choice to head the bureau."

FBI, Congress Examining Possible Meeting Between Trump, Sessions, Kushner, and Kislyak. Under the headline, "Did Trump, Kushner, Sessions Have An Undisclosed Meeting With Russian?," NBC News (6/1, Dilanian) reports on its website that that according to "multiple officials," the FBI and Congress are looking into "a campaign event last spring during which Donald Trump, Jeff Sessions and Jared Kushner were in a small gathering with Russian ambassador to the US Sergey Kislyak and other diplomats at Washington's Mayflower Hotel." NBC says "five current and former US officials said they are aware of classified intelligence suggesting there was some sort of private encounter between Trump and his aides and the Russian envoy, despite a heated denial from Sessions." However, the officials "acknowledged to NBC News that the evidence does not amount to proof, and they have declined to provide details about it." In an analysis for Townhall (6/1, Benson), political editor Guy Benson takes issue with the NBC story, writing, "It's worth noting that the headline on this story ends with a question mark, a tacit admission that they don't have anything solid."

White House, Russian Bank Offer Different Explanations For Kushner's Meeting. A front-page story in the Washington Post (6/1, Filipov, Brittain, Helderman, Hamburger) reports that the explanations from the White House and a Russian state-owned bank about why "the bank's chief executive and Jared Kushner held a secret meeting during the presidential transition in December" are "very different." While the bank, Vnesheconombank, "maintained this week that the session was held as part of a new business strategy and was conducted with Kushner in his role as the head of his family's real estate business," the White House "says the meeting was unrelated to business and was one of many diplomatic encounters the soon-to-be presidential adviser was holding ahead of Donald Trump's inauguration." The Post says that "contradiction is deepening confusion over Kushner's interactions with the Russians" as he "emerges as a key figure in the FBI's investigation into potential coordination between Moscow and the Trump team."

Foreign Agents Registration Act Central To Flynn, Manafort Investigations. The Wall Street Journal (6/1, Sonne, Wilber, Tau) reports that people familiar with the situation say the Foreign Agents Registration Act, which requires people to disclose when they are acting on behalf of foreign powers in the US is central to the investigations of former national security adviser Mike Flynn and former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort. According to those sources, investigators are looking into whether Flynn's work involving Turkey and Manafort's work involving Ukraine violated the Act and related laws.

Farage A "Person Of Interest" In FBI's Russia Investigation. The Guardian (UK) (6/1, Kirchgaessner, Hopkins, Harding) cites "sources with knowledge of the investigation" who said that former Ukip leader Nigel Farage is a "person of interest" in the US investigation "into possible collusion between the Kremlin and Donald Trump's presidential campaign." According to the sources, Farage "had raised the interest of FBI investigators because of his relationships with individuals connected to both the Trump campaign and Julian Assange, the WikiLeaks founder whom Farage visited in March." The Guardian points out that Farage "has not been accused of wrongdoing and is not a suspect or a target of the US investigation." Peter Alexander reported on NBC Nightly News (6/1, story 3, 2:15) that Farage is "denying any Russia connection."

Farage said on Fox News Tucker Carlson Tonight (6/1), "If ever there was a case of a fake news, this is it. What they have done is they've tried to join the dots together. I was involved with Brexit. I was involved with the Trump campaign. I was involved with upsetting their little world in 2016. Therefore, I must somehow be associated with the Russians. It is total and utter hysterical nonsense." Reporting on Farage's Fox News appearance, Politico (6/1, Lima) quotes him as saying, "I've never done business in Russia, I have literally no political connections with Russia whatsoever. ... The whole thing is a fantasy from people who cannot accept the fact that they lost badly last year."

Crowley: Democratic Candidates Should Not Focus On Russia In 2018. The Washington Times (6/1, Persons) reports that in an interview with MSNBC's Morning Joe Thursday, Rep. Joe Crowley called the Russia investigation a "Washington issue," and said that "Democratic candidates should not focus on it in 2018." Crowley said, "I think the focus for the DNC has to be,

not what happened in the last election, but about the election now, and that's individual congressional districts. It's hand-to-hand combat. ... Putting aside the Russian issue, that's a Washington issue. What we've been focusing on and telling our folks and candidates to do is focus on your local issues and leave the Washington stuff to Washington." Crowley added, "I think the Russia issue is an important issue for the American people, they are focused on it, but they're more concerned about the economy, whether they can put food on the table, can they afford college, when they graduate from college can they afford the student loan, can they have a job."

Politico Analysis: Trump Says Nonexistent Tax Bill Advancing Through Congress.

During a Rose Garden speech Thursday announcing his decision to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement, President Trump claimed "that tax legislation is advancing through Congress – even though no such bill yet exists," Politico (6/1, McCaskill) reports. Trump said, "Our tax bill is moving along in Congress, and I believe it's doing very well. ... I think a lot of people will be very pleasantly surprised." He continued, "The Republicans...are working very, very hard. We'd love to have support from the Democrats, but we may have to go it alone. But it's going very well."

Mnuchin Confident Congress Will Raise Debt Limit.

Reuters (6/1) reports that in an interview Thursday with Fox Business, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin expressed confidence that Congress will raise the debt limit "'before there's an issue' with US creditworthiness." Mnuchin said, "We're going to get it increased. ... The credit of the United States is the utmost. I've said to Congress they should do it as quickly as they can. But we are very focused on working with them and I'm confident we'll get there before there's an issue."

Demographer Projects Massive Population Shifts From Climate Change.

USA Today (6/1, Bruggers) reports on a study published in Nature Climate Change by University of Georgia demographer Mathew E. Hauer finding that with climate change the US "can expect massive population shifts." He projects that up to "13 million Americans living in coastal areas could be flooded out by 2100," which could result in "tens of thousands...headed toward Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee."

Climate Change Presents National Security Threat.

The Sacramento (CA) Bee (6/1, Bergengruen) reports President Trump is "at odds with the Pentagon, which has been warning for years that climate change poses a critical national security threat." Military leaders have said for more than a decade "that extreme weather patterns and rising sea levels are aggravating social tensions, destabilizing regions and feeding the rise of extremist groups." Meanwhile, at least 128 US military bases are threatened by rising sea levels, with some "already flooding." NPR (6/1, Kelly) reports there is a concern that "the US pulling away from a global leadership role" leaves a void "that America's rivals and adversaries will be keen to fill."

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"Our Disgraceful Exit From The Paris Accord." The New York Times (6/1) editorializes that "only future generations will be able to calculate the full consequences of...Trump's incredibly shortsighted approach to climate change, since it is they who will suffer the rising seas and crippling droughts that scientists say are inevitable unless the world brings fossil fuel emissions to heel."

Washington Post.

"Trump Turns His Back On The World." The Washington Post (6/1) editorializes that President Trump "said Thursday that the United States might rejoin the Paris agreement after a period of renegotiation." Yet "given the extent to which other nations already accommodated American demands, the prospect of a radically different treaty is fanciful. So what tangible benefit does this irrational decision bring to Americans? None. None at all."

"The White House Just Took A Step Forward On Transparency. Time For Some More." In an editorial, the Washington Post (6/1) praises the Trump Administration for disclosing the ethics

waivers granted to Administration appointees, but says "the Trump White House should accept other transparency measures that it has so far resisted." The Post says President Trump should release his tax returns and the Administration should "disclose White House visitor logs."

"The World's Biggest Muslim Majority Nation Grapples With Rising Radicalism." In an editorial, the Washington Post (6/1, Board) writes that as "a surge of hard-line Islamist sentiment" shakes Indonesia, "whether the country's political leadership is able to steer a genuinely pluralist course through local and presidential elections over the next two years poses a critical test of whether the secular government in Jakarta will remain a bulwark against Islamic radicalism." The Post cites as an example the "particularly worrying episode" of Jakarta Gov. Basuki Tjahaja Purnama being sentenced to prison and losing an election based on public backlash and blasphemy charges after at first appearing "a clear electoral front-runner" based on a "no-nonsense anti-corruption" platform. The Post says "opportunistic" hard-line Islamists are seeking to "capitalize on a sluggish economy, widespread corruption and popular resentment of ethnic Chinese tycoons" to impose sharia law nationwide. This "would mark a sweeping reversal of Indonesia's relatively easygoing pluralist democracy."

Wall Street Journal:

"Trump Bids Paris Adieu." The Wall Street Journal (6/1) in its editorial mocks the reaction of what it casts as elites around the world to President Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris agreement, and argues that economic growth and technological innovation are by far the most effective strategies to fight climate change.

"The Trump Jerusalem Waiver." A Wall Street Journal (6/1) editorial says the President's decision to sign the waiver to keep the US embassy in Tel Aviv after he promised to move it damages American credibility, and will encourage the Palestinians to hold out for further concessions.

"Ireland's Reform Example." The Wall Street Journal (6/1) editorializes about the coming choice in Ireland between what the Journal views as two good candidates for prime minister. The majority Fine Gael party must choose a new prime minister after Enda Kenny resigned. The Journal is pleased that both candidates favor free-market reforms. The Journal says that Fine Gael offers a lesson to other European countries, as it recently reduced spending by €10 billion paired with a €5 billion tax increase, and that the focus on cuts helped strengthen the Irish economy.

Big Picture

Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:
Trump Quits Climate Deal He Says Is Unfair To US
Despite Paris Accord Exit, Companies See Little Change In Strategy
S&P Downgrade Brings Illinois Closer To Junk
Anbang, After A Whirlwind Of Western Deals, Has Been Benched By China

New York Times:
Trump Will Withdraw US From Paris Climate Agreement
Trump Hands The Chinese A Gift: The Chance For Global Leadership
Trump, Prioritizing Economy Over Climate, Cites Disputed Premises
Maybe Private Russian Hackers Meddled In Election, Putin Says
Trump Rule Could Deny Birth Control Coverage To Hundreds Of Thousands Of Women
A Few Months Before Its Official Opening, Tappan Zee Bridge Is Drivable

Washington Post:
Trump To Pull Nation Out Of Global Climate Pact
White House, Russian Bank Differ On Kushner Meeting
Move Could Put A Difficult Target Out Of Reach
A Day After Huge Kabul Blast, Anger, Sorrow And Questions
After Debate, Trump "Stayed Where He's Always Been"

Financial Times:

May Pledges To Embrace "Promise Of Brexit"
Trump Paris Rejection Widens Rift With Germany
Washington Times:
Trump Eviscerates Obama's Paris Legacy
Investigations Focus On 'Unwittingly' Conspirators Aiding Russia's Efforts To Sabotage US Election

Hoover's FBI Files Offer Cautionary Tale As Comey Prepares To Testify
Left's Quandary: Cheer Strong Female In "Wonder Woman" Or Jeer Her Israeli Ties
India's Prime Minster Makes Waves By Attempting To Appropriate Gandhi's Legacy
US Economy, World Already Locked Into Lower-Emission Model

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:
ABC: Paris Climate Accord Withdrawal; Paris Climate Accord-Obama Comment; Paris Climate Accord-US Reactions; Philippines-Resort Attack; Russia Meddling Investigation-Comey; Russia Meddling Investigation-Kushner; US Embassy In Israel; Wisconsin-Corn Mill Explosion; Tiger Woods-DUI; United-Bird Strike; Lost Mother; Walmart-Commute Delivery; University Baseball; NBA Finals; Climate Change-Corals.
CBS: Paris Climate Accord Withdrawal; Paris Climate Accord-Kerry Comment; Russia Meddling Investigation; US Embassy In Israel; Philippines-Resort Attack; Lebron James-Racism; Ringless Marketing Calls; California-Coast Highway Mudslide; Beatles-50 Years.
NBC: Paris Climate Accord Withdrawal; Paris Climate Accord-US Reactions; Russia Meddling Investigation; NBC-Putin Interview; Philippines-Resort Attack; Lebron James-Racism; Teenage Drivers-Safety; Tiger Woods-DUI; World's Biggest Plane; Kids Summer Toys.

Network TV At A Glance:
Paris Climate Accord Withdrawal – 19 minutes, 50 seconds
Russia Meddling Investigation – 7 minutes, 25 seconds
Philippines-Resort Attack – 2 minutes, 10 seconds
US Embassy In Israel – 40 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:
ABC: Paris Climate Accord Withdrawal; Immigration Order-Legal Challenge; Philippines-Resort Attack; NBA Finals.
CBS: Paris Climate Accord Withdrawal; Wisconsin-Corn Mill Explosion; Philippines-Resort Attack; US Embassy In Israel; Private Schools-Substance Abuse.
FOX: Paris Climate Accord Withdrawal; Wisconsin-Corn Mill Explosion; US Unemployment Rate.
NPR: Paris Climate Accord Withdrawal; Kushner Company-US Visa Abuse; Philippines-Resort Attack.

Washington Schedule

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:
PRESIDENT TRUMP — Meets with Senator Lindsey Graham; Signs bills.
VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — Participates in an interview with Ainsley Earhardt on Fox & Friends; participates in an interview with Laura Ingraham on The Laura Ingraham Show; participates in an interview with Michael Savage on The Savage Nation.
US Senate: 9:00 AM Senate convenes for pro forma session
On recess until 5 June.
US House: 10:30 AM House of Representatives convenes for pro forma session
On recess until 5 June.
Other: No notable event scheduled.

Last Laughs

Late Night Political Humor.

Trevor Noah: "You know, I don't know what's worse, the fact that Donald Trump may have doomed the planet or the fact that he announced it like it's an episode of 'The Bachelorette'. 'Earth, we had a great time in the hot tub. But I gotta give a rose to coal, my black beauty, I

choose you.'"

Trevor Noah: "After the Earth's temperature crosses a certain threshold, we may not be able to go back. It's like telling your girlfriend that her friend is hot. That problem is man-made and irreversible. You can never take it back."

Trevor Noah: "You can't bring back coal jobs. It may have been big back in the day, but it's not going to work now. You know, it's like 'Baywatch'. You can't save it."

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Subject:	Awareness Review - Political Correspondence and Bureau Logs
Date:	Friday, June 8, 2018 10:25:45 AM
Attachments:	2018_political_correspondence_log_May.pdf FY2018 Bureau Log (through May).pdf

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All,

Pursuant to the Awareness Process for FOIA Productions memorandum, dated May 24, 2018, I am seeking comments from all PAS, NCSE, or Schedule C employees whose names appear in the attached records.

If you are receiving this message, then your name appears in one or both of the attached files. In accordance with the aforementioned memorandum, **you have up to 72 hours to review and comment on these records.** If no comment is received, then the Department will assume you have none.

The records in question are routine logs that are posted to the OS FOIA Library on a monthly basis.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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EST-00008812	recommendation for National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board	05/30/2018	06/06/2018	Dorothea Boothe	Mark Amodei
EST-00008804	The impact of internal reviews on water resource research on Massachusetts	05/30/2018	06/06/2018	Ryan Zinke	James McGovern, Niki Tsongas
EST-00008802	Concerns over the current management of the Yellowtail Dam and the Bighorn River System.	06/05/2018	06/06/2018	Ryan Zinke	Steve Daines
EST-00008769	BOEM Call for Information and Nominations for Commercial Leasing for Wind Power on OCS in the New York Bight	06/04/2018	06/04/2018	Ryan Zinke	Cory Booker, Robert Menendez, Frank Pallone
EST-00008767	re JC, DP, MO, and JS: cooperative agreements with DOI	05/31/2018	06/04/2018	John Tanner	Dean Heller
EST-00008756	APPRECIATION LETTER: Congressman Wilson sent Appreciation Letter with picture to Secretary Zinke	06/01/2018	06/01/2018	Ryan Zinke	Joe Wilson
EST-00008698	Reorganization	05/25/2018	05/30/2018	Ryan Zinke	Betty McCollum
EST-00008657	Request for information on population sizes, hunting, and importation regulations for lions and African elephants	05/15/2018	05/23/2018	Gregory Sheehan	Don Young
EST-00008654	Ban on use of genetically modified (GMO) seed by commercial agriculture on national wildlife refuges	05/16/2018	05/23/2018	Ryan Zinke	Ralph Abraham, Paul Gosar, Steven Palazzo, Trent Kelly, Roger Marshall, Ralph Norman, Adrian Smith, Steve King, Andy Harris, Rick Crawford, Greg Gianforte, Ted Yoho, James Comer, Ron Estes, Mike Bost, Kristi Noem, Bruce Westerman
EST-00008651	Thanks the Secretary for following up on issues re: Record of Decision for the Moose-Wilson Road Final Comprehensive Management Plan. Road safety issue still a concern	05/15/2018	05/23/2018	Ryan Zinke	John Barrasso
EST-00008638	Hearing Invitation	05/21/2018	05/23/2018	Ryan Zinke	Tom McClintock

EST-00008620	Arkansas Valley Conduit, CO	05/21/2018	05/22/2018	Ryan Zinke	Ken Buck, Michael Bennet, Cory Gardner, Scott Tipton
EST-00008597	land acquisition in Stehekin Valley	05/21/2018	05/22/2018	Ryan Zinke	Dave Reichert
EST-00008596	Special Resource Study: MIssissippi Civil Rights	05/21/2018	05/22/2018	Ryan Zinke	Bennie Thompson
EST-00008581	Final critical minerals list	05/21/2018	05/21/2018	Ryan Zinke	Raul Grijalva
EST-00008579	Rep Reed re: Request for new EIS for Cayuga Indian Nation's Land-in-Trust Application	05/08/2018	05/21/2018	Ryan Zinke	Tom Reed
EST-00008578	Rep Lamborn re: Turtle Mountain Tribal Countr in Belcourt, North Dakota	05/19/2018	05/21/2018	John Tanner	Doug Lamborn
EST-00008572	South Greenville County,SC surveys	05/19/2018	05/21/2018	Micah Chambers	Lindsey Graham
EST-00008571	Regarding assistance obtaining a copy of his birth certification from American Samoa.	05/19/2018	05/21/2018	Micah Chambers	[redacted]
EST-00008562	Notice of Intent to Amend the California Desert Conservation Area	05/17/2018	05/18/2018		Raul Ruiz, Juan Vargas, Mark DeSaulnier, Zoe Lofgren, Mark Takano, Anna G Eshoo, John Garamendi, Salud Carbajal, Grace Napolitano, Nanette Barragan, Eric Swalwell, Jackie Speier, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Susan Davis, Jerry McNerney, Jared Huffman, Scott Peters, Linda Sanchez, Barbara Lee, Pete Aguilar, Jimmy Panetta, Mike Thompson, Jimmy Gomez, Doris Matsui, Ro Khana, Brad Sherman, Julia Brownley, J. Luis Correa, Karen Bass, Alan Lowenthal, Adam Schiff, Ted Lieu, Norma Torres, Jim Costa, Tony Cardenas, Ami Bera, Judy Chu
EST-00008561	Concern that the American public was not given a viable opportunity to weigh in during a recent scoping process relating to management plans for the Bears Ears NM.	05/15/2018	05/18/2018		Ruben Gallego, Nydia Velazquez, Raul Grijalva, Nanette Barragan, Jared Huffman, Anthony Brown, Alan Lowenthal, Darren Soto, Donald Beyer Jr.

EST-00008557	Independence National Historic Park Visitor Center	05/14/2018	05/18/2018	Ryan Zinke	Charles Dent
EST-00008546	Hearing Invitation	05/15/2018	05/16/2018	Ryan Zinke	Tom McClintock
EST-00008545	Hearing Invitation	05/16/2018	05/16/2018	Ryan Zinke	Betty McCollum
EST-00008533	Regarding the Draft Proposed Program and expansion of offshore oil and gas drilling in California.	05/14/2018	05/16/2018	Ryan Zinke	Mike Thompson, Jared Huffman, Jackie Speier
EST-00008490	INVITATION: Senator Gardner and Senator Bennet invite Secretary Zinke to participate in the Colorado Capital Conference, June 12-14, 2018	05/14/2018	05/14/2018	Ryan Zinke	Cory Gardner, Mchael Bennet
EST-00008484	Questions re: planned deployment of U.S. Park Police personnel to assist the Department of Homeland Security with patrolling the U.S.-Mexico border; Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument and Amistad NRA	05/11/2018	05/11/2018	Ryan Zinke	Raul Grijalva
EST-00008477	Hearing Invitations	05/10/2018	05/11/2018	Ryan Zinke	Lisa Murkowski
EST-00008476	Compliance withSmall Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act	05/07/2018	05/11/2018	Ryan Zinke	Steve Chabot, Nydia Velazquez
EST-00008430	Thank you letter	05/08/2018	05/08/2018	Ryan Zinke	Greg Gianforte
EST-00008407	Concerns with proposed changes to FWS "blanket 4(d) rule" under Endangered Species Act that extends the prohibition of take to all threatened species	05/04/2018	05/04/2018	Ryan Zinke	Tom Carper, Raul Grijalva

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FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
Subject						
OS-2018-00007	October 02, 2017	October 02, 2017		Townsend Margaret	OS	Open
1. All records mentioning, including, and/or referencing when the final reports shall be published in the Federal Register and on agency websites per M-17-24, ¿Guidance for Section 2 of Executive Order 13783, Titled ¿Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth¿¿ issued May 8, 2017 (¿OMB Memo¿); 2. All records of the final reports submitted pursuant to the OMB Memo that were to be finalized and provided to OMB per M-17-24 by September 24, 2017; (CONTINUED BELOW)						
OS-2018-00002	September 28, 2017	October 02, 2017		Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of digital correspondence involving any of the following officials between September 13, 2017, and September 28, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke, Chief of Staff Scott Hommel, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Katherine MacGregor, Press Secretary Heather Swift. Specifically, I request (continued below)						
OS-2018-00010	October 02, 2017	October 02, 2017		Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of all AQD-91 forms submitted by Secretary Ryan Zinke or any other individual in the Immediate Office of the Secretary at any point since and including March 1, 2017.						
OS-2018-00004	August 17, 2017	October 02, 2017	February 27, 2018	Valentine Gary	OS	Completed
Copy of the appraisal report SJRRP Reach 3.						
OS-2018-00005	September 20, 2017	October 02, 2017	March 01, 2018	Finestone Beth	OS	Completed
Copy of appraisal for SJRRP Reach 3 #D17PX00329.						
OS-2018-00006	October 02, 2017	October 02, 2017	November 02, 2017	Kenney Brett	OS	Completed
DOI Headquarter Visitor Logs for July, August and September, 2017 and any communications regarding the Coquille Indian Tribe's request to place 2.42 acres into trust in Medford, Oregon that was sent or received during Calendar Year 2017.						
OS-2018-00008	October 02, 2017	October 02, 2017		Moss Bradley	OS	Open
1) Instructions or guidelines ¿ including verbal instructions memorialized in writing ¿ relied upon by the DOI with respect to the use of information originally collected under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, including the circumstances in which such information can be used in criminal proceedings; 2) To the extent that the information does not fall within the scope of category #1, instructions or guidelines ¿ (CONTINUED BELOW)						

OS-2018-00053 October 02, 2017 October 03, 2017 October 27, 2017 Pruitt Bob OS Completed
Information regarding the Ryckman Creek Resources Gas Storage operation in the Nugget formation under WYW 180405 in Uinta Co. Wyoming. Any data reported on the operation, including current rates charged by the BLM for injection and withdrawal of stored gas; injected and withdrawn quantities, with breakdowns on native gas/oil production, together with any audit reports, inspection reports, or gas accounting issues.

OS-2018-00012 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 Ruch Jeff OS Open
Any communications to or from Secretary Zinke concerning this idea or about other possible management changes to any unit of CHIS. Specifically, we request the following: 1. Any communications to or from Secretary Zinke and the Interior Office of the Secretary (IOS) concerning a demonstration ranch or other change in use or management of any unit of CHIS; and (CONITNUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00011 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
All travel vouchers generated by or on behalf of Secretary Ryan Zinke, from March 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017. The records I request are similar in content and purpose to GSA's SF-1012 "Travel Voucher," used to record dates, destinations and costs of official business travel.
All requests for authorization for use of a government-owned or
private, non-commercial aircraft generated by or on behalf of Secretary Ryan [See Notes]

OS-2018-00015 September 19, 2017 October 03, 2017 Katzenmeyer Kacey OS Open
All communications from January 1st, 2017-present with Aurelia Skipwith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, regarding the adjustment of any National Park or National Monument boundaries.

OS-2018-00013 September 28, 2017 October 03, 2017 Jones Sam OS Open
All documents, records, and information related to contracts awarded between 2008-2014 from your department to: Qualcon Contractors, Inc.; Carlson Construction, Inc.; B. Carlson Construction, LLC; Genoa Share, LLC; Bill Eric Carlson; or Sharon Marie Carlson, and all communications, including any attachments, between 2008-2014 between your department and U.S. Senator Dean Heller or Then-U.S. Representative Dean Heller, or (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00016 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 November 29, 2017 Touchton Margaret OS Completed
Any correspondence to your agency from or on behalf of former Montana State Representative Matt Rosendale (Jan. 2011-Jan. 2013), any correspondence to your agency from or on behalf of former Montana State Senator Matt Rosendale (Jan. 2013-Jan. 2017), any correspondence to your agency from or on behalf of current Montana State Auditor and Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Matt Rosendale and the Office of the Montana State Auditor (Jan. 2017-present)-All including electronic correspondence.

OS-2018-00014 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 October 25, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
Any and all correspondence or documents related to correspondence between secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff or representatives, and Bill Foley, the chairman of Fidelity National Financial, or his staff or representatives. This request seeks records from February 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00019 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 Girard Leslie OS Open
A copy of the contractual agreement between the Department of Interior and Monster, Inc., including: any modifications, the solicitation for the follow on to this contract, and copies of contracts awarded resulting from the solicitation.

The contract was recompeted in FY17, with a Target Award Date of May 1, 2017 and contract end date of April 1, 2022.

OS-2018-00017 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 October 26, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
Any and all correspondence or documents related to correspondence between the International Bottled Water Association, or its representatives or lobbyists, and secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, other political appointees in his office or his support staff. This request pertains to records produced between February 2017 and the present.

OS-2018-00024 October 04, 2017 October 04, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
Copies of the following agency records: 1. All agency records identifying members of the Senior Executive Service to whom the Department issued directed reassignment memoranda from January 20, 2017 through the date of your response to this request. 2. All agency records related to William Woody from January 1, 2017 through the date of your response to this request. 3. All emails to or from any of the individuals listed below (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00083 October 04, 2017 October 04, 2017 Evers Austin OS Open
1. All emails between the Immediate Office of the Secretary and the Office of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management regarding any events or projects in or issues related to Montana. 2. All emails in (i) the Immediate Office of the Secretary, (ii) the DOI Office of Communications, or (iii) the DOI Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs that include any of the following terms: a. Troy b. Downing c. Yellowstone d. Big Sky (continued below)

OS-2018-00022 October 03, 2017 October 04, 2017 Parti Tarini OS Open
All records compiled in response to the House Oversight Committee's Sep. 26, 2017 letter related to "senior officials' use of government-owned aircraft or private non-commercial aircraft for official and personal travel." I request all such records compiled as of the date you conduct the search for responsive records, regardless of whether the records have been sent to the committee. According to the letter sent to all agencies, the committee has requested information (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00081 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 November 08, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
[D]ocuments related to meetings or correspondence between officials and staffers at the DOI's Office of the Secretary, and any of the following individuals: Nancy McNally of the lobbying firm Van Ness Feldman LLP; Sean Taylor of Van Ness Feldman; Jonathan Simon of Van Ness Feldman; and/or Alan Mintz of Van Ness Feldman. This request only seeks records that pertain to the National Park Service's "water bottle ban", also known as PM 11-03. [See Notes]

OS-2018-00048 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Stack Alex OS Open
The passenger manifest for a Dept. of Interior flight that occurred in late August of 2017, possibly on August 24th. According to news reports, Sec. Ryan Zinke took a flight to and from Montana to speak about the Lolo Peak Fire and was accompanied by USDA Sec. Sonny Perdue, access to the passenger manifest for the flights to and from Montana for this specific trip.

OS-2018-00051 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
from January 20, 2017 to March 31, 2017:

All e-mails (including attachments) exchanged between the following list of
staff in the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of External Affairs and the following list of White House staff:

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OS-2018-00029 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 October 24, 2017 Emerson Sarah OS Completed
Copies of all Freedom of Information Act requests submitted to the Interior Department (online, in the mail, by fax, etc.) by "David Paulides" and/or "CanAm Missing Project" (not case sensitive for the purpose of this request).

Please only include the original FOIA requests submitted to DOI and each of their determinations (e.g. completed, no responsive documents, etc.).

OS-2018-00027 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Whieldon Esther OS Open
Copies of senior travel reports for FY 2017 (requesting the level of detail provided on the Interior's FOIA library for 2009 through 2013

OS-2018-00028 October 04, 2017 October 05, 2017 Whieldon Esther OS Open
[C]opies of trip summaries, travel expenses (data in native format is acceptable) and related briefing materials and any communications with the ethics department, including Ed Keable and Melinda Loftin, on approving travel logistics for the following people since January 20, 2017. They are Vincent DeVito, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Kate/Katherine MacGregor, Doug Domenech, Kathy Benedetto, Scott Angelle, Jim/James Cason, Virginia Johnson, Scott Cameron, Benjamin Keel and David Bernhardt.

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Subject						

OS-2018-00031 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Copies of any remarks made by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt to a meeting of the National Mining Association at the Trump International Hotel, October 4, 2017; All records which indicate the attendees of the October 4, 2017 meeting of the National Mining Association, all agendas of the meeting, and all briefing materials created to prepare Deputy Secretary Bernhardt for his appearance at the meeting;

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OS-2018-00032 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Enders Caty OS Open
Any and all reference documents, notes, newspaper articles, letters and emails that contributed to the findings in

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's memorandum to President Trump "Final report summarizing findings of the review of designations under the antiquities act," a copy of which can be found here: https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/4052225/Interior-Secretary-Ryan-Zinke-s-Report-to-the.pdf

OS-2018-00039 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
Any and all emails from GS-15 staffers or higher ranking staffers of the Department of Interior's Office of the Secretary for the words "joel clement" since 1/20/17.

OS-2018-00042 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
Any and all emails to or from someone with an email address ending in "@heritage.org" from GS-15 staffers or higher ranking staffers of the Department of Interior, including the Office of the Secretary and all other offices since 1/20/17. Please also search the emails of political employees and members of the beachhead teams for these emails.

OS-2018-00036 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A list of any and all members of the Senior Executive Service who were sent letters reassigning them in June 2017. This reassignment was described in this Washington Post article [linked in attachment]. If any of the material covered by this request has been destroyed or removed, please provide all surrounding documentation including, but not limited to, a description of the action taken regarding the materials and justification for those actions taken.

OS-2018-00033 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Enders Caty OS Open
Receipts for any and all expenses incurred during Secretary Ryan Zinke's travel to and from National Monuments as part of President Trump's executive order to reconsider the designations around any National Monument created since Jan. 1, 1996, that spans at least 100,000 acres. This would include all travel expenses incurred by the Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary to and from National Monuments between April 26, 2017 and August 24, 2017. (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00034 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Koures Cyndy OS Open
I am seeking all travel documentation and bills from secretary Zinke and the top three members of his staff over the last ten months

OS-2018-00026 October 04, 2017 October 05, 2017 Rios Edwin OS Open
[D]ocuments related to the security protection for Department of Interior Secretary Zinke for the fiscal year 2017 and fiscal year 2018.
Date Range: 1/1/17-Present
Description of requested records:
This includes the following:
memoranda, emails, compensation records, travel cost for security detail records, cost of Department of Interior's spending on security detail records, agreements, contracts, security assessments, and any other responsive documents related to the protection of Zinke.

OS-2018-00023 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Tillerman Charles OS Open
Requesting account information as follows:

1. Osage Segregated Fund (14 x 7385), $929,252.66

2. Osage Restored Fund
(14 x 7469), $98,790.58
3. Unclaimed Checks (14 x 7386) $292,663..52
4. Estate Funds (14 x 6039), $554,225.13
5.
Whereabouts are unknown (14 x 6039), $46,268.35

Total as of November 30, 1998 = $1,921,200.24

OS-2018-00035 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 October 30, 2017 Ravnitzky Michael OS Completed
A copy of the first five pages of each final investigation report for each investigation closed by the Office of General Counsel of the Interior Department, during the time period August 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

OS-2018-00057 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 11, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
[A] list of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00050 October 05, 2017 October 06, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of any recording of the September 21, 2017 webinar involving the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management concerning the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other topics. [Requester has] attached a media report about this event to aid in identifying this record.

OS-2018-00063 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 Enders Caitlin OS Open
A list of all flights taken by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke since being sworn in on March 1, 2017, including the cost of each flight.

OS-2018-00069 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
On August 31, 2017, Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt issued Secretarial Order 3355, Streamlining National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Reviews and Implementation of the Executive Order 13807. In that document, the Deputy Secretary asked the bureaus and agencies within the Department of the Interior to submit to him, within 30 days, the following reports:

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OS-2018-00062 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 24, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
[A]ll responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00061 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 19, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
[A]ll records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior's visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00065 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 31, 2017 Duncan Luke OS Completed
1. The meeting was finally held sometime in 2017. We know that Ken Dalton, at the Office of the Solicitor, and Mr. Higgins, attended the meeting. We would like to know who else attended or called in to this meeting with Mr. Higgins.

2. We request that the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, the Office of the Solicitor, and the OST produce any and all
documents, recordings, or transcripts relating to.....

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OS-2018-00058 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 17, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
[A]ll communications records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00077 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
1. All agency records, including but not limited to emails, memoranda, text messages, instant messages, and notes relating to reorganizing the staff of the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") from January 1, 2017 through the date of your response to this request. 2. All agency records, including but not limited to emails, memoranda, text messages, instant messages, and notes relating to reassignments within the Department of the Interior from January 20, 2017 through (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00089 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
The following records from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of the Secretary: 1. On October 6, 2017, the U. S. Department of the Interior released a press release regarding the sale of federal oil and gas lease parcels in the month of September. This press release is attached as Exhibit 1. We hereby request any and all records related in any way to this October 6, 2017 press release.

OS-2018-00066 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
[R]ecords detailing travel by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke from March 1, 2017 to the date that this request is processed.

Please consider requests for travel approval submitted by Zinke or anyone acting on his behalf; response to said travel requests, including approvals and denials; travel authorizations for Zinke, including but not limited to authorizations issued by the Office of the Solicitor or the White House; communications between the Department of the Interior and any [see notes]

OS-2018-00075 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 December 26, 2017 Allison Bill OS Completed
Emails, including their text and any attachments, sent to ois.doi.gov email accounts on or after January 20, 2017 until the present date from the following addresses: jared@ijkfamily.com, Ivanka@ijkfamily.com, Jared@Kushnerfamily.us, Ivanka@kushnerfamily.us, Jared@trumporg.com, Ivanka@trumporg.com

OS-2018-00067 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open

[C]ommunication records to and from the following individuals in the Department of the Interior related to the award of Contract Award IS IND17PB00258 to Choice Aviation, LLC from Jan. 20 to June 23, 2017, including but not limited to the planning of the charter flight as agreed under the contract... Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication as responsive records to my request. [See Notes]

OS-2018-00078 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A keyword search (keywords listed below) of any and all emails of Interior HQ employees with the ranks of GS-15, SES, or ES I-V (or the equivalent ranks under other systems), along with the members of beachhead teams (listed below), either sent to or received from one another, sent to or received from a subordinate, or sent to or received from current and former officials (listed below) in the Office of the President or the Office of the Vice president since 11/8/16. (Continued Below)

OS-2018-00088 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 November 15, 2017 Casey Kathleen OS Completed
Exit Paperwork Filed By Joel Clement. I am requesting copies of exit paperwork, which should include exit memorandums, nondisclosure agreements, records management checklist, that were filed by Joel Clement from October 1, 2017, through the present date of this request.

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OS-2018-00070 October 06, 2017 October 10, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
All correspondence to or from Downey Magallanes that pertain to the National Monument Review required by the Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act.

OS-2018-00072 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Waldron Travis OS Open
Any written communication, including emails and memos, from Dept. of Interior employees, including Secretary Ryan Zinke, pertaining to the "Doggy Days at Interior" program, sent between March 1, 2017 and the date of this request, Oct. 9, 2017.

OS-2018-00071 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Federman Adam OS Open
Copies of all reimbursable support agreements (RSA's) between the Office of the Secretary and the White House. The date range for the request is January 20 to the present.

OS-2018-00084 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All documents and email correspondence relating to a meeting held July 12, 2017 between Patrick Soon-Shiong, Phillip Yang, Phil Gordon and David Rousseau and Interior staffers Downey Magallanes, Scott Cameron, Christine Bauserman and Ryan Zinke. All written or recorded documents from the meeting. I am also requesting all related documents and email

correspondence between any of these parties related to this meeting, sent before and after it occured. (Continued below)

OS-2018-00086 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All documents and email correspondence relating to a meeting held May 24, 2017 between representatives from Newfield Exploration Company and Interior staffers Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Christine Bauserman, Vincent Devito and Ryan Zinke. All written or recorded documents from the meeting. I am also requesting (continued below)

OS-2018-00074 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Allison Bill OS Open
1. All calendars or calendar entries for Secretary Ryan Zinke; Chief of Staff Scott Hommel; Special Assistant Caroline Boulton; Special Assistant Natalie Davis; and any political or SES appointees in the Office of the Secretary, including any calendars maintained on behalf of these individuals (e.g., by an administrative assistant). For calendar entries created in Outlook or similar programs, the documents should be produced in ¿memo¿ form (Continued below)

OS-2018-00087 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All documents and email correspondence relating to a meeting held July 19, 2017 between Rep. Kevin Cramer, Cody Ortowski, Michael Moore, Brown Pruitt, Mike Gruman, Chris Marohl and Rob MacGregor and Interior staffers Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Christine Bauserman, Kathleen Benedetto, Amanda Kaster and Ryan Zinke. Aall written or recorded documents from the meeting. I am also requesting (continued below)

OS-2018-00079 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Rosenbaum Robert OS Open
1. Documents relating to the possible establishment and/or the establishment in the State of Maine of a national monument such as that which became KWW, and/or what activities and/or uses that should or would be permitted and which activities and/or uses hould not or would not be permitted there and the reasons for such determinations, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, the following: Any summary of written or oral public comments concerning establishment of KWW (Cont. below)

OS-2018-00080 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All remarks prepared for David Bernhardt's October 5 address to the National Mining Association's board meeting at the Trump Hotel.

OS-2018-00096 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Corley Matthew OS Open
(1) Copies of all prepared remarks used by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt at the National Mining Association meeting at the Trump International Hotel - Washington, D.C. on October 4, 2017; and

(2) Copies of all documents received by
Deputy Secretary Bernhardt and/or his staff during the October 4, 2017 National Mining Association meeting at the Trump International Hotel- Washington, D.C.; and

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OS-2018-00095 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving Ryan Zinke regarding a prospective casino in Connecticut by the Mohegan and Mashantucket Tribes (a joint venture called MMCT) and a competing proposal by MGM Resorts International.

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OS-2018-00098 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
[A]ccess to and copies of communications between DOI Secretary Ryan Zinke and Whitefish Energy owner Andy Techmanski.

These communications would include, but not be limited to, emails and phone records.

OS-2018-00101 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 November 07, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
A list of all gifts that Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt has received from July 24, 2017 to the date this request is processed. Please include the origin of each gift, a brief description of each gift and the estimated monetary value of each gift.

OS-2018-00100 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Portnoy Steven OS Open
[A]ny email communications to or from the Secretary or any member of the Office of the Secretary involving the Stonewall National Monument, sent or received between Jan 20, 2017 and October 11, 2017.

OS-2018-00102 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Silverman Alex OS Open
[A]ny email communications to or from the Secretary or any member of the Office of the Secretary involving the Stonewall National Monument, sent or received between Jan 20, 2017 and October 11, 2017

OS-2018-00105 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Martinson Erica OS Open
[C]opies of letters or email communications sent between Secretary Zinke's office and the following offices, from April 14, 2017 through October 11, 2017

OS-2018-00099 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
[A]ll schedules, including but not limited to travel and/or meeting schedules, of the Assistant Deputy Secretary of the Interior Todd Willens (¿Mr. Willens¿), and of Mr. Willens¿ Chief of Staff.

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OS-2018-00104 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Murphy Allison OS Open
November 9, 2016 through the date that searches are conducted

1. Any and all records created or transmitted by or
between White House staff, including but not limited to their email addresses ending in ¿who.eop.gov,¿ including but not limited to Jared Kushner, Stephen (Steve) Bannon, Reince Priebus, John F. Kelly, Justin Clark, George Sifakis, Andrew Giuliani, Bill Stepien, Mike Catanzaro, D.J. Gribbin, George Banks, and Stephen Miller, and Interior employees regarding:

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OS-2018-00106 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Corey Jamie OS Open
request all electronic records in the possession of the following Interior Department custodians pertaining to a study called ¿Potential Human Health Effects of Surface Coal Mining Operations in Central Appalachia,¿ conducted by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine:

1. Glenda Owens
2. Patrick Braxton
3. Fred Cruise
4.
Loraine Dawkins
5. Nicola Sanchez
6. Thomas Shope

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OS-2018-00320 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Van Shooten Daniel OS Open
All records related to agency travel requests submitted to the White House for designation as ¿White House Support Missions¿ (or ¿White House Mission Designations¿) from January 1, 2016 to the present. This request includes, but is not limited to:

a. Records pertaining to the dates and itinerary of trips that were submitted.

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OS-2018-00107 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Corey Jamie OS Open
request electronic records in the possession of the following Interior Department custodians pertaining to the National Mining Association ("NMA"):

1. Ryan Zinke
2. Scott Hommel
3. David Bernhardt
4. Douglas Domenech
5. Lori K
Mashburn

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OS-2018-00108 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Corey Jamie OS Open
all electronic records in the possession of the following Interior Department custodians pertaining to the repeal of the Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform Rule (also described as the "Valuation Rule"):

1. Ryan Zinke
2. Scott Hommel
3. David Bernhardt
4. Douglas Domenech
5. Lori K Mashburn

OS-2018-00093 October 10, 2017 October 11, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of the last 20 emails sent by Secretary Zinke and a copy of the last 20 work related text messages on his Dept. of Interior issued cell phone. Please search from 6/1/17 until today (or later if those 20 messages are more recent).

OS-2018-00109 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Wagner Daniel OS Open
all emails, memos, schedule entries, text messages and other records that meet all of the following three criteria:

¿ Generated between October 1, 2017 and October 11, 2017.

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OS-2018-00103 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 January 18, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Completed
All emails, including attachments, sent or received between Deputy Secretary David Bernardt and the following individuals, from August 1, 2017 to October 11, 2017:

o Luke Johnson of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. (ldjohnson@bhfs.com)
o Marc Lampkin of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. (mlampkin@bhfs.com)
o Elizabeth Maier of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. (emaier@bhfs.com)

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OS-2018-00091 October 10, 2017 October 11, 2017 O'Connor Brendan OS Open
Records pertaining to the "Big Buck Hunter" that Secretary Ryan Zinke installed in the employee cafeteria at DOI headquarters, per this September 19 tweet from the Secretary: https://twitter.com/secretaryzinke/status/910189520036990979 I am seeking records pertaining to both the tweet announcing the game's installation as well as records pertaining the installation itself.

OS-2018-00097 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving James Cason regarding a prospective casino in Connecticut by the Mohegan and Mashantucket Tribes (a joint venture called MMCT) and a competing proposal by MGM Resorts International.

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OS-2018-00110 October 12, 2017 October 12, 2017 February 14, 2018 Exempt Information OS Completed
Exempt Information

OS-2018-00112 October 12, 2017 October 12, 2017 King Pamela OS Open
request information pertaining to the Interior Department¿s and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management¿s (¿BLM¿) decision to rescind the 2015 final rule titled ¿Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands,¿ which was introduced under the previous administration. I hereby request any and all records
pertaining to this matter dated
between Jan. 20, 2017 and July 25, 2017.

OS-2018-00113 October 12, 2017 October 12, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving David Bernhardt regarding a prospective casino in Connecticut by the Mohegan and Mashantucket Tribes (a joint venture called MMCT) and a competing proposal by MGM Resorts International.

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OS-2018-00116 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 November 08, 2017 Devine Curtis OS Completed
[C]opies of (in pdf form, where possible) all documents related to commemorative coins commissioned by Secretary Zinke, including records related to costs or funds disbursed to pay for these coins, as well as any correspondence with the words "coin" or "coins." If the Office of the Secretary does not hold records responsive to this request, CNN asks that this request be forwarded to the applicable office that would hold records related to costs or disbursements related to these coins.

OS-2018-00122 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 April 02, 2018 Merica Dan OS Completed
A copy of the following documents and communications from March 1, 2017 to the present: -All documents and communications, including emails, from the Office of the Secretary related to the acquisition, or the potential acquisition, of an airplane for use by the Department of Interior. -All documents and communications to or from the Office of the Secretary about the acquisition or potential acquisition of an airplane. -All documents and communications within, (continued below)

OS-2018-00115 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 Thapaliya Rupak OS Completed
A letter sent on or about August 28, 2017, from BakerBotts, LLP addressed to the Department of the Interior (the "Department") addressed to Secretary Zinke referencing Solicitor¿s Opinion M-37041.

OS-2018-00114 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 April 17, 2018 Casey Kathleen OS Completed
[C]opies of reports and/or memorandums that detail costs associated with the use by the Department of the Interior of [the special secretarial flag] at the Washington DC Headquarters.

OS-2018-00118 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 Joselow Maxine OS Open
I am seeking all communication from Scott Cameron, principal deputy assistant secretary for policy, management and

budget, containing any of the following terms: "Syngenta," "regulatory reform," "deregulatory," or "task force." The time frame to be searched is February 24, 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00123 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 Atwood Amy OS Open
[GROUPED/RELATED REQUESTS: 17-00413 (April 6, 2017), 17-1242 (Sept 12, 2017), & 18-123]

[A]s an update to the
Center¿s previous request submitted on September, 12, 2017.

The Center requests all of the following records from
September 12, 2017 to the date of this search:
all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails,
text messages, instant...

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OS-2018-00205 October 16, 2017 October 16, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a copy of any and all emails in 8/1/17 containing the keywords ¿shifting workforce resources closer to the DOI¿s field locations¿ sent or received by Interior staffers ES I-V level along with the other interior staff members listed below.

Aaron Joseph Thiele
Alan Wayne Mikkelsen
Alex Hinson
Scott Hommel
Lori Mashburn
Russell Roddy
Amanda
Kaster-Averill
Caroline Boulton
Natalie Davis

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OS-2018-00124 October 13, 2017 October 16, 2017 Spies Mike OS Open
Any correspondence--emails or text messages--between Laura Rigas, Scott Hommel, Heather Swift, Natalie Davis, or Ryan Zinke, and any of the following individuals: Chris Cox (employee of the NRA), Wayne LaPierre (employee of the NRA), or Susan LaPierre (recently appointed to the board of the National Parks Foundation). The correspondence should fall within the following timeframe: April 1, 2017 - October 13, 2017.

OS-2018-00125 October 16, 2017 October 16, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all travel records documenting the expenses, itineraries and reimbursed costs for Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s trip to the US Virgin Islands from March 30, 2017 to April 1, 2017, including manifests for any vehicles or aircraft used by the Secretary during this trip; any reimbursements submitted to the US government; receipts for expenses; any Secretarial Travel Routing Slips and all attachments, etc

OS-2018-00128 October 16, 2017 October 16, 2017 October 24, 2017 Lacarra Toribio OS Completed
[A]ccess to and copies of all logs of congressional correspondence regarding correspondence to or from any officials at Office of the Secretary and Rep. David Valadao between January 1, 2013, and OCtober 16, 2017.

OS-2018-00127 October 16, 2017 October 16, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all e-mails sent by or sent to Ms. Heather Swift from (and including) September 25, 2017 to October 15, 2017. This should include the entire contents of Ms. Swift¿s e-mail inbox and e-mail outbox during this time-period and should include e-mails in which Ms. Swift was merely carbon copied (¿CC¿).

OS-2018-00129 October 17, 2017 October 17, 2017 Leven Rachel OS Open
[a]ny and all e-mails between addresses ending @coalsource.com to individuals in the agency's Office of the Secretary between March 1 and the date this search is executed. [S]earch for any meetings during that time period with:

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OS-2018-00130 October 17, 2017 October 17, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
1. [A]ccess to and copies of all correspondence involving Downey Magallanes between, and including, August 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017 which includes any of the following keywords:

¿ Monument
¿ Monuments
¿ Review
¿ ¿Bears Ears¿

¿ ¿BENM¿
¿ ¿Grand Staircase¿
¿ ¿GSENM¿
¿ ¿Cascade-Siskiyou¿
¿ ¿Gold Butte¿

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OS-2018-00134 October 17, 2017 October 17, 2017 Whieldon Esther OS Open
Copies of Scott Hommel's calendar starting March 1 though the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00131 October 17, 2017 October 17, 2017 November 02, 2017 Charen Rebecca OS Completed
[C]opies of all documents outlined in detail below:

¿ Any direct correspondence with Louis (¿Lou¿) Barletta or
the staff or representatives of Louis Barletta, in his capacity as a United States Congressman, mayor, or as a private citizen (January 3, 2011 ¿ present).

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OS-2018-00138 October 18, 2017 October 18, 2017 November 27, 2017 Martinson Erica OS Completed
Copies of email and correspondence files from Feb. 1, 2017 - October 18, 2017 that are related to potential drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, particularly between the office of the secretary and members of Alaska's congressional delegation - Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Sen. Dan Sullivan and Rep. Don Young. Relevant search terms to include are "ANWR" and "Arctic National Wildlife Refuge."

OS-2018-00137 October 12, 2017 October 18, 2017 McCarthy Justin OS Open
Any and all records of travel, including expense reports, for Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke.

The time frame
for this request runs from March 1, 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00142 October 19, 2017 October 19, 2017 Stern Marcus OS Open
all written correspondence, including emails, between Secretary Ryan Zinke -- and/or his staff -- and Andrew Techmanski of Whitefish Energy Holdings LLC.

OS-2018-00143 October 19, 2017 October 19, 2017 April 17, 2018 Matt Frank OS Completed
all documents, memos, and correspondence¿including emails, written and electronic communications¿related to or mentioning Secretary Ryan Zinke's personal flag, also referred to as the secretarial flag.

The flag and it use was
described in the Washington Post:
https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/wheres-zinke-the-interior-secretarys-special-flag-offers-clues/2017/10/12/68672476-aeb2-11e7-9e58-e6288544af98_story.html?utm_term=.7b99ba90d40e

OS-2018-00139 October 18, 2017 October 19, 2017 Kustin Mary Ellen OS Open
A copy of all emails sent to the feedback@ios.doi.gov email address between and including August 1, 2017 and October 18, 2017.

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OS-2018-00144 October 19, 2017 October 19, 2017 November 08, 2017 Matt Frank OS Completed
all documents related to the Secretary of The Interior's commemorative coins bearing Secretary Ryan K. Zinke's name, including but not limited to documents related to their commissioning, cost, and all email and written correspondence about the coins.

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OS-2018-00175 October 19, 2017 October 19, 2017 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All meeting schedules and calendar entries, including lists of meeting participants, for Todd Wynn. Any CV or resume for Todd Wynn in the possession of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs or the Office of the Secretary.

OS-2018-00145 October 19, 2017 October 20, 2017 Hughes Shannon OS Open
Any and all records related in any way to the appearance/presentation that Kate MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, will make on November 16, 2017 in Grand Junction...

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OS-2018-00148 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 November 27, 2017 Ravnitzky Michael OS Completed
A copy of the FEVS (Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey) Agency Management Report for the Interior Department, for the year 2016. I also request a copy of the 2016 FEVS Trend Report for the Interior Department. (NOTE: I am NOT requesting a copy of the FEVS Agency Management Report for 2017.)

OS-2018-00146 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 James Ian OS Open
Copies of the following documents under the Freedom of Information Act: 1) all correspondence between the Interior Secretary and other parties concerning the Cadiz water project, between Jan. 1, 2017, and the present date. 2) all correspondence between Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt and other parties concerning the Cadiz water project, between Jan. 1, 2017, and the present date. 3) all documents concerning... (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00169 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 Lawson Kirt OS Open
All RFP docs related to contract number W91QUZ06D0016 2T04. These docs include: Performance Work Statement (PWS), Submission instructions (Sections L & M), Any Amendments that were released from the solicitation, Any Question and Answer doc released from the solicitation.

OS-2018-00147 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All available calendars, daily itineraries, and schedules of activities and/or meetings for Scott Cameron, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior, from June 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00152 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all records released in response to these previous FOIAs OS-2017-01296, OS-2017-01267, OS-2017-01189, OS-2017-01125, OS-2017-01121.

OS-2018-00171 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Any written communications, including emails and memos, to or from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Interior Press Secretary Heather Swift, Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason and/or Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy Vincent DeVito from March 1 to present regarding the following Native American tribes: Crow Nation in Montana; Northern Cheyenne in Montana; Ute Nation Uintah and Ouray in Utah and Colorado; Southern Ute in Colorado; Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma; [continued below]

OS-2018-00172 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 Berman Emily OS Open
Access to and copies of all communications to or from Todd Willens that mentioned "Endangered Species Act" or "ESA." The timeframe for this request is from Willens¿ first day in office to present.

OS-2018-00170 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 January 08, 2018 Lawson Kirt OS Completed
All RFP docs related to contract number IND15PD01218. These docs include: Performance Work Statement (PWS), Submission instructions (Sections L & M), Any Amendments that were released from the solicitation, Any Question and Answer doc released from the solicitation.

OS-2018-00155 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all communications between all ES I-V staff in the Office of the Secretary & any OS staff listed below & email accounts ending with "api.org" since 1/20/17: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, Micah Chambers, Virginia Johnson, Marshall Critchfield, Brian Pavlik, [cont. below]

OS-2018-00156 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all communications between all ES I-V staff in the Office of the Secretary and any OS staff listed below and staff in the and email accounts containing dhs.gov since 1/20/17. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, Micah Chambers, [continued below]

OS-2018-00157 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent to or from all ES I-V staff in the Office of the Secretary along with any OS staff listed below, from Real Clear Energy's article on Energy Cabinet Slot for Senate Seat. Please search since 1/20/17. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, [cont below]

OS-2018-00158 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent to or from all ES I-V staff in the Office of the Secretary along with any OS staff listed below for these keywords: racism, minority, discrimination abuse of power, confederate, native American, Indian. Please search since 1/20/17. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, [below]

OS-2018-00162 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails referencing the keywords "attrition" and "reassignments" sent by Staff ranking ES I-V and the staff listed below since 1/20/17. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, Micah Chambers, Virginia Johnson, Marshall Critchfield, [cont. below]

OS-2018-00165 October 22, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent by ES I-V ranking staff and the staff listed below since 1/20/17 containing the keywords "abuse of authority," "mismanagement," and "gross waste of public funds." Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, Micah Chambers, [cont. below]

OS-2018-00149 October 22, 2017 October 23, 2017 February 13, 2018 McKeown Timothy OS Completed
Any communication from or to the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks or his or her designee related to specific allegations of failure to comply [with] the National NAGPRA Program. The specific documents I am requesting include, but are not limited to the: 1) Allegation(s) of failure to comply; 2) Notice(s) of failure to comply; 3) Notice (s) of penalty assessment and penalty calculation; 4) Settlement agreement; and Museum (CONT BELOW)

OS-2018-00177 October 02, 2017 October 23, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
My request covers January 20, 2017 to the present.

All e-mails (including attachments) sent or received by any of
the following employees of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement mentioning ¿Balash¿ in the subject line, body text, or attachments:

o Any individual who has held the position of Director or Acting Director, including ¿
but
not limited to ¿ Scott A. Angelle.

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OS-2018-00163 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails and documents created in the process of drafting a memo sent to reassigned SES interior staff called ¿Rotation of SES provides an opportunity to improve talent development, mission delivery, and collaboration.¿

OS-2018-00164 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent to or from a member of the OS interior staff ranked ES I-V or anyone staff listed below to George Banks or with any email account that contains ¿accf.org.¿ Please search from 1/20/17 until the present. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, (continued below)

OS-2018-00166 October 22, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of the workforce plan the Interior Department was directed to assemble by the Office of Management and Budget.

OS-2018-00167 October 22, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open

A copy of any and all communications regarding the formation of the Executive Resources Board.

OS-2018-00159 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 January 30, 2018 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all documents, created in order to respond to a July 11, 2017 letter from Senator Udall sent to Secretary Zinke with a list of questions about the reassignment of SES staffers. I¿m also requesting any and all documents, including emails, created as part of planning the response to this letter.

OS-2018-00160 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 January 30, 2018 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all documents, created in order to respond to a August 21, 2017 letter from Senators Udall, Carper, and Heitkamp sent to Secretary Zinke with a list of questions about the reassignment of SES staffers. I¿m also requesting any and all documents, including emails, created as part of planning the response to this letter.

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OS-2018-00161 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 January 30, 2018 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all documents, created in order to respond to a October 6, 2017 letter from Representative Cummings sent to Secretary Zinke with a list of questions about the reassignment of SES staffers. I¿m also requesting any and all documents, including emails, created as part of planning the response to this letter.

OS-2018-00178 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all correspondence (email, written or otherwise) between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, and Joe Colonnetta, a general partner with and founder of HBC Investments, a private equity firm, or his staff. This request seeks records from February 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00181 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all correspondence (email, written or otherwise) between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, and any executive officer or staff member at the Montana-based energy company Whitefish Energy, including its owner Andy Techmanski. This request seeks records from February 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00183 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Evers Austin OS Open
1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, telephone call logs, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agenda, or other materials reflecting communications) relating to Puerto Rico between (i) the Secretary and/or any political appointee or SES staff in the Office of the Secretary and (ii) anyone at the following entities:
- the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- the U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers,

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OS-2018-00180 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Records of any verbal, written or electronic communications, between the office of Secretary Ryan Zinke and the office of Senator Lisa Murkowski that includes the name Tara Sweeney.

OS-2018-00182 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 April 17, 2018 Kramer Miriam OS Completed
Any and all emails related to Secretary Zinke's flag raised when he enters DOI Headquarters and lowered when he leaves.

OS-2018-00174 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Bale Rachael OS Open
All emails to/from the Office of the Secretary and sub-offices from Jan. 20, 2017 to present regarding all of the reassignments of Fish and Wildlife Service Senior Executive Service staff from June 2017, including, but not limited to: William Woody, chief of Office of Law Enforcement, Bryan Arroyo, assistant director for international affairs, Benjamin Tuggle, SW regional director, Cindy Dohner, SE regional director, any other USFWS SES staff transferred during this period.

OS-2018-00173 October 23, 2017 October 24, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of any resume or curriculum vitae for any member of the Department of the Interior¿s Royalty Policy Committee, obtained for any purpose. To be clear, I am not seeking contact information such as addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses, and will accept documents with this information redacted.

OS-2018-00176 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Cama Timothy OS Open
Copies of all emails and calendar items that mention ¿Whitefish,¿ ¿Techmanski¿ or "Colonnetta" that were sent to, received by (including cc and bcc) or in the calendars of Ryan Zinke, Caroline Boulton, Downey Magallanes, Scott Hommel, Douglas Domenech, Shirley Lewis or Nikolao Pula. Please exclude mentions of ¿Whitefish¿ that are solely referring to the Montana city. Limit the search to records created, received or sent between Aug. 1, 2017, and the date the search for this request is processed.

OS-2018-00179 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Zibel Alan OS Open
1. Any and all documents ¿including but not limited to contracts, letters, faxes, and emails, including all attachments to emails¿to or from any staff of the Interior Department related to the rebuilding of downed power lines in Puerto Rico and referencing "Andy Techmanski," "Whitefish Energy" or "American Public Power Association." This request is limited to records created or received between September 1, 2017, and the date of processing this request. and 2.
(continued below)

OS-2018-00195 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 January 24, 2018 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all emails between Indur Goklany and employees of the Cato Institute, American Enterprise Institute, Heartland Institute and the Competitive Enterprise Institute since 11/7/16.

OS-2018-00185 October 24, 2017 October 25, 2017 Smith Michael OS Open
Any and all correspondence between the Office of the Secretary (OS), and/or Secretary Ryan Zinke himself. regarding the impact of Hurricane Maria on Puerto Rico's electricity system. I would like this request to cover any communication regarding Puerto Rico's electricity system since Sept 17, just before Hurricane Maria hit the island.

Also, any
communication that refers to a company called Whitefish Energy Holdings, (continued below)

OS-2018-00186 October 24, 2017 October 25, 2017 Wallace Gregory OS Open
Access to and copies of all records of: 1. bids or offers to perform services related to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria; 2. communications between officials in the Office of the Secretary and/or Office of Insular Affairs with Whitefish Energy; and 3. communication between officials in the Office of the Secretary and/or Office of Insular affairs regarding Whitefish Energy. The communications with and regarding Whitefish Energy may name Andrew Techmanski, (continued below)

OS-2018-00188 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any communications or correspondence (email, written, or otherwise) between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, and Michael T. Reynolds, the acting director of the National Park Service, or his staff, regarding the proposed targeted fee increase at selected national park. The National Park Service
announced this proposed fee
increase on October 24, 2017 (see link in letter). This request seeks documents produced between June 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00189 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Boldt Aaron OS Open
Any email correspondence from Interior Secretary Zinke regarding Whitefish Energy, Puerto Rico, or with Whitefish Energy employees.

OS-2018-00190 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any communications or correspondence (email, written, or otherwise) between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, and any employee, associate, or staffer of the Property and Environment Research Center, a Montana-based think tank and non-profit. This request only seeks correspondence related to the topic of user fees and/or entrance fees at national parks and/or other public lands. This requests seeks documents produced between June 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00191 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Ioanes Ellen OS Open
All communications between employees in the office of Secretary Zinke regarding the following: Whitefish Energy Holdings; Puerto Rico; PREPA; Hurricanes Irma and Maria; Andy Techmanski; Ricardo Ramos; Mutual aid; Questions from representatives of the news media regarding Whitefish Energy Holdings, Puerto Rico, PREPA, Hurricanes Irma and Maria, Andy Techmanski, Ricardo Ramos or mutual aid.
All calendar entries, visitor logs, or meeting minutes (continued below)

OS-2018-00193 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails between ES I-V and SES ranking staff in the Department of Interior for the keywords, "VERA," "Voluntary Early Retirement Authority," "VSIP," "Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay," "Discontinued service retirement," and "buy-out." I also request any and all documents from the office of the Secretary related to implementing this executive order. https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/03/13/presidential-executive-order-comprehensive-plan-reorganizing-executive

OS-2018-00192 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 December 26, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all emails between ES I-V ranking staff in the Department of Interior and staff in the FOIA office related to specific FOIA requests since 1/20/17.

OS-2018-00197 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent by Virginia Burkett, Bud Cribley, Ruth Welch, Amy Leuders, Bryan Arroyo, Benjamin (Ben) Tuggle, Cindy Dohner, William (Bill) Woody, Sal (Salvatore) Lauro, and Barbara Wainman between June 16 and September 16, 2017 concerning being reassigned.

(Please send this FOIA to all the appropriate department because not
all of these staffers are in the OS.)

OS-2018-00198 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent referencing Virginia Burkett, Bud Cribley, Ruth Welch, Amy Leuders, Bryan Arroyo, Benjamin Tuggle, Cindy Dohner, William Woody, Sal Lauro, and Barbara Wainman between 5/1/17 and 9/1/17 by any members of the Interior Department OS ranking ES I-V along with the beachhead team members listed below. Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, (cont. below)

OS-2018-00199 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open

OS-2018-00216 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Brooiks Talasi OS Open
records of Secretary Zinke¿s review of the land use plan amendments for Greater Sage-grouse finalized under the Obama Administration. For purposes of this request, the ¿Zinke Report¿ refers to the Report in Response to Secretarial Order 3353 dated August 4, 2017.

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OS-2018-00213 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Corey Jamie OS Open
pertaining to a report by the Department of the Interior Actions entitled "Review of the Department of the Interior Actions that Potentially Burden Domestic Energy":

1. Ryan Zinke
2. David Bernhardt
3. Micah Chambers
4. Scott
Cameron
5. Scott Hommel
6. Lori Mashburn
7. Heather Swift
8. Susan Combs
9. Blake Deely
10. David Mihalic
11.
Katharine "Kate" MacGregor

12. Kathleen "Kathy" Benedetto
13. Dough Domenech
14. James Cason

OS-2018-00200 October 25, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a copy of any and all drafts of Secretary Zinke¿s letter to be included in the STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018 ¿ 2022

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OS-2018-00201 October 25, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a copy of any and all emails concerning the selection of a photo of Secretary Zinke to be included with his letter for the STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018 ¿ 2022

OS-2018-00204 October 25, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a copy of any and all emails in 8/1/17 containing the keyword ¿best available science¿ sent or received by Interior staffers ES I-V level along with the other interior staff members listed below.

OS-2018-00206 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Jack OS Open
a copy of any and all documents in the Office of the Secretary related to the Department of Interior¿s interest in interagency coordination and coordination across different levels in order to resolve differences without litigation as outlined by the Engaging the Nation in Cooperative Stewardship part of the DOI strategic plan for 2018-2022.

OS-2018-00207 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Jack OS Open
a list of any and all Department of Interior assets currently subject to deferred maintenance, including the date that maintenance is now required and the expected cost.

OS-2018-00208 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a list of any and all emails since 1/20/17 containing the keyword ¿healthy forests lifecycle¿ sent by Department of Interior staffers ranking ES I-V or the people listed below.

OS-2018-00209 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a list of any and all emails since 1/20/17 containing the keyword ¿malheur¿ and ¿bundy¿ sent by Department of Interior staffers ranking ES I-V or the people listed below.

OS-2018-00211 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Dickinson Timothy OS Open
all text messages and/or instant messages sent and received by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke relating to the performance of his public duties, starting from the date of his confirmation, March 1, 2017. Please include ...

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OS-2018-00212 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Dickinson Timothy OS Open
Any 2017 Interior Department records, emails, texts, memos or any other documents that mention "Andy Techmanski", "Techmanski," or "Whitefish Energy."

OS-2018-00214 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 McDermott Jennifer OS Open
a report that the Secretary sent to the White House in August 2017 on marine monuments.
any written correspondence
that the Department has received from the White House regarding that report.

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OS-2018-00215 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Acosta Deborah OS Open
Any and all communications between August 20, 2017 and the present between Secretary Ryan Zinke and: (i) Vincent DeVito; (ii) Douglas Domenech; and (iii) Heather Swift. Records of all communications between August 20, 2017 and the present to or from Secretary Ryan Zinke and/or Vincent DeVito that mention or refer to any of the following: .....

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OS-2018-00210 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a list of any and all emails since 1/20/17 containing the keywords ¿secure the border¿ and ¿border wall¿ sent by Department of Interior staffers ranking ES I-V or the people listed below.

OS-2018-00218 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
Correspondence related to the Report to the Secretary on Improving the Bureau of Land Management¿s Planning and National Environmental Policy Act Processes

¿ all correspondence, including emails, since January of 2017, now in
possession of the Department and BLM, related to the report regarding BLM¿s planning and NEPA processes.

OS-2018-00221 October 26, 2017 October 27, 2017 December 05, 2017 Marsh Rene OS Completed
A copy of the list of all senior executive service members who were reassigned since Scretary Zinke took office. Please include the date the individual was promoted to SES and demographic information including sex, age and race.

OS-2018-00234 October 23, 2017 October 27, 2017 May 16, 2018 Bale Rachael OS Completed
Report produced by Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. in 2012 for the Department of the Interior called "law enforcement functional study."

OS-2018-00224 October 27, 2017 October 27, 2017 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Any and all records related to the development and implementation of the Department of the Interior's final report titled, "Review of the Department of the Interior Actions that Potentially Burden Domestic Energy," produced in response to Executive Order 13783 and released by the Department of the Interior on October 25, 2017 (hereinafter "Energy Burdens" report).

OS-2018-00226 October 27, 2017 October 27, 2017 Meehan Kathleen OS Open
Copies of reports submitted in response to Secretarial Order 3356. These were reports from "all responsible bureaus and offices within the Department regarding recommendations to streamline and improve the permitting process for guides and outfitters on the Department¿s lands and waters, including recommendations for the development of a distinct permitting process for non-profit organizations (such as those working with youth, veterans, or underserved communities)". (continued below)

OS-2018-00229 October 27, 2017 October 30, 2017 May 16, 2018 Ferry Stephane OS Completed
The inbound and outbound call logs of Secretary Ryan Zinke for all devices used in the performance of his duties for the period beginning September 1st, 2017 to October 27th, 2017.

OS-2018-00232 October 29, 2017 October 30, 2017 Desormeau Katherine OS Open
Any and all records in the possession, custody, or control of the Department of the Interior ("the Department") that pertain to meetings on or after January 20, 2017, attended by Secretary Ryan Zinke, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, James Cason, Doug Domenech, and/or Downey Magallanes, relating to any national monument and/or to the Department's review of national monuments under Executive Order No. 13792, including: Any calendar entries, invitations, itineraries, (continued below)

OS-2018-00230 October 27, 2017 October 30, 2017 Allen Theo OS Open
(1) All communications between Secretary Zinke and Whitefish Energy Holdings between August 15, 2017 and the date the request is processed. (2) All contracts between the Department of the Interior and Whitefish Energy Holdings between August 15, 2017 and the date the request is processed. (3) All energy contracts made by the Department of the Interior in Puerto Rico between August 15, 2017 and the date the request is processed. (4) (continued below)

OS-2018-00233 October 29, 2017 October 30, 2017 October 31, 2017 Lipton Eric OS Completed
A a searchable list of all outstanding FOIA requests in a Microsoft Excel or Comma-Separated Values (CSV) format.

OS-2018-00235 October 30, 2017 October 30, 2017 Woods Elliott OS Open
Emails and any other correspondence between Whitefish Energy, LLC, HBC Investments, and any of those two companies' principals, and personnel at the Department of Interior in the Office of the Secretary, including Secretary Ryan Zinke. The principals of Whitefish Energy, LLC, are Andrew Techmanski and Joe Colonnetta, who is also a principal at HBC Investments. The time frame to be searched is March 1, 2017 until the present. (Continued below)

OS-2018-00236 October 30, 2017 October 30, 2017 Foehringer Merchant Emma OS Open
A copy of all emails, correspondence, and documents sent to and from staff at the Office of the Secretary concerning Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC as well as any documents discussing this company in conjunction with any actions in the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico between the dates of September 20 and October 30.

OS-2018-00237 October 30, 2017 October 30, 2017 January 30, 2018 Atkinson Katherine OS Completed
All agency records related to visitors of the individuals listed below on June 9, 2017. Please include all records related to the identity of the visitor of Jim Cason referred to as ¿Secretary¿s Guest¿ on the enclosed page of the June 9, 2017 visitor log. Please include in your search all records related to the identities of visitors who met or communicated with any of the following individuals: i. James (Jim) Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary; ii. Scott Cameron, (continued below)

OS-2018-00240 October 31, 2017 October 31, 2017 Tahir Darius OS Open
1) any memoranda, agendas, meeting notes, communications, or records generated as a result of the July 12, 2017 meeting with Patrick Soon-Shiong and other individuals affiliated with NantWorks 2) any communications between the Department of the Interior and any individuals affiliated with NantWorks after January 1, 2017 3) any communications, meeting notes, agenda, memoranda (continued below)

OS-2018-00238 October 31, 2017 October 31, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All available calendars, daily itineraries, and schedlues of activities for Todd Wynn, the director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, from October 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed

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OS-2018-00242 October 30, 2017 October 31, 2017 February 14, 2018 Mushrush Julia OS Completed
All records and monetary transactions concerning the Osage Kansas Land Distributons or payments to her mother and deceased father.

OS-2018-00249 November 01, 2017 November 01, 2017 Evers Austin OS Open
1. All calendars or calendar entries for any of the following individuals between the date of January 20, 2017, to the date a search is conducted, including any calendars maintained on behalf of these individuals (e.g., by an administrative assistant or a scheduler): Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary or Administrator to Secretary Zinke, James (Jim) Cason-Associate Deputy Director, Scott Hommel-Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chief of Staff, Scott Hommel (continued below)

OS-2018-00245 November 01, 2017 November 01, 2017 Creighton Sara OS Open
1) All records reflecting any actual or projected expenditures for renovations (including remodeling or changes to

decor) of any part of the office suites (including foyers, waiting rooms, conference rooms, adjacent hallways, or other common areas) for any individuals in, or acting in, Senate-confirmed (PAS) positions at your agency. 2) All communications relating to actual or potential renovations (including remodeling or changes to decor) (continued below)

OS-2018-00244 November 01, 2017 November 01, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All documents and correspondence related to the Office of the Secretary's August decision to order the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to halt a study of health risks for residents near mountaintop removal and other surface coal mining sites in the Appalachian Mountains . This requests pertains to documents and correspondence produced between January 20, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00246 November 01, 2017 November 01, 2017 Davis Aaron OS Open
Copies of all correspondence, including emails and all email attachments, sent or received by Interior employees since Sept. 1, 2017 that include the words Puerto Rico or PR as well as any of the following terms: mutual aid, transmission, distribution,"requesting entity," "providing entity," "request for mutual aid," PREPA, Whitefish, WF, Techmanski, HBC, ldwwgroup, Zinke, or Perry. 2). Further, I request any emails sent or received in the same period from (continued below)

OS-2018-00248 November 01, 2017 November 02, 2017 November 27, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Completed
Access to and copies of all digital or written correspondence between Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt and any e-mail address ending in @bhfs.com. This should include copies of e-mails sent by, sent to or carbon-copying ("CC") Mr. Bernhardt at any point since and including August 1, 2017. Additionally, I request access to and copies of documents which outline or list calls placed and calls received by Mr. Bernhardt from any telephone (including any cellphone) (continued below)

OS-2018-00255 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 November 28, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All communications records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00257 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017. Please include all records that document Bernhardt's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00259 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 January 17, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior¿s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00258 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents or correspondence, including attachments, related to the meeting Secretary Zinke held with Representative Raul Grijalva and other Democrats from the House Natural Resources committee in a secure Compartmented Information Facility on October 24, 2017. Please also include documents or correspondence, including attachments, related to the planning and location of said meeting.

OS-2018-00254 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 November 29, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
A list of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00260 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 January 23, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00253 November 02, 2017 November 03, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
1. All agency records, including but not limited to calendar entries, notes, agendas, emails, text messages, and memoranda, related to the ¿Briefing on Reorganization¿ which Secretary Zinke attended on April 26, 2017. Please include all individuals present at the meeting in your search. According to the Secretary¿s public calendar, they included: a. Scott Hommel b. James Cason c. Secretary Zinke d. Olivia Ferriter e. Gareth Rees f. Amy Holley g. Downey Magallanes h. Denise Flanagan (cont. below)

OS-2018-00261 November 04, 2017 November 06, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Communication records exchanged between the following individuals in the Department of the Interior and/or any individual employed by and/or affiliated with Whitefish Energy Holdings LLC and/or the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority related to the Whitefish Energy-PREPA contract to rebuild Puerto Rico's power grid from Jan. 20 to Nov. 1, 2017. Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of (cont. below)

OS-2018-00266 November 03, 2017 November 06, 2017 Guzy Gary OS Open
1. All draft and final documents, including but not limited to all policies, directives, training materials, other guidelines, memoranda, meeting notes, agendas, notes of telephone conversations, and electronic media, relating to Executive Order 13972 on the Review of Designations under the Antiquities Act, issued by President Donald J. Trump on April 26, 2017, and the review conducted thereunder by the Department of the Interior, as it relates to Grand Staircase Escalante (continued below)

OS-2018-00267 November 06, 2017 November 06, 2017 November 29, 2017 D'Angelo Chris OS Completed
All records related to FOIA Request OS-2017-00852.

OS-2018-00268 November 06, 2017 November 06, 2017 November 29, 2017 Mosk Matthew OS Completed
A copy of all the video footage taken by Maria Thi Mai on Secretary Zinke's trip to Cascade Siskiyou National Monument from July 14 to July 17, 2017.

OS-2018-00262 November 05, 2017 November 06, 2017 December 04, 2017 McCammon Muira OS Completed
Copies of all tweets deleted by the U.S. Department of Interior's Twitter feed (@Interior) from September 2009 to the present. This would include any tweets sent out on Twitter that were deleted or kept in draft form from the Twitter account @Interior. This request also would include copies of any e-mails or correspondence regarding the drafting and deletion of these tweets.

OS-2018-00269 November 06, 2017 November 06, 2017 November 30, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
All correspondence, including letters, memos, as well as emails and attachments, sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, that contain one or more of the following words: "coin", "commemorative coin", "flag" and/or ''secretarial flag". This request pertains to communications sent or received between January 20, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00274 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 December 06, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
Any and all correspondence, including letters, memos, as well as emails and attachments, sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or other staffers in the Office of the Secretary, that contain one or more of the following phrases. "Executive Committee for Expedited Permitting", or "ECEP" This request pertains to communications sent or received between August 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00284 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 Elliott Justin OS Open
Any emails to or from Secretary Ryan Zinke, dated between May 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed, that contain the terms "EITI" or "extractive industries."

OS-2018-00279 November 06, 2017 November 07, 2017 March 30, 2018 Mann Ted OS Completed
Access to and copies of all documents filed in a pending appeal before the Interior Board of Land Appeals for appeal that was filed in July 2015 by appellant Taylor Energy Company LLC versus respondents the US Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.

OS-2018-00285 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of the following records concerning the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's trip to Montana between October 27, 2017 -November 5, 2017. A daily schedule of the Secretary's events, meetings and activities including locations and attendees; this should include all official travel schedules for the
Secretary during this time period.
All documents related to the Secretary and any family members' government-sponsored travel during this time period; (Contd below)....

OS-2018-00271 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
A copy of every photograph taken by Department of Interior photographer Tami Heileman since March 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00276 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of records release under FOIA OS-2017-01291.

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OS-2018-00272 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 November 30, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
A list of the names and official titles of all members of the Department of Interior's Executive Committee for Expedited Permitting, or ECEP.

OS-2018-00273 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 January 18, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
Copies of all records released in response to FOIA OS-2018-00018.

OS-2018-00280 November 07, 2017 November 08, 2017 Elliott Justin OS Open
all emails dated between January 20, 2017, and the date this request is processed exchanged between the following officials:
Gregory Gould, Director of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue
Judith Wilson, Program Manager at
Office of Natural Resources Revenue

and the following outside lobbyists:

Veronika Kohler (professional email:
vkohler@nma.org)
Aaron Padilla (professional email: padillaa@api.org)
John Harrington (professional email: john.d.
harrington@exxonmobil.com)

OS-2018-00281 November 07, 2017 November 08, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving Ms. Downey Magallanes regarding the Navajo Generating Station and the Kayenta coal mine operated by Peabody Energy Company. Ms. Magallanes now holds the title of Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Advisor, and Counselor to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and previously held the title of Special Assistant to the Secretary. To assist the office in responding to this FOIA, Friends of the Earth has found (continued below)

OS-2018-00291 November 08, 2017 November 08, 2017 Young Jeff OS Open
All records in document or electronic form, such as relevant memos, email communication, letters, or meeting notes,
including but not limited to: Communications or meeting notes including DOI Deputy Sec. David Bernhardt. Communications or meeting notes including Trump administration transition team member Tucker Davis. (Contd below..)

OS-2018-00293 November 08, 2017 November 08, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
Include sufficient information for us to assess the basis for the exemption, including any interest(s) that would be harmed by release. Please include a detailed ledger which includes: 1. Basic factual material about each withheld record, including the originator, date, length, general subject matter, and location of each item; and (contd below)

OS-2018-00286 November 07, 2017 November 08, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving Ms. Downey Magallanes regarding the Grand Staircase/Escalante National Monument. Ms. Magallanes now holds the title of Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Advisor and Counselor to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and previously held the title of Special Assistant to the Secretary. Our

request covers the period when she first entered the Department in January 2017 to the date the search is conducted.

OS-2018-00287 November 08, 2017 November 08, 2017 January 18, 2018 Donaldson Kate OS Completed
Copies of public records related to your organization's procurement of distribution transformers for a research project. I am requesting the information below (see: "Requested Information") related to the following Bid Solicitation Numbers issued by the Department of the Interior: A17PS00997, A17PS01083 For each of these bid opportunities please provide copies of: The bid opportunity announcement or RFP (AKA requests for bids, requests for proposals, invitation to bid, etc). (Contd Below)

OS-2018-00289 November 08, 2017 November 09, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All available calendars, daily itineraries, and schedules of activities for Scott Hommel , the chief of staff to the Interior Secretary, from March 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed . I am a reporter for Pacific Standard magazine, and the requested documents will be made available to the general public. (Contd below)..

OS-2018-00297 November 09, 2017 November 09, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
The following records created from January 20, 2017 to March 31, 2017: All e-mails (including attachments) exchanged between any of the following Department of the Interior staff/White House staff: Any individual who held the position of Secretary or Acting Secretary of the Interior from January 20, 2017 to March 31, 2017, including ¿ but not limited to ¿ Ryan Zinke. Any individual who held the position of Chief of Staff or Acting Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Interior (continued below)

OS-2018-00298 November 09, 2017 November 09, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
The following records created from January 20, 2017 to March 31, 2017: All e-mails (including attachments) exchanged between any of the following Department of the Interior & White House staff: Any individual who held the position of Director or Acting Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs from Jan. 20 to March 31, 2017. Any individual who held the position of Deputy Director or Acting Deputy Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (cont below)

OS-2018-00290 November 08, 2017 November 09, 2017 Hegyi Nate OS Open
Request description: Any emails sent either to or from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke regarding the following ¿ ¿Blackfeet¿ ¿Harry Barnes¿ ¿Range Rider¿ ¿Badger-Two Medicine¿ ¿Troy Downing¿ ¿Badger Two Medicine¿ ¿B2M¿

OS-2018-00296 November 09, 2017 November 09, 2017 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Any communications, including emails and memos, to and from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Heather Swift, Micah Chambers, and/or Jason Jurgena from April 1 to present that mention any of the following terms and/or phrases: "bronze bust", "bust", "bronze", "Cinturati", "Sagamore", "Roosevelt", "U.S. Art Company".

OS-2018-00299 November 09, 2017 November 10, 2017 Keatinge Jenny OS Open
Records related to the Trump administration¿s consideration of a land exchange and construction of road through Izembek National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. The requested records include, but are not limited to: All records related to Secretary of the Interior Zinke¿s mandate that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service explore the option of a land trade between Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and King Cove Native Corporation. All records regarding a proposed road through (Continued Below)

OS-2018-00304 November 13, 2017 November 13, 2017 Meehan Kathleen OS Open
A copy of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks' report with specific recommendations to enhance recreational fishing, specifically regarding efforts to enhance and expand recreational fishing access, where practicable. A copy of the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management's report with specific recommendations to enhance recreational fishing, specifically regarding efforts to enhance and expand recreational fishing access, where practicable.

OS-2018-00301 November 10, 2017 November 13, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Records regarding Grand Staircase/Escalante National Monument for: All the activities of Ms. Downey Magallanes, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Advisor, and Counselor to the Secretary, regarding solely or including this monument. These activities include visits, trips, briefings, discussions, conference calls, and listening sessions not located inside the Department of the Interior headquarters building in Washington D.C. The records we request would answer the questions (continued below)

OS-2018-00302 November 10, 2017 November 13, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
A copy of Murray Energy Corp. CEO Bob Murray's "action plan." Murray describes the "action plan" in the following news article: "Bob Murray says Trump's at work on industry 'action plan,'" Hannah Northey, E&E News, Oct. 10, 2017. I also request communication records exchanged between the following individuals in the Department of the Interior and/or any individual employed by and/or affiliated with Murray Energy Corp. related to Murray's "action plan" (continued below)

OS-2018-00303 November 12, 2017 November 13, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All correspondence, including letters, memos, as well as emails and attachments, sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, Scott Hommel, James Cason, Doug Domenech, Katharine MacGregor, Scott Cameron and/or Heather Swift that contain one or more of the following words: "Joel Clement" and/or "Clement". This request pertains to communications sent or received between March 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00305 November 13, 2017 November 13, 2017 December 04, 2017 Atwood Amy OS Completed
An update to the Center's previous request OS-2018-00123. The Center requests from October 13, 2017 to the date of this search: all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails, text messages, instant messages, voicemails, and phone logs for any phones utilized by the new U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke (contd below)

OS-2018-00307 November 13, 2017 November 14, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
RE: Bernhardts Communication

From October 11, 2017 to search date: all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails, text messages, instant messages, voicemails, & phone logs for any phones utilized by the U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt ("Mr. Bernhardt") and/or

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OS-2018-00306 November 14, 2017 November 14, 2017 November 20, 2017 Arnsdorf Isaac OS Completed
Gavin Clarkson resignation letter.

OS-2018-00309 November 14, 2017 November 14, 2017 February 07, 2018 Maragos Michael OS Completed
All records from the OGOR-B reflecting the disposition of production and the volume of the product disposed for all onshore federal gas production, including the federal share of mixed agreements. Please provide the data for all disposition codes, aggregated by state, year, and disposition code, for 2006 through 2016.

OS-2018-00308 November 14, 2017 November 14, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
Copies of the following: 1. All calendar entries, schedules of meetings, agendas, lists of attendees and meeting notes for Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke from September 17 through September 22, 2017.
2. All emails, memoranda, text messages, iMessages, Google chats, instant messages, and notes from September 15 through October 3, 2017 from the following individuals containing information related to any of the following categories: Any movements of Senior Executive Service (continued below)

OS-2018-00341 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 January 03, 2018 Pendery Bruce OS Completed
Secretary Zinke's response to the May 26, 2017 letter from Representative Scott Tipton, a letter attached with the request.

OS-2018-00313 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 Murphy Allison OS Open
(see below for clarity on the types of records sought): 1. Any and all records created or transmitted by or between White House staff, including but not limited to their email addresses ending in ¿who.eop.gov,¿ and Department of Interior (¿Interior¿) employees regarding any plan or action regarding Interior¿s Senior Executive Service employees, including but not limited to reassignment, downsizing, demotion, firing, dismissal, removal, resignation, or other job-related change. (contd below)

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OS-2018-00311 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Any communications, including emails and memos, to and from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Interior Press Secretary Heather Swift, Micah Chambers, Christopher Salotti and/or Amanda Kaster-Averill from January 1, 2017 to present that mention any of the following terms and/or phrases: "422 acres", "422", "smallest area compatible", "predetermined outcome", "political advocacy".

OS-2018-00315 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
From the U.S. Department of the Interior ("Interior"): All records from January 20, 2017 through the date of the

agency's search for responsive records that mention and/or discuss the Interior's closure of the U.S. Geological Survey ("USGS") Eastern Geographic Science Center in Reston, Virginia. (contd below)

OS-2018-00312 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
Regarding 25 Species Listing Denials

All records mentioning, including, referencing and/or generated in connection with the species' status assessments for the "12-Month Findings on Petitions to List 25 Species as Endangered or Threatened Species." Attachment A (25 Species Denial FR).

OS-2018-00314 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 December 18, 2017 Charboneau Liz OS Completed
Incoming-And-Outgoing Correspondence Between The United States Department Of The Interior And Martha McSally From January 3, 2015 Through The Present. I am requesting copies of incoming-and outgoing correspondence between the United States Department of the Interior and Martha McSally, in her capacity as member of the United States House of Representatives, from January 3, 2015 through the present.

OS-2018-00317 November 16, 2017 November 16, 2017 January 29, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Completed
All correspondence (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes and memoranda) to and from Interior staff, from January 1, 2017 to present, that mention any of the following terms or phrases: "elephant", "elephants", "trophy", "trophies", "import trophies", "safari", "sport-hunted", "sport hunting", "enhancement finding", "Zimbabwe", "Zambia", "African wildlife".

OS-2018-00316 November 16, 2017 November 16, 2017 January 30, 2018 Bale Rachael OS Completed
All emails to and from Sec. Ryan Zinke and any email addresses at the domain @safariclub.org and @firstforwildlife that contain one or more of the following the terms: ¿elephant,¿ ¿elephants,¿ ¿loxodonta,¿ or ¿Loxodonta Africana.¿

OS-2018-00318 November 17, 2017 November 17, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
From the U.S. Department of the Interior ("Interior"): All records mentioning, including, and/or referencing the Public Land Order 7787 as identified in recommendation 13 from Table 1 of the document "USDA Final Report Pursuant to Executive Order 13783 on Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth," which was generated as a result of Executive Order 13783 (Mar. 28, 2017).1 (contd below)

OS-2018-00323 November 17, 2017 November 17, 2017 Levitan Benjamin OS Open
Correspondence between the DOI Office of the Secretary ("OS")¿including OS's employees and contractors and anyone else who is a custodian of OS records¿and any outside party, including any employees, contractors, attorneys, lobbyists, or other representatives of any oil and gas trade organization or company in the oil and gas industry. EDF seeks correspondences relating to any of the following topics: a. "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation," (cont below)

OS-2018-00321 November 17, 2017 November 17, 2017 Keever Marcie OS Open
Department of the Interior produce the following documents and records within 20 business days: All communications and meetings involving Ms. Downey Magallanes regarding the Navajo Generating Station and the Kayenta coal mine operated by Peabody Energy Company. Ms. Magallanes now holds the title of Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Advisor, and Counselor to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and previously held the title of Special Assistant to the

Secretary.

OS-2018-00324 November 17, 2017 November 17, 2017 January 09, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Completed
All correspondence (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes and memoranda), from November 8, 2016 to present, between Interior Department staff (including employees of the Fish and Wildlife Service) and President Donald Trump's sons, Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump.

OS-2018-00319 November 16, 2017 November 17, 2017 March 16, 2018 Diamond Jeremy OS Completed
Copies of all records relating to any communication, electronic or otherwise, between Donald Trump, Jr. (President Donald Trump's son) and Interior Department officials including, but not limited to, communication between Donald Trump, Jr. and Secretary Ryan Zinke since Secretary Zinke was sworn in as Interior Secretary.

OS-2018-00325 November 17, 2017 November 20, 2017 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
All correspondence to or from Ryan Zinke, Heather Swift, Micah Chambers, John Tanner, Dominic Maione, Douglas Domenech, Gary Frazer (Assistant Director for Endangered Species, USFWS), Katharine MacGregor (Acting Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management) and/or Jason Larrabee (Acting Assistant Secretary for FWS), that mention any of the following terms and/or phrases: "marine mammal", "SEA Act", "Marine Mammal Protection Act", "MMPA", "seismic", "whale", "dolphin", "incidental take".

OS-2018-00327 November 17, 2017 November 20, 2017 Siegler Kirk OS Open
Between January 20, 2017 and November 17, 2017 for all four of the following: All email correspondence between Secretary Ryan Zinke and addresses with the "@trumporg.com" domain, All email between Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and addresses with the "@trumporg.com" domain, all email between Secretary Ryan Zinke and Donald Trump, Jr., all email between Chief of Staff Scott Hommel to Donald Trump.

OS-2018-00322 November 20, 2017 November 20, 2017 November 20, 2017 Exempt Information OS Completed
Exempt Information

OS-2018-00326 November 17, 2017 November 20, 2017 Brooks Wilma Lynn OS Open
[R]equesting "eligibility criteria" for Native American women spousal benefits, including calculating monthly benefit allowances.

OS-2018-00331 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Oslund Joe OS Open
All e-mails (including attachments) between any employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and any
employee or representative of the Office of the Governor of Puerto Rico that mention any of the following search
terms:
o Whitefish
o Montana
o Techmanski
o Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority
o PREPA

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OS-2018-00329	November 21, 2017	November 21, 2017	Mercer Leo	OS	Open

A copy of all letters of reprimand and/or suspension given to Interior Department employees from January 20, 2017, to August 30, 2017.

OS-2018-00337	November 21, 2017	November 21, 2017	Dillon Lauren	OS	Open

All records (including ' but not limited to - calendar entries or notes, visitor logs, agendas, meeting notes, or meeting minutes) relating to any meetings between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke (contd below)

OS-2018-00332	November 21, 2017	November 21, 2017	Dieter Austin	OS	Open

E-mails (including attachments) between any employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority Chief Executive Officer Ricard Ramos mentioning any of the following search terms: "Whitefish", "Montana", "Techmanski", "Maria", "Irma", "Hurricane", "Zinke". (contd below).

OS-2018-00334	November 21, 2017	November 21, 2017	Meyers Ellen	OS	Open

Email communication, meeting notes and "lessons learned" reports with key words "Denmark" and "offshore wind" from Oct. 1, 2017 to Nov. 3, 2017. Specifically, I would like meeting notes and minutes that pertain to Danish energy minister Lars Christian Lilleholt and U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's meeting on Oct. 26, 2017.

OS-2018-00333	November 21, 2017	November 21, 2017	Graham Caroline	OS	Open

E-mails (including attachments) exchanged between the following employees of the Office of Insular Affairs and any employee or representative of "Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC", including ' but not limited to ' the following: Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs, Douglas W. Domenech, Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, Shirley Lewis (contd below)...

OS-2018-00336	November 21, 2017	November 21, 2017	Sarge Matt	OS	Open

E-mails (including attachments) exchanged between the following employees of the Office of Emergency Management and any employee or representative of ¿Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC¿, including ¿ but not limited to ¿ the following: (contd below)

OS-2018-00330	November 21, 2017	November 21, 2017	Bauer Nick	OS	Open

E-mails (including attachments) exchanged between any employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and ¿Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC¿ or any employee or representative of ¿Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC¿, including ¿ but not limited to ¿ the following: Chris Chiames, Spokesman (This search should include, but not be limited to, the email address ¿chris.chiames@ldwwgroup.com¿)

OS-2018-00340	November 22, 2017	November 22, 2017	Green Miranda	OS	Open

I would like to be provided with communications between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Fish and Wildlife Staff that includes the search terms language "trophy" and/or "trophies" and/or "elephant" and/or "elephants".

OS-2018-00339	November 27, 2017	November 27, 2017	Baracker Theresa	OS	Open

I believe this information to be in the possession of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), Human
Resources Division. Under provisions of Freedom oflnformation Act, please provide the following requested
information.
1. All information regarding development of OST policy for non-application oflndian Preference law. This
includes names of those who participated in development, drafts, solicitor opinions, and any and all related
documentation;

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Subject						
OS-2018-00343	November 28, 2017	November 28, 2017	January 24, 2018	Leopold Jason	OS	Completed
Emails, memos, letters, reports sent, received by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke that mentions or refers to ObamaCare and Lisa Murkowski. The search should include any emails from eop.gov. The timeframe for my request is July 1, 2017 through August 1, 2017.						
OS-2018-00344	November 28, 2017	November 29, 2017		Evers Austin	OS	Open
1. Records sufficient to identify all employees who entered into a position at the agency as "political appointees" since April 3, 2017 and the title or position of each employee (to the extent that such individuals have held multiple titles or positions since April 3, 2017 identify each title or position). For purposes of this request, please consider any employee in a PAS position, a presidentially-appointed position, a non-career SES position, a Schedule C position, (continued below)						
OS-2018-00346	November 29, 2017	November 29, 2017		Schreiber Benjamin	OS	Open
The following records regarding Escalante/Grand Staircase National Monument for: All visits, trips, meetings, briefings, discussions, listening session, and other activities by Secretary Ryan Zinke. The records we request would answer the questions of what Secretary Zinke did, who took part, who paid for what, and what did the activity and its components cost. The records we seek include: a. All expense and reimbursement forms for each activity (continued below)						
OS-2018-00345	November 28, 2017	November 29, 2017		Rony Alexander	OS	Open
Emails between July 1, 2017 and November 20, 2017 mentioning "elephant" that were sent to or from any of the following individuals: 1. Assistant Deputy Secretary Todd Willens 2. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Aurelia Skipwith 3. Director of the Office of International Affairs Karen Senhadji						

OS-2018-00369 November 29, 2017 November 29, 2017 January 10, 2018 Feinberg Ashley OS Completed
Any discussion of or any reference to "Donald Trump Jr," "Don Jr," "Trump Jr," or "Don Trump" since January 20, 2016.

OS-2018-00348 November 30, 2017 November 30, 2017 Cheatham Kathy OS Open
[A] copy of the full Administrative Report of the Tulsa Office Investigation conducted the
week of March 6, 2017 by
Deborah Lloyd, Program specialist (Denver, CO).

OS-2018-00350 November 28, 2017 November 30, 2017 Jones Karianne OS Open
1)All correspondence and communications, including attachments, received or sent by Interior officials regarding the decision to withdrawal from the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative. Please include all communications that mention Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative or EITI. Searches should include any communications involving the White House, State Department, as well as from individuals outside of government.

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OS-2018-00372 November 30, 2017 November 30, 2017 Rosenbaum Robert OS Open
Possible establishment and/or the establishment in the State of Maine of a national monument such as that which became KWW, and/or what activities and/or uses that should or would be permitted and which activities and/or uses should not or would not be permitted there and the reasons for such determinations, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, the following:(contd below)

OS-2018-00347 November 30, 2017 November 30, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of any documents concerning Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason's meetings with any employee or representative of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP at any point since & including May 1, 2017. Copies of any documents brought to meetings involving Mr. Cason, copies of any documents describing the substance and contents of any of these meetings, & copies of any e-mails between Mr. Cason and any e-mail address ending in "@bhfs.com" sent or received during this time period.

OS-2018-00357 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 17, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior¿s headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Nov. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior¿s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00359 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 31, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 2017.

These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-00360 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of records related to two meetings between Downey Magallanes and representatives of Energy Fuels and Kinder Morgan.

Energy Fuels. Downey Magallanes Met With Darrin Munoz and William Goranson on July 17, 2017. Darrin Munoz was the Director of Faegre Baker Daniels Consulting¿s energy and environment consulting practice. Darrin Munoz has lobbied for Energy Fuels Resources, Inc. William Paul Goranson was Executive Vice President of ISR Operations at Energy Fuels.

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OS-2018-00355 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 23, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All communications records concerning communications that mention Trump, Ivanka, Kushner and/or Observer in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00358 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardts schedule from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 2017.

Please
include all records that document Bernhardts schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00361 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 08, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
Request the following records for the processing notes for FOIA request number OS-2018-00269.

OS-2018-00349 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
The processing notes for my previous FOIA request assigned the control number OS-2018-00081.

OS-2018-00354 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 10, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
A list of special government employees (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00370 December 04, 2017 December 04, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Travel expenses - including air and vehicle travel, security expenses , food expenditures and hotel accommodations - during his December 4, 2017 trip to Utah to announce the resizing of the Bears Ears National Monument and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument .

OS-2018-00365 December 04, 2017 December 04, 2017 Reardon Sara OS Open
A list of DOI grants and cooperative agreements over $100,000 that have been ordered to stop work in 2017 pending budget review. This list was referenced by DOI in relation to a study by the National Academies. http://www8.nationalacademies.org/onpinews/newsitem.aspx?RecordID=8212017&_ga=2.85687257.1979571121.1503258766-1869263420.1485459941

OS-2018-00368 November 27, 2017 December 04, 2017 February 13, 2018 Ebbini Ramzi OS Completed

Any direct correspondence between your agency and North Dakota State Senator Tom Campbell or the staff of North Dakota State Senator Tom Campbell between January 2012-present; any direct correspondence between your agency and Tom Campbell of North Dakota, born February 1959, between January 1987-present.

OS-2018-00373 December 05, 2017 December 05, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails, including attachments, sent or received between Acting Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management Katharine MacGregor and any representative of the American Petroleum Institute (using the email domain ¿@api.org¿) or the Western Energy Alliance (using the email domain ¿@westernenergyalliance.org¿) which reference the ¿Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation¿ rule, published in the Federal Register November 18, 2016.

OS-2018-00371 December 05, 2017 December 05, 2017 Paul Ellen OS Open
Airborne Hunting Act (16 U.S.C. 742 j-l) provides that (2) In any case in which a State, or any agency thereof, issues a permit referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection, it shall file with the Secretary of the Interior an annual report containing such information as the Secretary shall prescribe.. (contd below)

OS-2018-00378 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails, including attachments, sent or received by DOI Press Secretary Heather Swift which reference Patagonia, Inc., or which otherwise contain the term ¿Patagonia.¿ The timeframe of my request is December 4, 2017 to December 6, 2017.

OS-2018-00377 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 June 05, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
December 5, 2017, Secretary Zinke hosted a telephone briefing regarding the National Monument Report (¿the briefing¿). According to a media advisory, ¿credentialed members of the news media¿ received access to the event by emailing ¿Alex at Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov¿ to obtain the dial-in information. Following the briefing, several reporters stated that they were told they were excluded from the briefing while on hold waiting for it to begin. (contd below)

OS-2018-00381 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails, including attachments, sent or received between the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Katharine MacGregor and the below-identified individuals which reference the final rule ¿Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform¿ (2017 Valuation Rule) published by the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) on July 1, 2016. (contd below)

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Subject						

OS-2018-00382 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 Rosenbaum Robert OS Open
1. Expansion of PRIMNM ultimately effectuated by Presidential Proclamation 9173, including, by way of illustration and not limitation,

¿ communications, other than through public comments, with any person outside each of your agencies or offices concerning what land, waters or other objects should be included or excluded from the expansion of PRIMNM and/or the uses which should be permitted or prohibited in that expansion, (contd below)

OS-2018-00375 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all documents outlining the attendees and content for the December 4, 2017 call involving members of the National Association of Counties and concerning the National Monument changes announced by President Trump on that same date. This should include, but not be limited to, copies of any list of participants on the call; copies of any minutes or notes taken by DOI staff during the call, and copies of any other document which outlines the content of the call.

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OS-2018-00385 December 07, 2017 December 07, 2017 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
[A]ccess to and copies of Communications from Vincent DeVito to Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and/or Secretary Ryan Zinke. You may limit your search to communications after September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00383 December 07, 2017 December 07, 2017 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
[A]ccess to and copies of Copies of communications received in the account [feedback@ios.doi.gov]. You may limit your search to messages received after September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00384 December 07, 2017 December 07, 2017 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
[A]ccess to and copies of Copies of all photos taken by Tami Heilemann that include any of the following people: Ryan Zinke, his wife (Lolita "Lola" zinke), Scott Hommel, David Bernhardt, Vincent DeVito. You may limit your search to photos taken after September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00386 December 07, 2017 December 07, 2017 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
[A]ccess to and copies of Communications from Press Secretary Heather Swift to Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and/or Secretary Ryan Zinke. You may limit your search to communications after September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00387 December 07, 2017 December 07, 2017 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
[A]ccess to and copies of Communications sent to or from (including also as :cc: or bcc:) the Department of the Interior's Office of the Secretary, which is also to or from (including also as :cc:: or bcc:) anyone using an email address incorporating the @ballard-partners.com domain name. You may limit your search to communications sent or received between August 1, 2017 to the present

OS-2018-00388 December 07, 2017 December 07, 2017 Schoenhut Karimah OS Open
Re: October 24, 2017 proposal where National Park Service Recreation Fee Program announced drastic increase in entrance fees at 17 of the most accessed national parks during the contiguous five month period of highest visitation for each park. 1. Documents providing factual support for the published conclusion that the proposed fee increases "will likely increase total entrance fee revenues from $199.9M to $268.5M." 2. Documents providing economic analysis of the impact (continued below)

OS-2018-00396 December 07, 2017 December 07, 2017 Meakins Kyle OS Open
Information related to the Interior Secretary's decision to rescind National Monument designations. This is to include the complete correspondence of all public comments received during the public comment period. It also includes correspondence with interested parties such as tribal, local, and state officials. (contd below)

OS-2018-00389 December 07, 2017 December 07, 2017 Santos Rose OS Open
A customer insists that BLM did issue an award under RFQ 1199566, but BLM has no record of it. BLM only placed an order on a BPA that the Department has. This is a request for the information on the award for this contract. (In response to BLM-2017-00987)

OS-2018-00391 December 07, 2017 December 07, 2017 December 28, 2017 Abgaryan Alina OS Completed
Any and all records or documents related to construction projects at the Willits Depot/Northwestern Pacific Depot/Willits Roundhouse in Willits, California from the early 1900s to 1980s. This request includes any and all facility building plan documents, architectural plans, photographs, specifications, drawings, material lists, blueprints, change orders, prime or general contracts, or subcontracts. Documents which identify the name of any entity involved in any construction (continued below)

OS-2018-00394 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Green Miranda OS Open
Provided with interagency agreements made between the Department of the Interior and the Executive Office of the President between January 20, 2017 to today.

OS-2018-00411 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes containing one or more of the following words or phrases: "Bears Ears", "national monument", "uranium", "Mark Chalmers", "Andrew Wheeler", "Faegre Baker Daniels", "Mary Bono", "William Paul Goranson", and/or "Energy Fuels Resources".

OS-2018-00395 December 07, 2017 December 08, 2017 January 09, 2018 Ruprecht Paul OS Completed
Currently-pending appeals before IBLA and Departmental Cases Hearings Division (OHA). Copies of all notices of appeal for actions currently pending before OHA, regardless of subject matter, in which the appellant is represented by Budd-Falen Law Offices, LLC or any of its attorneys. The docket or reference number or code assigned to each of the appeals indicated above.

OS-2018-00397 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Edge Tom OS Open
Copy of an August 3, 2017 letter to the President of the United States signed by several congressmen regarding coordination with state and local governments. It appears the Secretary of Interior was cc'd a copy of the correspondence. I would like any responsive letters or communications regarding the August 3, 2017 letter.

OS-2018-00398 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Vickers David OS Open
Determine 1.) if there is any indication that there was any meeting between Sec. Ryan Zinke and Rep. Claudia Tenney;
2.) what the topic or (better still) the content of that meeting was. (contd below)

OS-2018-00399 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Vergano Dan OS Open
Copies of all communications/public records to/from the office of Joshua Campbell (joseph_campbell@sol.doi.gpbv), advisor in the Office of the Solicitor, and Katherine MacGregor (katherine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov), Deputy AS for Land and Minerals Management, regarding the agency-wide review of grants&cooperative agreements totalling more than $1 million that led to the Aug 18 letter to the NAS calling for a halt in all activities under Cooperative Agreement S16AC20034, dating from 4/12 to 12/8/17.

OS-2018-00409 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by counselor for Energy Policy Vincent DeVito containing one or more of the following words or phrases: "Bears Ears", "national monument", "uranium", "Mark Chalmers", "Andrew Wheeler", "Faegre Baker Daniels", "Mary Bono", "William Paul Goranson'', and/or "Energy Fuels Resources".

OS-2018-00418 September 29, 2017 December 11, 2017 Dillion Lauren OS Open
BLM's Idaho State Office staff which reference Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's review of national monument designations for Craten of the Moon National Monument in accordance with Executive Order 13795, "Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act," dated April 26, 2017. The time frame of my request is April 26, 201 7 to August 3 1, 201 7.(contd below)

OS-2018-00400 December 08, 2017 December 11, 2017 Woods Elliott OS Open
Any correspondence between the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and the House Natural Resources Committee and any HNRC committee staff pertaining to the decision to launch a social media advertisement titled "Patagonia is Lying To You," or containing the words "Patagonia" or "Outdoor Industry."

OS-2018-00401 December 09, 2017 December 11, 2017 Cole Matthew OS Open
Copies of the travel authorizations and associated travel vouchers filed by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke since his confirmation as Secretary of the Interior.

OS-2018-00402 December 10, 2017 December 11, 2017 Ruaro Randy OS Open
Copies of all emails sent or received by Pat Pourchot from an email address for the office of former Senator Mark Begich. This would include from any staff person or former Senator Begich himself. I believe such emails would have the word "Begich" and / or "Senate.gov" in them.

OS-2018-00403 December 10, 2017 December 11, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
A list of all social media accounts blocked by the all of the Department of the Interior's social media accounts, including but not limited to the Twitter accounts @Interior, @SecretaryZinke, @DOIDepSec, @DOIPressSec and all other social media accounts listed on DOI's website. Please consider records identifying social media accounts blocked by DOI's archived social media accounts ¿ also listed on DOI's website ¿ as not responsive records to my request.

OS-2018-00406 December 11, 2017 December 11, 2017 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of Communications sent to or from (including also as :cc: or bcc:) the Department of the Interior's Office of the Secretary and VIGOP PAC Treasurer Scott MacKenzie. You may limit your search to communications sent or received since March 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00414 December 12, 2017 December 12, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Following documents for every telephone briefing or press conference in 2017.
¿ A copy of the participant list;
¿ A
copy of the transcript of the briefing; and,
¿ A copy of the audio recording of the briefing.
It is my understanding
that Public Information Officer Frank Quimby (frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov) is the custodian of these records.

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OS-2018-00687 December 12, 2017 December 12, 2017 O'Connell Joseph OS Open
¿ Any direct correspondence between your agency and U.S. Representative Marsha Blackburn or the staff of U.S.
Representative Marsha Blackburn between January 2003- present.
¿ Any direct correspondence between your agency and
Marsha Wedgeworth Blackbum of Tennessee, bom 01/21/1961, between January 2003- present.

OS-2018-00408 December 12, 2017 December 12, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
The identity of the visitor of Jim Cason referred to as ¿Secretary¿s Guest¿ on the enclosed page of the June 9, 2017
visitor log, obtained from https://edit.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/17-00801ca.pdf. Please include in your
search all records related to the identities of visitors who met or communicated with any of the following individuals:
(contd below)

OS-2018-00416 December 13, 2017 December 13, 2017 Cama Timothy OS Open
Any records related to meetings that included both Ryan Zinke and Joshua Tree National Park Superintendent David Smith
at the Main Interior Building between Nov. 1, 2017 and Nov. 30, 2017. This includes, but is not limited to, calendar
entries, invitations, attendance lists, agendas, materials exchanged, recordings, photographs and follow-up
communications.

OS-2018-00423 December 14, 2017 December 14, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Correspondence, including attachments, between Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes (downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov)
and L. Michael Bogert (mbogert@parsonsbehle.com) of the law firm Parsons Behle & Lattimer. This request pertains to
records produced between January 20, 2017 and June 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00428 December 14, 2017 December 14, 2017 Ballard Benjamin OS Open
Text messages of Secretary Ryan Zinke using the terms "Puerto Rico", "PR", or "Maria".

OS-2018-00417 December 14, 2017 December 14, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, between Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes and Department of Commerce staffer Earl Comstock (ecomstock@doc.gov) that contain one or more of the following words or phrases.

"national monument ", "monument", "monuments", "Bears Ears ", and/or "Grand Staircase-Escalante ". This request pertains to communications sent or received between April 1, 2017 and the date this reques this processed.

OS-2018-00421 December 14, 2017 December 14, 2017 Foote Donald OS Open
Please provide a copy of the Unique Position Description (PD) used to fill the 120-dcay non competitive detail to a GS 15 for Melvin Capers, Office of Valuation Services (OVS). I have requested a copy of the PD from the OVS Director, John Ross and the Human Resource Specialist, Judith Schnittker.

OS-2018-00430 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 Vardi Itai OS Open
1. The Secretary and/or any member of his staff and employees and/or representatives of the company PROOF Research, from 1.1.2017 to 12.15.2017. Personnel from the DOI may include, but not be limited to, Secretary Ryan Zinke, Russel Roddy, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, Downey Magallanes, Nancy Guiden, and Scott Hommel. (contd below)

OS-2018-00432 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 Cama Timothy OS Open
Copies of records sufficient to show the identities and alleged inappropriate behavior that caused Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to fire four employees, as he mentioned in the Dec. 14, 2017, video, "Interior's Work Environment Survey Results" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Np9YpailJ6c).

OS-2018-00433 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of communications to and from the Interior Secretary's office, including those in which OS staff are included in cc: or bcc:, discussing Nita Vail or the California Rangeland Trust. You may limit your search to communications sent after March 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00431 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 March 16, 2018 Berman Emily OS Completed
Copies of all communications between Todd Wynn and any email account that does not belong to the federal government.

OS-2018-00434 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 Ioanes Ellen OS Open
[Request regarding inappropriate sexual misconduct or predation] Line item budgets detailing any payouts for settlements of any kind. Any communication (email, text message, memo or phone call readout) from the Office of Policy, Management and Budget regarding the payment of such settlements. Any communication from the Office of the Inspector General regarding the payment of such settlements. Any communication from the Office of the Solicitor regarding the payment of such (continued below)

OS-2018-00429 December 14, 2017 December 15, 2017 Woods Elliott OS Open
1. On Dec. 5, 2017, [regarding] a conference call with Secretary Zinke pertaining to President Trump's decision to downsize the Bears Ears & Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments.

a. [A]ll correspondence from employees in the Office of the Secretary from Dec. 1, 2017, to the present that mentions Outside Magazine, Elliott Woods, or Weston Phippen.

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OS-2018-00436 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 January 24, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Completed
Copies of any and all complaints filed by staff within the Office of the Secretary related to the Department of the Interior¿s FOIA policy from January 20, 2017 through the present date of this request.

OS-2018-00443 December 18, 2017 December 18, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
All records mentioning, including, referencing, and/or generated in connection with Interior's directive to the North Cascades National Park ("North Cascades NP") to stop work on its environmental impact statement regarding grizzly bear recovery in the North Cascades Ecosystem. See generally Rob Chaney, North Cascades grizzly bear recovery work halted by Interior Department, Missoulian [link in request letter].

OS-2018-00439 December 16, 2017 December 18, 2017 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
1. Any and all records documenting, discussing, and/or describing actions by the Secretary's Office, including the Deputy Secretary of the Interior and Assistant Secretaries, to comply with Secretarial Order 3355, entitled, ¿Streamlining National Environmental Policy Act Reviews and Implementation of Executive Order 13807, 'Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects.'¿ 2. the recommendations made (continued below)

OS-2018-00440 December 18, 2017 December 18, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
That the Office of Policy Analysis produce regarding the Office's use of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (5 CFR part 334) in calendar years 2016 and 2017 for: a. The names, positions, locations, & job descriptions of persons from other units of government or non-government ("other") entities serving in the Office at a pay rate equal to or higher than that of Grade 13 ($74,584 per year or $35 per hour); b. The assignment agreements for each person; c. The cost-sharing agreement (cont. below)

OS-2018-00448 December 18, 2017 December 18, 2017 March 13, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Completed
Requests regarding the Office use of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (5 CFR part 334) in calendar years 2016 and 2017 for:
a. The names, positions, locations, and job descriptions of persons from other units of government or non-government (other) entities serving in ONRR at a pay rate equal to or higher than that of Grade 13 ($74,584 per year or $35 per hour); b. The assignment agreements for each person; c. The cost-sharing agreement for each person;

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OS-2018-00437 December 15, 2017 December 18, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All photographs of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke created by Department of the Interior employees and/or contractors

from Jan. 20, 2017 to the date that this FOIA request is processed. Public and non-public/private events, including but not limited to meetings, speeches, press conferences, portraits, candid shots. Activity that Zinke took part in for official business. Include relevant information with each photograph - names of each individual photographed, date, location and subject matter.

OS-2018-00438 December 15, 2017 December 18, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All multimedia recordings, including audio and video recordings, of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke created by Department of the Interior employees and/or contractors from Jan. 20, 2017 to the date that this FOIA request is processed. Public and non-public multimedia recordings of Zinke at public as well as private events, including but not limited to meetings, speeches, press conferences, portraits, candid shots and any other activity that Zinke took part in for official business.

OS-2018-00454 December 19, 2017 December 19, 2017 January 10, 2018 Colman Zack OS Completed
All responsive documents and materials for the following FOIA requests which have been wholly or partially completed as of the date of this request: 1) OS-2017-00840; 2) OS-2017-00834; 3) OS-2017-00849; 4) OS-2017-00848; 5) OS-2017-00850; 6) OS-2017-00342; 7) OS-2017-00456; 8) OS-2017-00513 Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication as responsive records to my request.

OS-2018-00456 December 19, 2017 December 19, 2017 January 10, 2018 Kravitz Derek OS Completed
The department's list of current and former special government employees, or "SGEs," hired between Jan. 20, 2017, and the date this request is ultimately fulfilled, along with the employee¿s name; hire date; agency title; office and department; hiring authority; government pay scale, step and salary; and separation date, if applicable.

OS-2018-00455 December 19, 2017 December 19, 2017 January 24, 2018 Choma Russ OS Completed
Any correspondence between the Definers Corp, also known as Definers Public Affairs or DefinersDC, and the DOI Office of the Secretary between January 20, 2017 and Dec 19, 2017. Please send the correspondence and requested information on a rolling basis, and do not wait until all correspondence is compiled to fill the request.

OS-2018-00446 December 19, 2017 December 19, 2017 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All documents & email correspondence between Joshua Tree National Park Superintendent David Smith and members of the Office of the Secretary at Interior, including, but not limited to Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, Ryan Zinke and David Bernhardt. This is in regards to 15 tweets sent by Joshua Tree¿s Twitter account on Nov. 8. Keywords "climate," "climate change," "tweets." Please include documents and emails from Nov. 1 ¿ Dec. 15, 2017 between Smith and employees (continued below)

OS-2018-00451 December 18, 2017 December 20, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Regarding the Office¿s use of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (5 CFR part 334) in calendar years 2016 and 2017 for: a. The names, positions, locations, and job descriptions of persons from other units of government or non-government ("other") entities serving in the Office of the Secretary at a pay rate equal to or higher than that of Grade 13 ($74,584 per year or $35 per hour); b. The assignment agreements for each person; c. The cost-sharing agreement for each person; (continued below)

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OS-2018-00453	December 20, 2017	December 20, 2017	January 10, 2018	Mroch Douglas	OS	Completed
Appraisal review that was completed on the appraisal written by Tom Dunagan for Sportsmans Lodge parcel on the Kvichak River in Alaska						
OS-2018-00457	December 19, 2017	December 20, 2017		Atkinson Katherine	OS	Open
[Request regarding David Bernhardt, James Cason aka Jim Cason, Daniel Jorjani, Katharine (Kate) MacGregor, Mary Pletcher, Lori Mashburn, Scott Hommel, Scott Cameron, Natalie Davis, Nancy Guiden, Brendan Quinn] 1. All agency records regarding David Bernhardt's employment with the Department of the Interior from January 20, 2017, through September 10, 2017. The response should include records regarding Mr. Bernhardt's role at DOI prior to his confirmation, including any authority (continued below)						
OS-2018-00458	December 19, 2017	December 20, 2017		Niedenthal John	OS	Open
Beginning in January of 2105 through December 31, 2017: Any and all documents and communications between Department of Interior staff and officials, Insular Affairs staff and the people of Bikini Atoll, and all documents and communications between Departments Interior staff between themselves, having to do with the affairs of the people of Bikini Atoll, especially concerning the rules and laws pertaining to the Resettlement Trust Fund for the People of Bikini Atoll (continued below)						
OS-2018-00460	December 20, 2017	December 20, 2017		Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of the following records: Any contracts between the Department of the Interior and Definers Public Affairs (aka Definers Corp.); Any correspondence involving any of the following individuals and Mr. Allan Blutstein or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @definersdc.com; @ntknetwork.com; @americarisingcorp.com or @americarisingpac. org at any point since and including January 20, 2017: Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; Chief of Staff Scott Hommel; (continued below)						
OS-2018-00461	December 20, 2017	December 20, 2017		Federman Adam	OS	Open
Any/all correspondence or communication between the Department of the Interior and Definers Public Affairs, an opposition research firm, and the company's president Joe Pounder. Definers had a $120,000 contract with the EPA that it recently terminated and the company said that four other agencies had expressed an interest in similar contracts. This request is seeking to determine whether DOI was one of those four agencies. The time frame for the request is January 20, 2017 to December 20, 2017.						
OS-2018-00452	December 19, 2017	December 20, 2017	December 21, 2017	Sneed Tierney	OS	Completed
A log showing all FOIA requests made to the office, to include date of request, name of requester, subject of request, tracking number and final disposition if applicable.						

OS-2018-00464 December 14, 2017 December 21, 2017 January 12, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All electronic correspondence, including attachments, between Interior Department employee James Schindler Uames_schindler@ios.doi.gov) and L. Michael Bogert (mbogert@parsonsbehle.com) of the lawfirm Parsons Behle & Lattimer. This request pertains to records produced between January 20, 2017 and June 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00462 December 20, 2017 December 21, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
1. Copies of all processing notes and search slips for OS-2017-01174. 2. A copy of all correspondence, including emails, text messages, Bison Connect communications, or any other communications between Executive Schedule Level IV and higher ranking staff in the Department of the Interior (¿DOI¿) and any staff in the FOIA office related to OS-2017-01174. 3. A copy of all correspondence, including emails, text messages, Bison Connect communications, or any other communications (continued below)

OS-2018-00465 December 22, 2017 December 26, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Records related to the alternatives proposed by Energy Fuels Resources. This includes any briefings, presentations, maps, reports, or other records offered to the Department of Interior by Energy Fuels Resources. (According to Energy Fuels Resources, "very early in the Administration¿s monument review process, we offered two alternatives for some minor boundary adjustments to fringes of BENM that we believe interfered with our existing operations. Those adjustments [[continued below]]

OS-2018-00472 December 20, 2017 December 26, 2017 January 16, 2018 Matti Carlos OS Completed
Copies of all direct correspondence with Martha McSally, or the staff or representatives of Martha McSally, in her capacity as a United States Congresswoman (January 1, 2015 - present).

OS-2018-00467 December 22, 2017 December 26, 2017 January 25, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
Copies of records released under the following FOIAs: OS-2017-00922, OS-2017-00932, OS-2017-00877, OS-2017-00140, OS-2017-00162, OS-2017-00175, OS-2017-00280, OS-2017-00741, OS-2017-00885, OS-2017-00914, OS-2017-00915, OS-2017-00314, OS-2017-00096, OS-2017-00109, OS-2017-00132, OS-2017-00140, OS-2017-00890, OS-2017-00963, OS-2017-01022, OS-2018-00232, OS-2017-01101, OS-2017-01107, OS-2017-01099, OS-2017-01112, OS-2018-00257, OS-2018-00347, OS-2018-00248, OS-2018-00307, OS-2018-00070 (cont below)

OS-2018-00473 December 26, 2017 December 26, 2017 January 18, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Completed
All communications (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes and memoranda), from January 1, 2017 to present, between Downey Magallanes and employees/representative of Peabody Energy Corporation.

OS-2018-00468 December 22, 2017 December 26, 2017 Santos Rose OS Open
A copy of the following documents identified to IND14PC00038 / RFP D12PS50899. Contract and modification, including all relevant SOW/PWS. Please reference our FGI case number in the subject line when corresponding for this request.

OS-2018-00471 December 25, 2017 December 26, 2017 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
The following communication records from the Secretary's Office of the U.S. Department of the Interior:
1. Any and all
electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of Kathleen Benedetto, who is currently identified as a Senior Advisor to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and has also been on staff with the Department of the Interior. For purposes of this request, the term "electronic mail addresses"

means (continued below)

OS-2018-00476 December 26, 2017 December 28, 2017 June 05, 2018 Silverman Alex OS Completed
copies of any and all written communication to or from Assistant Deputy Secretary Todd Willens, sent between Oct. 5, 2017 and Oct. 11, 2017, regarding any of the following: 1) flag(s). 2) flagpole(s). 3) the Stonewall National Monument (STON).

OS-2018-00479 December 28, 2017 December 28, 2017 Ouellet Nicky OS Open
Email exchanges between Interior Department Press Secretary Heather Swift & staff from the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement or the Bureau of Land Management regarding the expansion of Westmoreland Coal Company's Rosebud Mine in Montana-may reference phrases such as: Rosebud Mine Area F expansion; WECo; draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and comment period; Colstrip, Montana; Rosebud County, Montana; Treasure County, Montana. Between November 1 and December 28, 2017.

OS-2018-00477 December 28, 2017 December 28, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
1. Copies of all processing notes and search slips for OS-2018-00024. 2. all processing notes and search slips for OS-2018-00237. 3. all processing notes and search slips for OS-2018-00253. 4. all correspondence, including emails, text messages, Bison Connect communications, or any other communications to/from David Bernhardt or on which he was copied, between July 1, 2017 & the date of your response to this request, that include the following terms: a. Whistleblower b. Leak (continued below)

OS-2018-00478 December 28, 2017 December 28, 2017 Hettrick Mikel Ann OS Open
On either September 25, 26, or 27, Mr. Zinke had a meeting concerning the wild horses. In attendance was Mrs. Pckens, PETA, and other well known organizations. Also, in attendance was as Anna Marie Orchard from Reno, Nevada. I would like the date to this meeting, how miss Orchard represented herself, how did she get the privilege of attending this meeting. I would like the reason for this meeting and specifically how miss. Orchard added to this meeting.

OS-2018-00480 December 29, 2017 December 29, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
Lists of all participants (beyond those identified in the Secretary¿s April 2017 calendar, available at https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/17-00535ca.pdf), copies of agendas, notes, minutes, briefing books, emails, text messages, Bison Connect communications, or any other materials created during, for, in preparation for, or as a result of the April 24, 2017 Meeting on the Jones Act.

OS-2018-00481 December 29, 2017 December 29, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All the Department of the Interior's communication records related to the Dec. 28, 2017 Associated Press news story entitled "US studying 60-million-ton expansion of Montana coal mine" as well as the AP's initial Dec. 22, 2017 news story that incorrectly said DOI planned to expand the Rosebud Mine located in the northern Powder River Basin near Colstrip, Mont. Please consider any DOI emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as (continued below)

OS-2018-00483 January 02, 2018 January 02, 2018 Gamino John OS Open
1. A list of all persons and/or organizations Secretary Zinke met with at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, Las Cruces NM on July 27th, 2017. Please also include any accessible notes, transcripts, or records from the meeting (s). 2. All emails to and from Secretary Zinke that include the phrase "Organ Mountains" or otherwise concern the

monument review of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, from 4/25/2017 to the present date (1/2/2018 or when searched).

OS-2018-00485 January 02, 2018 January 03, 2018 Hart Peter OS Open
Records in the possession or control of the Department of the Interior and Department of Justice regarding SG Interests I, and VII LTD. v. Zinke, Case No. 17-cv-00376-REB (D. Colo.). The litigation is regarding the cancellation of improperly issued oil and gas leases (and more). For purposes of this request, the term ¿Agencies¿ includes any offices of the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Interior Office of the Solicitor, the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, (continued below)

OS-2018-00487 January 02, 2018 January 03, 2018 Bushyhead Joe OS Open
Records in the possession of the Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary (DOI OS) regarding settlement discussions with plaintiffs in Utah's statewide R.S. 2477 litigation, whether relating to all or any of the individual cases or claims alleged therein. First, records relating to any such communications with attorneys or representatives of the plaintiffs in the statewide R.S. 2477 litigation; from the date the DOI OS commenced its search for FOIA request OS-2017-01323 (cont. below)

OS-2018-00488 January 02, 2018 January 03, 2018 Bushyhead Joe OS Open
[Related to OS-2017-01221] Records in the possession or control of the Department of Interior Office of the Secretary (DOI OS) regarding discussions with plaintiffs in Kane County, Utah (1) v. United States, Case Nos. 2:08-cv-00315-CW (D. Utah) & 13-4108 (10th Cir.). The litigation concerns the scope and nature of three adjudicated R.S. 2477 rights-of-way across federal land¿the Skutumpah Road, Park Wash/Swallow Park route, and North Swag route. (continued below)

OS-2018-00493 January 04, 2018 January 04, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All available documents or correspondence, including attachments, produced by Douglas Domenech, Lori Mashburn, or their respective staffers or secretaries, that relate to or mention the ''State Think Tank Briefing" that occurred in Secretary's conference Room 5160 on June 22, 2017 This records request pertains only to records produced between February 1, 2017 and October 30, 2017.

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OS-2018-00491 January 04, 2018 January 04, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
A copy of the following documents identified to IND13PD00586 (ALLIANT - GS00Q09BGD0048): 1. Copy of the Order with CURRENT SOW/PWS; WE DO NOT SEEK PRICING.

OS-2018-00502 January 05, 2018 January 05, 2018 Hughes Shannon OS Open
Any and all records related in any way to the Bridger Coal Company's proposed mining plan modification for federal coal

lease WYW-02727 at the Jim Bridger Mine, located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. Public Notice of Availability for the Jim Bridger Coal Mine Complex Mining Plan Modification Environmental Assessment and unsigned FONSI, March 21, 2017, https://www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/bridgerMineWY2727/documentLibrary.shtm.

OS-2018-00495 January 04, 2018 January 05, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all records related to Secretarial Order 3357, which is entitled, ¿Temporary Delegation of Authority to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks,¿¿ which was signed by the Deputy Interior Secretary on October 17, 2017.

OS-2018-00497 January 04, 2018 January 05, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all records related to Secretarial Order 3358, entitled, ¿Executive Committee for Expedited Permitting,¿ which was signed by the Interior Secretary on October 25, 2017.

OS-2018-00498 January 04, 2018 January 05, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all records related to Secretarial Order 3360, which is entitled, ¿Rescinding Authorities Inconsistent with Secretary¿s Order 3349, ¿American Energy Independence¿,¿ which was signed by the Deputy Interior Secretary on December 22, 2017.

OS-2018-00499 January 04, 2018 January 05, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all records related to Secretarial Order 3359, entitled, "Critical Mineral Independence and Security," which was signed by the Interior Secretary on December 21, 2017.

OS-2018-00501 January 05, 2018 January 05, 2018 March 13, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
[A] copy of the Department of the Interior's premium class travel report for the 2017 fiscal year.

OS-2018-00494 January 04, 2018 January 05, 2018 Brown Matthew OS Open
All emails, memos, text messages and other communications sent or received by employees of the Office of the Secretary between the period of Jan 1, 2017 and Dec. 31, 2017 regarding the pending application from Westmoreland Coal Company through its subsidiary Western Energy Company for a proposed new coal mining permit area (C2011003F) known as Area F and located in Colstrip, Montana

OS-2018-00516 January 05, 2018 January 08, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
1. Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of Heather Swift, who is identified as the Press Secretary for the U.S. Department of the Interior¿s Office of Communications. For purposes of this request, the term "electronic mail addresses" means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es) maintained
(continued below)

OS-2018-00508 January 05, 2018 January 08, 2018 January 10, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
A list of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018. A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202.

OS-2018-00513 January 05, 2018 January 08, 2018 February 21, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018. These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-00511 January 05, 2018 January 08, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018. Please include all records that document Bernhardt's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00519 January 08, 2018 January 08, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of communications to and from the Office of the Secretary discussing the use of a security personnel to accompany Secretary Ryan Zinke on his August 2017 personal vacation. You may limit your search from June 2017 to September 2017.

OS-2018-00514 January 05, 2018 January 08, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
1. Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of Joe Balash, who was recently confirmed as the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management for the U.S. Department of the Interior. For purposes of this request, the term "electronic mail addresses" means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es) [continued below]

OS-2018-00517 January 08, 2018 January 08, 2018 January 19, 2018 Kick Russ OS Completed
OHAs FOIA logs for 2016 and 2017, which include a field for the subject of each request and a field for final disposition. It is fine to leave out Privacy Act requests.

OS-2018-00509 January 05, 2018 January 08, 2018 February 26, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All communications records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018.
Please consider any emails,
letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication found in your agency's correspondence log that mention one or more of these terms as responsive records to my request. (continued below)

OS-2018-00515 January 05, 2018 January 08, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
1. Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of Wesley "Luke" Bullock, who is currently identified as an "Advance Representative to the Secretary" for the U.S. Department of the Interior. For purposes of this request, the term "electronic mail addresses" means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es) (continued below)

OS-2018-00512 January 08, 2018 January 08, 2018 February 22, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee

Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior's visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00524 January 09, 2018 January 09, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
All records mentioning, including, referencing, and/or generated in connection with all potential Gold Butte National Monument (¿Gold Butte NM¿) management plans, the inclusion or exclusion of Gold Butte NM in the Southern Nevada Resource Management Plan (¿RMP¿) revision, the inclusion or exclusion of Gold Butte NM in the RMP revision public input period ending February 2, 2018, and/or the timeline for the Gold Butte NM management plan.

OS-2018-00521 January 08, 2018 January 09, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
A copy of each email to or from Heather Swift that contains the word FOIA. You may limit this request to the time frame July 20, 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00520 January 08, 2018 January 09, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
The mission statement and members of the NEPA subgroup led by the Department of Interior's James Cason, as referenced in his December 12 testimony to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

OS-2018-00523 January 09, 2018 January 09, 2018 Marcotty Josephine OS Open
Copies of all communications generated between Jan. 1, 2017 and the date you receive this request that are related to the 12-22-2017 reversal of M-37036, Twin Metals Minnesota Application to Renew Preference Right Leases (MNES¿01352 and MNES-01353). That should include, but not be limited to, emails, letters, memos, reports and other documents shared among staff and political appointees at the Bureau of Land Management, the Office of the Solicitor, (continued below)

OS-2018-00522 January 09, 2018 January 09, 2018 Davidian Geoff OS Open
This is a request for all emails to or from Heather Swift (Interior Department spokesperson) that contain the following phrase (without the quotation marks: "talking points". My request is for the period July 12, 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00530 January 10, 2018 January 10, 2018 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All records concerning Kathleen "Kathy" Benedetto's schedule from March 1 to Dec. 31, 2017. Please include all records that document Kathleen Benedetto's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00532 January 10, 2018 January 10, 2018 Braun Stephen OS Open
All correspondence, emails, internal memos or any other written documents pertaining to Senator Ryan Zinke's decision and January 9, 2018 announcement that the state of Florida would be granted an exemption from the expansion of offshore oil and natural gas drilling announced by the Trump administration; All written communications, memorializing communications between Secretary Zinke, his chief of staff and other Interior officials with Florida Gov. Rick Scott (continued below)

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OS-2018-00531	January 10, 2018	January 10, 2018		Patterson Brittany	OS	Open
All records concerning Katharine MacGregor's schedule from March 1 to Dec. 31, 2017. Please include all records that document Katharine MacGregor's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.						
OS-2018-00535	January 10, 2018	January 10, 2018		Grogg Adam	OS	Open
All communications and correspondence, including attachments: 1. regarding Florida and the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. 2. with representatives of the state of Florida and the office of Governor Rick Scott regarding the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. This includes any and all communications sent from the domain names "@flgov.com" and "@eog.myflorida.com." (continued below)						
OS-2018-00533	January 10, 2018	January 10, 2018		Moss Bradley	OS	Open
This request seeks copies of Department of Interior ("DoI") records, including cross-references, memorializing the following: 1) Communications between DoI officials and Governor Scott (or appropriate officials for the State of Florida) ¿ including verbal communications memorializing in writing ¿ regarding the proposal to permit new offshore drilling off the coast of Florida; and 2) Communications among DoI officials ¿ including verbal communications (continued below)						
OS-2018-00534	January 10, 2018	January 10, 2018		Spitler Paul	OS	Open
The following records (referred to in this request as the ¿Financial Disclosure and Recusal Records¿) for each individual listed below: 1) Office of Governmental Ethics (¿OGE¿) Form 278e ¿ Public Financial Disclosure; 2) Any documentation of recusals, including, but not limited to, screening arrangements, written recusals, or other records of recusals, due to actual or perceived conflicts of interest under 18 U.S.C. § 208, or any other provision of law, policy, or ethics guidance. (cont. below)						
OS-2018-00526	January 09, 2018	January 10, 2018		Jenkins Eric	OS	Open
Electronic communication, including but not limited to email communication pertaining to the removal of the Florida coastline from offshore drilling.						
OS-2018-00527	January 10, 2018	January 10, 2018		Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open
Access to and copies of correspondence to and from Kate MacGregor, Secretary Ryan Zinke and Vincent DeVito discussing the inclusion of Florida or the Eastern Gulf of Mexico in Interior's most recent OCS (also known as offshore leasing) plan proposal. This request will also include correspondence between Kate MacGregor mentioning Florida Governor Rick Scott. You may limit your search to correspondence sent or received after April 1, 2017.						
OS-2018-00528	January 10, 2018	January 10, 2018		Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open
Access to and copies of communications to and from Russell ("Rusty") Roddy and Caroline Boulton mentioning Secretary Zinke's January 9,2017, flight to and from Tallahasse, Florida.						

OS-2018-00529 January 10, 2018 January 10, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Incoming-And-Outgoing Email Correspondence On Offshore Drilling Between The Florida Governor's Office And The Office Of The Secretary. Search should be performed with a keyword search for "offshore" and/or "drilling." Search should be limited to the members of the Governor's Office listed below at their email addresses ending in "@eog.myflorida.com". Individuals To Search: Rick Scott, Jackie Schutz, Carlos Lopez-Cantera, John Tupps, Kristin Olson. All email from April 1, 2017 through present.

OS-2018-00525 January 09, 2018 January 10, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
A copy of the following documents identified to IND16PD00778 for "DISASTER CREDIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (DCMS) SUPPORT": 1. Task Order with SOW/PWS 2. Original and complete RFP with amendments and attachments.

OS-2018-00541 January 11, 2018 January 11, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
All Incoming-And-Outgoing Email Correspondence Regarding The Governor of Florida, Rick Scott, Between The Office Of The Secretary and The Executive Office of the President... from January 1, 2018 through the present date of this request. The search should be limited to communications regarding Rick Scott and/or the Florida Governor's Office. The search should be limited to communications with members of the Executive Office of the President with email addresses using the domain "@who.eop.gov".

OS-2018-00543 January 11, 2018 January 11, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Copies of all meeting minutes and/or transcripts of meetings attended by both Secretary Zinke and Florida Governor Rick Scott on January 9, 2018 as available.

OS-2018-00542 January 11, 2018 January 11, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Copies of all email correspondence between the Office of the Secretary and the Council on Environmental Quality from January 1, 2018 through the present date of this request. The search should be limited to communications regarding Rick Scott and/or the Florida Governor's Office. The search should be limited to communications with members of the Council on Environmental Quality with email addresses using the domain "ceq.eop.gov". (continued below)

OS-2018-00538 January 11, 2018 January 11, 2018 Wallace Gregory OS Open
Access to and copies of all notes and records documenting communications and meetings between department officials, including Secretary Ryan Zinke, and oil company officials, lobbyists and representatives. We seek this information from March 1, 2017 through the date the search is performed.

OS-2018-00539 January 11, 2018 January 11, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all correspondence, including emails and attachments, between Press Secretary Heather Swift and her fellow Interior Department officials that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: "Joel Clement", "Clement", and/or "whistleblower". This request seeks records produced between June 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed .

OS-2018-00536 January 10, 2018 January 11, 2018 Knight Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of emails (including their attachments) between U.S. Interior Department officials and officials within Florida governor Rick Scott's administration regarding the 2019-2024 offshore leasing proposal now under consideration (83 Federal Register 829). I am requesting all relevant emails and their attachments over between January

20, 2017, and January 10, 2018.

OS-2018-00540 January 11, 2018 January 12, 2018 Christ Maggie OS Open
All factual materials, reports, and other evidence that the Department of the Interior considered in reaching its conclusion to exempt Florida from expanded offshore drilling; - The written request that Secretary Ryan Zinke told the Washington Post he received from Governor Scott in which Scott "expressed in writing a desire to have a meeting," according to the Secretary; - All correspondence with the office of Florida Governor Rick Scott; (continued. below)

OS-2018-00537 January 12, 2018 January 12, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke that mentions Florida Governor Rick Scott or the National OCS Program. The search should include emails from eop.gov. This request's timeframe is from November, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00545 January 12, 2018 January 12, 2018 May 25, 2018 Long Susan OS Completed
Raw data files covering FOIA request-by-request info similar to those required to be made publicly available by the 2016 FOIA Improvement Act using the software routines the agency has recently perfected. The period covered by this initial "test" production will include all of FY 2017 and the first quarter of FY 2018, and will encompass the entire Department of Interior. This FOIA request replaces the July 2017 requests TRAC submitted for similar data that were referred to the (cont. below)

OS-2018-00546 January 12, 2018 January 12, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
The following records: Emails, to include attachments, sent/received by Nikolao Pula, Director of the Office of Insular Affairs which reference Secretary Ryan Zinke's visit to U.S. Virgin Islands on or about March 30, 2017. Request includes emails which contain or reference: Agendas or itineraries for Secretary Zinke's visit; Any summary of, follow-up, or ¿after-action¿ report on Secretary Zinke's visit; Discussion of possible or proposed attendees of events with Secretary Zinke; (cont. below)"

OS-2018-00544 January 11, 2018 January 12, 2018 Exempt Information OS Open
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OS-2018-00549 January 12, 2018 January 12, 2018 February 09, 2018 Exempt Information OS Completed
Exempt Information

OS-2018-00556 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason that contains one or more of the following words or phrases : "harassment", "sexual harassment ", "LGBT" , "retaliation'', "gay", "reassignment'' and/or "whistleblower" The search should include emails from eop.gov . This request's timeframe is from June 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00557 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke that contains one or more of the following words or phrases "harassment", ''sexual harassment", "LGBT", "retaliation", "reassignment' and/or "whistleblower". The search should include emails from eop.gov This request's timeframe is from

June 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00558 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Press Secretary Heather Swift that contains one or more of the following words or phrases : "harassment", "sexual harassment ", "LGBT" , "retaliation'', "gay", "reassignment'' and/or "whistleblower" The search should include emails from eop.gov. This request's timeframe is from June 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00559 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt that contains one or more of the following words or phrases : "harassment", "sexual harassment ", "LGBT" , "retaliation'', "gay", "reassignment'' and/or "whistleblower" The search should include emails from eop.gov. This request's timeframe is from August 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

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OS-2018-00553 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of 1) Any email, text, meeting minutes and post-meeting notes, digital or hand-written, containing lists of reporters; any other lists categorizing reporters by type; 2) Any email, text, meeting minutes and post-meeting notes, digital or hand-written, to and from Interior¿s OS communications staff members, including Interior agency-level communications staff members, containing guidance or best practices for corresponding with members of the press, (continued below)

OS-2018-00555 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 McKenna Kara OS Open
Access to the following records for the time period January 1, 2018 to the present: 1. All records reflecting communications¿including, but not limited to, e-mails, electronic messages, memoranda, letters, text messages, call logs, calendars, & hand-written notes¿between Secretary Zinke and/or other DOI personnel & the Florida Governor¿s Office, including Governor Rick Scott, and/or other Governor¿s Office personnel, relating to the Governor¿s request that lands offshore of Florida (cont. below)

OS-2018-00548 January 12, 2018 January 16, 2018 Unknown Last Name Jesse OS Open
Document described in the Political Correspondence log as EST-00005381 "Regarding Former Bureau of Land Management" sent on 10/23/2017 to James Cason.

OS-2018-00581 January 16, 2018 January 17, 2018 May 23, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Completed
Megan Bloomgren's CV and/or Resume; Megan Bloomgren's calendar for the entire time she maintained one at DOI; Exit Paperwork Filed by Megan Bloomgren. I am requesting copies of exit paperwork, which should include exit memorandums,

nondisclosure agreements, records management checklist, that were filed by Megan Bloomgren.

OS-2018-00564	January 17, 2018	January 17, 2018		Charen Rebecca	OS	Open

Access to the following public records: Any correspondence between Florida Governor Richard L. Scott and/or the Office of the Governor and the Department of Interior from Department of Interior from December 18, 2017, through January 11, 2018; Any internal correspondence and travel records regarding Secretary Ryan Zinke's January 4, 2018, announcement on offshore oil drilling. Direct correspondence should include letters, (continued below)

OS-2018-00554	January 17, 2018	January 17, 2018	January 23, 2018	Exempt Information	OS	Completed

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OS-2018-00567	January 17, 2018	January 17, 2018		Coleman Jesse	OS	Open

All photographs and all video including audio taken by Tami Heilmann from January, 1 2017 to the current date.

OS-2018-00568	January 18, 2018	January 18, 2018		Sax Sarah	OS	Open

1. Written notices of reassignments sent to Interior Department Senior Executive Service (SES) members from May 1st, 2017 to the date this request is processed. 2. Written consent waivers for reassignments sent by SES members. 3. Any correspondence between Ryan Zinke and Senior Executive members that contains content relating specifically to reassignment including but not limited to comments, complaints, notices, negotiations, and meeting notes 4. Drafts of the "larger strategy" (contin. below)

OS-2018-00560	January 16, 2018	January 18, 2018		Dahl Kelly	OS	Open

[regarding Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, Micah Chambers, Christine Bauserman, Amanda Kaster -Averill , Richard Cardinale, Joe Balash, Katharine MacGregor, James Cason, Marshall Critchfield] All internal and external documents, undated or dated between January 20, 2017 and January 20th, 2018, regarding M-37049 or the reversal of M-37036, including but not limited to Department of the Interior documents, Bureau of Land Management Documents, and Bureau of Land Management Eastern States (cont below)

OS-2018-00561	January 18, 2018	January 18, 2018		Exempt Information	OS	Open

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OS-2018-00570	January 18, 2018	January 18, 2018		Evers Austin	OS	Open

1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or other materials) regarding offshore drilling generally or the ¿2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program¿ specifically between DOI and any of the following: a. Governor Rick Scott of Florida (continued below)

OS-2018-00566	January 17, 2018	January 18, 2018		Whieldon Esther	OS	Open

Copies of all "daily communications report"s where "Heather Swift" is listed as one or all of the parties from which the report is sent and where the report is sent "TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications" and occurring from March 1, 2017, through the date this request is processed. An example of the type of report I'm seeking is found on PDF pages 38-41 on these posted FOIA records (continued below)

OS-2018-00569 January 18, 2018 January 18, 2018 Banks James OS Open
Relating to President Trump's recent "Presidential Proclamation Modifying the Bears Ears National Monument" issued on December 4, 2017, see Pres. Proc. No. 9681, Modifying the Bears Ears National Monument, 82 Fed. Reg. 58,081 (Dec. 4, 2017) (hereinafter "Revocation Proclamation") and...Ryan Zinke's "Final Report Summarizing Findings of the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act" which the DOI finally made public on December 5, 2017 (hereinafter "Final Report"). (continued below)

OS-2018-00572 January 19, 2018 January 19, 2018 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Any and all records related to or concerning the Mancos-Gallup Resource Management Plan and proposed Amendment (Mancos RMPA) for the Farmington Field Office in New Mexico which have been created, received, and/or transmitted by the Office of the Secretary since January 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00574 January 19, 2018 January 19, 2018 Parker Margaret OS Open
Any and all records in the Department of Interior¿s ("The Department") possession, custody or control that pertain to whether to remove Florida from the Proposed 2019-2024 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program ("Proposed Program"), as Interior Secretary Zinke publicly stated on January 9, 2018 that he was doing.

OS-2018-00575 January 19, 2018 January 19, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
March 1 memo from the White House on Presidential Infrastructure Initiative.

OS-2018-00576 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Keever Marcie OS Open
The following records regarding Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date she took a position within the Department (believed to be in April 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request:a. All records that reflect/concern each meeting & activity she has actually attended or scheduled on matters before the agency concerning its mission (this would exclude such events as holiday parties and other social activities) (cont. below)

OS-2018-00577 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Keever Marcie OS Open
The following records regarding meetings attended by Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date she took a position within the Department (believed to be in April 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: All records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at each such meeting she attended including, but not limited to draft and final agendas for the meeting, handouts and other materials (continued below)

OS-2018-00587 January 21, 2018 January 23, 2018 Adkins Barbara OS Open
Please send me a copy of "DHO Guideline Manual" to the above address.

OS-2018-00589 January 22, 2018 January 23, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
All records, from Jan 20, 2017 to the date of this search, mentioning, including, and/or referencing academic studies, reports, and/or other research materials published, funded, or otherwise sponsored by certain entities and/or authored by certain university professors and other research professionals, including but not limited to those referencing Utah State University, Southern Utah University, Arizona State University, University of Arizona, the Institute for

Political (cont. below)

OS-2018-00582 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
Slides from the 1.) March 2, 2017 National Economic Council Principals Infrastructure Meeting and slides from the 2.) April 11, 2017 National Economic Council Principals infrastructure Meeting.

OS-2018-00583 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
The most recent copy of the Department of the Interior's Planning for Potential Infrastructure Initiative. Please limit this search to Jan 1, 2017 and Jan 19, 2018.

OS-2018-00596 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 March 15, 2018 Funk LeAnne OS Completed
A current list of all Office of the Secretary employees. Include the following fields in a ¿Comma separated format¿ (CSV) or Excel format: Employee Full Name, Agency Name and Location, Employee Work Email Address, Job Title, Salary

OS-2018-00578 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Keever Marcie OS Open
The following records within 20 business days regarding Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date she took a position within the Department (believed to be in April 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: All records regarding travel undertaken by Katharine MacGregor for her role as Deputy Assistant Secretary, including but not limited to itineraries, expenses, draft speeches, transcripts and photos.

OS-2018-00591 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Rylander Jason OS Open
Any records maintained in any form reflecting communications between the Department and any non-government individuals, organizations, or entities relating to the issuance of Solicitor's Opinion M-37050 The Migratory Bird Treaty Act Does Not Prohibit Incidental Take, issued December 22, 2017 ("Opinion M-37050"). This encompasses communications that took place both before and after issuance of the Opinion; Any records maintained in any form reflecting communications (continued below)

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OS-2018-00590 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 April 13, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Completed
Copies of all emails, including attachments, sent or received by the following Interior employees which reference the DOI's Royalty Policy Committee, including ¿ but not limited to: Nominations of individuals received to serve on the Royalty Policy Committee; The scheduling and logistics of meetings of the committee; and Agendas for meetings of the committee. DOI Employees: James Schindler, Designated Federal Officer; and Kim Oliver, Office of Natural Resources Revenue. (time frame below)

OS-2018-00592 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of correspondence to or from the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Chief of Staff, and Communications Director that mention the phrase "trail warrior" or "trail warriors."

OS-2018-00593 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Incoming-And-Outgoing Email Correspondence Secretary Of The Interior Ryan Zinke & The Office Of Acting Director Of The National Park Service Michael T. Reynolds Regarding The 2018 Government Shutdown. Copies of all correspondence between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and the Office of Acting Director of the National Park Service Michael T. Reynolds between January 15 2018 & January 22, 2018-search should be limited to correspondence that contains the words "shutdown" and/or "shut down".

OS-2018-00594 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Incoming-And-Outgoing Email Correspondence Secretary Of The Interior Ryan Zinke And Employees of Proof Research. I am requesting copies of all correspondence between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and any email addresses at the domain "@proofresearch.com" between March 1, 2017 and January 23, 2018.

OS-2018-00584 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
All records mentioning, including, referencing, and/or generated in connection with U.S Fish and Wildlife Service's ("FWS") involvement in the U.S. Air Force ("USAF") Nevada Test and Training Range ("NTTR") expansion into the Desert National Wildlife Refuge ("DNWR"), including but not limited to: 1. Records of communications between Interior, FWS Region 8, FWS Southern Nevada Field Office, and DNWR staff; (continued below)

OS-2018-00595 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
I am requesting copies of all email correspondence between the Office of the Secretary and the Executive Office of the President from November 14, 2017 to November 20, 2017. The search should be limited to communications containing the word "elephant". The search should be limited to communications with members of the Executive Office of the President with email addresses using the domain "@who.eop.gov".

OS-2018-00597 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Wright Michael OS Open
Copies of the following records: 1. All communications between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, or his staff or representatives, and all divisions of the U.S. Department of Agriculture regarding the quarantine of Yellowstone bison sent or received from March 2, 2017 through the date this request is processed. 2. All communications between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, or his staff or representatives, and Yellowstone National Park regarding the transfer of bison from Yellowstone (continued below)

OS-2018-00603 January 24, 2018 January 24, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
Any and all correspondence, information, and/or records generated and/or received by the
Department of the Interior,
the Department¿s Office of the Solicitor, or the Bureau of
Land Management, since November 1, 2016, related to the
preparation and issuance of
M-37049 and to the Project. [Remainder in Notes]

OS-2018-00604 January 24, 2018 January 24, 2018 November Rachel OS Open
[A]ny and all email communications by Indur Goklany referencing the name "Gina" (Specifically Gina McCarthy) from July 1st, 2013 to the present.

OS-2018-00605 January 24, 2018 January 24, 2018 Herz Nathaniel OS Open
[A]ll records in possession of the Interior Department that were created in support of the Jan. 22, 2018 "agreement for the exchange of lands" between the United States of American and King Cove Corp.

OS-2018-00606 January 24, 2018 January 24, 2018 Leopold Jason OS Open
[A]ny and all records, which includes but is not limited to emails, memos, reports, mentioning or referring to ObamaCare. The timeframe for this request is May 1, 2017 through the date the search for responsive records is conducted.

OS-2018-00600 January 23, 2018 January 24, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
From January 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: A. Any expenses related to the Secretary of the Interior flag, Deputy Secretary flag, or Assistant Secretary flag, including but not limited to design, manufacture, transportation, and storage; B. Any expenses related to the raising and lowering of the flag at the Department of the Interior Main Interior Building (MIB), including but not limited to staffing, construction, and facilities maintenance; (continued below)

OS-2018-00601 January 23, 2018 January 24, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
From the date she took this position (believed to be in January 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: All records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at meetings attended by Natalie Davis, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas for the meeting, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants at the meeting, presentations made at the meeting, notes taken during the meeting, and transcripts of what occurred at the meeting.

OS-2018-00602 January 23, 2018 January 24, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
From the date she took this position (believed to be in January 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: a. Ms. Davis¿s application for employment with the Department of Interior in this position, including all attachments, cover letters, essays, references, forms used with the application, publications cited or transmitted in connection with the application, awards cited in connection with the application, Ms. Davis¿s history of employment, resume, (continued below)

OS-2018-00608 January 25, 2018 January 25, 2018 Berman Emily OS Open
Communications, electronic or written, from January 21, 2017 to present, that mention "lynx" to or from the following DOI employees: Todd Willens, Greg Sheehan, Ryan Zinke, Scott Hommell, Gavin Shire, Mike Thabault, and Noreen Walsh
2.
All comments, edits, reviews, or notes on the Species Status Assessment for the Canada lynx that did not come from the scientific experts working on the topic (contd below)

OS-2018-00686 January 25, 2018 January 25, 2018 Bradtke-Litwack Lena OS Open
Copies of all logs of congressional correspondence to or from any officials at the Office of the Secretary and Rep. French Hill between January 1, 2015, and January 25, 2018.

OS-2018-00610 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts, sent or received by any of the officials listed below between and including March 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017, as well as July 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017, that included the names and keywords listed in Appendix A: Secretary Ryan Zinke; Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; Chief of Staff Scott Hommel; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Aurelia Skipwith; (continued below)

OS-2018-00611 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts, between any of the following officials and anyone using an email-domain listed in Appendix A, at any point since January 19, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke; David Bernhardt; Vincent De Vito; James Cason; Kathleen Benedetto; Scott Hommel; Downey Magallanes; Joseph Balash; Katharine MacGregor; Landon "Tucker" Davis; Todd Wynn; Benjamin Cassidy; Timothy Williams; Caroline Boulton; (continued below)

OS-2018-00612 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from Florida Governor Rick Scott, the immediate Office of Governor Rick Scott, or anyone with an email address ending with @myflorida.com, @state.fl.us, @fl.us, or @dep.state.fl.us, and any of the following officials since March 1, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke; Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; Deputy Assistant Secretary Aurelia Skipwith; USFWS Acting Director Greg Sheehan;(cont below)

OS-2018-00609 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 March 05, 2018 Sobol Ed OS Completed
Any footage used to create the "Sabinoso Wilderness Land Announcement" video available at "https://www.doi.gov/video/sabinoso-wilderness-land-announcement" that relate's to the secretary's horseback ride.

OS-2018-00613 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all Conflict of Interest Waiver Requests for and by Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt and all ethics guidance provided to Bernhardt by the Interior Department Ethics Office or Office of Government Ethics. This should include, but not be limited to: All Conflict of Interest Waiver Requests sought or given to Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt at any point since December 31, 2016; (continued below)

OS-2018-00614 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of submissions from the Department of the Interior (DOI) to the Comptroller General of the United States related to the reporting of vacant executive agency positions at DOI as described in 5 U.S.C. § 3349, as well as any related determinations from the Comptroller General of the United States on vacant executive agency positions, since and including January 20, 2017. This should include, but not be limited to: Notifications of vacancies (continues below)

OS-2018-00607 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Watkins Page OS Open
1. All schedules, meeting minutes, communications (including electronic) or other documents dated August 15, 2017, through September 20, 2017 for Department of Interior officials/employees involving the following individuals:
1. Ryan
Zinke...

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OS-2018-00615 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts, sent by or to Westmoreland Coal Company, representatives of Westmoreland Coal Company, Westmoreland Coal Company lobbyists Kelly A. Johnson, Nils W. Johnson, Gregory Ossi, Megan Malone, and Patricia Power, and anyone with an email address ending in @westmoreland.com, and any of the following Department of the Interior officials since January 19, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke; (continued below)

OS-2018-00616 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts, sent or received by the following Department of the Interior officials since January 19, 2017 that included the keywords listed in Appendix A: Secretary Ryan Zinke; Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; James Cason; Heather Swift; Downey Magallanes; Scott Hommel; Laura Rigas; Russell Newell; Alex Hinson; Kathy Benedetto; Cally Younger; Brian Steed; Casey Hammond; Landon "Tucker" Davis; (continued below)

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OS-2018-00618 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Holmer Steve OS Open
Production of any and all records maintained in any form that consist of or reflect or refer to communications between the Department and any non-government individuals, organizations, or entities relating to the issuance of the Solicitor¿s Opinion M-37050 ¿ The Migratory Bird Treaty Act Does Not Prohibit Incidental Take, issued December 22, 2017 ("Opinion M-37050"). This request covers communications both before and after issuance of the Opinion. (continued below)

OS-2018-00617 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Everson Zach OS Open
Copies of receipts submitted for reimbursement of expenses (or other documentation of purchases) at the Trump International Hotel Washington, D.C. (sometimes billed as the Trump Old Post Office) or one of its restaurants, BLT Prime and the Benjamin Bar and Lounge, by Secretary Ryan Zinke (as well as any aides or security accompanying him between March 22 and March 25, 2017 and between Dec. 4 and Dec. 11, 2017.

OS-2018-00620 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Zukoski Edward OS Open
All records concerning or relating to the following: - The Enefit American Oil Company Utility Corridor Project, identified by BLM as DOI-BLM-UT-G010-2014-0007-EIS, for which BLM issued a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on July 1, 2013. - Any and all meetings and/or written or electronic communications between Kate MacGregor, acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, and a representative or representatives of Enefit American (cont. below)

OS-2018-00621 January 26, 2018 January 27, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
From August 7, 2013 to the date of this search: all records mentioning, including, and/or referencing Cliven Bundy, the Bundy militia, the Bundy standoff, Cliven Bundy's cattle, attempts to remove Cliven Bundy's cattle, status of future removal operations of Cliven Bundy's cattle and/or feral cattle, Cliven Bundy's cattle and/or feral cattle in Gold Butte National Monument, Cliven Bundy's cattle and/or feral cattle in Lake Mead National Recreation Area, (continued below)

OS-2018-00622 January 26, 2018 January 29, 2018 Umekubo Katie OS Open
Any records maintained in any form reflecting communications between the Department and any non-government individuals, organizations, or entities relating to the issuance of Solicitor¿s Opinion M-37050 ¿ The Migratory Bird Treaty Act Does Not Prohibit Incidental Take, issued December 22, 2017 (Opinion M-37050). This encompasses communications that took place both before and after issuance of the Opinion;

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OS-2018-00624 January 28, 2018 January 29, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Records detailing a new Department of the Interior environmental analysis regarding DOI's Jan. 22, 2018 decision to reverse its original position reached on Dec. 23, 2013 on construction of a road to King Cove, Alaska within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. Please click on this link for more detail on this decision (https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-approves-initial-plan-build-life-saving-road-alaska-native-village).

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OS-2018-00625 January 29, 2018 January 29, 2018 Kick Russ OS Open
Request all official photographs showing Secretary Ryan Zinke taken in November and December 2017. By official, I mean any of the following: 1) photographs taken by any employee, official, or contractor of any component of DOI as part of their formal or informal duties; 2) photographs taken using DOI equipment; 3) photographs for which DOI funds were spent

OS-2018-00626 January 29, 2018 January 29, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Records related in any way to the January 28, 2018 op-ed published in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel newspaper entitled, ¿Interior¿s regulatory relief is paying dividends for Colorado,¿ which is reported to have been written and submitted by David Bernhardt, the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior. This op-ed is attached as Exhibit 1 to this FOIA request.

OS-2018-00627 January 29, 2018 January 29, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
a. All meetings, notes, briefings (oral or written), contracts, invitations, drafts, studies, research projects, rosters, and/or attendees, regarding any part of the Channel Island group or the Channel Islands National Park. B. All communications from or to the California Rangeland Trust, Ms. Nita Vail, any person surnamed Vail, any person surnamed Woolley, any employee, officer or representative of the Vail & Vickers companies.

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OS-2018-00632 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Koncel Mary OS Open
Request is directed at obtaining an electronic copy generated from the Department of the Interior (DOI) of: All

records and correspondence (including emails, letters, faxes, text messages, memoranda, and notes of telephone calls) related to the "meeting with animal rights advocates" referenced in Secretary Zinke's October 30, 2017 Facebook post (attached) (contd below)

OS-2018-00628 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Ghio Nicole OS Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, from the date he took this position in May 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: (contd below)

OS-2018-00634 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Parr Nathaniel OS Open
Secretary Zinke said in a recent interview that the decision to exempt Florida from the new offshore drilling initiative is due to coastal currents and geology. See: http://www.cnn.com/2018/01/23/politics/zinke-florida-tides/ "The coastal currents are different, the layout of where the geology is." (contd below)

OS-2018-00629 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Loy Joshua OS Open
All emails sent by Secretary Ryan Zinke from March 1st 2017 to June 1st 2017.

OS-2018-00630 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Corley John OS Open
Internal communications of the Office of the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior, including those specifically of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, related to its communications with the National Park Service Advisory Board from March 1, 2017 to January 29, 2018.
If you regard any of these documents as potentially except from the
FOIA¿s disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. (contd below)

OS-2018-00633 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 April 13, 2018 Foote Donald OS Completed
Resubmission of 8 Nov 2017 request made by Government email. Notified 9 Jan 2018 request must come from my PC.

Initial Request: Request itemized Office of Valuation Services (OVS) cash and time off awards to include dates, dollar amounts and recipients from 1 Oct 2014 - 31 Dec 2017.

OS-2018-00751 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 April 27, 2018 Elliott Dan OS Completed
1. The quantity and sales value of coal produced on lands administered directly by the Bureau of Land Management in calendar 2016, excluding Native American lands and excluding lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service and other federal agencies, whether or not the BLM manages the sale of leases on those lands. (contd below)

OS-2018-00642 January 31, 2018 January 31, 2018 March 12, 2018 Dolen Kaylee OS Completed
(1) All documents regarding the status of any pending anthropogenic
activities in the Cook Inlet area for which IHAs
or LoAs have been requested
for takes of Cook Inlet belugas;
(2) All documents regarding the final IHAs or LoAs
issued for anthropogenic
activities in Cook Inlet, including all documents supporting a "negligible"
impact finding

pursuant to the MMPA;
(Continued below...)

OS-2018-00636 January 31, 2018 January 31, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
Documents relating to meetings between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and/or the OS staff with Mr. Efraim (Effie) Eitam. These should include but not be limited to 1) all email communications between Mr. Eitam and Secretary Zinke and/or his staff (including but not limited to Scott Hommel, Downey Magallanes, Caroline Boulton, David Bernhardt , Katharine MacGregor, Leila Getto, and Micah Chambers). (contd below)

OS-2018-00635 January 31, 2018 January 31, 2018 Zach Everson OS Open
Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting copies of receipts submitted for reimbursement of expenses (or other documentation of purchases) at the Trump International Hotel Washington, D.C. (sometimes billed as the Trump Old Post Office) or one of its restaurants, BLT Prime and the Benjamin Bar and Lounge, by Secretary Ryan Zinke (as well as any aides or security accompanying him on Jan. 30, 2018.

OS-2018-00638 February 01, 2018 February 01, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date she took a position within the Department (believed to be in April 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: (contd below)

OS-2018-00640 February 01, 2018 February 01, 2018 Leary Alex OS Open
Seeking any documents (emails, letters, etc) related to Secretary Zinke's Jan. 9, 2018, visit to Tallahassee, Florida. A news story about that visit is here: http://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2018/01/09/trump-administration-backs-of-drilling-plan-that-angered-florida-lawmakers/.(contd below)

OS-2018-00641 February 01, 2018 February 01, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
Relating to meetings between Secretary Ryan Zinke and/or any member of the OS staff and any or all of the Wilks brothers (Dan and Farris Wilks) and/or their wives, Staci and Joann and/or any of the Wilks brothers' representatives. These should include, but not be limited to: (contd below)

OS-2018-00647 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Bronstein Scott OS Open
("CNN") requests access to and copies of (in pdf form, where possible) all staff correspondence or internal emails, documents, and communications held by the U.S. Department of the Interior leading up to and discussing the new Draft Proposed Program for offshore oil and gas leasing and drilling announced January 4, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-00651 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 February 28, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
List of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 2018.
A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202.
Please consider this request a separate
request directed to each bureau under DOI.

OS-2018-00652 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 February 28, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
Records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 2018. (contd below)

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OS-2018-00655 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior's visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00656 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 2018.
These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-00644 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of communications, including emails, text messages and post-meeting notes, to and from Laura Mashburn that mention Russell "Rusty" Roddy.

On 2/6/2018, Requester's Clarification: date range Nov. 1, 2017 to Jan. 26, 2018

OS-2018-00645 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Meyers Ellen OS Open
Requesting calendar events and schedules, meeting minutes and "lessons learned" reports from the fact-finding mission that Vincent DeVito, the energy counselor to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, went on in Denmark in mid-January 2018. I'm requesting documents that are dated from Jan. 1, 2018 through Jan. 31, 2018 with the following key words:
-Offshore wind
-Renewable energy and its variations (such as renewables, RE and VRE)

OS-2018-00646 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Cama Timothy OS Open
All emails to or from (including cc or bcc) any address with the following domains: safariclub.org, safariclubfoundation.org or firstforwildlife.com. Please limit the search to Ryan Zinke and any custodian within the immediate office of the secretary, for any email sent or received between Nov. 1, 2017, and the date the search for

this request is processed.

OS-2018-00643 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Department of Interior¿s discussions, development, and implementation of U.S. Bureau of Land Management (¿BLM¿) Instruction Memorandum 2018-034, issued by BLM on January 31, 2018. The IM available online at: https://www.blm.
gov/policy/im-2018-034.

OS-2018-00660 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Bronstein Scott OS Open
access to and copies of (in pdf form, where possible) all staff correspondence or internal emails, documents, communications, meeting notes, memos and schedules held by the Office of the Secretary related to the following monuments and marine monuments whose designations as national monuments under the Antiquities Act has been recommended to be revised by Secretary of the Interior Ryan K. Zinke:
- Bears Ears
- Cascade Siskiyou
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OS-2018-00662 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all video shot, recorded or created by or for the Depaiiment of the Interior of any and all meetings and events attended by Deputy Secretaiy David Bernhardt and/or Secretaiy Ryan Zinke during the month of October 2017, including but not limited to all video shot or recorded by Timothy Bergling and Matthew John. This should include all edited videos and unedited "raw" video. (contd below)

OS-2018-00665 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from anyone on the list of individuals below, since January 19, 2017, that includes any of the words or phrases listed on Appendix A. (contd below)

OS-2018-00666 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from anyone on the list of individuals below and any email address ending in @texaspolicy.com or any individual who includes Texas Public Policy Foundation, TPPF or T.P.P.F. in their email signature, from January 19, 2017 to the present: (contd below)

OS-2018-00671 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
Reflecting communications (including emails and telephone logs) between Downey Magellanes and Special Assistant to the President for Infrastructure Policy, David James "DJ" Gribbin. Please restrict this search to June 1, 2017 through September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00676 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
Records reflecting communications (including emails and telephone logs) between Scott Hommell (scott_hommell@ios.doi.

gov) and David "DJ" Gribbin. Please restrict this search to Feb 1, 2017 through September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00677 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Copies of all communications, electronic and otherwise, between FWS Regional Chief Casey Stemler and DOI Deputy Secretary Dave Bernhardt.

OS-2018-00667 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all records and all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from the following list of officials since June 5, 2017, relating to DOI processes for employees, appointees, contractors, and/or vendors selected to categorize and/or analyze the public comments received in response to Secretarial Order 3353, posted October 11, 2017. (contd below)

OS-2018-00668 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, between Deputy Assistant secretary Katharine MacGregor (katharine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov) and any staff member or associate at the Western Energy Alliance, including western Energy Alliance president Kathleen Sgamma. This request pertains to records produced between January 20, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00657 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Green Miranda OS Open
Email correspondence from the office of Secretary Ryan Zinke and/or his spokesperson Heather Swift with representatives of Safari Club International and/or Paul Babaz and/or representatives of Cross Roads strategies between 12/1/2017 and 2/2/2018.

OS-2018-00670 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Federman Adam OS Open
All correspondence or communication to or from Paul Ross, Senior Public Affairs Specialist at DOI, regarding a January 28 op-ed that appeared in the Daily Sentinel. Search should include any correspondence with Eli Nachmany, Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, and Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt. Date range for the request is January 8 to January 31, 2018.

OS-2018-00659 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 May 16, 2018 Gitzen Garry OS Completed
Looking for the Secretary DOI meeting schedule for June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct and November for 2012.

OS-2018-00673 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Bronstein Scott OS Open
Access to and copies of (in pdf form, where possible) all staff correspondence or internal emails, documents, communications, meeting notes, memos and schedules held by the Office of the Secretary related to off shore oil drilling in Florida, and the exemption of Florida from the Trump administration¿s newly announced proposal to open the Atlantic coast to oil and gas drilling. (Contd below)

OS-2018-00664 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and the Office of Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler since January 3, 2011. This should include, but not be limited to, correspondence including Rep. Herrera Beutler and the following members of Rep. Herrera Beutler's staff: (contd below)

OS-2018-00672 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Abell David OS Open
Communications between Secretary Zinke and state governors that discuss recommendations or modifications to the proposed National OCS Program for 2019- 2024, including the Proposed Program or the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), as well as communications regarding Executive Order 13795 ¿Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy (April 28, 2017) and Secretary¿s Order 3350 ¿America-First Offshore Energy Strategy (May 1, 2017);3 and (Contd. below)

OS-2018-00661 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, between Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes (downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov) and DOI FOIA Program Analyst Justin Davis.

This request pertains to records produced
between July 15, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00678 February 06, 2018 February 06, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
Records from the U.S. Department of the Interior (¿Interior¿) from January 20, 2017 to the date of this search: all records of communications mentioning, including, and/or referencing Instruction Memorandum (¿IM 2018-034¿), including but not limited to communications between Interior and U.S. Bureau of Management (¿BLM¿) staff and offices, and between Interior and BLM staff and offices and external agencies or entities, (contd below)

OS-2018-00679 February 06, 2018 February 06, 2018 Smith Colin OS Open
Travel Logs/ Itineraries. Copies of all travel logs and itineraries of Secretary Ryan Zinke from February 1, 2018 through February 6, 2018. Records should detail the date and time of travel, the destination, the purpose of travel and meeting, and with whom Secretary Zinke met as available.
Outlook Calendar For Secretary Ryan Zinke: Copies of all
outlook calendars of Secretary Ryan Zinke from February 1, 2018 through February 6, 2018.

OS-2018-00681 February 06, 2018 February 06, 2018 Bronstein Scott OS Open
Copies of (in pdf form, where possible) all staff correspondence or internal emails, documents, communications, meeting notes, memos and schedules held by the Office of the Secretary related to the following monuments and marine monuments whose designations as national monuments under the Antiquities Act has been recommended to be revised by Secretary of the Interior Ryan K. Zinke:
- Northeast Canyons and Seamounts
- Pacific Remote Islands
- Rose Atoll
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OS-2018-00683 February 07, 2018 February 07, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
Records from the U.S. Department of the Interior (¿Interior¿): all memoranda(e) written by former Special Agent Dan Love (¿Mr. Love¿) mentioning, including, and/or referencing the impacts of cattle grazing on desert tortoise, other impacts of Cliven Bundy¿s cattle grazing, and/or potential actions undertaken by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (¿BLM¿) to address Cliven Bundy¿s cattle grazing.

OS-2018-00684 February 07, 2018 February 07, 2018 Elliott Dan OS Open
1. A copy of a Department of Interior document titled "Common Regional Boundaries Frequently Asked Questions," which contains questions and answers about a possible reorganization of DOI regional boundaries. (contd below)

OS-2018-00682 February 07, 2018 February 07, 2018 Rylander Jason OS Open
Any records, including any documents, emails, notes, presentations, briefing materials, or summaries relating to issuance of the Species Status Assessment for the Canada Lynx (Lynx canadensis) Contiguous United States Distinct Population Segment, Version 1.0 - Final, released in October 2017 (¿SSA¿); (contd below)

OS-2018-00685 February 08, 2018 February 08, 2018 Walsh Matthew OS Open
Emails between staff in the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs and staff of US Representative Rick Nolan from January 2, 2018, to February 7, 2018.

OS-2018-00688 February 08, 2018 February 08, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Communications between David Bernhardt and Vincent DeVito. You may limit your search to communications sent after July 2017.

OS-2018-00705 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Attached report entitled, ¿BLM Report in Response to Secretarial Memorandum on Improving Planning and NEPA Processes and Secretarial Order 3355,¿ which is dated September 27, 2017. Although this report was prepared by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (¿BLM¿), the report indicates that there was coordination with the Department of the Interior¿s Office of the Secretary.

OS-2018-00691 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
1. All emails between Secretary Zinke and/or OS staff members and Steve Hargrave, DOI's Assistant Director of the Interior Complex Security Operations Branch, which contain the words "meeting" and "secretary." All such emails should be from 3.1.2017 to 2.1.2018.
2. All emails between Steve Hargrave, DOI's Assistant Director of the Interior Complex
Security Operations Branch, and any person external to the DOI relating to security clearance for meeting with Secretary Zinke. [Remainder in notes]

OS-2018-00692 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Colman Zack OS Open
[A]ll communication records regarding a Sept. 14, 2017 meeting between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Effie Eitam or Efraim Eitam. In addition to Zinke and Eitam, please include the following officials in hte search: Heather Swift; Laura Keehner Rigas; Scott Hommel; and Caroline Boulton.

OS-2018-00699 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Bayles Donald OS Open
All memoranda, letters, and recorded communications between the Secretary of the Interior and the President of the United States showing reasons for the alteration of boundaries for Bear Ears National Monument.

OS-2018-00700 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Licari Michelle OS Open
All memos, communications, and schedules regarding Douglas Domenech and the expansion of the Office of Insular Affairs powers to include marine offshore areas. I would also like communications regarding the mining or preservation of these areas. I would like the documents to range from March 1 2017 through February 9 2018.

OS-2018-00701 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Touchton Margaret OS Open
All electronically made communications sent from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke containing the following keywords phrases from March 1, 2017 through the present: "Troy Downing," "Jon Tester," "Montana Senate," "Senate endorsement," "Matt Rosendale," "Matthew Rosendale," "Russell Fagg," "Russ Fagg," "Al Olszewski," "Tim Fox¿; All electronically made communications sent to or from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke from the following email addresses or domains: troy@troydowning.com, (continued below)

OS-2018-00702 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 March 14, 2018 Buccino Sharon OS Completed
Comprehensive FOIA logs concerning FOIA requests received from January 20, 2017 to the present by the DOI Office of the Secretary and all other DOI Bureaus and Offices (including the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Bureau of Reclamation; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; National Park Service; Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Geological Survey; (continued below)

OS-2018-00704 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 March 14, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Completed
Comprehensive FOIA logs concerning FOIA requests received from January 20, 2017 to the present by the Office of the Secretary and all other Department of the Interior Bureaus and Offices (including the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; (contd below)

OS-2018-00708 February 12, 2018 February 12, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Records related to a meeting between Department of Interior Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs Todd Wynn and Utah State Representative Ken Ivory. According to Department of Interior's visitor logs, Kenneth Ivory signed into DOI headquarters at 13:40 on November 2, 2017. He named "T. Wynn" as his point of contact. I am requesting copies of the following records related to this meeting: (contd below)

OS-2018-00693 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, had with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any meetings or in communications with the following:

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OS-2018-00694 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior, had with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any meetings or in communications with the following:

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OS-2018-00697 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, had with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any
meetings or in communications with the following:

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OS-2018-00696 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that Natalie Davis, Special Assistant to the Secretary, had with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any meetings or in communications with the following: Randal Luthi on March 20, 2017 and Brandon Middleton on September 7, 2017

OS-2018-00698 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that Downey Magallanes, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, had with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any meetings or in communications with the following: Heath Hansen on August 30, 2017 and Stefan Bailey on August 3, 2017

OS-2018-00709 February 12, 2018 February 12, 2018 Brockhues Annabell OS Open
Communication between the Office of the Secretary and QS Energy Inc. (QSEP) - all communication
between the Office of
the Secretary and the Office of Acquisition and Property Management regarding QS
Energy Inc. (QSEP) - Secretary of the
Interior Ryan K. Zinke's office schedule since March 1, 2017 - all
other documents regarding QS Energy Inc. (QSEP).

OS-2018-00710 February 12, 2018 February 12, 2018 Sweeney John OS Open
Gifts: I am requesting records of gifts given to Secretary Zinke and from whom they came from March 1, 2017 through the present.

OS-2018-00703 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Zibel Alan OS Open
All calendars or calendar entries for the following individuals from 2017, to the date a search is conducted,

including any calendars maintained on behalf of these individuals (e.g., by an administrative assistant): Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, Joseph Balash, Timothy R. Petty, Brenda Burman, Daniel Jorjani (Office of the Solicitor), Scott Angelle (BSEE), Brandon Middleton (SOL), Gary Lakowski, Kathleen Benedetto (Bureau of Land Management), Doug Domenech, James Cason, (continued below)

OS-2018-00712 February 13, 2018 February 13, 2018 Federman Adam OS Open
Any and all correspondence or communication between Andrea Travnicek, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and USGS Acting Deputy Director David Applegate and USGS Acting Director Bill Werkheiser, on December 16 and December 17 2017. (Relevant park, refuge, site or other location: DOI Office of Water and Science.)

OS-2018-00713 February 13, 2018 February 13, 2018 May 25, 2018 Doyle Michael OS Completed
A list of the appointed and invited members of the International Wildlife Conservation Council, along with copies on invitation letters and responses.

OS-2018-00711 February 13, 2018 February 13, 2018 March 14, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Completed
Comprehensive FOIA logs concerning FOIA requests received from January 20, 2017 to the present by the DOI Office of the Secretary and all other DOI Bureaus and Offices (including the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Bureau of Reclamation; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; National Park Service; Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; (contd below)

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OS-2018-00719 February 14, 2018 February 14, 2018 Berwick Ben OS Open
1. All records, including but not limited to emails and memoranda, reflecting or related to any proposals¿including legislative proposals¿to change any policies, practices, rules, standards, regulations, or laws governing the removal of, reassignment of, or other adverse actions taken with respect to federal employees. (contd below)

OS-2018-00718 February 14, 2018 February 14, 2018 May 25, 2018 Dubner Jeffrey OS Completed
On November 8, 2017, the Department of the Interior (DOI or the Department) published a Federal Register notice announcing the creation of the International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC), and calling for nominations for membership, with the nomination period closing November 24, 2017. International Wildlife Conservation Council Establishment; Request for Nominations, 92 Fed. Reg. 51,857 (Nov. 8, 2017). (contd below)

OS-2018-00714 February 13, 2018 February 14, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
1) Regarding communications between Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and PROOF Research from the date he took this position in March 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: a. All communications between the Secretary and PROOF Research, its employees, board members, investors, or other representatives, including but not

limited to: emails, phone calls, in person meetings, letters, and text messages; and b. All records of these communications (continued below)

OS-2018-00716 February 13, 2018 February 14, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
1) Regarding visitor lists, including but not limited to dates, names, titles, agency or business affiliation, and who visitors were meeting with, received by security personnel for the Department of Interior Main Building in Washington DC from the following individuals from January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: A. Gareth Rees, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary's Office; B. Mariagrazia Caminiti, Miscellaneous Administration And Program, (cont. below)

OS-2018-00715 February 13, 2018 February 14, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
1) Regarding access to the Main Interior Building through the garage as well as the 2)Secretary's parking garage at Main Interior Building from January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: a. Any records of persons who are not staff or contractors with the Department of Interior, and who have ongoing passes or approval to use the parking garage for the Main Interior Building (continued below)

OS-2018-00717 February 13, 2018 February 14, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
1) Regarding communications between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Efraim Eitam or Afek Oil and Gas from January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: a. All communications between the Secretary and Afek Oil and Gas, its employees, board members, investors, or other representatives, including but not limited to: emails, phone calls, in person meetings, letters, text messages, notes, draft and final meeting agendas, handouts, presentations, transcripts, (cont. below)

OS-2018-00721 February 15, 2018 February 15, 2018 Elliott Dan OS Open
1. The total number of Interior Department employees in each state and territory and in Washington, D.C.
2. The total
number of U.S. Bureau of Land Management employees in each state and territory and in Washington, D.C.
3. The total
number of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employees in each state and territory and in Washington, D.C.
4. The total
number of U.S. Bureau of Reclamation employees in each state and territory and in Washington, D.C.

OS-2018-00724 February 15, 2018 February 15, 2018 March 07, 2018 Levy Samuel OS Completed
The development of the Office of Personnel and Management Policy (OPM) Regarding Reservist Differential under 5 U.S.C § 5538, revised June 23, 2015, available at https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/payadministration/reservist-differential/policyguidance.pdf; (contd below)

OS-2018-00722 February 15, 2018 February 15, 2018 Everson Zach OS Open
Copies of receipts submitted for reimbursement of expenses (or other documentation of purchases, such as line items on credit card statements) at the Trump International Hotel Washington, D.C. (sometimes billed as the Trump Old Post Office) or one of its restaurants, BLT Prime and the Benjamin Bar and Lounge by Department of the Interior specialist assistant Natalie Davis between Feb. 7 and Feb 14, 2018.

OS-2018-00727 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 Sweeney & Dennis John & Pat OS Open

Internal Email Correspondence Within The Office Of Secretary Zinke Mentioning President Trump: I am requesting copies of internal email correspondence within the Office of Secretary Zinke, limited to correspondence between Secretary Zinke and any immediate staffers of his office as well as correspondence between staffers within this office, that mentions ¿Trump¿ or ¿the president¿ from March 1, 2017 through the present.

OS-2018-00728 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All calendar entries and schedules of events for Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.

OS-2018-00725 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 March 15, 2018 Warren Kim OS Completed
The Organizational Charts for the Head of Information Technology of Office of the Secretary- something that includes the names and titles/departments of the people who report to the Head of Information Technology of Office of the Secretary. (contd below)

OS-2018-00768 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
On September 22, 2017, David Bernhardt met with American Petroleum Institute's CEO Jack Gerard and lobbyist Carrie Domnitch. See this for details: http://documentedinvestigations.org/2018/02/16/david-bernhardt-meets-api-ceo-jack-gerard-undisclosed-meeting/.

Please provide any meeting agenda, list of participants, email correspondence related
to coordinating this meeting, meeting notes, briefing book details, and any other documents related to this event.

OS-2018-00726 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 Kenney Brett OS Open
All meeting requests and meeting-related communications or documentation relating to meetings between any of the following Department of Interior officials or offices and any employee, agent, or representative of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians:
¿ Deputy Secretary of the Interior
¿ Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior
This
request applies to qualifying documents created, sent or received on or after January 20, 2017.

OS-2018-00729 February 19, 2018 February 19, 2018 Athanasia Lampraki OS Open
Funded grants on research programs during the FY 1965-1975, according to a research looking at the change of funding to early career scientists after the rotators program in NSF started in 1970. I have already accessed available data for the awards of NSF for the corresponding years, but for the control group I will need records from other granting sources in the USA too, such as DOI.

OS-2018-00730 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Records (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes, memoranda, text messages and any other communications) related to the Office of Facilities and Administrative Services' work in the Deputy Secretary's office from July 24 to present. Please include all communications between the Deputy Secretary or members of his staff and the Office of Facilities and Administrative Services.

OS-2018-00738 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Reilly Steve OS Open
Copy of all procurement documentation and invoices for blanket purchase agreement signed on or about 6/5/2017 with MTM

RECOGNITION CORPORATION regarding the Secretary¿s Valor & Safety Convocation Ceremony (Procurement Award ID # IND17PB00018; Referenced IDV ID # IND12PA00215), and any records reflecting the modification or amendment of said order.

OS-2018-00740 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
U.S. Department of the Interior (¿Interior¿), Headquarters: all records mentioning, including, and/or referencing the Memorandum of Agreement (¿MOA¿) signed on January 31, 2018. Attachment A (January 31, 2018 Memorandum of Agreement). Note: this FOIA request is only for records within Interior¿s Secretarial Office and the main office of Interior Headquarters. (contd below)

OS-2018-00732 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Records (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes, memoranda, text messages and any other communications), from March 1 to present, between Interior Department staff (including the Office of the Secretary and Office of Facilities and Administrative Services) and the Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

OS-2018-00731 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Records (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes, memoranda, text messages and any other communications), from March 1 to present, between Interior Department staff (including the Office of the Secretary and Office of Facilities and Administrative Services) and the Patuxent Research Refuge.

OS-2018-00734 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
A list of all gifts (including meals) that Interior Department aide Vincent Devito has received since June 1, 2017. Please include the origin of each gift and the estimated monetary value of each gift.

OS-2018-00736 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Access to and copies of any documents, communications or notes concerning the June 29, 2017 meeting between Sec Ryan Zinke, Downey Magallanes, Virginia Johnson, Christine Bauserman and representatives of the Aramark Corporation. This request seek copies of documents brought to the aforementioned meeting, copies of any any documents describing the substance and contents of the meeting, and copies of any docs describing the substance and contents of the meeting,

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OS-2018-00735 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Vincent DeVito's August 3, 2017 speech at the Western Energy Alliance annual meeting in Beaver Creek, Colorado. This request seeks a copy of the aforementioned speech, copies of any documents describing the substance and contents of the Western Energy Alliance's annual meeting, & copies of any emails sent or received by Vincent DeVito and/or Gisella Ojeda-Dodds concerning DeVito's appearance at the meeting. (contd below).

OS-2018-00737 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Reilly Steve OS Open
Copy of all procurement documentation for delivery/task order signed on or about 4/21/2017 with Vehicle Leasing Associates LLC for services related to the Secretary¿s new vehicle (Procurement Award ID # IND17PD00518; Referenced IDV ID # GS30F021BA), and any records reflecting the modification or amendment of said order.

OS-2018-00739 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Completed
Communication with politicians - Document DCN: EST-00004228; Thank you letter sent 08/23/2017; recieved 08/24/2017; to David Bernhardt; from Greg Gianforte

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OS-2018-00744 February 21, 2018 February 21, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
U.S. Department of the Interior ("Interior") from July 1, 2017 to the date Interior conducts this search: all records, including but not limited to records of communications mentioning, including, and/or referencing the Governor of Nevada, the Governor of Nevada¿s office, the Nevada Department of Wildlife, the Nevada Division of Minerals, and/or any other Nevada state agencies (contd below)

OS-2018-00741 February 21, 2018 February 21, 2018 Blethen Ryan OS Open
Requesting all the records, documents and emails pertaining to discretionary grants and cooperative agreements to a institution of higher education and to non-profit organizations that can legally engage in advocacy (i.e., that is an entity organized under sections 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6)) in Washington state, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska by the Department of the Interior dating from Jan. 1, 2014 to Feb. 1, 2018.

OS-2018-00742 February 21, 2018 February 21, 2018 Blethen Ryan OS Open
Templates and any supporting communications used to list the financial assistance programs, indicating which are non-discretionary and which are discretionary, the Department of Interior¿s bureaus were required to submit to the Office of Acquisition and Property Management (PAM) as directed in the Dec. 28, 2017 memorandum from Scott J. Cameron, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget to DOI¿s Assistant Secretaries and Heads of Bureaus and Offices.

OS-2018-00766 February 22, 2018 February 22, 2018 Hughes Shannon OS Open
1. Records related to the lease modification for federal coal lease COC-62920, approved on December 15, 2017 by Katharine S. MacGregor at the King II coal mine in Hesperus, Colorado. See Exhibit 1.
2. Records related to the coal
lease application submitted by GCC Energy, LLC on January 10, 2018, for federal coal lease COC-078825 at the King II mine in Hesperus, Colorado. See Exhibit 2.

OS-2018-00752 February 23, 2018 February 23, 2018 Gold Maya OS Open
1. Copies of all communications between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and individuals representing MGM Resorts International from May 12, 2017 to the present, including but not limited to: Gale Norton, Brian Ballard, Sylvester Lukis, Dan McFaul, Rebecca Benn, Elizabeth Gore, Alfred Mottur, Kai Anderson, Jordan Bernstein, Barbara Sutton, Russell Thomasson, Ryan Mulvenon, William Kirk, Ayesha Khanna Molino, and individuals with email addresses ending in "@mgmresorts.com." (cont. below)

OS-2018-00749 February 23, 2018 February 23, 2018 Reilly Steve OS Open
Copy of the Agency Reform Plan submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in approximately September 2017 in accordance with OMB Memorandum M-17-22 (Comprehensive Plan for Reforming the Federal Government and Reducing the Federal Civilian Workforce).

OS-2018-00750 February 23, 2018 February 23, 2018 Ruch Jeff OS Open
RE: Feb. 21st and 22nd, 2018 - Press reports in Mother Jones Magazine and The Washinton Post

1. Records reflecting
all communications between OS and the USGS concerning the referenced request by OS for NPRA information prior to its public release.

2. OS records reflectin gthe basis or purpose of this request.

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OS-2018-00761 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 May 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Completed
Access to and copies of Interior's audio and video recordings of Secretary Ryan Zinke's town hall meeting with Interior employees that took place on February 1, 2018, at Interior headquarters, referenced in the attached E&E article. This should include edited videos and unedited ¿raw¿ video of the whole town hall meeting.

OS-2018-00774 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents and written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke that contain the phrase "Mission 26". This request seeks documents produced between January 1, 2018 and the date this request is processed

OS-2018-00773 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents and written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by Press secretary Heather swift that contain the phrase: "Mission 26", This request seeks documents produced between January 1, 2018 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00754 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason, Press Secretary Heather Swift, Chief of Staff Scott Hommel, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Downey Magallanes, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Jason Larrabee, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Aurelia Skipwith, (continued below)

OS-2018-00767 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
1. Critical minerals; 2. Executive Order 13817, A Federal Strategy to Ensure Secure and Reliable Supplies of Critical Minerals. See Exec. Order No 13817, Presidential Executive Order on a
Federal Strategy to Ensure Secure and Reliable
Supplies of Critical Minerals, http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=128875 (last visited Feb. 26, 2018);

and/or 3. Secretarial Order 3359, Critical Mineral Independence and Security.

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OS-2018-00769 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Segerstrom Carl OS Open
Payment information of the 20 highest paid officials (including department leadership) in each of the following Interior agencies: Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service. Provided for each pay period from January 2016 to present.

OS-2018-00760 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all calendars, including dates and times of all scheduled meetings, and the calendar logs of all attendees invited and/or who joined in for each meeting, for the following Department of Interior officials during the following time periods: Secretary Ryan Zinke (October 1, 2017 ¿ Present); Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt (October 1, 2017 ¿ Present); Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason (January 20, 2017 ¿ Present); (continued below)

OS-2018-00755 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Regarding Zinke, Laura Rigas, Downey Magallanes, Heather Swift, Tami Heilmann, Rusty Roddy, Wadi Yakhour, and monuments / monument review: Access to and copies of: All expense reports, receipts, invoices, reimbursements, and any other documentation of the Secretary and staff official travel to Utah, California, and Montana between May 4, 2017 and May 14, 2017. This should include but not be limited to: receipts or reimbursements for all flights, helicopter tours, lodging, meals,(continued below)

OS-2018-00756 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Scott Hommel, Downey Magallanes, and Caroline Boulton and any of the below entities, at any point since January 19, 2017: -Stan Summers, Commission Chair of Box Elder County, Utah / -Any email address ending in @boxeldercounty.org

OS-2018-00772 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Sherwood Daniel OS Open
1. Documents exchanged between representatives of Hilcorp and DOI from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017;
2.
Briefing materials, internal memorandums, and talking points prepared or produced for internal DOI purposes from March 1 1 2017 to September 1, 2017;
3. A complete and accurate record of all attendees if it differs from attached calendar.

OS-2018-00757 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from the list of individuals below and Executive Director of the Public Lands Council Ethan Lane (email address elane@beef.org), any other individuals representing the Public Lands Council (email addresses ending in @beef.org), or anyone from the Forest Service (email addresses ending in @fs.fed.us), at any point since May 31, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke, (continued below)

OS-2018-00758 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Donato David OS Open

Approval of a proposed modification of all or of any part of the organization of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) that has been sent from the USGS to or through the office of the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science during the time period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, inclusive. The requested copy should include the requesting letter or memorandum and any attached, enclosed, or accompanying documents. (continued below)

OS-2018-00759 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from Director of Communications Laura Rigas, Press Secretary Heather Swift, Deputy Director of Communications Russell Newell, or Deputy Press Secretary Alex Hinson, at any point since December 1, 2017, that contain any of the following keywords or names: "Bundys","Bundy", "Cliven", "Ammon", "Gloria Navarro","Ryan Payne", "Malheur"

OS-2018-00762 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of the records related to the contract between the Department of Interior and Bulletin Intelligence. This request includes the Department's request for proposal or initial solicitation, Bulletin Intelligence's proposal, the contract between DOI and Bulletin Intelligence from FY 16, FY 17, and FY 18, any contract modifications, subcontractor approvals, performance reviews or assessments, and any other records related to this contract.

OS-2018-00763 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of records related to a meeting between Department of Interior Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes and Utah State Representative Mike Noel. According to DOI visitor logs, on Oct 4, 2017, Noel signed in at 12:55 to meet Magallanes in room 4123. I am requesting the following records related to this meeting:
(1) A copy of the meeting request; (2)
Electronic and physical communications between the Wynn and other DOI Employees regarding the meeting, (3) Materials provided to Wynn (cont. below)

OS-2018-00764 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents and written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by Chief of Staff Scott Hommel that contain the phrase "Mission 26". This request seeks documents produced between January 1, 2018 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00765 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Subbaraman Nidhi OS Open
Access to and copies of ALL direct messages sent and received to and from the Twitter account "@SecretaryZinke." The date range for this request is between Jan. 20, 2017, and Feb 26, 2018. I would like to receive the information in an electronic text format that is searchable, via email or a thumb
drive.

OS-2018-00770 February 27, 2018 February 27, 2018 Richardson Blair OS Open
A document or documents stating the total number of Department of Agriculture employees who were furloughed for any period of time during the brief government shutdown on February 9, 2018.

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OS-2018-00791	February 27, 2018	February 28, 2018	April 27, 2018	Dillon Lauren	OS	Completed

All emails sent or received by Judy Wilson, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, which reference: The nomination, suggested nomination or proposed nomination of Emily Kennedy Hague of the American Petroleum Institute to serve on the Department of the Interior¿s Royalty Policy Committee (RPC); The nomination or appointment of Emily Kennedy Hague to serve on the RPC¿s Planning, Analysis, & Competitiveness Subcommittee or the Studies working group of this subcommittee;

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OS-2018-00781	February 27, 2018	March 01, 2018		Schaezlein Charlie	OS	Open

I'd like any emails since December 24th that reference the Dec 4, 2017 Outside Online article 'Ryan Zinke Is Trump's Attack Dog on the Environment' (https://www.outsideonline.com/2266216/man-flies-his-own-flag), as well as any subsequent/prior emails from those same threads. I'd also like to include any emails that meet any of "Zinke Profile", "Outside Piece", "Outside Online", or "Outside Magazine"

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OS-2018-00779	February 27, 2018	March 01, 2018	May 21, 2018	Champion Richard	OS	Completed

would like to obtain production data, separated by product code and volumes, sorted by Operator/ Unit PA/ Product Code for oil and gas production and revenues received for the following Oil and Gas Participating Areas located in the following Federal Units, Uintah County, Utah for the years 2015, 2016, and 2017:

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OS-2018-00776	February 24, 2018	March 01, 2018		Exempt Information	OS	Open

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OS-2018-00946	March 01, 2018	March 01, 2018		Abshier Carole	OS	Open

Estate of Glade Sylvia Willis. Copy of records regarding docs in the name of Sharon Ryan.

OS-2018-00782	February 28, 2018	March 01, 2018		Munoz Hudson	OS	Open

This is a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act. It is my understanding that Secretary Zinke planned to give a tour of the Lincoln Monument on July 3, 2017. I am requesting copies photographs, videos, or other recordings taken during the tour or with people on the tour.

OS-2018-00787	February 28, 2018	March 01, 2018		Coleman Jesse	OS	Open

On April 27, 2017, Western Energy Alliance's president Kathleen Sgamma met with Secretary Zinke and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Kate Macgregor. During that meeting a document outlining WEA's recommendations on the methane rule was given to Kate Macgregor. I am requesting this document.

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OS-2018-00788 February 24, 2018 March 01, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Katharine MacGregor. For purposes of this request, the term ¿electronic mail addresses¿ means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior email addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es)

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OS-2018-00789 February 24, 2018 March 01, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary, Ryan Zinke. For purposes of this request, the term ¿electronic mail addresses¿ means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es) maintained by and/or for Secretary Zinke.

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OS-2018-00790 February 24, 2018 March 01, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, David Bernhardt. For purposes of this request, the term ¿electronic mail addresses¿ means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es)

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OS-2018-00799 March 01, 2018 March 01, 2018 April 27, 2018 Haggerty Mark OS Completed
ONRR distributions to states and local governments by jurisdiction (payments to each state and local government) by revenue type (royalties, bonus, rents, etc...) and by commodity bucket (oil, gas, coal, etc...) for FY 2017.

OS-2018-00792 March 02, 2018 March 02, 2018 Leven Rachel OS Open
List of Interior Department political appointees and resumes as of the date this request is processed.
Format: we
prefer to receive records in the following formats, listed in order of
preference: (1) a spreadsheet format such as an
Excel file, tab-delimited file or similar; (2) word processing file, text-based PDF, or similar; (3) other non-proprietary electronic format; (4) paper copies. (Contd below)

OS-2018-00798 March 02, 2018 March 02, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication found in your agency's correspondence log that mention one or more of these terms as responsive records to my request. (contd below)

OS-2018-00797 March 02, 2018 March 02, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
List of 'special government employees' (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202. Please consider this request a separate request directed to each bureau under DOI.

OS-2018-00801 March 02, 2018 March 02, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. Please include all records that document Bernhardt's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00803 March 02, 2018 March 02, 2018 May 04, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
Records of all responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-00804 March 02, 2018 March 02, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Request access to and copies of all communications, electronic and otherwise, between FWS Regional Chief Casey Stemler and DOI Deputy Secretary Dave Bernhardt.

OS-2018-00794 March 02, 2018 March 02, 2018 June 04, 2018 Considine Tim OS Completed
Production volume data for oil, gas, and natural gas liquids as wellhead revenues and revenues collected from lease bonus bids, royalties, and other fees. Interested in data going back to 1990.

OS-2018-00802 March 02, 2018 March 02, 2018 May 18, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
Logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior's visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00809 March 05, 2018 March 05, 2018 Justin Glawe OS Open
I request documents related to an April 11, 2017 meeting with Secretary Zinke and the following individuals: Forrest Lucas; Ramona Hage Morrison; Dave Duquette; KK Jense; Larry Murphy; John Clements; Brian Kelly. (contd below)

OS-2018-00805 March 05, 2018 March 05, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails, to include attachments, between Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Virginia Johnson and Joseph Doss, President of the International Bottled Water Association, from January 20, 2017 to August 30, 2017.
Additionally, I
request emails and attachments sent between Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Virginia Johnson and Alan Mintz and Jonathan Simon of Van Ness Feldman from January 20, 2017 to August 30, 2017, which reference: (contd below)

OS-2018-00806 March 05, 2018 March 05, 2018 Horwitz Jeffrey OS Open
Correspondence which was sent or received by Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt or William Werkheiser and which includes the following keywords: 1. Reserves; 2. Alaska; 3. USGS data
I would like to ask for this data between 11/1/2017 and
2/20/2018 : 4. Petroleum; 5. Oil

OS-2018-00807 March 05, 2018 March 05, 2018 Horwitz Jeff OS Open
Request emails to and from secretary Zinke which include the name "Gentry" or "Vollero" between the dates 1/20/2017 and the date on which a search of Interior emails is conducted.

OS-2018-00808 March 05, 2018 March 05, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
1. Records sufficient to identify all employees who are currently (as of March 5, 2018) in a position at the agency as "political appointees", and the title or position of each employee. For purposes of this request, please consider any employee in a PAS position, a presidentially-appointed position, a non-career SES position, or a Schedule C position a "political appointee; (contd below)

OS-2018-00811 March 06, 2018 March 06, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
The DOI Deputy Secretary Task list from July 25 to March 6th .

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OS-2018-00815 March 06, 2018 March 06, 2018 March 22, 2018 Kwoka Margaret OS Completed
Records reflecting a list or log of FOIA requests received in Fiscal Year 2017. Specifically, I request records that include the following information or fields: 1. The FOIA request identification number; 2. The name of the requester; 3. The organizational affiliation of the requester, if there is one; 4. The date on which the request was made; 5. The subject matter of the request; (contd below)

OS-2018-00813 February 26, 2018 March 06, 2018 March 22, 2018 Touchton Margaret OS Completed
Any correspondence, including electronic, to your agency from or on behalf of Wisconsin State Representative Leah Vukmir (Jan. 2003-Jan. 2010) and any correspondence, including electronic, to your agency from or on behalf of Wisconsin State Senator Leah Vukmir (Jan. 2010-present)

OS-2018-00810 March 06, 2018 March 06, 2018 March 23, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
Request for records under the Freedom of Information Act. I am requesting a copy of EST-00006686.

OS-2018-00818 March 06, 2018 March 07, 2018 Sweeney John OS Open

I am requesting copies of ingoing and outgoing correspondence from the office of Secretary Ryan Zinke mentioning ¿Chaco Canyon¿ or ¿Chaco Culture National Historical Park¿ from January 1, 2018 through the present.

Incoming And Outgoing
Correspondence Concerning The National Marine Manufacturers Association Breakfast:

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OS-2018-00816 March 06, 2018 March 07, 2018 Colman Zack OS Open
I request all communication records regarding a Dec. 14, 2017 meeting between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Vincent DeVito, Tami Heilemann and Charif Souki. In addition to the aforementioned people, please include the following federal officials in the search: Heather Swift; Laura Keehner Rigas; Scott Hommel; and Caroline Boulton. Please also include from Tellurian: Joi Lecznar, Amos Hochstein, Meg Gentle or any other email addresses with an @tellurianinc.com domain.

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OS-2018-00817 August 30, 2017 March 07, 2018 March 14, 2018 McCarren Andrea OS Completed
I hereby request the following records: Emails sent on Monday, August 28, 2017 by government employees that include any or all of the following key words: Thrones Dragon Littlefinger ¿White Walker¿

OS-2018-00828 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
· Emails, including attachments, sent or received by Kathatrine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management which reference the work of the U.S. Department of the Interior¿s Royalty Policy Committee, to include communications which reference:
o Logistical and operational details of attending RCP meetings, such as travel arrangements, expense reimbursement, or ethics and financial disclosure; (contd below)

OS-2018-00832 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Singh Gunita OS Open
1. Any emails by and between Ryan Zinke and the National Rifle Association. This request includes the entire email chain in which the NRA is a sender or recipient (including a 'cc' or 'bcc') of one or more emails in the chain. This request also includes any attachments. This request also includes emails sent or received by Zinke or NRA using any alias. This request also includes official communications sent or received by Zinke using any non-DOI email account.

OS-2018-00833 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Baker Sy OS Open
1. Official recommendation made to former President Barack Obama for the Establishment of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (Proclamation 9131 of May 21, 2014) I am looking specifically for the bibliography, reports, data, and correspondence in order to conduct further research into the justification of the designation on the part of the previous administration. (contd below)

OS-2018-00834 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
The owner who lent the Bison and Elk Heads to Secretary Zinke for his office. Nancy Guiden requested the ownership information for the Bison and Elk heads in an email in March, 2017 and she likely knows the owner.

OS-2018-00835 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails including attachments sent or received by Greg Gould, Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue or John Mehlhoff, Program Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue which reference the work of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Royalty Policy Committee, to include communications which reference: 1) Logistical and operational details of attending RCP meetings, such as travel arrangements, expense reimbursement, or ethics and financial disclosure [continued in notes]

OS-2018-00827 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Stevens Daniel OS Open
ecords reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or other materials)
to, from, or between any officials or employees of the Office of the Secretary, including but not limited to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, and any persons acting on behalf of the Office of the Secretary, broadly regarding:
SEE BELOW FOR REST

OS-2018-00826 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Cama Timothy OS Open
all records of email communications to, from or mentioning (including cc and bcc) any of the following people: Richard ¿Rick¿ Saccone, Robert ¿Bob¿ Branstetter, John Brabender, Hank Hallowell, Conor Lamb, Abby Nassif Murphy. Please restrict

SEE BELOW FOR THE REST AND DATES OF SEARCH

OS-2018-00825 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Cama Timothy OS Open
all records related to Zinke's 2/24/18 trip to East Bethlehem Township, Pa., and any other destination on the same trip away from D.C. includes but is not limited to agendas, invitations, notes, prepared remarks, planning documents, follow-up documents, calendar entries, attendance lists, photographs, videos, audio recordings. search to between 2/10/18 and the date the search for this request is processed. exclude records that are solely news clips without additional commentary or information.

OS-2018-00824 March 06, 2018 March 08, 2018 Ghio Nicole OS Open
January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request:
a. Communications between Department of Interior Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Downey Magallanes and former White House Staff Secretary Rob Porter;
The documents and records we request include any written or typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind, as well as all other responsive records as that term is defined by FOIA.

OS-2018-00823 March 06, 2018 March 08, 2018 Ghio Nicole OS Open

All messages, memos, notes or other communications to or from the following individuals related to BLM Nevada State Director John Ruhs departure from the BLM Nevada State Office: Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt and Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior James Cason. The documents and records we request include any written or typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind, as well as all other responsive records as that term is defined by FOIA.

OS-2018-00822 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Rony Alexander OS Open
emails between December 27, 2017 and March 7, 2018 mentioning "elephant" or "lion" that were sent to or from any International Wildlife Conservation Council ("Council") committee member (list available at https://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/members.aspx?cid=2636).

OS-2018-00829 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails, including attachments, sent or received by Richard Cardinale, Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management which reference the work of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Royalty Policy Committee, to include communications which reference:
o Logistical and operational details of attending RCP meetings, such as travel arrangements, expense reimbursement, or ethics and financial disclosure; (contd below)

OS-2018-00821 March 07, 2018 March 08, 2018 April 05, 2018 Weyer Tyler OS Completed
I would like to know how much the Department of Interior pays Ferry County, WA annually. I would also like to know what specific funds pay the county. Does the county receive Payments in lieu of taxes? If the county does receive payments in lieu of taxes, what land do the payments cover? About half of the county is Indian reservation and a good portion of the county is owned by the USFS. Does PiLT cover the USFS land as well?

OS-2018-00837 March 09, 2018 March 09, 2018 Roth Sammy OS Open
. All emails, letters and other written communications from Interior Department officials (including Bureau of Land Management officials) that mention the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP), from Jan. 20, 2017 through present;
. All emails, letters, other written communications and documents written or prepared by Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, or by Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt¿s office, that mention the DRECP; (contd below)

OS-2018-00838 March 09, 2018 March 09, 2018 Cobb Stephen OS Open
Considering that Zinke has been reported to have just spent nearly $140,000 on new doors, I would like to see all pertinent information on this topic. Please include any personal notes, email correspondence, phone records and other official written documentation. I would be particularly interested in seeing the bids considered for the job, specification sheets for the doors and installation and final bill/invoice.

OS-2018-00831 March 09, 2018 March 09, 2018 Fredericks Thomas OS Open
[A]ccess to all documents relating to oil and gas leasing of the Osage Mineral Estate. Please provide any and all documents below:

1. All data from NIOGEMS related to the Osage Minerals Estate ikn digital tabular format (spreadsheet or database) and commonly accepted GIS data formats (shapefile and/or geodatabase) if available.

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OS-2018-00846 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Stevens Daniel OS Open
1. All records (including but not limited to records specifically requested below) broadly concerning Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s trip to Fredericktown, Pennsylvania from on, or about, February 23, 2018 to February 24, 2018, purportedly to announce nationwide mine reclamation grants. (contd below)

OS-2018-00847 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Bradtke-Litwack Lena OS Open
Requesting copies of correspondence with the following DCN:
1. EST-00003005 (2017)
2. EST-00002443 (2017)
3. ESO-
00062370 (2015)
4. ESO-00063562 (2015)
5. ESO-00063680 (2015)

OS-2018-00848 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Ebbs Stephanie OS Open
Request seeks formal action plans submitted to Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt and the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget between February 1, 2018 and March 1, 2018 in response to the Interior workplace survey completed in December 2017.

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OS-2018-00849 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Ebbs Stephanie OS Open
Request seeks contracts, invoices, and statements of work for any decorating, renovating or construction expenses between January 1, 2017 and March 1, 2018 related to the secretary's office or rooms adjacent to the secretary's office at Interior headquarters.

OS-2018-00840 March 09, 2018 March 12, 2018 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Any and all records related to or concerning Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke¿s deferral
of all of the parcels
scheduled for the New Mexico BLM¿s March 8, 2018 Competitive
Oil and Gas Lease sale.

For purposes of this request,
records include, but are not limited to, communication records (including, but not limited to, recorded voicemails,

text messages, chat messages, emails, and printed letters),

continue below....

OS-2018-00841 March 09, 2018 March 12, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents and written or electronic communications, including email attachments, send or received by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt that contain one more more of the following words or phrases: "Noble Energy" and/or "Kate Faye". This request seeks documents produced from July 25, 2017 to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00843 March 09, 2018 March 12, 2018 Evers Austin OS Open
1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or other materials) regarding offshore drilling generally or the ¿2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program¿ specifically between DOI and any of the following:

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OS-2018-00845 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Lachlan Markay OS Open
I request a copy of a memorandum provided to the office of the Secretary of the Interior by the White House, titled "Creating a Culture of Compliance." The memorandum's existence was reported by CNN on March 9 (see: https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/09/politics/cabinet-secretaries-ethical-behavior/index.html). I also request copies of all written and digital communications to the office of the secretary accompanying or pertaining to that memorandum.

OS-2018-00839 March 09, 2018 March 12, 2018 Poston Tom OS Open
I would like to request a copy of the RFQ documents (including RFQ attachments, amendments, Q&A and SOW)) for contract # IND11PA40010. In addition, I also request a copy of the incumbent's proposal for the contract.

OS-2018-00855 January 02, 2018 March 13, 2018 Brooks James OS Open
Itemized list of the travel expenses of the last five secretaries of the interior, if possible on an excel spreadsheet with columns for SECRETARY NAME, DATE OF TRAVEL, COST, COST CODE, COST CODE DESCRIPTION, AGENCY/DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE, and DESCRIPTION OF/REASON FOR TRAVEL.

OS-2018-00854 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Beringer Theodore OS Open
Copy of your detailed observations and conclusions from your review of Bears Ears National Monument that resulted in your decision to reduce its size by 85%. You never made public your reasoning process, other than to say you were guided by the intention to resize the Bear Ears National Monument to the smallest size necessary to preserve its cultural, historical and natural heritage. (contd below)

OS-2018-00850 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from any of the following entities and/or people and any of the Department of the Interior officials since May 31, 2017:
¿ Ryan
Benson, Matt Lumley, Denny Behrens or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @biggameforever.org
¿ Kathleen Sgamma,

Tripp Parks or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @westemenergyalliance.org (contd below)

OS-2018-00851 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from any of the following entities and/or people and any of the Department of the Interior officials since August 18, 2017:
· Ryan
Benson, Matt Lumley, Denny Behrens or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @biggameforever.org
· Kathleen Sgamma,
Tripp Parks or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @westernenergyalliance.org
(contd below)

OS-2018-00852 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
CV or resume and full calendar for Todd Willens, from his start date to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00853 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Records related to 'briefing on FOIAs' meeting that occurred at 11am on November 8th, 2017. Meeting participants include: Daniel Jorjani, Edward Keable, Downey Magallanes, Scott Hommel, Timothy Murphy, Elinor Renner, Ryan Zinke.

OS-2018-00863 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
Records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior') from March 1, 2017 to the date Interior conducts its search: all delegation order(s) issued by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s ('Secretary Zinke') that mention, refer to, include, and/or were generated in connection with any temporary redelegation(s) of authority for vacant non-career Senate-confirmed positions, and any amendments thereto.

OS-2018-00864 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Ruskin Liz OS Open
Access to and copies of emails, letters, memos and other records of communications from Deputy Sec. David Bernhardt, Asst. Sec. Joe Balash and Sec. Ryan Zinke regarding the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

OS-2018-00865 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Majumdar Sumona OS Open
Requesting any documents you may have which contain information related to the National OCS Program Public Meetings held in the following locations: Annapolis, MD (1/16/18); Jackson, MS (1/16/18); Dover, DE (1/18/18); Austin, TX (2/6/18); Salem, OR (2/6/18); Tallahassee, FL (2/8/18); Sacramento, CA (2/8/18); Hartford, CT (2/13/18); Columbia, SC (2/13/18); Trenton, NJ (2/14/18); Albany, NY (2/15/18); Richmond, VA (2/21/18); (contd below)

OS-2018-00856 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Nesbitt Allen OS Open
All communications of any type whatsoever regarding office renovations, furnishings, or office decoration of all agency political appointees requiring Senate confirmation. All documents regarding office renovations and office decorations (including itemized expenses or expense reports) of all agency political appointees requiring Senate confirmation.

OS-2018-00861 March 01, 2018 March 14, 2018 Abshier Carole OS Open
Estate of Glade Sylvia Willis. Copy of records regarding docs filed on and after April 23, 2015 in the name of Joyce Humphrey, Robin Abshier, and Stan Abshier.

OS-2018-00858 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Emails to and/or from Secretary Zinke that contain one or more of the following words or phrases:
. Door/Doors
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Installation
. Remodeling
. Conquest Solutions

OS-2018-00859 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Tate Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of the following contracts:
140D8018P0023; IND15PD01190; IND15PD01176; IND17PX00064; IND17PX00276;
IND15PD01303; IND15PD01295; IND15PD01298; IND15PD01299; 140D8018P0015; 140D8018P0016; IND17PX00010; 140D8018P0022;
IND17PD00807; IND15PC00262; IND15PC00259; 140D8018D0055; 140D8018P0013.
My request includes copies of the request for
proposal, bid submission, original contract, contract modifications, and approvals for subcontracting.

OS-2018-00860 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Smith Colin OS Open
Incoming-And-Outgoing Correspondence Between The Office Of The Secretary And The Executive Office Of The White House On 'Doors.' I am requesting copies of incoming-and-outgoing email correspondence between the Office of the Secretary and the Executive Office of the White House, to be identified by email addresses ending in the domains listed below, that include the words 'door¿ and/or 'doors' from March 8, 2018 through the present date of this request. (contd below)

OS-2018-00862 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Kilpatrick Ken OS Open
Hello,
Can I please have the most recent "Real Property Efficiency Report" issued by the Department of the Interior?

Thank you,
Ken

OS-2018-00868 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Kaplan Elijah OS Open
All communications in your possession, of any type whatsoever, to and from Ryan Zinke containing the phrase 'Gentry Beach'.

OS-2018-00869 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Kaplan Elijah OS Open
All communications in your possession, of any type whatsoever, to or from Ryan Zinke, Gentry Beach, Trevor Ahlberg, or Ray Washburne between August 1st and September 30, 2017.

OS-2018-00866 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Crossland Bonnie OS Open
I am looking for combination of the Federal Production by Location and Federal Production by Customer reports. Commodity of interest is Oil & Gas, Gas and Oil. Calendar year 2016 and later data. I am interested in the company, the revenue type, commodity, revenue and production volume broken down into state and county. If you had the data at the well level or FMP, that would be best.

OS-2018-00870 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Atwood Amy OS Open
The Center is requesting records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior') from November 13, 2017 to the date Interior commences this search for: all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails, text messages, instant messages, voicemails, and phone logs for any phones utilized by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke (contd below)

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OS-2018-00872 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests from Interior from November 13, 2017 to the date Interior commences this search: all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails, text messages, instant messages, voicemails, and phone logs for any phones utilized by the U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt ('Mr. Bernhardt') (contd below)

OS-2018-00875 March 16, 2018 March 16, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
All records released by DOI responsive to FOIA request OS-2017-01097.

OS-2018-00878 March 16, 2018 March 16, 2018 Schubiner Brian OS Open
All records from the OGOR-B reflecting the disposition of production and the volume of the product disposed for all onshore federal oil and gas production, including the federal share, and only the federal share, in the case of mixed agreements. Please provide the data for all disposition codes, aggregated by state, year, and disposition code, for 2006 through 2017.

OS-2018-00876 March 16, 2018 March 16, 2018 June 05, 2018 Pearson Jake OS Completed
Seeking the following records be provided to me: All records sought on 3/31/17 in FOIA OS‐2017‐00390 seeking the following information:
a) all correspondence between the Department of Interior and Gentry Beach of
Dallas, TX
b) all correspondence between the Department of Interior and Tommy Hicks, Jr., of Dallas, TX.
(contd below)

OS-2018-00894 March 17, 2018 March 17, 2018 Kaplan Elijah OS Open
All docs of any type whatsoever regarding any department spending at any of the following properties:
1. Trump Winery
/ Trump Vineyard Estates
3550 Blenheim Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22902

2. Trump International Hotel & Tower® Chicago

401 N Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60611

3. Mar-a-Lago Club
1100 S Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach, FL 33480

4. Trump Grande
Sunny Isles
18101 Collins Ave, North Miami Beach, FL 33160

Cont below

OS-2018-00895 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 May 29, 2018 B Kat OS Completed
All records of employees hired under Direct Hire Authority from January 20, 2017.

OS-2018-00887 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 June 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Completed
Access to and copies of a Department of Interior organizational document showing the current position and title held by Downey Magallanes as of March 16, 2018. To be clear, not requesting any personal or exempted information, just a single document showing Magallanes' current position and title.

OS-2018-00882 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Horwitz Jeffrey OS Open
Emails to and from the Office of the Secretary which includes the terms Ballard, Sky Boat, MGM, Mosaic, FEB Corp or F.E. B.

OS-2018-00883 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and a copy of the comprehensive briefing paper that Kathleen Sgamma told Vincent DeVito that the Western Energy Alliance would 'work up on the federal nexus and delegation of primacy ideas that Mr. DeVito and Ms. Sgamma had discussed in their September 12, 2017 meeting, as noted in the attached pages.

Cont below

OS-2018-00916 March 19, 2018 March 19, 2018 Wolff Daniel OS Open
Departmental policy statements, interpretations, or other guidance regarding the
Combined Hydrocarbon Leasing Act of
1981 or administration of that law by the department or the department¿s BLM, or more generally regarding the development of federal tar sands
(or oil sands) in Utah. Intra-department correspondence regarding CHLA or

department¿s or BLM¿s administration of it, or more generally regarding the
development of federal tar sands (or oil
sands) in Utah.

OS-2018-00917 March 19, 2018 March 19, 2018 Wolff Daniel OS Open
Studies or reports - including feasibility or valuation studies or reports - regarding federal tar sands (or oil sands) in Utah.

OS-2018-00884 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including letters, texts, emails, faxes, sent by the following DOI officials about any and all records of decision published or proposed by DOI since March 1, 2017. In particular, keyword searches should include 2017-086, 2017-86, reporting of proposed records of decisions and other decisions with nationwide, regional, or statewide impact, record of decision instruction manual,

Cont below.

OS-2018-00918 March 19, 2018 March 19, 2018 Wolff Daniel OS Open
Correspondence (including emails), memos, directives, and meeting minutes or agendas, or any notes of meetings, regarding Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance v. U.S. Dep¿t of the Interior, No. 12-cv-257 (D. Utah) (Judge Kimball), and the identification of all department personnel with responsibility (at any level) for the settlement agreement signed by Jenna Whitlock, BLM Acting Deputy Director, on January 13, 2017, which was subsequently approved by the court by order of May 17, 2017.

OS-2018-00886 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from anyone with an
email address ending in @omb.eop.gov or whose email signature includes Office of Management and Budget or OMB, and any DOI officials listed at any point since Jan 19, 2017: Sec Ryan Zinke, Dep Sec David Bernhardt, James Cason, Todd Willens, Scott Cameron, Steve Howke, Rick Puckett, Amy Holley, Denise Flanagan, Adrianne Moss, Jason Freihage, Thomas Wayson.

Cont below

OS-2018-00888 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access and copies of all correspondence including letters, texts, emails, faxes, to or from DOI officials and any of the individuals and entities listed in Appendix A, since Jan 19, 2017. DOI officials: Sec Ryan Zinke, Dep Sec David Berhardt, James Cason, Vincent DeVito, Joseph Balash, Katharine MacGregor, Downey Magallanes, Scott Hommel, Micah Chambers, John Tanner, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Blake Deeley, James Voyles, Audrey Haskins, Christopher Salotti,

Cont below

OS-2018-00889 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence including letters, texts, emails, faxes, to or from Steve Hargrave, Caroline Boulton, and Russell Roddy that detail all visitors Secretary Ryan Zinke received at Interior Dept since March 1, 2017. This should include copies of all 'unfetted access' lists sent to the Interior Complex Security Operations Branch since March 1, 2017.

Cont below

OS-2018-00890 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
All access and copies of all correspondence, including letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from the following

Department of Interior officials that include any of the words or phrases in Appendix A, since November 1, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Todd Willens, Steven Howke, Downey Magallanes, Andrea Travnicek, Tim Petty, Austin Ewell, Ryan Nichols, Vincent DeVito, Joe Balash, Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, Caroline Boulton,

Cont below.

OS-2018-00892 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
Copy of the ten most recent annual reports of the advocate for competition for the Department.

OS-2018-00893 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Barkman Don OS Open
Relevant letters, memos, emails, form, etc concerning the justification for spending operating and capital funds for enhanced security for Ryan Zinke, Secretary. Specifically, those related to improved doors.

OS-2018-00896 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 B Kat OS Open
All communications, of any type whatsoever, to and from the following individuals: Yevgeniy Viktorovich Prigozhin, Mikhail Ivanovich Bystrov, Mikhail Leonidovich Burchik, Aleksandra Yuruevna Krylova, Anna Vladislavovna Bogacheva, Sergey Pavlovich Polozov, Maria Anatolyevna Bovda, Robert Sergeyevich Bovda, Dzheykun Nasimi Ogly

OS-2018-00897 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 B Kat OS Open
All communications to and from Richard Pinedo.

OS-2018-00898 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 Shor Matthew OS Open
All communications to and from Donald Trump Jr. All communications including Donald Trump Jr., Don Jr, or any other name representing Donald Trump Jr.

OS-2018-00899 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 Kaplan Elijah OS Open
All documents and communications, of any form whatsoever, regarding any communications between department employees and Andrey Kostin, Dmitry Aleksandrovich Zabello, or other employee or representatives of VTB Bank. Furthermore, any documents relating to VTB or mentioning Andrey Kostin, Dmitry Aleksandrovich Zabello, or other employee or representatives of VTB Bank.

OS-2018-00900 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
request a copy of the document entitled 'Creating a Culture of Compliance,' which describes ethical guidelines and was shared with the Department of the Interior. Please click on this link for more detail on this document (https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/09/politics/cabinet-secretaries-ethical-behavior/index.html).

OS-2018-00904 March 19, 2018 March 19, 2018 Price Asher OS Open
Request the current job title, salary and hire date (at their current position) of Susan Combs and Joy NIcholopoulos.

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OS-2018-00901	March 17, 2018	March 19, 2018		Vardi Itai	OS	Open
1) All emails between the following OS staff and Taylor Energy employees and/or the company's representatives from 3/1/2017 to 3/1/2018 (all emails should any attachments and those that the OS staff are CC'd): Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secreraty David Bernhardt, James Cason, Katherine MacGregor, Gareth Rees; 2) All documents relating to Taylor Energy produced by or submitted to the OS from 3/1/2017 to 3/1/2018, including but not limited to memos, PowerPoint slides, Cont below						
OS-2018-00902	March 18, 2018	March 19, 2018		Stein Shira	OS	Open
Copy of any documents between Secretary Ryan Zinke and members of Congress, including, but not limited to, letters, emails, and physical correspondence.						
OS-2018-00903	March 18, 2018	March 19, 2018		McCullough Charles	OS	Open
All correspondence to, from, and mentioning Lolita 'Lola' Zinke from January 1, 2018 to March 18, 2018.						
OS-2018-00879	January 15, 2016	March 19, 2018		Atwood Amy	OS	Open
Decision file for the final listing determination for the greater Sage-Grouse under the Endangered Species Act (GrSG Listing Determination) and 2) All internal and external correspondence related to the GrSG Listing Determination whether or not considered to be responsive to Item No. 1.						
OS-2018-00880	September 24, 2015	March 19, 2018		Anderson Greta	OS	Open
Any and all docs before the agency regarding or relating in any way relevant to USFWS Sept 21, 2015, decision that Greater Sage Grouse is not warranted for protection under the Endangered Species Act (aka Project Record), Adminstrative Record, for the period between the last Not Warranted finding March 5, 2010 and Sept 21, 2015's determination.						
OS-2018-00881	December 31, 2015	March 19, 2018		Bogert L. Michael	OS	Open
1)Any and all records including reports, memos, emails, notes, letters, documentation, correspondence and other communication pertaining to the not warranted listing determination by USFWS for the Greater Sage Grouse under the Endangered Species Act or records concerning the agency's planning or other decisions made for consideration by the Service in the not warranted listing decision for the period Jan 1, 2014 to present. Cont below.						
OS-2018-00913	March 20, 2018	March 20, 2018		Ambrose Sue	OS	Open
All records released in response to this open records request: OS-2017-00650.						

OS-2018-00914 March 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
All travel vouchers, reimbursements, and records related to paying for the Secretary's travel since he took office. This includes airline travel and other forms of transportation. The records I request are similar in content and purpose to GSA's SF-1012 "Travel Voucher," used to record dates, destinations and costs of official business travel. I am also requesting trip summaries, travel routing summaries, travel reports, records of travel authorizations, travel arrangements,

Cont below

OS-2018-00908 March 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 Ruize Michelle OS Open
Requests payout from our funds put in trust for our tribe (50% of the interest earned on the account). I request to know the total amount in the trust and the total amt. of interest in the trust fund or the interest earned on the trust fund even if it is in another account. In RE: Trust Fund Act. #JA9303692 known as the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund.

OS-2018-00905 March 19, 2018 March 20, 2018 Price Asher OS Open
Copies of any correspondence (including emails and texts) since March 12, 2018 between DOI employees Heather Swift and/or Susan Combs and/or Ryan Zinke related to a request emailed by Asher Price for information about Susan Combs' title and salary. (The request for Susan Combs' title and salary was emailed by Asher Price to the DOI media relations address on March 12, 2018.)

OS-2018-00906 March 19, 2018 March 20, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
Copy of the meeting minutes for the Trust Management Improvement Steering Committee. Limit this request to meeting minutes during the time period January 1, 2010 to the present.

OS-2018-00907 March 19, 2018 March 20, 2018 West Ali OS Open
Access to and copies of all logs of congressional correspondence regarding correspondence to or from any officials at Office of the Secretary and Rep. Keith Rothfus between January 1, 2013, and March 15, 2018.

OS-2018-00909 March 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All reports produced by Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. for the Department of the Interior since January 1, 2012.

OS-2018-00910 March 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All available calendars, daily itineraries, and schedules of activities for Timothy Williams, Deputy Director in the Office of External Affairs.

From May 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00911 March 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Access to and copies of any and all communications from Vincent DeVito to Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and-or Secretary Ryan Zinke since September 2017 to the date thi srequest is processed.

OS-2018-00912 March 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Access to and copies of any and all communications, including email attachments, from Press Secretary Heather Swift to Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and-or Secretary Ryan Zinke since September 2017 to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00915 March 21, 2018 March 21, 2018 Elliott Dan OS Open
Copies of all emails and memoranda sent by Secretary Ryan Zinke to Susan Combs (nominated by President Trump to be assistant secretary for policy, management and budget), and sent by Susan Combs to Ryan Zinke, between Feb. 1, 2017, and March 17, 2018, which mention the secretary¿s proposed reorganization of the department into 13 consolidated regions.

OS-2018-00919 March 21, 2018 March 22, 2018 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Any and all records related to or concerning the BLM deferral and partial deferral of 28 parcels from the Montana BLM Competitive Oil and Gas Lease sale scheduled for March 13, 2018.

OS-2018-00927 March 23, 2018 March 23, 2018 Hughes Shannon OS Open
Any and all records related in any way to the Environmental Assessment for Signal
Peak Energy, LLC¿s (¿Signal Peak¿)
proposed Bull Mountains Mine No. 1,
Amendment 3 mining plan modification for Federal Coal Lease MTM-97988,
released
March 13, 2018, available at:
https://www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/bullMountainsMine.shtm.

OS-2018-00929 March 15, 2018 March 23, 2018 Fisher Kevin OS Open
Information on the evaluation and selection process for the U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of the Special
Trustee Trust Funds Accounting System (TFAS) 140D7018C0001 (contract number). TFAS procurement - D17PS00789

OS-2018-00921 March 23, 2018 March 23, 2018 Smith Odin OS Open
All records relating to the appointment, assignment, and/or employment of Lawrence ('Larry') Roberts as Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs-Policy and Economic Development, and/or any other position within the Department of the Interior. Please include all records relating to appointment to the Senior Executive Service. (contd below)

OS-2018-00922 March 23, 2018 March 23, 2018 Smith Odin OS Open
Records relating to the appointment, assignment, or employment of Michael Black as Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs; Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Special Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and/or any other position within the Department of the Interior. (contd below)

OS-2018-00920 March 23, 2018 March 23, 2018 Warren Kim OS Open
The Organizational Charts for the Head of Information Technology of Office of the Special Trustee- something that includes the names and titles/departments of the people who report to the Head of Information Technology of Office of the Special Trustee.

This includes Organizational Charts containing the direct reports of the people reporting to the Head of Information Technology. Also, the contact information of people listed in the organizational charts including: (Continued below...)

OS-2018-00923 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open

I request copies of all emails (including attachments) sent or received by the following Department of Interior staff from December 4, 2017 to December 6, 2017.

Department of Interior staff:

¿ Any individual who has held the position of White House Liaison from December 4, 2017 to December 6, 2017, including ¿ but not limited to ¿ Lori Mashburn

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OS-2018-00924 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open

Request the following records: All DI-2000 forms filed by Gisella Ojeda-Dodds.

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OS-2018-00925 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open

Request the following records:

All emails with attachments that contain the words "West Virginia Coal Association" "WVCA" "Ramaco" or "crayfish." Please search your records from May 1, 2017 to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00926 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open

Request access to and copies of all correspondence sent to or received by any of the following individuals that includes any keyword listed in Appendix A between March 6, 2018 and March 13, 2018:

· Secretary Ryan Zinke

· Chief of Staff Scott Hommel
· Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Downey Magallanes
· Acting Director of the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs Micah Chambers
· Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Scott Cameron

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OS-2018-00938 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Bastasch Michael OS Open
All communications sent to and from the email address of Joel Clement, former head of the Office of Policy Analysis, sent between November 8, 2016 to October 4, 2017. These communications should contain the keywords or phrases 'Trump,' 'Zinke' and 'whistle-blower.'

OS-2018-00939 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Bastasch Michael OS Open
All communications sent to and from the email address of Joel Clement and Katherine Atkinson (katherine@wilkenfeldlaw.com) sent between November 8, 2016 to October 4, 2017.

OS-2018-00930 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Moseman Kevin OS Open
All undisclosed information on all leases (any Confidential and all) pertaining to Kevin Richard Moseman

OS-2018-00931 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Funk LeAnne OS Open
Current list of all Office of the Special Trustee employees, in electronic format, sent via email address to lfunk@fedemplben.org , and include the following fields in a Comma separated format (CSV) or Excel format: Employee Full Name Agency Name and Location Employee Work Email Address Job Title Salary

OS-2018-00941 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Greshko Michael OS Open
1. January 20, 2017, to Present: Documents related to the creation and implementation of M-37050, the December 22, 2017, memorandum stating that the Migratory Bird Treaty Act does not cover incidental take. Responsive records should include emails, attachments, notations of conversation, as well as correspondence to or from (but not necessarily limited to): (contd below)

OS-2018-00936 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Bass Daniel OS Open
The contract and any addendums, modifications, statements of work, task orders, and subcontract documents for IND13PC00061, which was awarded to CNI Technical Services. Additionally, please provide information as to the location (s) where the awardee is performing work for this contract.

OS-2018-00932 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Request the following records: Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, sent or received by Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Senior Advisor Kathleen Benedetto, Deputy Assistant Secretary Katherine MacGregor and/or their executive assistants that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: " Hecla Mining", "Phillips Baker" and/or "Luke Russell".

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OS-2018-00933 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Request emails to include attachments sent or received by Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, which reference DOI¿s October 24, 2017 report entitled ¿Final Report: Review of the Department of the Interior Actions that Potentially Burden Domestic Energy.¿ The time frame of my request is May 1, 2017 to October 31, 2017.

OS-2018-00934 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Stevens Daniel OS Open
Requests DOI produce the following: All records regarding a March 2018 meeting between Tim Williams, Deputy Director of the Office of External Affairs, and representatives of the Montana Farm Bureau
Federation (MFBF). This request
includes all communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or other

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OS-2018-00928 March 25, 2018 March 26, 2018 April 13, 2018 Brownell Kenneth OS Completed
Request footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017, between on or about 9 am and noon.

OS-2018-00937 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 April 13, 2018 Sundown Tom OS Completed
Footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017 between on or about 9 am and noon.

OS-2018-00935 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
Request any authorization under 5 C.F.R § 2635.502(d) provided to Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, from April 1. 2017 to March 1. 2018.

OS-2018-00945 March 27, 2018 March 27, 2018 Evers Austin OS Open
American Oversight requests that DOI produce the following within twenty business days and seeks expedited review of this request for the reasons identified below:
1. All records reflecting communications (including but not limited to
emails, email attachments, text messages, chat or Slack messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, (contd below)

OS-2018-00943 March 27, 2018 March 27, 2018 Evers Austin OS Open
American Oversight requests that DOI produce the following within twenty business days and seeks expedited review of this request for the reasons identified below:
All records reflecting communications (including but not limited to
emails, email attachments, text messages, chat or Slack messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, (contd below)

OS-2018-00944 March 27, 2018 March 27, 2018 Steven Goldstein OS Open
Defenders asks that the Agencies provide:
Records of all communications between the U.S. and Canada relating the U.
S.'s interpretation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 703-12.
Communications between the U.S. and Canada
regarding the Convention Between the United States and Great Britain for the Protection of Migratory Birds,

proclamation, Aug. 2 16, 1916, 39 Stat. 1702, and its subsequent modification, (contd below)

OS-2018-00940 March 26, 2018 March 27, 2018 Greshko Michael OS Open
January 20, 2017, to Present All documents, correspondences, transcripts of conversations, or memoranda to or from Sec. Ryan Zinke or his assistants that contain any of the following words:
Diversity
Diverse
Minority
Minorities
Race

Racial

OS-2018-00942 March 27, 2018 March 27, 2018 Price Asher OS Open
Copy of the mission statements of the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance in 2016 and 2017. (My understanding is that the office adopted a new mission statement in October 2017. I would like a copy of that mission statement and the previous mission statement.)

OS-2018-00957 December 31, 2015 March 28, 2018 Bogert L. Michael OS Open
1)Any and all records, including but not limited to, reports, memoranda, emails, notes,
letters, documentation,
correspondence and other communication pertaining to the not
warranted listing determination by the United States Fish
& Wildlife Service for the Greater Sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act, see 80 Federal Register 59,858 (Oct. 2, 2015), or

cont below

OS-2018-00947 March 28, 2018 March 28, 2018 King Pamela OS Open
All emails, memos and other correspondence (to exclude email attachments, as long as those attachments are noted in the released documents) concerning or related to the Royalty Policy Committee's recommendation to cut royalty rates on deepwater leases from 18.75 percent to 12.5 percent. I am requesting documents dated from Oct. 4, 2017 to March 28, 2018.

OS-2018-00948 March 28, 2018 March 28, 2018 April 13, 2018 Smith Anna OS Completed
Footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017 between, on or about 9 am and noon.

OS-2018-00950 March 28, 2018 March 28, 2018 April 13, 2018 Rogers Rosemary OS Completed
Footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017 between 9:00 am and noon.

OS-2018-00955 January 15, 2016 March 28, 2018 Atwood Amy OS Open
1. The Decision File for the final listing determination for the greater sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act (GrSG Listing Determination).

2. All internal and external correspondence related to the GrSG Listing Determination, whether or not considered to be responsive to Item no. 1.

OS-2018-00956 September 24, 2015 March 28, 2018 Anderson Greta OS Open
Any and all documents before the agency regarding, relating or in any way relevant to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's September 21, 2015 decision that Greater sage-grouse is Not Warranted for protection under the Endangered Species Act, a.k.a. the Project Record, or Administrative Record, for the period between the last Not Warranted finding, March 5, 2010, and September 21, 2015's determination.

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OS-2018-00952 March 29, 2018 March 29, 2018 May 02, 2018 Haggerty Mark OS Completed
Request for federal mineral royalty statistics including: 1. Total sales volume (production) by commodity, rolled up to the state level for federal onshore and federal offshore for FY 2016 and FY 2017; 2. Total sales value by commodity rolled up to the state level for federal onshore and offshore for FY 2016 and FY 2017; 3. Total revenue by revenue type, mineral lease type, and commodity rolled up to the state level for federal onshore and offshore for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

OS-2018-00953 March 29, 2018 March 29, 2018 Creighton Sara OS Open
American Oversight requests that your agency produce the following within twenty business days:
All communications by
political appointees containing any of the following terms:1) Holdover(s); 2) Turncoat(s); 3) Leak*;4) Troublemaker(s); 5) 'Deep state';6) Embed*;7) Burrow*;8) 'Clean* house';9) Cleans*; (contd below)

OS-2018-00958 March 30, 2018 March 30, 2018 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Any and all reports filed by or about EnergyNet.com, LLC. (and/or related companies ENET Holdings, LLC, and/or EnergyNet Services, LLC) in accordance with its contract to perform online auction services for the U.S Bureau of Land Management¿s ('BLM') oil and gas lease sales. This contract is attached as Exhibit 1. Reports include, but are not limited to, (contd below)

OS-2018-00954 March 29, 2018 March 30, 2018 Stevens Daniel OS Open
1)Access to and copies of all correspondence since November 8, 2016, including but not limited to letters, texts,
emails, attachments, and faxes, between any of the following list of Interior officials: Former Deputy Chief of Staff
Downey Magallanes; Communications Director Laura Rigas; Press Secretary Heather Swift; Former Director of Scheduling and
Advance Rusty Roddy; Former Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior Wadi Yakhour;

Cont below

OS-2018-00963 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of reports documenting the total monthly cost of the Secretary's security detail since January 1, 2017. This should include, but not be limited to all receipts, invoices, reimbursements, and all other documentation of the total cost of all security agents and all other monthly expenses that Secretary Zinke has incurred for security since January 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00964 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence about the 'Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Delay and Suspension of Certain Requirements' rule published by BLM December 8, 2017, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between the following Department of Interior officials and any representative of a Native American tribe or tribal government since January 19, 2017. (contd below)

OS-2018-00965 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, instant messages, and faxes, to or from the following Department of Interior officials, at any point since January 19, 2017, that mention branding, public relations, marketing, creative or professional image consultants or vendors contracted or subcontracted by the office of the Secretary of Department of Interior. (contd below)

OS-2018-00966 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all contracts or subcontracts commissioned by the Interior Department that relate to the branding of Secretary Zinke's professional and/or personal image. This should include, but not be limited to, copies of all contracts with all brand consultants, branding consultants, creative consultants, marketing consultants, brands strategists, public relations consultants, public relations agencies, brand agencies, branding agencies, marketing agencies, or creative agencies.

OS-2018-00967 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, since January 19, 2017, between all official '@ios.doi.gov' Department of Interior email addresses and any email address ending in '@ryanzinke.com' since March 1, 2017.
'All correspondence'
should include, but not be limited to, copies of digital and hardcopy information sent by, sent to, carbon copying ('CC'), or blind carbon copying ('BCC') any of these accounts during this time period.

OS-2018-00968 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence since January 19, 2017, between all official '@ios.doi.gov' Department of Interior email addresses and all email addresses used by Secretary Ryan Zinke, excluding his official '@ios.doi.gov' Department of the Interior email. This should include, but not be limited to, all communications with the following email addresses: (contd below)

OS-2018-00969 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 George Marty OS Open
A copy of correspondence from Congressman Michael Grimm. Please search for documents from January 3, 2013 ¿January 5, 2015. I believe the correspondence are most likely to be held by your Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of

Legislative Affairs, or the office of the Executive Secretariat and likely tracked within a correspondence management system. (contd below)

OS-2018-00959 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Darby Marta OS Open
Specifically, we seek the following records created on and between January 20, 2017, and the date of Interior¿s search for records:
1. All records reflecting any communication, written or verbal, to any Chief FOIA Officer, Department FOIA Policy Staff, FOIA and Privacy Act Appeals Officer, Bureau FOIA Officer, FOIA Officer, Action Office, Office of the Secretary FOIA Officer, Electronic FOIA tracking system user, FOIA Public Liaison, Records Management Officer, or employee (contd below)

OS-2018-00970 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Farris Jeremy OS Open
Communications and documents issued or received by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board or its members or staff since January 1, 2012 regarding: a. Jawad Tawfiq Khalaf; b. Sheda Khalaf; Nader Khalaf; d. N ashat Khalaf; e. Joseph Khalaf; f. Joe Khalaf; g. Zaher Mostafa; h. Arafat H. Nimer; i. Mohammad Manasra J. Nael Ali; k. Christina Bowen (contd below)

OS-2018-01016 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Valvo James OS Open
I . All records regarding Department of the Interior policies on the retention, management, and/or administration of electronic (i.e., instant) messages, including but not limited to protocols such as SMS, MMS, Skype, Windows Messenger Service, XMPP, iMessage, Signal, BBM, etc. (contd below)

OS-2018-00960 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from Deputy Director of the Office of External Affairs Tim Williams and the following people and entities between February 1, 2018 and March 28, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-00961 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all text messages between Secretary Ryan Zinke and Rep. Mark Amodei since March 1, 2017. This should include, but not be limited to all SMS, MMS, and any other texts via a cellular network between the work or personal phone of Secretary Zinke and Rep. Amodei during this time period. (contd below)

OS-2018-00962 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all expense reports, receipts, invoices, reimbursements, and all other documentation of all costs incurred by the security agents who accompanied Secretary Zinke and Mrs. Zinke on their personal vacation from August 5, 2017 to August 21, 2017, as well as all documentation for any other security costs associated with this trip.

OS-2018-00973 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Marsco Delaney OS Open
CLC requests the following records: 1. Any record of a communication relating to guidance provided under 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502 to Lori K. Mashburn; 2. Any record of any authorization issued to Lori K. Mashburn under 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502 (d); or; 3. Any communication between Lori K. Mashburn and any other Interior employee that includes the word 'Heritage.' (contd below)

OS-2018-00974 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open

Since March 31, 2017, all correspondence referring to, relating to, or from/to the Department of the Interior and Gentry Beach, a resident of Dallas, TX. This includes written and electronic correspondence. Please redact personal email addresses and phone numbers if necessary, but for emails, leave the name of the sender visible.

OS-2018-00975 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
1) Since September 23, 2017, all calendar entries or travel schedules at the DOI that reflect meetings with or refer to Gentry Beach, a resident of Dallas, TX . This includes written and electronic calendars or travel schedules and should not be limited to the Secretary's calendar. Please redact personal email addresses and phone numbers if necessary, but for emails, leave the name of the sender visible.

OS-2018-00976 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Allen Greg OS Open
Communications, solicitations, and documentation relating to the commissioning of an official portrait painting of Secretary ZInke or other DOI officials since 1/20/2017. image(s) of official portrait painting(s) for same.

OS-2018-00977 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of all communications, including emails and text messages, to/from 1) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Kate MacGregor and 2) Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy Vincent DeVitor and the following people: Chris Guith, Lori LeBlanc, Frank Maisano, Randall Luthi or Nicolette Nye. You may limit your search to communications sent or received between March 1, 2018, and March 31, 2018.

OS-2018-00978 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Keatinge Jennifer OS Open
Records generated, obtained or received by the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior Department) related to planning, exploration, leasing and development of oil and gas resources on the Coastal Plain (Section 1002 Area) of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge since November 15, 2017. The requested records include, but are not limited to: (contd below)

OS-2018-00972 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 April 13, 2018 Garcia Heather OS Completed
Footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017 between on or about 9 am and noon.

OS-2018-00971 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Miller Kristen OS Open
Documents related to the development of an oil and gas program on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge pursuant to Title II of Public Law 115-97, including policies, plans, technical or scientific documents, regulations or regulatory documents, National Environmental Policy Act documents, assessments, and any documents related to the subject matter of the law. (contd below)

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OS-2018-00979 April 04, 2018 April 04, 2018 Zhurbinskiy Eve OS Open
Access to and copies of all logs of congressional correspondence to or from any officials at Office of the Secretary and Rep. Rodney Davis between January 1, 2013, and April 4, 2018.

OS-2018-00982 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
· Emails sent or received by Secretary Ryan Zinke which reference the withdrawal of 26 parcels from a March 2018 South Central Montana BLM oil and gas lease sale. The withdrawal of these parcels was announced by Secretary Zinke on Twitter on March 1, 2018 and was further announced by BLM in a press release dated March 5, 2018. The timeframe of my request is January 1, 2018 to March 30, 2018.

OS-2018-00983 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Request from the Department of the Interior the following records:
. All emails sent between Russell Roddy, Director
of Scheduling and Advance, and Glenn LeMunyon of the LeMunyon Group (glenn@lemunyongroup.com), from April 1, 2017 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-00984 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior') from December 19, 2017 to the date Interior conducts this search:
1. All communications that direct, authorize, and/or instruct the proposal of removing the
'Blanket Section 4(D) Rule' pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531-1544 ('ESA'). Attachment A (Revision of the Regulations for Prohibitions to Threatened Wildlife and Plants); and (contd below)

OS-2018-00980 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
Request for records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 and its implementing regulations seeking the following records generated, received, obtained, or considered by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) since November 15, 2017: (contd below)

OS-2018-00981 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Nickas George OS Open
Requests the following information concerning livestock grazing and wilderness administration on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered lands. We request all of the following: 1. A letter sent from Congressman Raul Labrador and Senator Mike Crapo to Interior Secretary Zinke, which we believed to be dated March 7, 2018 and was referenced by Rep. Labrador at the March 15, 2018 hearing before the House Committee on Natural Resources. (contd below)

OS-2018-00985 April 06, 2018 April 06, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
Former Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Richard Cardinale's detailed hour-by-hour calendar for November 9th, 2017.

OS-2018-00986 April 06, 2018 April 06, 2018 GREWAL GURBIR OS Open
1. All records reflecting any consultations, meetings, or other communications between Secretary Zinke and Governor Scott, or any agents, consultants, or employees of their respective offices, relating to the Secretary¿s decision to remove Florida from the OCS Leasing Program.

2. All records regarding any consultations, meetings, or other
communications pertaining to the scheduling of the January 9, 2018 meeting between Secretary Zinke and Governor Scott.
(contd below)

OS-2018-00987 April 06, 2018 April 06, 2018 O'Regan Sylvia OS Open
I am seeking copies of digital correspondence to and from Secretary Zinke, his Chief of Staff and other senior Department staff under the Freedom of Information Act.
Specifically, I am seeking digital correspondence to and from
Secretary Zinke, his Chief of Staff and other senior Department staff between November 1, 2017 and the commencement of this request containing the one or more of the words 'Goguen,' 'Amyntor,' "Proof Research,' 'Andrew Anglin,' 'Richard Spencer,' and 'Tanya Gersh.'

OS-2018-01017 April 06, 2018 April 06, 2018 Silver Robin OS Open
1.Complete copies of all correspondence and all accompanying documents to and/or from the BLM and/or any or all BLM representatives and The Nature Conservancy and Walden Family Foundation representatives Peter Culp and/or Scott Deeny and/or any other Walden Family Foundation and/or The Nature Conservancy representatives from June 13, 2017 to date (April 6, 2018) regarding a water settlement based upon the Cochise County 'solution' and/or the Cochise County Recharge Network;

OS-2018-01010 April 09, 2018 April 09, 2018 Repanshek Kurt OS Open
Copies of all 2017 correspondence, including emails, written letters, phone records, and pertinent internal documents from the Interior Department and National Park Service regarding sources of funding, including and specifically any funds redirected from elsewhere in the National Park System, to secure $227 million to pay for needed repairs to the Arlington Memorial Bridge along the George Washington Memorial Parkway. (contd below)

OS-2018-01011 April 09, 2018 April 09, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding communications contracts in effect at any point between January 20, 2017 and the day the records search is made for this request: (contd below)

OS-2018-00999 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 May 15, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Completed
Access to and copies of all video shot, recorded or created by or for the Department of the Interior in the making of the Happy Holidays from the Zinke family! video published on the Interior Department's website on December 20, 2017. This should include all edited videos and unedited raw video that went into the making of the holiday video published on Department of the Interior's website

OS-2018-00991 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 May 29, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
List of special government employees (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01012 April 09, 2018 April 09, 2018 May 25, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Completed
Copies of all nominations or invitations for membership to the Federal Advisory Committee known as the International Wildlife Conservation Council. 2) Any conflict of interest disclosures submitted by members of this council.

OS-2018-00988 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning all logs of correspondence that record letters from members of Congress to the Department of the Interior (DOI) from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-00990 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning FOIA request logs maintained by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01013 April 09, 2018 April 09, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
Copies of all nominations or invitations for membership to the Federal Advisory Committee known as the Royalty Policy Committee. 2) Any conflict of interest disclosures submitted by members of this council.

OS-2018-00993 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s schedule from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-00994 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt¿s schedule from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-00995 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior¿s headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from March 1 to April 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior¿s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-01002 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence from or to the following Department of Interior officials, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, memos, and faxes, that include the following keywords, sent between March 29, 2017 and December 8, 2017: DOI Officials - Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Katharine MacGregor and Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Joe Balash

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OS-2018-01001 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence between the following Department of Interior officials and any individuals with email addresses hosted by the following domains, sent or received between May 3, 2017 and May 17, 2017. Department of Interior officials: Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, James Cason, Scott Hommel, Vincent DeVito, Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, Timothy Williams, Katherine (Kate) MacGregor and Megan Bloomgren

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OS-2018-01000 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence sent or received on May 10th and 11th, 2017 by any of the following

Department of the Interior officials, that includes any of the following keywords:
Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, James
Cason, Scott Hommel, Vincent DeVito, Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, Katherine (Kate) MacGregor, Laura Riggs,
Heather Swift, Megan Bloomgren,
Lori Mashburn and keywords: Methane, CRA, Congressional Review Act, McCain, Graham,
Collins

OS-2018-00997 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence since December 31, 2017, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between any of the following Department of the Interior officials and any outside entities and individuals: Secretary Ryan Zinke, Scott Hommel, Downey Magallanes, Lori Mashburn, Caroline Boulton, Micah Chambers, Doug Domenech, Laura Rigas, Heather Swift and David Bernhardt

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OS-2018-01005 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Smith Kellan OS Open
Any and all documents, from January 1, 2017 to present, regarding the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation Recovery and Storage Project, that contain the communications of the following individuals and entities:
(A) Department of the
Interior Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; (B) Senior Advisor to the President Jared Kushner; (C) investment firm Apollo Global Management; (D) Apollo founder Joshua Harris;
(E) Cadiz, Inc.; and (F) CEO of Cadiz, Inc. Scott Slater;

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OS-2018-00996 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 May 25, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
Records of all responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-00992 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 June 04, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All communications records concerning communications that mention Trump, Ivanka, Kushner and/or Observer in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01003 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Smith Colin OS Open
All Correspondence with Secretary Zinke on The Nomination and Appointment Process Of The Recreational Advisory

Committee from November 2017 Through March 2018. I am requesting copies of all correspondence involving Secretary Zinke related to the nomination and appointment process of the Residential Advisory Committee from November 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. Correspondence should include emails, memos, and/or mail to or from Secretary Zinke.

OS-2018-01004 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests from the U.S. Department of Interior (¿Interior¿) from December 19, 2017 to the date Interior
conducts this search: All communications between Interior and the Pacific Legal Foundation (¿PLF¿), including but not
limited to all communications with the email extension ¿@pacificlegal.org.¿

For this request, the term ¿all records¿ refers to, but is not limited to, any and all documents,

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OS-2018-01006 April 08, 2018 April 09, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
I request a copy of each email in the email system of Interior Dept employee Daniel Fisher (hired 2/21/17) (for example: TO, FROM, CC) during these dates: June 22, 2017 to June 30, 2017 and these dates: March 20, 2018 to April 8, 2018: AND that contains ANY of these words:

Ethics
Complaint
Complaints
Citizen
Waiver
Justice
Problem

Situation
Issue
White
Administration

OS-2018-01007 April 08, 2018 April 09, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
I request a copy of each email in the email system of Interior Dept employee David Bernhardt, Deputy Secretary of the Interior, (for example: TO, FROM, CC) during these dates: June 22, 2017 to June 30, 2017 and these dates: March 20, 2018 to April 8, 2018: AND that contains ANY of these words:

Ethics
Complaint
Complaints
Citizen
Waiver

Justice
Problem

Situation
Issue
White
Administration

OS-2018-01009 April 08, 2018 April 09, 2018 Torres Anthony OS Open
Sierra Club requests the following records in the possession, custody, or control of The Department of Interior (DOI) for the period January 20, 2017 up through and including the date of your search for records:All emails, texts, and other written communications received or sent by Secretary of Interior Ryan

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OS-2018-01019 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Any directories, spreadsheets, e-mail lists, phone number lists, indexes, contact lists, or any other materials used to track or contact employees in the White House that are in the possession of the Department of the Interior. If applicable, I ask that these records include all information about issues or other tasks handled by each White House employee. (contd below)

OS-2018-01020 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Copies of all policies, opinions, memoranda, directives or other written guidance issued by the White House Counsel, the Executive Office of the President, or any other White House agency or office pertaining to the following: The processing of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests generally; The exemption of records from FOIA under the Presidential Records Act; (contd below)

OS-2018-01029 February 05, 2016 April 10, 2018 Davis Jr Ralph OS Open
Investigation that was closed and request a copy of the investigation for case file number is N0800367T

OS-2018-01030 March 14, 2016 April 10, 2018 Shin Kent OS Open
Copies of the documentation that deals with criminal investigation.

OS-2018-01014 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Hefling Kimberly OS Open
Correspondence between the Education Department and Interior Department pertaining to oversight of the Bureau of Indian Education during the Trump administration. The correspondence should include letters from or to officials at the Interior Department, such as (contd below)

OS-2018-01015 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests the following records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior'): All final memoranda, guidance documents, guidelines, and/or other final records issued from January 1, 2017 to the date this search is conducted, setting forth Interior¿s policy or position signed by an individual acting as, or exercising the authority of: (contd below)

OS-2018-01018 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
I request copies of all public records requests submitted by POLITICO or any representative of POLITICO which resulted

in the release of documents as detailed in a POLITICO article published on March 27, 2018. (Please see the referenced POLITICO article for more information: https://www.politico.com/states/florida/story/2018/03/26/records-zinkes-office-refute-scott-framing-of-impromptu-oil-drilling-reversal-330060.) (contd below)

OS-2018-01024 April 11, 2018 April 11, 2018 Dalrymple Jim OS Open
I request disclosure of emails sent and received by Heather Swift and Russell Newell that mention or refer to the following: Juliet Eilperin; Dino Grandoni; Eric Lipton; Jim Dalrymple II; Keith Schneider; Nidhi Subbaraman; Zahra Hirji; Rene Marsh; Chris D'Angelo; Clare Foran; Jason Leopold; Miranda Green; The Washington Post; The New York Times; The Huffington Post; CNN; BuzzFeed News; BuzzFeed.

OS-2018-01021 April 11, 2018 April 11, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Request for copies of records under the Freedom of Information Act. I am requesting copies of James Cason's daily schedule and calendar from January to the date that Department begins its search for responsive records.

OS-2018-01022 April 11, 2018 April 11, 2018 Mierjeski Alex OS Open
* all calendars dated between March 19, 2017, and the present (up to and including the day this request is processed)
for Scott C. Hommel, who joined the department in May 2017 as Chief of Staff to the Secretary.

OS-2018-01023 April 11, 2018 April 11, 2018 Bomber Marie OS Open
As a student research worker of Computer Science at Oregon State University, I am interested in studying the research from DARPA and IARPA research programs related to artificial intelligence and big data. Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act, I request the number for all contract numbers issued by this offce for the below listed projects, from project inception to present. The records will not be used for any business or commercial purpose, but solely to support academic research.

OS-2018-01025 April 12, 2018 April 12, 2018 Leopold Jason OS Open
Request disclosure from the Department of the Interior Office of Public Affairs the following records:
1. All emails
from Press Secretary Heather Swift mentioning the following words: 'fucking' and 'idiot' and 'stupid' and 'dumb.'
Please include the full email chain when locating responsive records and the email metadata.

OS-2018-01026 April 12, 2018 April 12, 2018 Massie Christopher OS Open
1.) Any and all records related to the internal review of Christine Bauserman following the inquiry by CNN into her comments cited in this story (https://www.cnn.com/2018/02/28/politics/kfile-top-aide-to-ryan-zinke/index.html), between the dates 2/27/2018 through 3/1/2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-01027 April 12, 2018 April 12, 2018 Galdieri Louis OS Open
2017 work calendar for Katharine (Kate) MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior.
2017 work calendar for Gareth Rees, Executive Assistant at US Department of the Interior.

OS-2018-01033 April 12, 2018 April 12, 2018 April 27, 2018 Ferguson Alan OS Completed
Seeking info regarding a payment Athens County, Ohio received in November 2017. Received $87,787.85 from the Ohio Dept of Natural Resources that funds passed through DOI for National Forest Acquired Lands for ONRR receipts from March 2007 through Sept 2017.

OS-2018-01032 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Bivins Mike OS Open
Copies of all of Secretary Zinke's incoming and outgoing emails, from all of his Dept. of the Interior email accounts, containing any of the following three words: 'Oregon,' 'wolf,' 'wolves.'

OS-2018-01031 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Katzenmeyer Kacey OS Open
1) All correspondence with Timothy Williams, Deputy Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs which includes Daniel C. Cardenas of Shasta Advisors from June 1, 2017- February 1, 2018;
2) All correspondence with
Timothy Williams, Deputy Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs which includes the term "National Tribal Energy Association" from June 1, 2017- February 1, 2018.

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OS-2018-01037 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
Mr. Clement requests copies of all records related to reassignments of members of the Senior Executive Service between January 1, 2018, through the date of your response to this request.

OS-2018-01038 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Federman Adam OS Open
Request for any and all correspondence or communication between Indur Goklany and James Cason between November 9, 2016 and the present. Requester's Communication Preferences: Electronic communication via email.

OS-2018-01039 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Federman Adam OS Open
Request for any and all correspondence or communication between Indur Goklany and Doug Domenech between November 9, 2016 and the present.

OS-2018-01040 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Irfan Umair OS Open
Request all employment records for Lolita Hand/Lola Zinke including hiring dates, pay stubs, salary, job descriptions, office assignments, office addresses, security clearances, and names of reporting staff including secretaries, planners, and assistants, from February 1, 2017 until the date of this filing.

OS-2018-01041 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Irfan Umair OS Open

Request all travel records for Lolita Hand/Lola Zinke including trip books, itineraries, expense reports, flight bookings, lodging arrangements, security arrangements, and names of accompanying staff from February 1, 2017 until the date of this filing

OS-2018-01042 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes to or from Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason, Downey Magallanes, Scott Hommel, Micah Chambers, Vincent De Vito, Todd Willens, Laura Rigas, Heather Swift, Russell Newell, Alex Hinson, or Caroline Boulton, since January 19, 2017, that include any of the following keywords: (contd below)

OS-2018-01043 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all agendas, meeting minutes, briefing reports, notes taken, and other documents from Downey Magallanes and Vincent De Vito's July 17, 2017 meeting involving Energy Fuels Inc. and its lobbyists. To clarify, this is a meeting described in the Washington Post.1 Additionally, I request access to and copies of all correspondence between Magallanes & De Vito and the following meeting participants sent or received between July 10 and July 21, 2017. (contd below)

OS-2018-01035 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 King Pamela OS Open
During testimony before the House Natural Resources Committee on March 15, 2018, Secretary Zinke suggested that he possessed data to support a proposed budget decrease for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's renewables program for fiscal year 2019. In response to a line of questioning from Maryland Rep. Anthony Brown (D), Secretary Zinke said 'I'll show you the data' to support the proposed budget reduction. I would like to request a copy of those data.

OS-2018-01049 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between Michael 'Mike' Catanzaro and the following Department of Interior officials, at any point since January 19, 2017:
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David Bernhardt
¿ Gareth Rees
¿ Catherine Gulac
¿ Elinor Renner
¿ Leila Getto

OS-2018-01055 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
1. Copy of the Order with CURRENT SOW/PWS; WE DO NOT SEEK PRICING.

OS-2018-01050 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Cama Timothy OS Open
Copy of the department's video recording of Secretary Ryan Zinke's June 26, 2017, speech at the Las Vegas Golden Knights development camp in Las Vegas, Nev. If that does not exist, I request any other records of the speech, such as audio, transcription, prepared remarks or notes.

OS-2018-01051 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Hardee Alex OS Open
Request concerns federal reserved water rights associated with the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA), for which the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has asserted claims in the ongoing Gila River Adjudication. See

In Re: The General Adjudication of All Rights to Use Water in the Gila River System and Source, Civil Nos. W-1, W-2, W-3, and W-4 (Consolidated). (contd below)

OS-2018-01034 April 14, 2018 April 16, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
Seeking information on a contract for telecommunications that SAMHSA has through the Department of Interior. The contract is IND16PD01062 (under ALLIANT GS06F0645Z. They was a copy of the contract including CURRENT SOW/PWS.

OS-2018-01044 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, since January 19, 2017, between the following Department of Interior officials and any email address ending in the domain name @ogahpah.com or Quapaw Tribe Chairman John Berrey (including his jberrey@ogahpah.com address). (contd below)

OS-2018-01045 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to all agendas, meeting minutes, and any notes taken during or as a result of Deputy Secretary' David Bernhardt's 'weekly politicals' meetings from July 24, 2017 to present. These meetings are noted in Deputy Secretary's calendars for August 2017 through November 2017, as posted on Interior's OS FOIA Library.

OS-2018-01046 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all agendas, meeting minutes, meeting summaries, briefing papers, meeting notes, and any other records given to or created by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, related to the 'Sage Grouse Task Force Meeting' that took place at the Western Governor's Association on October 23, 2017.

OS-2018-01048 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt's prepared remarks to the National Mining Association at the Trump International Hotel in Washington, DC on October 4, 2017, as well as copies of all video shot, recorded, or created by or for the Interior Department of Bernhardt's speech. (contd below)

OS-2018-01053 April 17, 2018 April 17, 2018 Cook Alastair OS Open
I would like to request details of all scientific research projects DOI currently fund. Can you send me a database, in excel, with details of all funded projects please. Full details are being requested please.

OS-2018-01054 April 17, 2018 April 17, 2018 Segerstrom Carl OS Open
Requesting any correspondence, since January 2018, from the Office of Policy, Management and Budget to each of the following bureaus: The National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and Fish and Wildlife --- that includes the terms 'spend plan', 'operating plan', 'FY 2018' and/or 'omnibus 2018'. I am also requesting any reports or 'Memorandum' issued by the Office of Policy, Management and Budget in 2018 that include the terms 'Budget', 'Appropriations' or 'FY 2018'.

OS-2018-01052 April 17, 2018 April 17, 2018 Ladue Henry OS Open
Records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 et seq., as amended. The purpose of this request is to supplement, and in some instances recreate, our historical records to assist TISA and its Board of Directors (Board) understand the fiduciary relationship between TISA, the federal government and its agencies, as well as the associated trust responsibilities. (contd below)

OS-2018-01059 April 18, 2018 April 18, 2018 Leven Rachel OS Open
Communication records related to the reassignment of Amy Lueders from her position as New Mexico State Director for the Bureau of Land Management to her position as Southwest Regional Director at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, including but not limited to all communication records related to any decisions to reassign Lueders. Please start ¿ but don¿t limit your search to ¿ (contd below)

OS-2018-01056 April 18, 2018 April 18, 2018 Feinberg Ashley OS Open
Request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:
Any and all email
correspondence between March 1, 2017 and April 17, 2018, between current United States Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, who uses the email address thirdwave2@speakergingrich.com.

OS-2018-01057 April 18, 2018 April 18, 2018 Solomon Robert OS Open
Copy of electronic files containing records of the Department of Interior¿s purchases through its procurement card program for April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018. I request separate files for transactions, level III details, and cardholders, respectively, in the following format. Understanding that DoI¿s procurement program is administered by JPMC, I believe that this format will be simplest for DoI to provide, and not require DoI to generate new records: (contd below)

OS-2018-01058 April 18, 2018 April 18, 2018 Feinbberg Ashley OS Open
Email records sent by current United States Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke from March 1, 2017 to Present Day that contain the non-case sensitive keyword 'SEAL' or 'SEALs.'

OS-2018-01060 April 19, 2018 April 19, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by DOI Energy Counselor Vincent DeVito that contains one or more of the following· words or phrases: 'Texas hornshell', 'TX horns hell', 'hornshell listing', and/or 'hornshell'. This request seeks records produced between July 11 1 2017 and August 18, 2017.

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OS-2018-01061 April 20, 2018 April 20, 2018 Stump Krystle OS Open
Copy of any correspondence from Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema and the response to the correspondence from your agency. Please search for documents from January 2013 through present.
Specifically looking for correspondence regarding
policy, legislation, or regulations, recommendations for executive branch positions or appointments, or support or opposition to federal funding for programs, projects, or companies.

OS-2018-01062 April 20, 2018 April 20, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
1. Copy of the DOI¿s application submission to OMB¿s Technology Modernization Board.
Note: as a reference please see
the attached OMB Initial Project Template ¿ APPENDIX, the suggested guideline for submissions, limited to only 2 pages.

OS-2018-01068 April 22, 2018 April 23, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
A copy of each Dept of Interior Office of Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Management EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DAILY SITUATION REPORT, during the time period August 30, 2017 through October 30, 2017.

OS-2018-01069 April 23, 2018 April 23, 2018 Santos Ros OS Open
Request a copy of the following documents identified to clearly releasable INPC8298100007 (RFP N8298100007) for Archeological and other Historic Preservation Services for the NPS Pacific Island Network.

Copy of the contract
sections A-C and any attachment with labor category information and/or labor rate information - clearly releasable.

OS-2018-01072 April 23, 2018 April 23, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
Complete itinerary for Secretary Ryan Zinke's trip that included a stop in Dallas for Earth Day, Texas in April 2018. Please include his schedule, names of people he met with, locations of meetings, topic of meetings, where he stayed. Please provide this information for the whole trip, i.e., if Sec. Zinke stopped in other locations in addition to the Dallas area before returning to Washington DC.

OS-2018-01071 April 23, 2018 April 23, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Requesting copies of all 'REPORT OF PAYMENTS ACCEPTED FROM NON-FEDERAL SOURCES' (DI-2000) submitted by or on behalf of Secretary Ryan Zinke from March 1, 2017 to April 23, 2018.

OS-2018-01070 April 23, 2018 April 23, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Request access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from any of the following Department of Interior officials that includes any of the following keywords since January 19, 2017.

Department of Interior Officials
· Secretary Ryan Zinke
· Scott Hommel
· Downey
Magallanes
· Laura Keehner Rigas
· Vincent DeVito
· Heather Swift

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OS-2018-01066 April 19, 2018 April 23, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Request communication records sent to and from the Department of the Interior¿s ethics staff regarding late or missing OGE Form 278 public financial disclosure reports sent to and from DOI¿s political appointees ¿ either classified as Schedule C, Non-career Senior Executive Service, Presidential Appointment without Senate Confirmation or Presidential Appointment with Senate Confirmation

Continue below

OS-2018-01067 April 20, 2018 April 23, 2018 McLean Danielle OS Open
The contract and all bid documents related to the following: The $54,802 contract between the Department of the Interior and Acoustical Solutions, Llc (DUNS number 625386024) for the rendering of services described as "SOUND ABSORPTION FOR OCIO'S 7100 HALL OFFICE SPACES." https://www.usaspending.gov/#/award/24439769

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OS-2018-01078 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Spatz Charlie OS Open
All electronic records, including emails and attachments, exchanged between Douglas Domenech, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas, and any of the following entities· Bridge Investment Group Prime Policy Group. Please constrain the search between January 20th 2017 and the processing date of this request.

OS-2018-01079 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Bhojani Fatima OS Open
Copies of the records identified and described below ¿ or of records containing the information identified and described below: Any and all recusal determinations made or issued, ethics waivers, advisory opinions about conflict of interest and impartiality determination requests in your custody or under your control from January 1, 2017 through the date you search for records.

OS-2018-01080 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Glawe Justin OS Open
All records produced in response to the following requests filed with and fulfilled by
both the BOR and the Office of
the Secretary: (contd below)

OS-2018-01073 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Doyle Michael OS Open
Anti-harassment 'action plans' prepared by each bureau in 2018 in response to directive from the Secretary and/or Deputy Secretary.

OS-2018-01074 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Emails, with attachments, sent to or from Heather Swift, that contain any of the following terms: Fucking; Fucked; Fuck; Idiot; Fake news; Asshole; Retard; Commie; Marx. Please confine your search to January 20, 2017 to the current date.

OS-2018-01076 March 07, 2018 April 24, 2018 Mechelen Dan OS Open
In Babbit v. Youpee (117 U.S. 727, (1997) the United States Supreme Court found the application of Section 207 of the

Indian Land consolidation Act (25 USC 2206) to be unconstitutional. On February 19, 1999, the Secretary of the Interior issued a Secretarial Order which officially ordered re-opening the probate of all estates (contd below)

OS-2018-01077 April 23, 2018 April 24, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Email correspondence, including attachments, between DOI Press secretary Heather Swift and Energy Counselor Vincent Devito between April 11, 2018 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01083 April 25, 2018 April 25, 2018 Litwack Lena OS Open
Request for congressional correspondence between Representative Pete Sessions and the Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

OS-2018-01082 April 25, 2018 April 25, 2018 May 25, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
Copies of records under the Freedom of Information Act. I am requesting: (1) A copy of the DOI's directive or memorandum or other record containing the Department's policy on the use and retention of personal email for agency business; (2) A copy of all records of Secretary Zinke's first and recurring training on compliance with the Federal Records Act, including those made or kept by David Alspach. It is my understanding that Mr. Alspach has met with Mr. Zinke about the FRA.

OS-2018-01081 April 25, 2018 April 25, 2018 Stall Douglas OS Open
ELECTRONIC COPIES of the following documents pertaining to the above referenced case number and NOV number, and the Rock Island Mine in Cameron, Oklahoma, in accordance with the Freedom of information Act/Open Records Request laws: 1. All communications whether written or electronic between representatives of Farrell-Cooper Mining Company and representatives of the Department of Interior, which pertain in any way to the above referenced matter.

OS-2018-01084 April 24, 2018 April 26, 2018 Maragos Michael OS Open
A dataset or multiple datasets containing the reported sales volumes, sales values, and revenues generated from onshore, federally-owned oil and natural gas resources aggregated by commodity, product, state, and county by sales year for calendar years 2007-2017.

OS-2018-01087 April 26, 2018 April 26, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All calendars for Timothy Williams - Deputy Director, Office of External Affairs from 5/26/2017 to the current date.

OS-2018-01086 April 26, 2018 April 26, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Copies of all e-mails (including attachments) sent or received by the following Department of Interior staff on March 8, 2018. Department of Interior staff:
. Ryan Zinke, Secretary
. Any individual who served in the position of Chief
of Staff on March 15, 2018, including ¿ but not limited to Scott Hommel.

OS-2018-01091 April 27, 2018 April 27, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all receipts for charges made by the following Department of Interior purchase cardholders, as denoted by the Office of Acquisition and Property Management's online record of 'Purchase Business Line Cardholder Contact Information.'[1] This should include, but not be limited to, all charged made that were reimbursed. (contd below)

OS-2018-01093 April 27, 2018 April 27, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all materials prepared in advance of, or as a result of Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt's October 18, 2017 meeting with Curtis Gannon, Rosemary Hart, and Principal Deputy Solicitor, as listed on his public calendar (https: //www.doi.gov/foia/os/secretarial-calendars): (contd below)

OS-2018-01090 April 27, 2018 April 27, 2018 Bogado Aura OS Open
Reporter with the Center for Investigative Reporting (henceforth 'CIR') seeking information regarding emails authored or received by Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. More specifically, I hereby request the following records for the period January 1, 2018, to February 2, 2018: (contd below)

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OS-2018-01094 April 27, 2018 April 27, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all phone call logs for Secretary Ryan Zinke's from March 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. This should include phone logs for all landline and cell phone lines used by Ryan Zinke maintained by Department of the Interior.

OS-2018-01101 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 McLean Danielle OS Open
All emails and memorandum to and from Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke between March 1, 2017 and March 22, 2018 containing the words 'soundproofing', 'soundproof', 'noise', and/ or 'Acoustical Solutions'.

OS-2018-01102 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Barber Gerald OS Open
All correspondence relating to Cat Island-Mississippi in/from The Office of Valuation Services --Denver. I am especially wanting all emails, text and any correspondence from Sandra St. Arnauld, review appraiser, to her co workers and supervisors and anyone outside the agency that relate to Cat Island and Gerald Barber or Barber and Mann Inc. The years are 2016 and 2017.

OS-2018-01092 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all emails sent to or sent by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Gareth Rees, Catherine Gulac, Elinor Renner, and Leilo Getto, related to the following meetings listed on Deputy Secretary Bernhart's public calendar (https://www. doi.gov/foia/os/secretarial-calendars): (contd below)

OS-2018-01095 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to texts, emails, google chats, or any other form of internal communication, sent by any of the following Department of Interior officials that include any keyword listed Appendix A, since January 19, 2017: (contd below)

OS-2018-01096 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to texts, emails, google chats, or any other form of internal communication, sent by any of the following Department of Interior officials that include any keyword listed Appendix A, since January 19, 2017: (contd below)

OS-2018-01097 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to texts, emails, google chats, or any other form of internal communication, sent by any of the following Department of Interior officials that include any keyword listed Appendix A, since January 19, 2017: (contd below)

OS-2018-01098 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all materials prepared in advance of, or as a result of the following meetings held by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, as listed on his public calendar (https://www.doi.gov/foia/os/secretarial-calendars): (contd below)

OS-2018-01099 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Harball Elizabeth OS Open
Records, including emails, presentations, and reports, associated with the 'schedule to effectuate the lawful review and development of a revised Integrated Activity Plan for the NPR-A,' as ordered by Secretarial Order No. 3352, Section 4, subsection a (1).

OS-2018-01100 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Ghio Nicole OS Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, and Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason from January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: (contd below)

OS-2018-01103 May 01, 2018 May 01, 2018 Bough Brian OS Open
Requesting a digital copy of all photographs taken by the Official Photographer on June 1, 2015. I am interested in all photographs of persons attending the signing ceremony with Sec. Jewell and Sec. Duncan as well as those taken during the ceremony itself.

OS-2018-01104 May 01, 2018 May 01, 2018 Grandoni Dino OS Open
Copy of an already-completed FOIA request. Its number is OS-2017-00659.

OS-2018-01105 May 01, 2018 May 01, 2018 Moss Bradley OS Open
Government phones, as well as any non-U.S. Government phones on which Secretary Zinke conducted U.S. Government business. Interior should ensure that its search for responsive records encompasses Government civilian employees, detailees, political appointees, Constitutional officers, and contract staff. (contd below)

OS-2018-01106 May 01, 2018 May 01, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
All text messages sent or received by Rusty Roddy, former advance staffer to Secretary Ryan Zinke, between January 3, 2018 and January 10, 2018.

OS-2018-01112	May 02, 2018	May 02, 2018	McLean Danielle	OS	Open

All emails, including attachments, to or from Department of the Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technology, Information and Business Services Elena Gonzalez; Office of Facilities and Administrative Services Director Joe Nassar; and Chief Information Officer Sylvia Burns between January 1, 2017 and the date your office processes this request, which contain the following phrases or subject matters in their body or subject line: (contd below)

OS-2018-01113	May 02, 2018	May 02, 2018	McLean Danielle	OS	Open

All correspondence and documents related to the $101,500 contract between the Department of the Interior and Industries for the Blind, Inc. (DUNS number 006096200 and award ID IND17PX00096), including but not limited the physical contract, all bid documents, and receipts. https://www.usaspending.gov/#/award/24439497

OS-2018-01108	May 02, 2018	May 02, 2018	Green Miranda	OS	Open

Communications to and from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke that includes the search terms 'trophy' and/or 'trophies' and/or 'elephant' and/or 'elephants' between January 1, 2018 and May 1, 2018. I'm seeking all correspondence regardless of format, to include but not be limited to email, phone records, text messages and videos. (contd below)

OS-2018-01109	May 02, 2018	May 02, 2018	Green Miranda	OS	Open

Seeking logs and or calendars detailing Secretary Ryan Zinke's visits to the Lincoln Memorial basement and all attendees. I'm seeking all correspondence regardless of format, to include but not be limited to email, phone records, text messages and videos. The public has an urgent need for information about the correspondence because it may she light on how agency policy is shaped and decisions are made at the agency. (contd below)

OS-2018-01110	May 02, 2018	May 02, 2018	Novak Patrick	OS	Open

List of the ten congressional districts that have the largest percentage of their area administered by the Department of the Interior. Put differently, I would like to know which U.S. Representatives have the most amounts of national parks, national forests, et cetera in their legislative jurisdictions. I am an individual seeking this information for my own personal use.

OS-2018-01111	May 02, 2018	May 02, 2018	Rosenberg Chelsea	OS	Open

Access to and copies of all logs of correspondence to or from any officials at Office of the Secretary and Versar, Inc. between December 2004 and May 1, 2018, complaints against Versar, Inc., and investigations into Versar, Inc. According to USASpending.gov, the Department of the Interior has had many contracts with Versar, Inc.

OS-2018-01114	May 03, 2018	May 03, 2018	White Michelle	OS	Open

Records in the possession or control of the Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary (DOI) regarding the administrative recognition of Revised Statute (R.S.) 24771 rights of way using non-binding determinations, recordable disclaimers of interest, or any other framework or mechanism. SUWA requests all records created, modified, or acquired from January 20, 2017 to the date the DOI commences its search for records responsive to this FOIA request.

OS-2018-01115	May 03, 2018	May 03, 2018	June 04, 2018	Emerson Sarah	OS	Completed

All records generated in connection to the following video shared by Secretary Zinke on Twitter, and to the tweet itself: https://twitter.com/SecretaryZinke/status/992121285932126209

OS-2018-01117 May 04, 2018 May 04, 2018 Blackman Jeremy OS Open
All correspondence of Secretary Ryan Zinke related to unmanned aerial vehicles, aka drones. I would like all communications from his hiring date until the fulfillment of this request begins. By relevant documents, I mean any correspondence which contains any of the following terms: (contd below)

OS-2018-01133 May 07, 2018 May 07, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests the following records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior') from May 1, 2017 to the date Interior conducts this search: the records of communication by Interior¿s Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, Vincent DeVito, mentioning, including, and/or referencing the following terms and/or phrases: (contd below)

OS-2018-01130 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all documents related to the Department of the Interior (DOI) employees' ethics waivers in resolving financial conflicts of interest from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

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OS-2018-01127 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all communications records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

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OS-2018-01123 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
On September 15, 2017, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke issued Secretarial Order 3356, Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories. Section 4(e) of Secretarial Order 3356 requires bureaus and offices to submit to the Deputy Secretary (referred to in Section 5)

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OS-2018-01122 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
I request access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, sent between the following Department of the Interior officials and the following non-governmental individuals and entities, since June 1, 2017:

Department of the Interior Officials: Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Russell

Newell, Gareth Rees, Leila Getto, Catherine Gulac

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OS-2018-01121 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
On March 2, 2017, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke issued Secretarial Order 3347, Conservation Stewardship and
Outdoor Recreation. Section 4(c) ordered that the Department of
the Interior shall (1) Identify specific actions to
expand access significantly for recreational
hunting and fishing on public lands as may be appropriate;

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below.

OS-2018-01120 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning all logs of correspondence that record letters from members of Congress to the Department of the Interior (DOI) from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01119 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 June 05, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
I request a list of ¿special government employees¿ (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01165 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concern logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interiors headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from April 1 to May 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interiors visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-01166 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Request records of all responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from April 1 to May 1, 2018. These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-01135 May 07, 2018 May 07, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All Calendars for Susan Combs from March 1, 2018 to the date this request is processed. Susan Comb's CV or resume.

OS-2018-01132 May 07, 2018 May 07, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Request for copies of records under the Freedom of Information Act. Recent news accounts reported that Secretary Zinke hired Chuck Laudner for a position with the National Park Service. This request is for records in the possession of the Department of Interior, Office of Secretary related to the Secretary's decision to appoint Laudner to this role.

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OS-2018-01125 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

Please include all records that document Bernhardt¿s schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01126 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's schedule from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

Please include all records that document Zinke¿s schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01131 May 07, 2018 May 07, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
I request access to and copies of cancelled check that Oregon Rep. Greg Walden or his campaign gave to Interior in payment of Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s appearance at a fundraiser in July 2017. The check was said to be dated December 6, 2017.

OS-2018-01139 May 08, 2018 May 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All emails including attachments that contain '@nes-dc.com' in the possession of Vincent Devito. Please search your records from March 2017 to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01140 May 08, 2018 May 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Calendars for Vincent DeVito from January 1 2018 to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01134 May 08, 2018 May 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All Instruction Memoranda issued by the secretary's office from January 1, 2018, to present .

OS-2018-01167 May 03, 2018 May 08, 2018 Mickelson James OS Open
Estate for Probate No. P000122668IP and all fee patents for land inherited in this probate. All info with regards to what happened to the house, cars, etc.

OS-2018-01136 May 08, 2018 May 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All documents, including emails and attachments, in the possession of Vincent DeVito, to, from, or containing the following email addresses: Audra@saveoursound.org; dbaur@perkinscole.com

OS-2018-01156 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Michael Anderson, executive assistant to Katharine MacGregor, that contain one or more of the following words or phrases. 'mining', 'mountain top removal', 'mountaintop removal', 'MTR', 'health impacts', 'health risks',

'surface mining', 'National Academies'
and/or 'National Academy' . This request seeks documents produced between June 1, 2017 and October 31, 2017.

OS-2018-01157 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Deputy Assistant Secretary Aurelia Skipwith, or her executive assistant, that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: (contd below)

OS-2018-01146 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
All communications and correspondence, including attachments, sent to or from the following government employees on List A and any employees or representatives of the entities on List B. Please see both lists below: (contd below)

OS-2018-01158 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Acting Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Susan combs, or her executive assistant, that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: (contd below)

OS-2018-01147 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All communications to or from the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (@asrc.com), or anyone representing them, including but not limited to Alan Mintz (timm@asrc.com) or any email address ending in @vnf.com, and the following people: Vincent DeVito; Kate Macgregor; David Bernhardt; Kathleen Benedetto.

OS-2018-01141 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All communications, including email with attachments, to, from , or containing 'Rich Lindsay' (rlindsay@wyoming.com) or '@perc.org' in the possession of Todd Wynn. Please search your records from October 7, 2017, to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01148 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Copies of resumes for any and all political appointees hired sinceAugust 24,2017 until the date of your final response
to this request. Please search your records from August 24, 2017 to the current date.

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OS-2018-01143 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All memos sent by Secretary Zinke or Secretary Zinke's office from March 1 to April 17th, 2018.

OS-2018-01144 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
1. All communications and correspondence, including attachments, sent to or from the following government employees on
List A and any employees or representatives of the entities on List B. Please see both lists below: (contd below)

OS-2018-01145 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
1. All communications and correspondence, including attachments, sent to or from the following government employees on
List A and any employees or representatives of the entities on List B. Please see both lists below: (contd below)

OS-2018-01149 May 10, 2018 May 10, 2018 Phippen Weston OS Open
Documents, emails, correspondence from the past year (May 2017 to May 2018) that includes references to Outside magazine or freelance journalists working on its behalf. Especially correspondence referring to any emails addressed @outsidemag.com or in reference to a freelance writer named Elliot Woods.

OS-2018-01150 May 10, 2018 May 10, 2018 Levine Natalie OS Open
Copies of public records in the custody of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), as identified below. NPCA is a
national non-profit working to protect and enhance America¿s National Park System for present and future generations. (contd below)

OS-2018-01151 May 10, 2018 May 10, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
All communications and correspondence, including attachments, sent to or from the following government employees on
List A and any employees or representatives of the entities on List B. Please see both lists below: (contd below)

OS-2018-01152 May 10, 2018 May 10, 2018 Spatz Charlie OS Open
Provide the calendar for Assistant Director James Patrick Gallagher from January 1st, 2018 through the processing date of this request.

OS-2018-01153 May 10, 2018 May 10, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All ethics pledges signed by Douglas Domenech since January 1, 2017. I am a reporter for Pacific Standard magazine.

OS-2018-01154 May 10, 2018 May 10, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All documents and correspondence, including attachments, related to the March 10 , 2017 meeting that Douglas Domenech, Daniel Jorjani and Lori Mashburn held with "Property Rights Groups". see Mr. Domenech's calendar ,.or more details: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/domenech_-_march-october_2017_17-01281ca_redacted.pdf

OS-2018-01155 May 10, 2018 May 10, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open

All documents and written and electronic communications, including attachments, that relate co the April 6, 2017 meeting between Assistant Secretary Douglas Domenech and Rob Henneke of the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

OS-2018-01163 May 11, 2018 May 11, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Douglas Domenech and/or his executive assistant(s) that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: 'red river', 'red river case', 'property rights', 'Henneke', 'Texas Public Policy Foundation', and/or 'TPPF'. This request pertains to records produced between March 1, 2017 and November 30, 2017.

OS-2018-01164 May 11, 2018 May 11, 2018 France Elizabeth OS Open
Records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications,..
(contd below)

OS-2018-01159 May 11, 2018 May 11, 2018 May 29, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Completed
Details of the OS FOIA office's 'Awareness Check' or 'Awareness Review' for the release of FOIA Any documents on the implementation of the "awareness review" or 'awareness check' policy, including a description of the steps of the review, and any documents sent to OS FOIA staff regarding the review. (contd below)

OS-2018-01161 May 11, 2018 May 11, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all ethics waivers that Assistant Secretary Douglas Domenech has requested and/or obtained from the DOI ethics office since January 20, 2017.

OS-2018-01196 May 11, 2018 May 14, 2018 Hughes Shannon OS Open
1. All records related in any way to the mining plan approval for federal coal lease WYW-2727 at the Jim Bridger Coal Mine in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, approved on 3/27/2018 by Joseph R. Balash, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management. For purposes of this request, reference information can be found on OSM¿s website (link below)2. All records related in any way to the mining plan approval for federal coal lease COC-62920 at the King II Coal Mine in Hesperus, Colorado... (cont. below)

OS-2018-01198 May 11, 2018 May 14, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Records pertaining to former DOI employee James "Jim" Cason from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2009. Specifically, we seek: All correspondence, internal hiring materials, salary and benefits infonnation, memos authored, complaints, and any performance reviews or reprimands involving Mr. Cason from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2009. This should include, but is not limited to: a) Any documents, analyses or other materials concerning the hiring and promotion processes (cont. below)

OS-2018-01205 May 15, 2018 May 15, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All emails, with attachments, with the term 'American Burying Beetle' in the possession of Vincent DeVito.

OS-2018-01197 March 16, 2018 May 15, 2018 June 04, 2018 Ward Jordan Tanya OS Completed

A. The name of each agency the EEOC has ever granted permission to do a "Pilot Project" as provided for under EEOC's guidelines allowing for variances from the federal complaint processing procedures prescribed in 29 C.F.R. Part 1614./ B. The names of each agency, presently under a "Pilot Project", as referenced under paragraph A above./ C. Any correspondence that describes the features of the approved pilot agency¿s complaint handling process that variates from established federal(cont. below)

OS-2018-01168 April 14, 2018 May 15, 2018 June 04, 2018 Scaggs Jim OS Completed
BLM and ONRR receives royalty payments from underground lead mining operations primarily in Iron and Reynolds county in Missouri. The mining operator pays royalty payments to the Federal Government (BLM). ONRR receives these payments and distributes part of the royalty payments back to the State of Missouri. Then once per year the Office of Administration and State of Missouri, distributes payment to the counties.

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OS-2018-01170 May 16, 2018 May 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Documents titled '/84 Presentation/1.1 Bay State Wind Update_Schindler.pdf' and '/84. Presentation/4 1 Bay State Wind Update_Schindler.pdf' sent by Nicole Cooper (nicole.cooper@boem.gov) to Gisella Ojeda-dodds (gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi gov) an Friday, August 25th The email containing the documents as attachment has the Subject line 'Presentation.'

OS-2018-01169 May 16, 2018 May 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All binders and briefing books prepared for Vincent DeVito.

OS-2018-01171 May 16, 2018 May 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All communications between Vincent DeVito (vincent_devito@ios.doi.gov) and any Senior Executive in the Office of Natural Resources Revenue.

OS-2018-01172 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents (including correspondence, travel itineraries, as well as hotel, airfare and meal receipts) related to DOI appointee Katharine MacGregor's trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming to attend the National Ocean Industries Association's annual meeting on October 3 through October 6, 2017.

OS-2018-01174 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by DOI appointee Katharine MacGregor and/or her immediate executive staff, including Michael Anderson, that include one or more of the following words or phrases 'Mountain Valley Pipeline', 'Mountain Valley' and/or 'MVP'. This request seeks documents produced between May 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01191 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Munoz Hudson Tate OS Open
[A] copy of Scott Hommel's daily schedule from August 2017.

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OS-2018-01193	May 17, 2018	May 17, 2018		Munoz Hudson Tate	OS	Open
[C]opies of record related to Scott Hommel's trip to Montana in August 2017. This includes the trip itinerary, schedule of events and meetings, correspondence about the trip, records of trip expenses including reimbursements, briefing materials, materials provided to Hommel, and records of meeting taken during the trip.						
OS-2018-01206	May 17, 2018	May 17, 2018		Coleman Jesse	OS	Open
All Memorandum from Katherine S. MacGregor.						
OS-2018-01173	May 17, 2018	May 17, 2018		Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open
Any and all written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, between DOI appointee Katharine MacGregor (or her executive assistant Michael Anderson) and any outside email address that contains the the following: @bkstrategies.com. This request seeks documents produced between May 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.						
OS-2018-01199	May 17, 2018	May 17, 2018		Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open
A copy of DOI appointee Katharine MacGregor's November 2017 speech to the Grand Junction Petroleum and Mining Club.						
OS-2018-01186	May 18, 2018	May 18, 2018		Coleman Jesse	OS	Open
All Memorandum from David Bernhardt or James Cason.						
OS-2018-01175	May 14, 2018	May 21, 2018		Chio Nicole	OS	Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding Joseph Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date he took this position (believed to be in December 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: continue below						
OS-2018-01185	May 17, 2018	May 21, 2018		Munoz Hudson	OS	Open
a copy of an email released in response to 17-00413: Other Records > Email Communications with Secretary Zinke Through November 2017 > Part 2 > page 159						
OS-2018-01176	May 14, 2018	May 21, 2018		Ketcher Bradley	OS	Open
1. For purposes of this FOIA request, the term "documents" means any document(s) in the custody, possession, or control of your department or agency ¿including emails, voicemails, text messages, writings, images, sound recordings, and other data or data compilations. continue below						

OS-2018-01194 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachment, sent or received by Vincent Devito concerning the following FOIA requests: OS-2018-00413, OS-2018-00409, and/or OS-2018-00734.

OS-2018-01181 May 18, 2018 May 21, 2018 Green Miranda OS Open
Seeking all communications from the Office of the Secretary including from Ryan Zinke and Heather Swift including the words "border," "apprehension," "arrest," "Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument" and/or "Amistad National Recreation Area" between May 1, 2018 and May 18, 2018.

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OS-2018-01177 May 16, 2018 May 21, 2018 Lind Jonathan OS Open
I am requesting the detailed investigation report conducted between February thru May 2017 for
(1)sexual assault
against one Raven S. Lind. (2) allegations of wasteful spending of taxpayer funds by Nathan L Meyer (3) Retaliation against Jonathan Lind by one Nathan L Meyer.

OS-2018-01182 May 18, 2018 May 21, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
All email communications between David Bernhardt from his Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck account ("dbernhardt@bhfs.com") and the following DOI officials: 1) Scott Hommel, 2) Katherine MacGregor,3) James Cason, 4) Downey Magallanes, 5) Doug Domenech, and 6) Natalie Davis, between January 1. 2017 to June 1. 2017. All such emails should include any attachments and emails where the aforementioned officials are CC'd and BCC'd.

OS-2018-01183 May 18, 2018 May 21, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
Request a copy of the following documents identified to IND15PA00048 (see below):1. Current contract value including base and option years. 2. Current level of effort 3. Current contract with all modifications and all task orders and/or delivery orders.

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OS-2018-01188 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Perez Jerome OS Open
I am seeking any and all information from my 2017 EPAP rating and award recommendation as a Senior Executive Service employee with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as State Director for California. I have requested my final 2017 EPAP as finalized by the Executive Review Board (ERB) to no avail with both my Acting Capital Human Resources Officer (CHRO) and DOI¿s Acting CHRO.

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OS-2018-01187 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Ruch Jeff OS Open
Requests information about how this screening process has been implemented. Specifically, we request the following records generated on or after December 28, 2017:

Any communications describing the criteria DOI has directed its
agencies to employ in evaluating grant applications and/or grant funding;

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OS-2018-01180 May 18, 2018 May 21, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Request access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to texts, emails, google chats, or any other form of internal communication, sent by any of the following Department of Interior officials that include any of the following Keywords, from April 22 to April 27, 2018:

Department of Interior Officials

Heather Swift, Russell
Newell, Laura Rigas, Eli Nachmany, Alex Hinson, - Keywords: John Oliver, Last Week Tonight.

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OS-2018-01179 May 17, 2018 May 21, 2018 Singh Gunita OS Open
The records sought are: The resumes and position descriptions2 for the following individuals: 1. Nancy A. Guiden, Special Assistant to the Secretary, 2. Christine Bauserman, Special Assistant to the Secretary
3. James E. Cason,
Special Assistant to the Secretary, 4. Marshall T. Critchfield, Special Assistant to the Secretary, 5. Megan B. Bloomgren, Special Assistant to the Secretary

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OS-2018-01178 May 16, 2018 May 21, 2018 Brown Dylan OS Open
I request all documents, correspondence and records from Nov. 9, 2016, to Feb. 2, 2018, concerning the nomination of J. Steven Gardner as director of the Office of Surface Mining or his employment at the Department of the Interior.

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OS-2018-01195 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Ruch Jeff OS Open
The following records generated on or after December 28, 2017: 1. Any communications describing the criteria DOI has directed its agencies to employ in evaluating grant applications and/or grant funding; 2. Any communications that DOI sent to grant applicants describing an new screening criteria for grant funding; 3. Records reflecting the suspension or cancellation of a grant awarded prior to 2018; 4. Records relating to the reasons behind or supporting those suspension or (continued below)

OS-2018-01207 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Clark Dartunorro OS Open
Applications and/or permits rejected, approved, waitlisted or otherwise on hold in your agency's possession pertaining to the importing of trophies of animals from African nations dating between March 1, 2018 to present. In a formal memo issued this past March, your agency withdrew earlier agency rulings related to importing trophies of dead elephants from South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana and Namibia, ...(contd below)

OS-2018-01208 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Brossy Katie OS Open
1. All agency records, including but not limited to, documents, memoranda, emails, letters, notes, reports, maps, discussion, audits, account statements, work papers, or other communications between Peabody Energy Corporation (also known as Peabody Western Coal Company) and the Department of the Interior, ...(contd below)

OS-2018-01209 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
All communication and documents exchanged between DOI's Todd Willens and Alex Herrgott, CEQ Associate Director for Infrastructure, between July 15, 2017 and August 15, 2017.

OS-2018-01210 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Cheadle Samuel OS Open
All payroll records for U.S. EPA Region 9 employee Patricia Hudnall from January 1, 2008 to the present.

OS-2018-01189 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Katharine MacGregor concerning the following FOIA requests: OS-2018-00150, OS-2018-00668, and/or OS-2018-00932.

OS-2018-01190 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Douglas Domenech concerning the following FOIA requests: OS-2017-01281.

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OS-2018-01201	May 21, 2018	May 21, 2018		Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open	Any & all written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by press secretary Heather Swift that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: "Matthew Allen" and/or "Allen". This requests seeks any and all documents or communications in Heather Swift's possession that refer to the Bureau of Land Management's former communications director Matthew Allen. This requests seeks documents produced between September 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.
OS-2018-01202	May 21, 2018	May 21, 2018		Horneffer Lauren	OS	Open	All emails, letters, and correspondence dated January 1, 2017 to January 17, 2018 that are between the following names and anyone using an email address with the domain @wilmerhale.com, @dorsey.com, or @twin-metals.com. David Bernhardt; Daniel Jorjani; Jack Haugrud; Karen Hawbecker; In other words, this request would include emails between Daniel Jorjani and tomsmith@dorsey.com; letters between David Bernhardt and ¿Tom Smith¿, who uses an email that has the domain @dorsey.com; and (cont. below)

OS-2018-01204 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
1. All communications, including attachments, providing direction or guidance to any Department of the Interior subdivision or subdivisions concerning the processing of or response to particular FOIA requests or to categories thereof, including but not limited to any such communications to or from Clarice Julka or Heather Swift. 2. All communications, including attachments, requesting that one or more Department of the Interior subdivisions (cont. below)

OS-2018-01214 May 22, 2018 May 22, 2018 Mandel Kyla OS Open
I request access to and copies of the Department of Interior (DOI) D.C. headquarters visitor log from January 1, 2018 to date of processing.

OS-2018-01212 May 22, 2018 May 22, 2018 May 30, 2018 Ebbini Ramzi OS Completed
. Any Freedom of Information Act requests and the responsive materials thereof filed January 1, 2017 to present regarding Michael 'Mike' Kent Braun of Indiana (DOB: 3/24/54).
. Any Freedom of Information Act requests and the
responsive materials thereof filed January 1, 2017 to present regarding Meyer Distributing, Inc., Meyer Logistics, Inc., Maple Land Co LLC, Braun Family Properties LLC.

OS-2018-01225 May 23, 2018 May 23, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
1)All communications including attachments providing direction or guidance to any DOI subdivision concerning the processing of or response to particular FOIA requests or to categories thereof, including but not limited to any such communications to or from Clarice Julka or Heather Swift.
2)All communications, including attachments, requesting that
one or more Department of the Interior subdivisions transfer custodianship of particular documents or categories thereof to

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OS-2018-01216 May 23, 2018 May 23, 2018 Schick Tony OS Open
Copies of records of any emails, text messages, memos or meeting notes involving the following parties:
* Rick Dice,
rick@patrickfire.com
* Mike Wheelock, mike@graybackforestry.com

I request these records from the following parties
within the Department of Interior:
* Ryan Zinke
* Leila Getto
* Christine Bauserman
* Downey Magallanes
* Tami
Heilemann
* Bryan Rice
* David Mihalic

OS-2018-01217 May 23, 2018 May 23, 2018 Schick Tony OS Open
* Copies of any records of memos, internal studies, audits or regarding the total amount of money spent on hotel lodging during wildfire season
* Copies of all hotel expenditures related to wildland fire operations for the past five years.

OS-2018-01211 May 22, 2018 May 23, 2018 Chatal Sham OS Open
Any and all information showing ownership of Big Sleep Mine and all partners owner has had in our records and the dates they acquired ownership.

OS-2018-01219 May 24, 2018 May 24, 2018 Cleaver Emanuel OS Open
The Congressman is requesting copies of letter(s) Secretary Zinke has issued regarding the National World War I Memorial in Washington, D.C. We have requested via the congressional liaison copies of these letters to no avail. We are aware of one letter written by Secretary Zinke to other agency heads in late March or early April regarding relocating the National WWI Memorial from Pershing Park to the mall. (contd below)

OS-2018-01220 May 24, 2018 May 24, 2018 Mendoza-Wilson Ina OS Open
I'd like to know the process on how qualified applicants for evaluated for the Property Management Specialist position that closed on 3/6/2018, announcement number OS-6020-18-KN-053(MP). I was referred to the hiring official because I qualify but was never contacted for an interview and I'd like to know why. Was an internal candidate hired, if an external candidate was hired how were they ranked hired then I was?

OS-2018-01218 May 24, 2018 May 24, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of records under the Freedom of Information Act. I am requesting copies of Secretary Zinke's travel expenses from August 2017 to the date the Department begins its search for responsive records. This request includes travel authorizations, reimbursements, payments, itineraries, manifests, reservations (including class of travel), and similar records.

OS-2018-01221 May 25, 2018 May 25, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
All emails to, from, and amongst Katharine MacGregor, Scott Cameron, Downey Magallaness, Andrea Travnicek, and James Cason with the combined term and word 'climate change' and 'language,' from 1.1.2017 to 5.1.2018.

OS-2018-01222 May 25, 2018 May 25, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
All emails to and from Drue Pearce (email: 'dpearce@hollandhart.com') and Kyle Parker (email: 'kwparker@hollandhart.com), both of Holland and Hart LLP, and 1) Katharine MacGregor and 2) James Cason, from 1.1.2017 to 12.31.2017.

OS-2018-01223 May 25, 2018 May 25, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all Attachment C-1 Financial Assistance Review forms submitted by any of Department of Interior bureaus or offices to the Office of Policy Management and Budget or directly to OPMB official Steve Howke. For your reference, a completed Financial Assistance Review forms is attached to this request.

OS-2018-01224 May 25, 2018 May 25, 2018 Singh Gunita OS Open
1. All emails and other correspondence to and from DOI¿s Office of Financial Management mentioning or referring to

Trump properties. (See definition below).
2. All emails and other correspondence to and from DOI¿s Office of Financial
Management mentioning or referring to any Trump business. (See definition below).
(contd below)

OS-2018-01226 May 29, 2018 May 29, 2018 Bauer Nick OS Open
· All records of any actual funds expended or projected expenditures for renovations (including furnishing, remodeling, redecorating, purchasing furniture, changes to furniture or other objects in office suites or common areas, or making improvements) of any part of the office of the Secretary. (contd below)

OS-2018-01227 May 29, 2018 May 29, 2018 Bauer Nick OS Open
· All records of any actual funds expended or projected expenditures for renovations (including furnishing, remodeling, redecorating, purchasing furniture, changes to furniture or other objects in office suites or common areas, or making improvements) of any part of the office of the Secretary. (contd below)

OS-2018-01228 May 29, 2018 May 29, 2018 Best Emma OS Open
Copies of all emails containing the terms 'MuckRock', 'Muck Rock' or 'MuckRock.com', excluding emails sent to or from a MuckRock.com email address. Please include the complete email exchange for each email, including any emails that are being replied to as well as any subsequent replies.

OS-2018-01229 May 29, 2018 May 29, 2018 Brown Ann OS Open
Requests the following records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior'): The guidelines, guidance, frameworks, instructions, manuals, and/or other memoranda used to help inform the development of the Species Status Assessment ('SSA') program and species-specific SSAs. (contd below)

OS-2018-01232 May 30, 2018 May 30, 2018 STANLEY ROBERT OS Open
I am submitting a FOIA request in regards to USA Job Announcement OS-6020-18-KN-053 (MP). I would like a list of selected candidates and their resumes.

OS-2018-01234 May 30, 2018 May 30, 2018 Setshwaelo Sara OS Open
1. Dated on or after November 8, 2016, correspondence from, or documents submitted by or on
behalf of, the group
identifying itself as the 'Agua Caliente Tribe of Cupeno Indians· and/or the
Agua Caliente Tribe of Cupeno Indians of
the Pala Reservation: (contd below)

OS-2018-01230 May 30, 2018 May 30, 2018 June 04, 2018 Lee Brandy OS Completed
1. Any and all documents related in any way to any and all projects, consultations, designs or reviews done for the Curry Water Authority.
2. All documents including correspondence that you have exchanged with the Defendant, its board
members, and/or any of the lawyers, paralegals, or assistants who represent the Defendant in this action.
3. All
documents and materials that you have received in this action from Defendant, its board members, and/or Defendant¿s counsel. (contd below)

OS-2018-01231 May 31, 2018 May 31, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
On May 8, 2018, E&E News reported that the Department of Interior would be deploying 22 law enforcement officers to public lands along the U.S.-Mexico border in Arizona and Texas for three-week stints beginning May 13. In a May 28, 2018 radio interview with Breitbart, Zinke suggested that DOI had already doubled the number of officers sent to the border beyond the initial 22 officer deployment. (contd below)

OS-2018-01236 May 31, 2018 May 31, 2018 Shilton AC OS Open
I am requesting any and all records, documents, directives, and emails responsive to the terms naturalization, naturalization ceremony, citizenship, and diversity, from the time period between 1/1/2016 to 5/31/2018.

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OS-2018-01235 May 31, 2018 May 31, 2018 Smith Colin OS Open
The following request is being made in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). I am requesting copies of the following documents. Email Correspondence Between Senior Deputy Director Ben Cassidy And The NRA From October 2017 Through Present. (contd below)

OS-2018-01240 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning all logs of correspondence that record letters from members of Congress to the Department of the Interior (DOI) from May 1 to June 1, 2018. The logs should detail the correspondence¿s control number, the date it was received, what congressional office sent it and its subject. Please redact constituents¿ names and other personal information detailed in these logs in order to expedite this request.

OS-2018-01241 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all documents related to the Department of the Interior (DOI) employees' ethics waivers in resolving financial conflicts of interest from May 1 to June 1, 2018.
These documents are maintained by federal agencies and are
released to the public upon request under 18 U.S.C. 208.

OS-2018-01242 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning FOIA request logs maintained by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from May 1 to June 1, 2018.
The logs should detail the request¿s control number, the date it was received, who made the request,
what company or organization they were from and the request¿s subject.

OS-2018-01243 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request a list of 'special government employees' (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from May 1 to June 1, 2018.
A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202.

OS-2018-01244 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Records concerning communications that mention Trump, Ivanka, Kushner and/or Observer in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from May 1 to June 1, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-01245 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s schedule from May 1 to June 1, 2018.
Please include
all records that document Zinke¿s schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01246 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from May 1 to June 1, 2018.

Please include all records that document Bernhardt's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01247 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior¿s headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from May 1 to June 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior¿s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-01248 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request records of all responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from May 1 to June 1, 2018.
These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association
with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-01237 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Amarel Taylor OS Open
All emails sent to, from, or copied to: Ryan Zinke, from January 1, 2016 to Present Day containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-string 'liberals', 'kushner', 'Giuliani', 'Mastroianni', 'Elliott Broidy', Mark Siffin', EB-5', 'George Nader', 'Erik Prince', 'alias', "FOIA', 'Israel' or 'whistleblower'. After conducting a search to determine how many email records exist, (contd below)

OS-2018-01238 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 O'Loughlin Keith OS Open
Announcement number OS-6000-18-IB-065(DEU) Program Analyst, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Office of the Secretary of the Interior. Pursuant to the guidance laid out in DOI Personnel Bulletin # 13-01, I hereby request the following information for the above referenced announcement; (contd below)

OS-2018-01249	June 01, 2018	June 01, 2018	Atkinson Katherine	OS	Open

1. All records regarding proposals to reassign Mr. Wenk to a new position, from February 1, 2017, through the date of DOI¿s production of responsive records. (contd below)

OS-2018-01239	June 01, 2018	June 01, 2018	Coleman Jesse	OS	Open

All communications, including email and attachments, in the possession of Vincent Devito, between Mr. DeVito and the following entities: any domain ending in@Massiepartners.com; The company Eversource; The company DONG. We request you search your records from January 20, 2017 to the current date

OS-2018-01250	June 04, 2018	June 04, 2018	Hanna Autumn	OS	Open

On behalf of Taxpayers for Common Sense (TCS), and pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and Department of the Interior (DOI) regulations, 43 C.F.R. Part 2, I hereby request the following records in possession of the DOI Office of the Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs (OES) Committee Management Program: (contd below)

OS-2018-01251	June 04, 2018	June 04, 2018	Nichols Jeremy	OS	Open

Any and all records related in any way to the U.S. Department of the Interior¿s June 6, 2018 Royalty Policy Committee meeting scheduled to take place in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Notice of this meeting was published on May 17, 2018. See 83 Fed. Reg. 22,989 (May 17, 2018).

OS-2018-01253	June 04, 2018	June 04, 2018	Brossy Katie	OS	Open

1. All agency records, including but not limited to, documents, memoranda, emails, research, phone calls, phone logs, meeting attendance logs, letters, notes, reports, maps, discussion, audits, account statements, work papers, or other communications and correspondence related to ...(contd below)

OS-2018-01252	June 05, 2018	June 05, 2018	Schechter Michael	OS	Open

Copy of the log that lists appraisals of Alaska Native Allotments for whatever purpose (probate, advertised sale, negotiated sale, etc). They are not interested in any particular property or owner, but just seeing the normal course and volume of business showing the appraisal of native allotments at fair market value and for what purpose the appraisals were completed. (contd below)

OS-2018-01258	June 06, 2018	June 06, 2018	Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open

Access to and copies of communications to/from the Office of Insular Affairs that refer to John Canegata. You may limit your search to communications sent between March 2017 and the present.

OS-2018-01257	June 06, 2018	June 06, 2018	Coleman Jesse	OS	Open

Resume/CV for Aurelia Skipwith

OS-2018-01256	June 06, 2018	June 06, 2018	Morrissey Matthew	OS	Open

All documents produced since January 20, 2017, related to the Department of the Interior¿s plans to review or revoke mineral withdrawals, including lists of specific mineral withdrawals considered for review or revocation. ¿ All

documents produced since January 20, 2017, related to the Department of the Interior¿s plans to review or cancel segregation orders or ongoing studies of proposed mineral withdrawals (with accompanying NEPA analysis), including lists of specific (continued below)

OS-2018-01259 June 06, 2018 June 06, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
David Bernhardt's CV/resume

OS-2018-01255 June 06, 2018 June 06, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
1. All "plans for program execution" (as that phrase is used in the Memorandum) sent or received by Steven Howke, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget.. 2. All forms Attachment C-1 and Attachment C-2 (referred to in the Memorandum) that have been submitted to Mr. Howke for review. 3. All documents constituting, analysis, denials or approvals of grants and cooperative agreements by Mr. Howke or his staff, (continued below)

From:	Wilkinson, Justin
To:	Downey Magallanes; Swift, Heather; John Bockmier; Micah Chambers; Greg Sheehan; Caroline Boulton; Vincent Devito; Steven Howke; Alex Hinson; Gareth Rees; Jason Funes; Todd Wynn; James Voyles; James Cason; Scot Cameron; Susan Combs; Stephen Wackowski; Timothy Williams; Timothy Petty; Joseph Balash; Benjamin Cassidy
Cc:	Daniel Jorjani; Julka, Clarice; OS FOIA OS
Subject:	Awareness Review - Political Correspondence and Bureau Logs
Date:	Wednesday, July 11, 2018 12:09:57 PM
Attachments:	2018_political_correspondence_log_june.pdf FY2018 Bureau Log (through June).pdf

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All,

Pursuant to the Awareness Process for FOIA Productions memorandum, dated May 24, 2018, I am seeking comments from all PAS, NCSE, or Schedule C employees whose names appear in the attached records.

If you are receiving this message, then your name appears in one or both of the attached files. In accordance with the aforementioned memorandum, **you have up to 72 hours to review and comment on these records.** If no comment is received, then the Department will assume you have none.

The records in question are routine logs that are posted to the OS FOIA Library on a monthly basis.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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EST-00009235	Well Control Rule	07/02/2018	07/06/2018	Ryan Zinke	Charlie Crist, Vern Buchanan, Darren Soto, Francis Rooney, Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, Val Demings, Alcee Hastings, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Bill Posey, Carlos Curbelo, Mario Diaz-Balart, Kathy Castor, Dennis Ross, Frederica Wilson, Stephanie Murphy, Gus Bilirakis, Al Lawson, Ted Deutch, John Rutherford, Lois Frankel, Brian Mast
EST-00009206	requests status update re: concerns about NPS Commercial Services plan to release prospectus for Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island ferry service contract	07/02/2018	07/05/2018	Ryan Zinke	Josh Gottheimer
EST-00009182	concerns about reassignment of Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Dan Wenk and other SES reassignments	07/03/2018	07/03/2018	Ryan Zinke	Jared Huffman, Raul Grijalva, Nanette Barragan, Ruben Gallego, Alan Lowenthal, Colleen Hanabusa, Emanuel Cleaver, Jerry McNerney, Mark DeSaulnier, Mark Pocan, Darren Soto, Matthew Cartwright, Betty McCollum, Donald Beyer Jr.
EST-00009145	NVITATION:Senator Heller invites Secretary Zinke to the 22nd Annual lake Taho Summit, August 7, 2018, 10 00 am	07/02/2018	07/02/2018	Ryan Zinke	Dean Heller
EST-00009136	Asks to direct the National Park Service to promptly accept pending 40-acre land donation from Virginia to Fort Monroe National Monument	06/26/2018	07/02/2018	Ryan Zinke	Mark Warner, Tim Kaine, Scott Taylor, Bobby Scott, Robert Wittman, Barbara Comstock
EST-00009135	Nominates constituent Bob Hutchison to the National Park Service Advisory Board	06/26/2018	07/02/2018	Ryan Zinke	Hal Rogers
EST-00009134	recommend nomination of individual for a BLM RAC	06/26/2018	07/02/2018	Ryan Zinke	Andy Biggs
EST-00009133	Proposed Revisions to Fee to Trust Regulations	07/02/2018	07/02/2018	Ryan Zinke	Maria Cantwell, Patty Murray, Derek Kilmer, Denny Heck, Suzan DelBene, Adam Smith, Pramila Jayapal, Rick Larsen
EST-00009104	Superintendent for Yellowstone NP	06/25/2018	06/28/2018	Ryan Zinke	Ron Kind
EST-00009101	Funding and communication of science	06/25/2018	06/28/2018	Ryan Zinke	Bill Nelson
EST-00009044	oil and gas leasing on the Coastal Plain of Arctic National Wildlife Refuge	06/26/2018	06/26/2018	Ryan Zinke	Members of Congress
EST-00009043	termination of national Academies of Sciences public health project	06/22/2018	06/26/2018	Ryan Zinke	Edward Markey, Jeff Merkley, Ron Wyden, Sheldon Whitehouse, Benjamin Cardin, Richard Durbin, Bernard Sanders, Richard Blumenthal
EST-00009017	on behalf of G.M M. and request for reasonable accommodation as a maintenance worker at Blue Ridge Parkway	06/11/2018	06/24/2018	Micah Chambers	Mark Meadows
EST-00009016	on behalf of R.S. re: VA National Park in Fredericksburg, PA	06/11/2018	06/24/2018	Department of the Interior	Brian Fitzpatrick
EST-00009015	Letter of support for U.S. Lighthouse Depot Complex in New York	06/11/2018	06/24/2018	Ryan Zinke	Daniel Donovan
EST-00008989	Interpretation of certain provisions of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act pertaining to environmental restoration	06/21/2018	06/21/2018	Gregory Sheehan	Garret Graves, Doug Lamborn, Walter Jones, Frank LoBiondo, Neal Dunn, David Rouzer, Randy Weber
EST-00008980	Regarding office closures in Albuquerque, New Mexico	06/19/2018	06/21/2018	Micah Chambers	Tom Udall
EST-00008977	concerns about possible termination of management for the North Carolina red wolf population	06/20/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke	Grijalva
EST-00008975	Specific concern with cell tower in Howard and safety due to aviation warning lights outage and nest of osprey under Migratory Bird Treaty Act protection	06/15/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke	Glenn (GT) Thompson
EST-00008974	Nomination of Linda D. Matthews of Ohio for appointment to National Park Service's 400 Years of African American History Commission	06/15/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke	Steve Chabot
EST-00008958	land parcel along Green River located in Desolation Canyon	06/18/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke	John Curtis
EST-00008957	RJ Cardin's application for Arizona Resource Advisory Council	06/19/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke	Paul Gosar
EST-00008956	Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness	06/20/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke, Sonny Perdue	Betty McCollum, Raul Grijalva, Erik Paulsen, Keith Ellison, Ryan Costello, Gwen Moore, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Peter Visclosky, Matthew Cartwright, Chellie Pingree, Alan Lowenthal, Gerald McNerney, Carlos Curbelo, Marcy Kaptur, Debbie Dingell
EST-00008953	National OCS Program - South Carolina	06/18/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke	Tom Rice, James Clyburn, Henry McMaster, Mark Sanford
EST-00008951	Hearing Invitation	06/19/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke	Tom McClintock

EST-00008899	Regarding Congressional Reference for the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (the O-Gah-Pah), H R. 5862.	06/11/2018	06/14/2018	Ryan Zinke	James Inhofe, James Lankford, Markwayne Mullin, Frank Lucas, Steve Russell, Tom Cole
EST-00008897	Hearing Invitation	06/12/2018	06/14/2018	Ryan Zinke	Lisa Murkowski
EST-00008886	Delist gray wolf from the Endangered Species Act; opposes reintroduction of grizzly bear through North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan; concerns about mismanagement of apex predator	06/12/2018	06/12/2018	Ryan Zinke	Cathy McMorris Rodgers
EST-00008885	Grant Review Process	06/11/2018	06/12/2018	Ryan Zinke	Tammy Duckworth, Mazie Hirono, Tammy Baldwin, Richard Durbin, Jeff Merkley, Brian Schatz, Margaret Wood Hassan, Debbie Stabenow, Kamala Harris, Dianne Feinstein, Bernard Sanders, Ron Wyden
EST-00008873	DOI Solicitor position in the California State Office	06/11/2018	06/12/2018	Ryan Zinke	Mark Amodei
EST-00008872	MEET NG REQUEST: Congressman Erik Paulsen requests a meeting with Secretary Zinke, week of June 18, 2018	06/12/2018	06/12/2018	Ryan Zinke	Erik Paulsen
EST-00008865	Land Buy-Back Program	06/05/2018	06/12/2018	Ryan Zinke	Jon Tester
EST-00008862	support for University of New Mexico proposal to the NPS FY18 American Battlefield Protection grant program; Piedras Marcadas Pueblo	06/11/2018	06/11/2018	Ryan Zinke	Tom Udall, Martin Heinrich
EST-00008861	Asks FWS to reconsider proposal for relicensing of the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project; benefits for salmon and steelhead at less water cost	06/11/2018	06/11/2018	Ryan Zinke	Dianne Feinstein
EST-00008851	NPS Chesapeake Bay Office and the John Smith Trail	06/08/2018	06/08/2018	Ryan Zinke	Chris Van Hollen, Thomas Carper, Benjamin Cardin, Chris Coons, John Sarbanes, Anthony Brown, Jamie Raskin, Eleanor Holmes Norton
EST-00008838	THANK YOU NOTE: Congressman Joe Wilson sent Thank You Note with picture to Secretary Zinke	06/07/2018	06/07/2018	Ryan Zinke	Joe Wilson
EST-00008803	request that the Flint Trail (located in the Glen Canyon Recreation Area) be opened to all motorized vehicles.	06/06/2018	06/06/2018	Ryan Zinke	Chris Stewart
EST-00008784	Congressional Reference for the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (the O-Gah-Pah), H.R. 5862	06/04/2018	06/05/2018	Ryan Zinke	James Inhofe, James Lankford

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OS-2018-00007	October 02, 2017	October 02, 2017		Townsend Margaret	OS	Open
1. All records mentioning, including, and/or referencing when the final reports shall be published in the Federal Register and on agency websites per M-17-24, ¿Guidance for Section 2 of Executive Order 13783, Titled ¿Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth¿¿ issued May 8, 2017 (¿OMB Memo¿); 2. All records of the final reports submitted pursuant to the OMB Memo that were to be finalized and provided to OMB per M-17-24 by September 24, 2017; (CONTINUED BELOW)						
OS-2018-00002	September 28, 2017	October 02, 2017		Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of digital correspondence involving any of the following officials between September 13, 2017, and September 28, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke, Chief of Staff Scott Hommel, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Katherine MacGregor, Press Secretary Heather Swift. Specifically, I request (continued below)						
OS-2018-00010	October 02, 2017	October 02, 2017		Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of all AQD-91 forms submitted by Secretary Ryan Zinke or any other individual in the Immediate Office of the Secretary at any point since and including March 1, 2017.						
OS-2018-00004	August 17, 2017	October 02, 2017	February 27, 2018	Valentine Gary	OS	Completed
Copy of the appraisal report SJRRP Reach 3.						
OS-2018-00005	September 20, 2017	October 02, 2017	March 01, 2018	Finestone Beth	OS	Completed
Copy of appraisal for SJRRP Reach 3 #D17PX00329.						
OS-2018-00006	October 02, 2017	October 02, 2017	November 02, 2017	Kenney Brett	OS	Completed
DOI Headquarter Visitor Logs for July, August and September, 2017 and any communications regarding the Coquille Indian Tribe's request to place 2.42 acres into trust in Medford, Oregon that was sent or received during Calendar Year 2017.						
OS-2018-00008	October 02, 2017	October 02, 2017		Moss Bradley	OS	Open
1) Instructions or guidelines ¿ including verbal instructions memorialized in writing ¿ relied upon by the DOI with respect to the use of information originally collected under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, including the circumstances in which such information can be used in criminal proceedings; 2) To the extent that the information does not fall within the scope of category #1, instructions or guidelines ¿ (CONTINUED BELOW)						

OS-2018-00012 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 February 22, 2018 Ruch Jeff OS Completed
Any communications to or from Secretary Zinke concerning this idea or about other possible management changes to any unit of CHIS. Specifically, we request the following: 1. Any communications to or from Secretary Zinke and the Interior Office of the Secretary (IOS) concerning a demonstration ranch or other change in use or management of any unit of CHIS; and (CONITNUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00053 October 02, 2017 October 03, 2017 October 27, 2017 Pruitt Bob OS Completed
Information regarding the Ryckman Creek Resources Gas Storage operation in the Nugget formation under WYW 180405 in Uinta Co. Wyoming. Any data reported on the operation, including current rates charged by the BLM for injection and withdrawal of stored gas; injected and withdrawn quantities, with breakdowns on native gas/oil production, together with any audit reports, inspection reports, or gas accounting issues.

OS-2018-00011 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
All travel vouchers generated by or on behalf of Secretary Ryan Zinke, from March 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017. The records I request are similar in content and purpose to GSA's SF-1012 "Travel Voucher," used to record dates, destinations and costs of official business travel.
All requests for authorization for use of a government-owned or
private, non-commercial aircraft generated by or on behalf of Secretary Ryan [See Notes]

OS-2018-00015 September 19, 2017 October 03, 2017 Katzenmeyer Kacey OS Open
All communications from January 1st, 2017-present with Aurelia Skipwith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, regarding the adjustment of any National Park or National Monument boundaries.

OS-2018-00013 September 28, 2017 October 03, 2017 Jones Sam OS Open
All documents, records, and information related to contracts awarded between 2008-2014 from your department to: Qualcon Contractors, Inc.; Carlson Construction, Inc.; B. Carlson Construction, LLC; Genoa Share, LLC; Bill Eric Carlson; or Sharon Marie Carlson, and all communications, including any attachments, between 2008-2014 between your department and U.S. Senator Dean Heller or Then-U.S. Representative Dean Heller, or (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00016 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 November 29, 2017 Touchton Margaret OS Completed
Any correspondence to your agency from or on behalf of former Montana State Representative Matt Rosendale (Jan. 2011-Jan. 2013), any correspondence to your agency from or on behalf of former Montana State Senator Matt Rosendale (Jan. 2013-Jan. 2017), any correspondence to your agency from or on behalf of current Montana State Auditor and Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Matt Rosendale and the Office of the Montana State Auditor (Jan. 2017-present)-All including electronic correspondence.

OS-2018-00014 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 October 25, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
Any and all correspondence or documents related to correspondence between secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff or representatives, and Bill Foley, the chairman of Fidelity National Financial, or his staff or representatives. This request seeks records from February 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00019 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 Girard Leslie OS Open
A copy of the contractual agreement between the Department of Interior and Monster, Inc., including: any modifications, the solicitation for the follow on to this contract, and copies of contracts awarded resulting from the solicitation.

The contract was recompeted in FY17, with a Target Award Date of May 1, 2017 and contract end date of April 1, 2022.

OS-2018-00017 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 October 26, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
Any and all correspondence or documents related to correspondence between the International Bottled Water Association, or its representatives or lobbyists, and secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, other political appointees in his office or his support staff. This request pertains to records produced between February 2017 and the present.

OS-2018-00024 October 04, 2017 October 04, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
Copies of the following agency records: 1. All agency records identifying members of the Senior Executive Service to whom the Department issued directed reassignment memoranda from January 20, 2017 through the date of your response to this request. 2. All agency records related to William Woody from January 1, 2017 through the date of your response to this request. 3. All emails to or from any of the individuals listed below (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00083 October 04, 2017 October 04, 2017 Evers Austin OS Open
1. All emails between the Immediate Office of the Secretary and the Office of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management regarding any events or projects in or issues related to Montana. 2. All emails in (i) the Immediate Office of the Secretary, (ii) the DOI Office of Communications, or (iii) the DOI Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs that include any of the following terms: a. Troy b. Downing c. Yellowstone d. Big Sky (continued below)

OS-2018-00022 October 03, 2017 October 04, 2017 Parti Tarini OS Open
All records compiled in response to the House Oversight Committee's Sep. 26, 2017 letter related to "senior officials' use of government-owned aircraft or private non-commercial aircraft for official and personal travel." I request all such records compiled as of the date you conduct the search for responsive records, regardless of whether the records have been sent to the committee. According to the letter sent to all agencies, the committee has requested information (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00081 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 November 08, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
[D]ocuments related to meetings or correspondence between officials and staffers at the DOI's Office of the Secretary, and any of the following individuals: Nancy McNally of the lobbying firm Van Ness Feldman LLP; Sean Taylor of Van Ness Feldman; Jonathan Simon of Van Ness Feldman; and/or Alan Mintz of Van Ness Feldman. This request only seeks records that pertain to the National Park Service's "water bottle ban", also known as PM 11-03. [See Notes]

OS-2018-00048 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Stack Alex OS Open
The passenger manifest for a Dept. of Interior flight that occurred in late August of 2017, possibly on August 24th. According to news reports, Sec. Ryan Zinke took a flight to and from Montana to speak about the Lolo Peak Fire and was accompanied by USDA Sec. Sonny Perdue, access to the passenger manifest for the flights to and from Montana for this specific trip.

OS-2018-00051 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
from January 20, 2017 to March 31, 2017:

All e-mails (including attachments) exchanged between the following list of
staff in the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of External Affairs and the following list of White House staff:

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OS-2018-00029 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 October 24, 2017 Emerson Sarah OS Completed
Copies of all Freedom of Information Act requests submitted to the Interior Department (online, in the mail, by fax, etc.) by "David Paulides" and/or "CanAm Missing Project" (not case sensitive for the purpose of this request).

Please only include the original FOIA requests submitted to DOI and each of their determinations (e.g. completed, no responsive documents, etc.).

OS-2018-00027 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Whieldon Esther OS Open
Copies of senior travel reports for FY 2017 (requesting the level of detail provided on the Interior's FOIA library for 2009 through 2013

OS-2018-00028 October 04, 2017 October 05, 2017 Whieldon Esther OS Open
[C]opies of trip summaries, travel expenses (data in native format is acceptable) and related briefing materials and any communications with the ethics department, including Ed Keable and Melinda Loftin, on approving travel logistics for the following people since January 20, 2017. They are Vincent DeVito, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Kate/Katherine MacGregor, Doug Domenech, Kathy Benedetto, Scott Angelle, Jim/James Cason, Virginia Johnson, Scott Cameron, Benjamin Keel and David Bernhardt.

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OS-2018-00031 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Copies of any remarks made by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt to a meeting of the National Mining Association at the Trump International Hotel, October 4, 2017; All records which indicate the attendees of the October 4, 2017 meeting of the National Mining Association, all agendas of the meeting, and all briefing materials created to prepare Deputy Secretary Bernhardt for his appearance at the meeting;

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OS-2018-00032 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Enders Caty OS Open
Any and all reference documents, notes, newspaper articles, letters and emails that contributed to the findings in

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's memorandum to President Trump "Final report summarizing findings of the review of designations under the antiquities act," a copy of which can be found here: https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/4052225/Interior-Secretary-Ryan-Zinke-s-Report-to-the.pdf

OS-2018-00039 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
Any and all emails from GS-15 staffers or higher ranking staffers of the Department of Interior's Office of the Secretary for the words "joel clement" since 1/20/17.

OS-2018-00042 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
Any and all emails to or from someone with an email address ending in "@heritage.org" from GS-15 staffers or higher ranking staffers of the Department of Interior, including the Office of the Secretary and all other offices since 1/20/17. Please also search the emails of political employees and members of the beachhead teams for these emails.

OS-2018-00036 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A list of any and all members of the Senior Executive Service who were sent letters reassigning them in June 2017. This reassignment was described in this Washington Post article [linked in attachment]. If any of the material covered by this request has been destroyed or removed, please provide all surrounding documentation including, but not limited to, a description of the action taken regarding the materials and justification for those actions taken.

OS-2018-00033 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Enders Caty OS Open
Receipts for any and all expenses incurred during Secretary Ryan Zinke's travel to and from National Monuments as part of President Trump's executive order to reconsider the designations around any National Monument created since Jan. 1, 1996, that spans at least 100,000 acres. This would include all travel expenses incurred by the Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary to and from National Monuments between April 26, 2017 and August 24, 2017. (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00034 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Koures Cyndy OS Open
I am seeking all travel documentation and bills from secretary Zinke and the top three members of his staff over the last ten months

OS-2018-00026 October 04, 2017 October 05, 2017 Rios Edwin OS Open
[D]ocuments related to the security protection for Department of Interior Secretary Zinke for the fiscal year 2017 and fiscal year 2018.
Date Range: 1/1/17-Present
Description of requested records:
This includes the following:
memoranda, emails, compensation records, travel cost for security detail records, cost of Department of Interior's spending on security detail records, agreements, contracts, security assessments, and any other responsive documents related to the protection of Zinke.

OS-2018-00023 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Tillerman Charles OS Open
Requesting account information as follows:

1. Osage Segregated Fund (14 x 7385), $929,252.66

2. Osage Restored Fund
(14 x 7469), $98,790.58
3. Unclaimed Checks (14 x 7386) $292,663..52
4. Estate Funds (14 x 6039), $554,225.13
5.
Whereabouts are unknown (14 x 6039), $46,268.35

Total as of November 30, 1998 = $1,921,200.24

OS-2018-00035 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 October 30, 2017 Ravnitzky Michael OS Completed
A copy of the first five pages of each final investigation report for each investigation closed by the Office of General Counsel of the Interior Department, during the time period August 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

OS-2018-00057 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 11, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
[A] list of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00050 October 05, 2017 October 06, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of any recording of the September 21, 2017 webinar involving the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management concerning the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other topics. [Requester has] attached a media report about this event to aid in identifying this record.

OS-2018-00063 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 Enders Caitlin OS Open
A list of all flights taken by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke since being sworn in on March 1, 2017, including the cost of each flight.

OS-2018-00069 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
On August 31, 2017, Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt issued Secretarial Order 3355, Streamlining National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Reviews and Implementation of the Executive Order 13807. In that document, the Deputy Secretary asked the bureaus and agencies within the Department of the Interior to submit to him, within 30 days, the following reports:

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OS-2018-00062 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 24, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
[A]ll responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00061 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 19, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
[A]ll records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior's visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00065 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 31, 2017 Duncan Luke OS Completed
1. The meeting was finally held sometime in 2017. We know that Ken Dalton, at the Office of the Solicitor, and Mr. Higgins, attended the meeting. We would like to know who else attended or called in to this meeting with Mr. Higgins.

2. We request that the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, the Office of the Solicitor, and the OST produce any and all
documents, recordings, or transcripts relating to.....

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OS-2018-00058 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 17, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
[A]ll communications records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00077 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
1. All agency records, including but not limited to emails, memoranda, text messages, instant messages, and notes relating to reorganizing the staff of the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") from January 1, 2017 through the date of your response to this request. 2. All agency records, including but not limited to emails, memoranda, text messages, instant messages, and notes relating to reassignments within the Department of the Interior from January 20, 2017 through (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00089 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
The following records from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of the Secretary: 1. On October 6, 2017, the U. S. Department of the Interior released a press release regarding the sale of federal oil and gas lease parcels in the month of September. This press release is attached as Exhibit 1. We hereby request any and all records related in any way to this October 6, 2017 press release.

OS-2018-00066 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
[R]ecords detailing travel by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke from March 1, 2017 to the date that this request is processed.

Please consider requests for travel approval submitted by Zinke or anyone acting on his behalf; response to said travel requests, including approvals and denials; travel authorizations for Zinke, including but not limited to authorizations issued by the Office of the Solicitor or the White House; communications between the Department of the Interior and any [see notes]

OS-2018-00075 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 December 26, 2017 Allison Bill OS Completed
Emails, including their text and any attachments, sent to ois.doi.gov email accounts on or after January 20, 2017 until the present date from the following addresses: jared@ijkfamily.com, Ivanka@ijkfamily.com, Jared@Kushnerfamily.us, Ivanka@kushnerfamily.us, Jared@trumporg.com, Ivanka@trumporg.com

OS-2018-00067 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open

[C]ommunication records to and from the following individuals in the Department of the Interior related to the award of Contract Award IS IND17PB00258 to Choice Aviation, LLC from Jan. 20 to June 23, 2017, including but not limited to the planning of the charter flight as agreed under the contract... Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication as responsive records to my request. [See Notes]

OS-2018-00078 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A keyword search (keywords listed below) of any and all emails of Interior HQ employees with the ranks of GS-15, SES, or ES I-V (or the equivalent ranks under other systems), along with the members of beachhead teams (listed below), either sent to or received from one another, sent to or received from a subordinate, or sent to or received from current and former officials (listed below) in the Office of the President or the Office of the Vice president since 11/8/16. (Continued Below)

OS-2018-00088 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 November 15, 2017 Casey Kathleen OS Completed
Exit Paperwork Filed By Joel Clement. I am requesting copies of exit paperwork, which should include exit memorandums, nondisclosure agreements, records management checklist, that were filed by Joel Clement from October 1, 2017, through the present date of this request.

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OS-2018-00070 October 06, 2017 October 10, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
All correspondence to or from Downey Magallanes that pertain to the National Monument Review required by the Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act.

OS-2018-00072 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Waldron Travis OS Open
Any written communication, including emails and memos, from Dept. of Interior employees, including Secretary Ryan Zinke, pertaining to the "Doggy Days at Interior" program, sent between March 1, 2017 and the date of this request, Oct. 9, 2017.

OS-2018-00071 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Federman Adam OS Open
Copies of all reimbursable support agreements (RSA's) between the Office of the Secretary and the White House. The date range for the request is January 20 to the present.

OS-2018-00084 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All documents and email correspondence relating to a meeting held July 12, 2017 between Patrick Soon-Shiong, Phillip Yang, Phil Gordon and David Rousseau and Interior staffers Downey Magallanes, Scott Cameron, Christine Bauserman and Ryan Zinke. All written or recorded documents from the meeting. I am also requesting all related documents and email

correspondence between any of these parties related to this meeting, sent before and after it occured. (Continued below)

OS-2018-00086 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All documents and email correspondence relating to a meeting held May 24, 2017 between representatives from Newfield Exploration Company and Interior staffers Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Christine Bauserman, Vincent Devito and Ryan Zinke. All written or recorded documents from the meeting. I am also requesting (continued below)

OS-2018-00074 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Allison Bill OS Open
1. All calendars or calendar entries for Secretary Ryan Zinke; Chief of Staff Scott Hommel; Special Assistant Caroline Boulton; Special Assistant Natalie Davis; and any political or SES appointees in the Office of the Secretary, including any calendars maintained on behalf of these individuals (e.g., by an administrative assistant). For calendar entries created in Outlook or similar programs, the documents should be produced in ¿memo¿ form (Continued below)

OS-2018-00087 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All documents and email correspondence relating to a meeting held July 19, 2017 between Rep. Kevin Cramer, Cody Ortowski, Michael Moore, Brown Pruitt, Mike Gruman, Chris Marohl and Rob MacGregor and Interior staffers Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Christine Bauserman, Kathleen Benedetto, Amanda Kaster and Ryan Zinke. Aall written or recorded documents from the meeting. I am also requesting (continued below)

OS-2018-00079 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Rosenbaum Robert OS Open
1. Documents relating to the possible establishment and/or the establishment in the State of Maine of a national monument such as that which became KWW, and/or what activities and/or uses that should or would be permitted and which activities and/or uses hould not or would not be permitted there and the reasons for such determinations, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, the following: Any summary of written or oral public comments concerning establishment of KWW (Cont. below)

OS-2018-00080 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All remarks prepared for David Bernhardt's October 5 address to the National Mining Association's board meeting at the Trump Hotel.

OS-2018-00096 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Corley Matthew OS Open
(1) Copies of all prepared remarks used by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt at the National Mining Association meeting at the Trump International Hotel - Washington, D.C. on October 4, 2017; and

(2) Copies of all documents received by
Deputy Secretary Bernhardt and/or his staff during the October 4, 2017 National Mining Association meeting at the Trump International Hotel- Washington, D.C.; and

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OS-2018-00095 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving Ryan Zinke regarding a prospective casino in Connecticut by the Mohegan and Mashantucket Tribes (a joint venture called MMCT) and a competing proposal by MGM Resorts International.

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OS-2018-00101 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 November 07, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
A list of all gifts that Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt has received from July 24, 2017 to the date this request is processed. Please include the origin of each gift, a brief description of each gift and the estimated monetary value of each gift.

OS-2018-00100 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Portnoy Steven OS Open
[A]ny email communications to or from the Secretary or any member of the Office of the Secretary involving the Stonewall National Monument, sent or received between Jan 20, 2017 and October 11, 2017.

OS-2018-00102 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Silverman Alex OS Open
[A]ny email communications to or from the Secretary or any member of the Office of the Secretary involving the Stonewall National Monument, sent or received between Jan 20, 2017 and October 11, 2017

OS-2018-00105 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Martinson Erica OS Open
[C]opies of letters or email communications sent between Secretary Zinke's office and the following offices, from April 14, 2017 through October 11, 2017

OS-2018-00099 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
[A]ll schedules, including but not limited to travel and/or meeting schedules, of the Assistant Deputy Secretary of the Interior Todd Willens (¿Mr. Willens¿), and of Mr. Willens¿ Chief of Staff.

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OS-2018-00104 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Murphy Allison OS Open
November 9, 2016 through the date that searches are conducted

1. Any and all records created or transmitted by or
between White House staff, including but not limited to their email addresses ending in ¿who.eop.gov,¿ including but not limited to Jared Kushner, Stephen (Steve) Bannon, Reince Priebus, John F. Kelly, Justin Clark, George Sifakis, Andrew Giuliani, Bill Stepien, Mike Catanzaro, D.J. Gribbin, George Banks, and Stephen Miller, and Interior employees regarding:

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OS-2018-00098 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 June 29, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Completed
[A]ccess to and copies of communications between DOI Secretary Ryan Zinke and Whitefish Energy owner Andy Techmanski.

These communications would include, but not be limited to, emails and phone records.

OS-2018-00106 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Corey Jamie OS Open
request all electronic records in the possession of the following Interior Department custodians pertaining to a study called ¿Potential Human Health Effects of Surface Coal Mining Operations in Central Appalachia,¿ conducted by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine:

1. Glenda Owens
2. Patrick Braxton
3. Fred Cruise
4.
Loraine Dawkins
5. Nicola Sanchez
6. Thomas Shope

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OS-2018-00320 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Van Shooten Daniel OS Open
All records related to agency travel requests submitted to the White House for designation as ¿White House Support Missions¿ (or ¿White House Mission Designations¿) from January 1, 2016 to the present. This request includes, but is not limited to:

a. Records pertaining to the dates and itinerary of trips that were submitted.

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OS-2018-00107 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Corey Jamie OS Open
request electronic records in the possession of the following Interior Department custodians pertaining to the National Mining Association ("NMA"):

1. Ryan Zinke
2. Scott Hommel
3. David Bernhardt
4. Douglas Domenech
5. Lori K
Mashburn

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OS-2018-00108 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Corey Jamie OS Open
all electronic records in the possession of the following Interior Department custodians pertaining to the repeal of the Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform Rule (also described as the "Valuation Rule"):

1. Ryan Zinke
2. Scott Hommel
3. David Bernhardt
4. Douglas Domenech
5. Lori K Mashburn

OS-2018-00093 October 10, 2017 October 11, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of the last 20 emails sent by Secretary Zinke and a copy of the last 20 work related text messages on his Dept. of Interior issued cell phone. Please search from 6/1/17 until today (or later if those 20 messages are more recent).

OS-2018-00109 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Wagner Daniel OS Open
all emails, memos, schedule entries, text messages and other records that meet all of the following three criteria:

¿ Generated between October 1, 2017 and October 11, 2017.

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OS-2018-00103 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 January 18, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Completed
All emails, including attachments, sent or received between Deputy Secretary David Bernardt and the following individuals, from August 1, 2017 to October 11, 2017:

o Luke Johnson of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. (ldjohnson@bhfs.com)
o Marc Lampkin of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. (mlampkin@bhfs.com)
o Elizabeth Maier of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. (emaier@bhfs.com)

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OS-2018-00091 October 10, 2017 October 11, 2017 O'Connor Brendan OS Open
Records pertaining to the "Big Buck Hunter" that Secretary Ryan Zinke installed in the employee cafeteria at DOI headquarters, per this September 19 tweet from the Secretary: https://twitter.com/secretaryzinke/status/910189520036990979 I am seeking records pertaining to both the tweet announcing the game's installation as well as records pertaining the installation itself.

OS-2018-00097 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving James Cason regarding a prospective casino in Connecticut by the Mohegan and Mashantucket Tribes (a joint venture called MMCT) and a competing proposal by MGM Resorts International.

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OS-2018-00110 October 12, 2017 October 12, 2017 February 14, 2018 Exempt Information OS Completed
Exempt Information

OS-2018-00112 October 12, 2017 October 12, 2017 King Pamela OS Open
request information pertaining to the Interior Department¿s and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management¿s (¿BLM¿) decision to rescind the 2015 final rule titled ¿Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands,¿ which was introduced under the previous administration. I hereby request any and all records
pertaining to this matter dated
between Jan. 20, 2017 and July 25, 2017.

OS-2018-00113 October 12, 2017 October 12, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving David Bernhardt regarding a prospective casino in Connecticut by the Mohegan and Mashantucket Tribes (a joint venture called MMCT) and a competing proposal by MGM Resorts International.

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OS-2018-00116 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 November 08, 2017 Devine Curtis OS Completed
[C]opies of (in pdf form, where possible) all documents related to commemorative coins commissioned by Secretary Zinke, including records related to costs or funds disbursed to pay for these coins, as well as any correspondence with the words "coin" or "coins." If the Office of the Secretary does not hold records responsive to this request, CNN asks that this request be forwarded to the applicable office that would hold records related to costs or disbursements related to these coins.

OS-2018-00122 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 April 02, 2018 Merica Dan OS Completed
A copy of the following documents and communications from March 1, 2017 to the present: -All documents and communications, including emails, from the Office of the Secretary related to the acquisition, or the potential acquisition, of an airplane for use by the Department of Interior. -All documents and communications to or from the Office of the Secretary about the acquisition or potential acquisition of an airplane. -All documents and communications within, (continued below)

OS-2018-00115 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 Thapaliya Rupak OS Completed
A letter sent on or about August 28, 2017, from BakerBotts, LLP addressed to the Department of the Interior (the "Department") addressed to Secretary Zinke referencing Solicitor¿s Opinion M-37041.

OS-2018-00114 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 April 17, 2018 Casey Kathleen OS Completed
[C]opies of reports and/or memorandums that detail costs associated with the use by the Department of the Interior of [the special secretarial flag] at the Washington DC Headquarters.

OS-2018-00118 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 Joselow Maxine OS Open
I am seeking all communication from Scott Cameron, principal deputy assistant secretary for policy, management and

budget, containing any of the following terms: "Syngenta," "regulatory reform," "deregulatory," or "task force." The time frame to be searched is February 24, 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00123 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 Atwood Amy OS Open
[GROUPED/RELATED REQUESTS: 17-00413 (April 6, 2017), 17-1242 (Sept 12, 2017), & 18-123]

[A]s an update to the
Center¿s previous request submitted on September, 12, 2017.

The Center requests all of the following records from
September 12, 2017 to the date of this search:
all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails,
text messages, instant...

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OS-2018-00205 October 16, 2017 October 16, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a copy of any and all emails in 8/1/17 containing the keywords ¿shifting workforce resources closer to the DOI¿s field locations¿ sent or received by Interior staffers ES I-V level along with the other interior staff members listed below.

Aaron Joseph Thiele
Alan Wayne Mikkelsen
Alex Hinson
Scott Hommel
Lori Mashburn
Russell Roddy
Amanda
Kaster-Averill
Caroline Boulton
Natalie Davis

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OS-2018-00125 October 16, 2017 October 16, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all travel records documenting the expenses, itineraries and reimbursed costs for Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s trip to the US Virgin Islands from March 30, 2017 to April 1, 2017, including manifests for any vehicles or aircraft used by the Secretary during this trip; any reimbursements submitted to the US government; receipts for expenses; any Secretarial Travel Routing Slips and all attachments, etc

OS-2018-00124 October 13, 2017 October 16, 2017 Spies Mike OS Open
Any correspondence--emails or text messages--between Laura Rigas, Scott Hommel, Heather Swift, Natalie Davis, or Ryan Zinke, and any of the following individuals: Chris Cox (employee of the NRA), Wayne LaPierre (employee of the NRA), or Susan LaPierre (recently appointed to the board of the National Parks Foundation). The correspondence should fall within the following timeframe: April 1, 2017 - October 13, 2017.

OS-2018-00128 October 16, 2017 October 16, 2017 October 24, 2017 Lacarra Toribio OS Completed
[A]ccess to and copies of all logs of congressional correspondence regarding correspondence to or from any officials at Office of the Secretary and Rep. David Valadao between January 1, 2013, and OCtober 16, 2017.

OS-2018-00127 October 16, 2017 October 16, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all e-mails sent by or sent to Ms. Heather Swift from (and including) September 25, 2017 to October 15, 2017. This should include the entire contents of Ms. Swift¿s e-mail inbox and e-mail outbox during this time-period and should include e-mails in which Ms. Swift was merely carbon copied (¿CC¿).

OS-2018-00129 October 17, 2017 October 17, 2017 Leven Rachel OS Open
[a]ny and all e-mails between addresses ending @coalsource.com to individuals in the agency's Office of the Secretary between March 1 and the date this search is executed. [S]earch for any meetings during that time period with:

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OS-2018-00130 October 17, 2017 October 17, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
1. [A]ccess to and copies of all correspondence involving Downey Magallanes between, and including, August 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017 which includes any of the following keywords:

¿ Monument
¿ Monuments
¿ Review
¿ ¿Bears Ears¿

¿ ¿BENM¿
¿ ¿Grand Staircase¿
¿ ¿GSENM¿
¿ ¿Cascade-Siskiyou¿
¿ ¿Gold Butte¿

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OS-2018-00134 October 17, 2017 October 17, 2017 Whieldon Esther OS Open
Copies of Scott Hommel's calendar starting March 1 though the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00131 October 17, 2017 October 17, 2017 November 02, 2017 Charen Rebecca OS Completed
[C]opies of all documents outlined in detail below:

¿ Any direct correspondence with Louis (¿Lou¿) Barletta or
the staff or representatives of Louis Barletta, in his capacity as a United States Congressman, mayor, or as a private citizen (January 3, 2011 ¿ present).

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OS-2018-00138 October 18, 2017 October 18, 2017 November 27, 2017 Martinson Erica OS Completed
Copies of email and correspondence files from Feb. 1, 2017 - October 18, 2017 that are related to potential drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, particularly between the office of the secretary and members of Alaska's congressional delegation - Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Sen. Dan Sullivan and Rep. Don Young. Relevant search terms to include are "ANWR" and "Arctic National Wildlife Refuge."

OS-2018-00137 October 12, 2017 October 18, 2017 McCarthy Justin OS Open
Any and all records of travel, including expense reports, for Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke.

The time frame
for this request runs from March 1, 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00142 October 19, 2017 October 19, 2017 June 29, 2018 Stern Marcus OS Completed
all written correspondence, including emails, between Secretary Ryan Zinke -- and/or his staff -- and Andrew Techmanski of Whitefish Energy Holdings LLC.

OS-2018-00143 October 19, 2017 October 19, 2017 April 17, 2018 Matt Frank OS Completed
all documents, memos, and correspondence¿including emails, written and electronic communications¿related to or mentioning Secretary Ryan Zinke's personal flag, also referred to as the secretarial flag.

The flag and it use was
described in the Washington Post:
https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/wheres-zinke-the-interior-secretarys-special-flag-offers-clues/2017/10/12/68672476-aeb2-11e7-9e58-e6288544af98_story.html?utm_term=.7b99ba90d40e

OS-2018-00144 October 19, 2017 October 19, 2017 November 08, 2017 Matt Frank OS Completed
all documents related to the Secretary of The Interior's commemorative coins bearing Secretary Ryan K. Zinke's name, including but not limited to documents related to their commissioning, cost, and all email and written correspondence about the coins.

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OS-2018-00139 October 18, 2017 October 19, 2017 Kustin Mary Ellen OS Open
A copy of all emails sent to the feedback@ios.doi.gov email address between and including August 1, 2017 and October

18, 2017.

OS-2018-00145 October 19, 2017 October 20, 2017 Hughes Shannon OS Open
Any and all records related in any way to the appearance/presentation that Kate MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, will make on November 16, 2017 in Grand Junction...

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OS-2018-00148 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 November 27, 2017 Ravnitzky Michael OS Completed
A copy of the FEVS (Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey) Agency Management Report for the Interior Department, for the year 2016. I also request a copy of the 2016 FEVS Trend Report for the Interior Department. (NOTE: I am NOT requesting a copy of the FEVS Agency Management Report for 2017.)

OS-2018-00146 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 James Ian OS Open
Copies of the following documents under the Freedom of Information Act: 1) all correspondence between the Interior Secretary and other parties concerning the Cadiz water project, between Jan. 1, 2017, and the present date. 2) all correspondence between Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt and other parties concerning the Cadiz water project, between Jan. 1, 2017, and the present date. 3) all documents concerning... (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00169 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 Lawson Kirt OS Open
All RFP docs related to contract number W91QUZ06D0016 2T04. These docs include: Performance Work Statement (PWS), Submission instructions (Sections L & M), Any Amendments that were released from the solicitation, Any Question and Answer doc released from the solicitation.

OS-2018-00147 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All available calendars, daily itineraries, and schedules of activities and/or meetings for Scott Cameron, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior, from June 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00152 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all records released in response to these previous FOIAs OS-2017-01296, OS-2017-01267, OS-2017-01189, OS-2017-01125, OS-2017-01121.

OS-2018-00171 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Any written communications, including emails and memos, to or from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Interior Press Secretary Heather Swift, Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason and/or Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy Vincent DeVito from March 1 to present regarding the following Native American tribes: Crow Nation in Montana; Northern Cheyenne in Montana; Ute Nation Uintah and Ouray in Utah and Colorado; Southern Ute in Colorado; Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma; [continued below]

OS-2018-00172 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 Berman Emily OS Open
Access to and copies of all communications to or from Todd Willens that mentioned "Endangered Species Act" or "ESA." The timeframe for this request is from Willens¿ first day in office to present.

OS-2018-00170 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 January 08, 2018 Lawson Kirt OS Completed
All RFP docs related to contract number IND15PD01218. These docs include: Performance Work Statement (PWS), Submission instructions (Sections L & M), Any Amendments that were released from the solicitation, Any Question and Answer doc released from the solicitation.

OS-2018-00155 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all communications between all ES I-V staff in the Office of the Secretary & any OS staff listed below & email accounts ending with "api.org" since 1/20/17: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, Micah Chambers, Virginia Johnson, Marshall Critchfield, Brian Pavlik, [cont. below]

OS-2018-00156 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all communications between all ES I-V staff in the Office of the Secretary and any OS staff listed below and staff in the and email accounts containing dhs.gov since 1/20/17. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, Micah Chambers, [continued below]

OS-2018-00157 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent to or from all ES I-V staff in the Office of the Secretary along with any OS staff listed below, from Real Clear Energy's article on Energy Cabinet Slot for Senate Seat. Please search since 1/20/17. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, [cont below]

OS-2018-00158 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent to or from all ES I-V staff in the Office of the Secretary along with any OS staff listed below for these keywords: racism, minority, discrimination abuse of power, confederate, native American, Indian. Please search since 1/20/17. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, [below]

OS-2018-00162 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails referencing the keywords "attrition" and "reassignments" sent by Staff ranking ES I-V and the staff listed below since 1/20/17. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, Micah Chambers, Virginia Johnson, Marshall Critchfield, [cont. below]

OS-2018-00165 October 22, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent by ES I-V ranking staff and the staff listed below since 1/20/17 containing the keywords "abuse of authority," "mismanagement," and "gross waste of public funds." Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron

Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, Micah Chambers, [cont. below]

OS-2018-00149 October 22, 2017 October 23, 2017 February 13, 2018 McKeown Timothy OS Completed
Any communication from or to the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks or his or her designee related to specific allegations of failure to comply [with] the National NAGPRA Program. The specific documents I am requesting include, but are not limited to the: 1) Allegation(s) of failure to comply; 2) Notice(s) of failure to comply; 3) Notice (s) of penalty assessment and penalty calculation; 4) Settlement agreement; and Museum (CONT BELOW)

OS-2018-00177 October 02, 2017 October 23, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
My request covers January 20, 2017 to the present.

All e-mails (including attachments) sent or received by any of
the following employees of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement mentioning ¿Balash¿ in the subject line, body text, or attachments:

o Any individual who has held the position of Director or Acting Director, including ¿
but
not limited to ¿ Scott A. Angelle.

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OS-2018-00163 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails and documents created in the process of drafting a memo sent to reassigned SES interior staff called ¿Rotation of SES provides an opportunity to improve talent development, mission delivery, and collaboration.¿

OS-2018-00164 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent to or from a member of the OS interior staff ranked ES I-V or anyone staff listed below to George Banks or with any email account that contains ¿accf.org.¿ Please search from 1/20/17 until the present. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, (continued below)

OS-2018-00166 October 22, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of the workforce plan the Interior Department was directed to assemble by the Office of Management and Budget.

OS-2018-00167 October 22, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all communications regarding the formation of the Executive Resources Board.

OS-2018-00159 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 January 30, 2018 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all documents, created in order to respond to a July 11, 2017 letter from Senator Udall sent to

Secretary Zinke with a list of questions about the reassignment of SES staffers. I¿m also requesting any and all documents, including emails, created as part of planning the response to this letter.

OS-2018-00160 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 January 30, 2018 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all documents, created in order to respond to a August 21, 2017 letter from Senators Udall, Carper, and Heitkamp sent to Secretary Zinke with a list of questions about the reassignment of SES staffers. I¿m also requesting any and all documents, including emails, created as part of planning the response to this letter.

OS-2018-00161 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 January 30, 2018 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all documents, created in order to respond to a October 6, 2017 letter from Representative Cummings sent to Secretary Zinke with a list of questions about the reassignment of SES staffers. I¿m also requesting any and all documents, including emails, created as part of planning the response to this letter.

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OS-2018-00178 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all correspondence (email, written or otherwise) between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, and Joe Colonnetta, a general partner with and founder of HBC Investments, a private equity firm, or his staff. This request seeks records from February 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00181 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all correspondence (email, written or otherwise) between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, and any executive officer or staff member at the Montana-based energy company Whitefish Energy, including its owner Andy Techmanski. This request seeks records from February 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00183 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Evers Austin OS Open
1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, telephone call logs, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agenda, or other materials reflecting communications) relating to Puerto Rico between (i) the Secretary and/or any political appointee or SES staff in the Office of the Secretary and (ii) anyone at the following entities:
- the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- the U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers,
(continued below)

OS-2018-00180 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Records of any verbal, written or electronic communications, between the office of Secretary Ryan Zinke and the office

of Senator Lisa Murkowski that includes the name Tara Sweeney.

OS-2018-00182 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 April 17, 2018 Kramer Miriam OS Completed
Any and all emails related to Secretary Zinke's flag raised when he enters DOI Headquarters and lowered when he leaves.

OS-2018-00174 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Bale Rachael OS Open
All emails to/from the Office of the Secretary and sub-offices from Jan. 20, 2017 to present regarding all of the reassignments of Fish and Wildlife Service Senior Executive Service staff from June 2017, including, but not limited to: William Woody, chief of Office of Law Enforcement, Bryan Arroyo, assistant director for international affairs, Benjamin Tuggle, SW regional director, Cindy Dohner, SE regional director, any other USFWS SES staff transferred during this period.

OS-2018-00173 October 23, 2017 October 24, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of any resume or curriculum vitae for any member of the Department of the Interior¿s Royalty Policy Committee, obtained for any purpose. To be clear, I am not seeking contact information such as addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses, and will accept documents with this information redacted.

OS-2018-00176 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Cama Timothy OS Open
Copies of all emails and calendar items that mention ¿Whitefish,¿ ¿Techmanski¿ or "Colonnetta" that were sent to, received by (including cc and bcc) or in the calendars of Ryan Zinke, Caroline Boulton, Downey Magallanes, Scott Hommel, Douglas Domenech, Shirley Lewis or Nikolao Pula. Please exclude mentions of ¿Whitefish¿ that are solely referring to the Montana city. Limit the search to records created, received or sent between Aug. 1, 2017, and the date the search for this request is processed.

OS-2018-00179 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Zibel Alan OS Open
1. Any and all documents ¿including but not limited to contracts, letters, faxes, and emails, including all attachments to emails¿to or from any staff of the Interior Department related to the rebuilding of downed power lines in Puerto Rico and referencing "Andy Techmanski," "Whitefish Energy" or "American Public Power Association." This request is limited to records created or received between September 1, 2017, and the date of processing this request. and 2. (continued below)

OS-2018-00195 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 January 24, 2018 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all emails between Indur Goklany and employees of the Cato Institute, American Enterprise Institute, Heartland Institute and the Competitive Enterprise Institute since 11/7/16.

OS-2018-00189 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 June 29, 2018 Boldt Aaron OS Completed
Any email correspondence from Interior Secretary Zinke regarding Whitefish Energy, Puerto Rico, or with Whitefish Energy employees.

OS-2018-00185 October 24, 2017 October 25, 2017 Smith Michael OS Open
Any and all correspondence between the Office of the Secretary (OS), and/or Secretary Ryan Zinke himself. regarding the impact of Hurricane Maria on Puerto Rico's electricity system. I would like this request to cover any communication regarding Puerto Rico's electricity system since Sept 17, just before Hurricane Maria hit the island.

Also, any
communication that refers to a company called Whitefish Energy Holdings, (continued below)

OS-2018-00186 October 24, 2017 October 25, 2017 Wallace Gregory OS Open
Access to and copies of all records of: 1. bids or offers to perform services related to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria; 2. communications between officials in the Office of the Secretary and/or Office of Insular Affairs with Whitefish Energy; and 3. communication between officials in the Office of the Secretary and/or Office of Insular affairs regarding Whitefish Energy. The communications with and regarding Whitefish Energy may name Andrew Techmanski, (continued below)

OS-2018-00188 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any communications or correspondence (email, written, or otherwise) between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, and Michael T. Reynolds, the acting director of the National Park Service, or his staff, regarding the proposed targeted fee increase at selected national park. The National Park Service
announced this proposed fee
increase on October 24, 2017 (see link in letter). This request seeks documents produced between June 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00190 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any communications or correspondence (email, written, or otherwise) between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, and any employee, associate, or staffer of the Property and Environment Research Center, a Montana-based think tank and non-profit. This request only seeks correspondence related to the topic of user fees and/or entrance fees at national parks and/or other public lands. This requests seeks documents produced between June 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00191 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Ioanes Ellen OS Open
All communications between employees in the office of Secretary Zinke regarding the following: Whitefish Energy Holdings; Puerto Rico; PREPA; Hurricanes Irma and Maria; Andy Techmanski; Ricardo Ramos; Mutual aid; Questions from representatives of the news media regarding Whitefish Energy Holdings, Puerto Rico, PREPA, Hurricanes Irma and Maria, Andy Techmanski, Ricardo Ramos or mutual aid.
All calendar entries, visitor logs, or meeting minutes (continued below)

OS-2018-00193 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails between ES I-V and SES ranking staff in the Department of Interior for the keywords, "VERA," "Voluntary Early Retirement Authority," "VSIP," "Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay," "Discontinued service retirement," and "buy-out." I also request any and all documents from the office of the Secretary related to implementing this executive order. https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/03/13/presidential-executive-order-comprehensive-plan-reorganizing-executive

OS-2018-00192 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 December 26, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all emails between ES I-V ranking staff in the Department of Interior and staff in the FOIA office related to specific FOIA requests since 1/20/17.

OS-2018-00197 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent by Virginia Burkett, Bud Cribley, Ruth Welch, Amy Leuders, Bryan Arroyo, Benjamin (Ben) Tuggle, Cindy Dohner, William (Bill) Woody, Sal (Salvatore) Lauro, and Barbara Wainman between June 16 and September 16, 2017 concerning being reassigned.

(Please send this FOIA to all the appropriate department because not
all of these staffers are in the OS.)

OS-2018-00198 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent referencing Virginia Burkett, Bud Cribley, Ruth Welch, Amy Leuders, Bryan Arroyo, Benjamin Tuggle, Cindy Dohner, William Woody, Sal Lauro, and Barbara Wainman between 5/1/17 and 9/1/17 by any members of the Interior Department OS ranking ES I-V along with the beachhead team members listed below. Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, (cont. below)

OS-2018-00199 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open

OS-2018-00216 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Brooiks Talasi OS Open
records of Secretary Zinke¿s review of the land use plan amendments for Greater Sage-grouse finalized under the Obama Administration. For purposes of this request, the ¿Zinke Report¿ refers to the Report in Response to Secretarial Order 3353 dated August 4, 2017.

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OS-2018-00213 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Corey Jamie OS Open
pertaining to a report by the Department of the Interior Actions entitled "Review of the Department of the Interior Actions that Potentially Burden Domestic Energy":

1. Ryan Zinke
2. David Bernhardt
3. Micah Chambers
4. Scott
Cameron
5. Scott Hommel
6. Lori Mashburn
7. Heather Swift
8. Susan Combs
9. Blake Deely
10. David Mihalic
11.
Katharine "Kate" MacGregor
12. Kathleen "Kathy" Benedetto
13. Dough Domenech
14. James Cason

OS-2018-00200 October 25, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a copy of any and all drafts of Secretary Zinke¿s letter to be included in the STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018 ¿ 2022

OS-2018-00201 October 25, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a copy of any and all emails concerning the selection of a photo of Secretary Zinke to be included with his letter for the STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018 ¿ 2022

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OS-2018-00204 October 25, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a copy of any and all emails in 8/1/17 containing the keyword ¿best available science¿ sent or received by Interior staffers ES I-V level along with the other interior staff members listed below.

OS-2018-00206 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Jack OS Open
a copy of any and all documents in the Office of the Secretary related to the Department of Interior¿s interest in interagency coordination and coordination across different levels in order to resolve differences without litigation as outlined by the Engaging the Nation in Cooperative Stewardship part of the DOI strategic plan for 2018-2022.

OS-2018-00207 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Jack OS Open
a list of any and all Department of Interior assets currently subject to deferred maintenance, including the date that maintenance is now required and the expected cost.

OS-2018-00208 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a list of any and all emails since 1/20/17 containing the keyword ¿healthy forests lifecycle¿ sent by Department of Interior staffers ranking ES I-V or the people listed below.

OS-2018-00209 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a list of any and all emails since 1/20/17 containing the keyword ¿malheur¿ and ¿bundy¿ sent by Department of Interior staffers ranking ES I-V or the people listed below.

OS-2018-00211 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Dickinson Timothy OS Open
all text messages and/or instant messages sent and received by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke relating to the performance of his public duties, starting from the date of his confirmation, March 1, 2017. Please include ...

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OS-2018-00212 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Dickinson Timothy OS Open
Any 2017 Interior Department records, emails, texts, memos or any other documents that mention "Andy Techmanski", "Techmanski," or "Whitefish Energy."

OS-2018-00214 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 McDermott Jennifer OS Open
a report that the Secretary sent to the White House in August 2017 on marine monuments.
any written correspondence
that the Department has received from the White House regarding that report.

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OS-2018-00215 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Acosta Deborah OS Open
Any and all communications between August 20, 2017 and the present between Secretary Ryan Zinke and: (i) Vincent DeVito; (ii) Douglas Domenech; and (iii) Heather Swift. Records of all communications between August 20, 2017 and the present to or from Secretary Ryan Zinke and/or Vincent DeVito that mention or refer to any of the following: .....

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OS-2018-00210 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a list of any and all emails since 1/20/17 containing the keywords ¿secure the border¿ and ¿border wall¿ sent by Department of Interior staffers ranking ES I-V or the people listed below.

OS-2018-00218 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
Correspondence related to the Report to the Secretary on Improving the Bureau of Land Management¿s Planning and National Environmental Policy Act Processes

¿ all correspondence, including emails, since January of 2017, now in
possession of the Department and BLM, related to the report regarding BLM¿s planning and NEPA processes.

OS-2018-00221 October 26, 2017 October 27, 2017 December 05, 2017 Marsh Rene OS Completed
A copy of the list of all senior executive service members who were reassigned since Scretary Zinke took office. Please include the date the individual was promoted to SES and demographic information including sex, age and race.

OS-2018-00234 October 23, 2017 October 27, 2017 May 16, 2018 Bale Rachael OS Completed
Report produced by Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. in 2012 for the Department of the Interior called "law enforcement functional study."

OS-2018-00224 October 27, 2017 October 27, 2017 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Any and all records related to the development and implementation of the Department of the Interior's final report titled, "Review of the Department of the Interior Actions that Potentially Burden Domestic Energy," produced in response to Executive Order 13783 and released by the Department of the Interior on October 25, 2017 (hereinafter "Energy Burdens" report).

OS-2018-00226 October 27, 2017 October 27, 2017 Meehan Kathleen OS Open
Copies of reports submitted in response to Secretarial Order 3356. These were reports from "all responsible bureaus and offices within the Department regarding recommendations to streamline and improve the permitting process for guides and outfitters on the Department¿s lands and waters, including recommendations for the development of a distinct permitting process for non-profit organizations (such as those working with youth, veterans, or underserved communities)". (continued below)

OS-2018-00229 October 27, 2017 October 30, 2017 May 16, 2018 Ferry Stephane OS Completed
The inbound and outbound call logs of Secretary Ryan Zinke for all devices used in the performance of his duties for the period beginning September 1st, 2017 to October 27th, 2017.

OS-2018-00232 October 29, 2017 October 30, 2017 Desormeau Katherine OS Open
Any and all records in the possession, custody, or control of the Department of the Interior ("the Department") that pertain to meetings on or after January 20, 2017, attended by Secretary Ryan Zinke, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, James Cason, Doug Domenech, and/or Downey Magallanes, relating to any national monument and/or to the Department's review of national monuments under Executive Order No. 13792, including: Any calendar entries, invitations, itineraries, (continued below)

OS-2018-00230 October 27, 2017 October 30, 2017 June 29, 2018 Allen Theo OS Completed
(1) All communications between Secretary Zinke and Whitefish Energy Holdings between August 15, 2017 and the date the request is processed. (2) All contracts between the Department of the Interior and Whitefish Energy Holdings between August 15, 2017 and the date the request is processed. (3) All energy contracts made by the Department of the Interior in Puerto Rico between August 15, 2017 and the date the request is processed. (4) (continued below)

OS-2018-00235 October 30, 2017 October 30, 2017 June 29, 2018 Woods Elliott OS Completed
Emails and any other correspondence between Whitefish Energy, LLC, HBC Investments, and any of those two companies' principals, and personnel at the Department of Interior in the Office of the Secretary, including Secretary Ryan Zinke. The principals of Whitefish Energy, LLC, are Andrew Techmanski and Joe Colonnetta, who is also a principal at HBC Investments. The time frame to be searched is March 1, 2017 until the present. (Continued below)

OS-2018-00233 October 29, 2017 October 30, 2017 October 31, 2017 Lipton Eric OS Completed
A a searchable list of all outstanding FOIA requests in a Microsoft Excel or Comma-Separated Values (CSV) format.

OS-2018-00236 October 30, 2017 October 30, 2017 Foehringer Merchant Emma OS Open
A copy of all emails, correspondence, and documents sent to and from staff at the Office of the Secretary concerning Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC as well as any documents discussing this company in conjunction with any actions in the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico between the dates of September 20 and October 30.

OS-2018-00237 October 30, 2017 October 30, 2017 January 30, 2018 Atkinson Katherine OS Completed
All agency records related to visitors of the individuals listed below on June 9, 2017. Please include all records related to the identity of the visitor of Jim Cason referred to as ¿Secretary¿s Guest¿ on the enclosed page of the June 9, 2017 visitor log. Please include in your search all records related to the identities of visitors who met or communicated with any of the following individuals: i. James (Jim) Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary; ii. Scott Cameron, (continued below)

OS-2018-00240 October 31, 2017 October 31, 2017 Tahir Darius OS Open
1) any memoranda, agendas, meeting notes, communications, or records generated as a result of the July 12, 2017 meeting with Patrick Soon-Shiong and other individuals affiliated with NantWorks 2) any communications between the Department of the Interior and any individuals affiliated with NantWorks after January 1, 2017 3) any communications, meeting notes, agenda, memoranda (continued below)

OS-2018-00242 October 30, 2017 October 31, 2017 February 14, 2018 Mushrush Julia OS Completed
All records and monetary transactions concerning the Osage Kansas Land Distributons or payments to her mother and deceased father.

OS-2018-00249 November 01, 2017 November 01, 2017 Evers Austin OS Open
1. All calendars or calendar entries for any of the following individuals between the date of January 20, 2017, to the date a search is conducted, including any calendars maintained on behalf of these individuals (e.g., by an administrative assistant or a scheduler): Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary or Administrator to Secretary Zinke, James (Jim) Cason-Associate Deputy Director, Scott Hommel-Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chief of Staff, Scott Hommel (continued below)

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OS-2018-00245 November 01, 2017 November 01, 2017 Creighton Sara OS Open
1) All records reflecting any actual or projected expenditures for renovations (including remodeling or changes to decor) of any part of the office suites (including foyers, waiting rooms, conference rooms, adjacent hallways, or other common areas) for any individuals in, or acting in, Senate-confirmed (PAS) positions at your agency. 2) All communications relating to actual or potential renovations (including remodeling or changes to decor) (continued below)

OS-2018-00244 November 01, 2017 November 01, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All documents and correspondence related to the Office of the Secretary's August decision to order the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to halt a study of health risks for residents near mountaintop removal and other surface coal mining sites in the Appalachian Mountains . This requests pertains to documents and correspondence produced between January 20, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00246 November 01, 2017 November 01, 2017 Davis Aaron OS Open
Copies of all correspondence, including emails and all email attachments, sent or received by Interior employees since Sept. 1, 2017 that include the words Puerto Rico or PR as well as any of the following terms: mutual aid, transmission, distribution,"requesting entity," "providing entity," "request for mutual aid," PREPA, Whitefish, WF, Techmanski, HBC, ldwwgroup, Zinke, or Perry. 2). Further, I request any emails sent or received in the same period from (continued below)

OS-2018-00248 November 01, 2017 November 02, 2017 November 27, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Completed
Access to and copies of all digital or written correspondence between Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt and any e-mail address ending in @bhfs.com. This should include copies of e-mails sent by, sent to or carbon-copying ("CC") Mr. Bernhardt at any point since and including August 1, 2017. Additionally, I request access to and copies of documents which outline or list calls placed and calls received by Mr. Bernhardt from any telephone (including any cellphone) (continued below)

OS-2018-00255 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 November 28, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All communications records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00257 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017. Please include all records that document Bernhardt's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00259 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 January 17, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior¿s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00258 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents or correspondence, including attachments, related to the meeting Secretary Zinke held with Representative Raul Grijalva and other Democrats from the House Natural Resources committee in a secure Compartmented Information Facility on October 24, 2017. Please also include documents or correspondence, including attachments, related to the planning and location of said meeting.

OS-2018-00254 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 November 29, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
A list of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00260 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 January 23, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00253 November 02, 2017 November 03, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
1. All agency records, including but not limited to calendar entries, notes, agendas, emails, text messages, and memoranda, related to the ¿Briefing on Reorganization¿ which Secretary Zinke attended on April 26, 2017. Please include all individuals present at the meeting in your search. According to the Secretary¿s public calendar, they included: a. Scott Hommel b. James Cason c. Secretary Zinke d. Olivia Ferriter e. Gareth Rees f. Amy Holley g. Downey Magallanes h. Denise Flanagan (cont. below)

OS-2018-00261 November 04, 2017 November 06, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Communication records exchanged between the following individuals in the Department of the Interior and/or any individual employed by and/or affiliated with Whitefish Energy Holdings LLC and/or the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority related to the Whitefish Energy-PREPA contract to rebuild Puerto Rico's power grid from Jan. 20 to Nov. 1, 2017. Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of (cont. below)

OS-2018-00266 November 03, 2017 November 06, 2017 Guzy Gary OS Open
1. All draft and final documents, including but not limited to all policies, directives, training materials, other guidelines, memoranda, meeting notes, agendas, notes of telephone conversations, and electronic media, relating to Executive Order 13972 on the Review of Designations under the Antiquities Act, issued by President Donald J. Trump on April 26, 2017, and the review conducted thereunder by the Department of the Interior, as it relates to Grand Staircase Escalante (continued below)

OS-2018-00267 November 06, 2017 November 06, 2017 November 29, 2017 D'Angelo Chris OS Completed
All records related to FOIA Request OS-2017-00852.

OS-2018-00268 November 06, 2017 November 06, 2017 November 29, 2017 Mosk Matthew OS Completed
A copy of all the video footage taken by Maria Thi Mai on Secretary Zinke's trip to Cascade Siskiyou National Monument from July 14 to July 17, 2017.

OS-2018-00262 November 05, 2017 November 06, 2017 December 04, 2017 McCammon Muira OS Completed
Copies of all tweets deleted by the U.S. Department of Interior's Twitter feed (@Interior) from September 2009 to the present. This would include any tweets sent out on Twitter that were deleted or kept in draft form from the Twitter account @Interior. This request also would include copies of any e-mails or correspondence regarding the drafting and deletion of these tweets.

OS-2018-00269 November 06, 2017 November 06, 2017 November 30, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
All correspondence, including letters, memos, as well as emails and attachments, sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, that contain one or more of the following words: "coin", "commemorative coin", "flag" and/or ''secretarial flag". This request pertains to communications sent or received between January 20, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00274 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 December 06, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
Any and all correspondence, including letters, memos, as well as emails and attachments, sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or other staffers in the Office of the Secretary, that contain one or more of the following

phrases. "Executive Committee for Expedited Permitting", or "ECEP" This request pertains to communications sent or received between August 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00284 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 Elliott Justin OS Open
Any emails to or from Secretary Ryan Zinke, dated between May 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed, that contain the terms "EITI" or "extractive industries."

OS-2018-00279 November 06, 2017 November 07, 2017 March 30, 2018 Mann Ted OS Completed
Access to and copies of all documents filed in a pending appeal before the Interior Board of Land Appeals for appeal that was filed in July 2015 by appellant Taylor Energy Company LLC versus respondents the US Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.

OS-2018-00285 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of the following records concerning the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's trip to Montana between October 27, 2017 -November 5, 2017. A daily schedule of the Secretary's events, meetings and activities including locations and attendees; this should include all official travel schedules for the
Secretary during this time period.
All documents related to the Secretary and any family members' government-sponsored travel during this time period; (Contd below)....

OS-2018-00271 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
A copy of every photograph taken by Department of Interior photographer Tami Heileman since March 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00276 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of records release under FOIA OS-2017-01291.

OS-2018-00272 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 November 30, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
A list of the names and official titles of all members of the Department of Interior's Executive Committee for Expedited Permitting, or ECEP.

OS-2018-00273 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 January 18, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
Copies of all records released in response to FOIA OS-2018-00018.

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OS-2018-00280 November 07, 2017 November 08, 2017 Elliott Justin OS Open
all emails dated between January 20, 2017, and the date this request is processed exchanged between the following officials:
Gregory Gould, Director of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue
Judith Wilson, Program Manager at
Office of Natural Resources Revenue

and the following outside lobbyists:

Veronika Kohler (professional email:
vkohler@nma.org)
Aaron Padilla (professional email: padillaa@api.org)
John Harrington (professional email: john.d.
harrington@exxonmobil.com)

OS-2018-00281 November 07, 2017 November 08, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving Ms. Downey Magallanes regarding the Navajo Generating Station and the Kayenta coal mine operated by Peabody Energy Company. Ms. Magallanes now holds the title of Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Advisor, and Counselor to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and previously held the title of Special Assistant to the Secretary. To assist the office in responding to this FOIA, Friends of the Earth has found (continued below)

OS-2018-00291 November 08, 2017 November 08, 2017 Young Jeff OS Open
All records in document or electronic form, such as relevant memos, email communication, letters, or meeting notes,
including but not limited to: Communications or meeting notes including DOI Deputy Sec. David Bernhardt. Communications or meeting notes including Trump administration transition team member Tucker Davis. (Contd below..)

OS-2018-00293 November 08, 2017 November 08, 2017 July 09, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Completed
Include sufficient information for us to assess the basis for the exemption, including any interest(s) that would be harmed by release. Please include a detailed ledger which includes: 1. Basic factual material about each withheld record, including the originator, date, length, general subject matter, and location of each item; and (contd below)

OS-2018-00286 November 07, 2017 November 08, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving Ms. Downey Magallanes regarding the Grand Staircase/Escalante National Monument. Ms. Magallanes now holds the title of Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Advisor and Counselor to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and previously held the title of Special Assistant to the Secretary. Our request covers the period when she first entered the Department in January 2017 to the date the search is conducted.

OS-2018-00287 November 08, 2017 November 08, 2017 January 18, 2018 Donaldson Kate OS Completed
Copies of public records related to your organization's procurement of distribution transformers for a research project. I am requesting the information below (see: "Requested Information") related to the following Bid Solicitation Numbers issued by the Department of the Interior: A17PS00997, A17PS01083 For each of these bid opportunities please provide copies of: The bid opportunity announcement or RFP (AKA requests for bids, requests for proposals, invitation to bid, etc). (Contd Below)

OS-2018-00289 November 08, 2017 November 09, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All available calendars, daily itineraries, and schedules of activities for Scott Hommel , the chief of staff to the Interior Secretary, from March 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed . I am a reporter for Pacific Standard magazine, and the requested documents will be made available to the general public. (Contd below)..

OS-2018-00297 November 09, 2017 November 09, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
The following records created from January 20, 2017 to March 31, 2017: All e-mails (including attachments) exchanged between any of the following Department of the Interior staff/White House staff: Any individual who held the position of Secretary or Acting Secretary of the Interior from January 20, 2017 to March 31, 2017, including ¿ but not limited to ¿ Ryan Zinke. Any individual who held the position of Chief of Staff or Acting Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Interior (continued below)

OS-2018-00298 November 09, 2017 November 09, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
The following records created from January 20, 2017 to March 31, 2017: All e-mails (including attachments) exchanged between any of the following Department of the Interior & White House staff: Any individual who held the position of Director or Acting Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs from Jan. 20 to March 31, 2017. Any individual who held the position of Deputy Director or Acting Deputy Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (cont below)

OS-2018-00290 November 08, 2017 November 09, 2017 Hegyi Nate OS Open
Request description: Any emails sent either to or from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke regarding the following ¿ ¿Blackfeet¿ ¿Harry Barnes¿ ¿Range Rider¿ ¿Badger-Two Medicine¿ ¿Troy Downing¿ ¿Badger Two Medicine¿ ¿B2M¿

OS-2018-00296 November 09, 2017 November 09, 2017 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Any communications, including emails and memos, to and from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Heather Swift, Micah Chambers, and/or Jason Jurgena from April 1 to present that mention any of the following terms and/or phrases: "bronze bust", "bust", "bronze", "Cinturati", "Sagamore", "Roosevelt", "U.S. Art Company".

OS-2018-00299 November 09, 2017 November 10, 2017 Keatinge Jenny OS Open
Records related to the Trump administration¿s consideration of a land exchange and construction of road through Izembek National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. The requested records include, but are not limited to: All records related to Secretary of the Interior Zinke¿s mandate that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service explore the option of a land trade between Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and King Cove Native Corporation. All records regarding a proposed road through (Continued Below)

OS-2018-00301 November 10, 2017 November 13, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Records regarding Grand Staircase/Escalante National Monument for: All the activities of Ms. Downey Magallanes, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Advisor, and Counselor to the Secretary, regarding solely or including this monument. These activities include visits, trips, briefings, discussions, conference calls, and listening sessions not located inside the Department of the Interior headquarters building in Washington D.C. The records we request would answer the questions (continued below)

OS-2018-00302 November 10, 2017 November 13, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open

A copy of Murray Energy Corp. CEO Bob Murray's "action plan." Murray describes the "action plan" in the following news article: "Bob Murray says Trump's at work on industry 'action plan,'" Hannah Northey, E&E News, Oct. 10, 2017. I also request communication records exchanged between the following individuals in the Department of the Interior and/or any individual employed by and/or affiliated with Murray Energy Corp. related to Murray's "action plan" (continued below)

OS-2018-00303 November 12, 2017 November 13, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All correspondence, including letters, memos, as well as emails and attachments, sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, Scott Hommel, James Cason, Doug Domenech, Katharine MacGregor, Scott Cameron and/or Heather Swift that contain one or more of the following words: "Joel Clement" and/or "Clement". This request pertains to communications sent or received between March 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00305 November 13, 2017 November 13, 2017 December 04, 2017 Atwood Amy OS Completed
An update to the Center's previous request OS-2018-00123. The Center requests from October 13, 2017 to the date of this search: all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails, text messages, instant messages, voicemails, and phone logs for any phones utilized by the new U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke (contd below)

OS-2018-00304 November 13, 2017 November 13, 2017 Meehan Kathleen OS Open
A copy of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks' report with specific recommendations to enhance recreational fishing, specifically regarding efforts to enhance and expand recreational fishing access, where practicable. A copy of the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management's report with specific recommendations to enhance recreational fishing, specifically regarding efforts to enhance and expand recreational fishing access, where practicable.

OS-2018-00307 November 13, 2017 November 14, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
RE: Bernhardts Communication

From October 11, 2017 to search date: all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails, text messages, instant messages, voicemails, & phone logs for any phones utilized by the U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt ("Mr. Bernhardt") and/or

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OS-2018-00306 November 14, 2017 November 14, 2017 November 20, 2017 Arnsdorf Isaac OS Completed
Gavin Clarkson resignation letter.

OS-2018-00309 November 14, 2017 November 14, 2017 February 07, 2018 Maragos Michael OS Completed
All records from the OGOR-B reflecting the disposition of production and the volume of the product disposed for all onshore federal gas production, including the federal share of mixed agreements. Please provide the data for all disposition codes, aggregated by state, year, and disposition code, for 2006 through 2016.

OS-2018-00308 November 14, 2017 November 14, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
Copies of the following: 1. All calendar entries, schedules of meetings, agendas, lists of attendees and meeting notes for Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke from September 17 through September 22, 2017.
2. All emails, memoranda, text
messages, iMessages, Google chats, instant messages, and notes from September 15 through October 3, 2017 from the following individuals containing information related to any of the following categories: Any movements of Senior Executive Service (continued below)

OS-2018-00341 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 January 03, 2018 Pendery Bruce OS Completed
Secretary Zinke's response to the May 26, 2017 letter from Representative Scott Tipton, a letter attached with the request.

OS-2018-00313 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 Murphy Allison OS Open
(see below for clarity on the types of records sought): 1. Any and all records created or transmitted by or between White House staff, including but not limited to their email addresses ending in ¿who.eop.gov,¿ and Department of Interior (¿Interior¿) employees regarding any plan or action regarding Interior¿s Senior Executive Service employees, including but not limited to reassignment, downsizing, demotion, firing, dismissal, removal, resignation, or other job-related change. (contd below)

OS-2018-00311 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Any communications, including emails and memos, to and from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Interior Press Secretary Heather Swift, Micah Chambers, Christopher Salotti and/or Amanda Kaster-Averill from January 1, 2017 to present that mention any of the following terms and/or phrases: "422 acres", "422", "smallest area compatible", "predetermined outcome", "political advocacy".

OS-2018-00315 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
From the U.S. Department of the Interior ("Interior"): All records from January 20, 2017 through the date of the agency's search for responsive records that mention and/or discuss the Interior's closure of the U.S. Geological Survey ("USGS") Eastern Geographic Science Center in Reston, Virginia. (contd below)

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OS-2018-00312 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
Regarding 25 Species Listing Denials

All records mentioning, including, referencing and/or generated in connection
with the species' status assessments for the "12-Month Findings on Petitions to List 25 Species as Endangered or Threatened Species." Attachment A (25 Species Denial FR).

OS-2018-00314 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 December 18, 2017 Charboneau Liz OS Completed
Incoming-And-Outgoing Correspondence Between The United States Department Of The Interior And Martha McSally From January 3, 2015 Through The Present. I am requesting copies of incoming-and outgoing correspondence between the United States Department of the Interior and Martha McSally, in her capacity as member of the United States House of Representatives, from January 3, 2015 through the present.

OS-2018-00317 November 16, 2017 November 16, 2017 January 29, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Completed
All correspondence (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes and memoranda) to and from Interior staff, from January 1, 2017 to present, that mention any of the following terms or phrases: "elephant", "elephants", "trophy", "trophies", "import trophies", "safari", "sport-hunted", "sport hunting", "enhancement finding", "Zimbabwe", "Zambia", "African wildlife".

OS-2018-00316 November 16, 2017 November 16, 2017 January 30, 2018 Bale Rachael OS Completed
All emails to and from Sec. Ryan Zinke and any email addresses at the domain @safariclub.org and @firstforwildlife that contain one or more of the following the terms: ¿elephant,¿ ¿elephants,¿ ¿loxodonta,¿ or ¿Loxodonta Africana.¿

OS-2018-00318 November 17, 2017 November 17, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
From the U.S. Department of the Interior ("Interior"): All records mentioning, including, and/or referencing the Public Land Order 7787 as identified in recommendation 13 from Table 1 of the document "USDA Final Report Pursuant to Executive Order 13783 on Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth," which was generated as a result of Executive Order 13783 (Mar. 28, 2017).1 (contd below)

OS-2018-00323 November 17, 2017 November 17, 2017 Levitan Benjamin OS Open
Correspondence between the DOI Office of the Secretary ("OS")¿including OS's employees and contractors and anyone else who is a custodian of OS records¿and any outside party, including any employees, contractors, attorneys, lobbyists, or other representatives of any oil and gas trade organization or company in the oil and gas industry. EDF seeks correspondences relating to any of the following topics: a. "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation," (cont below)

OS-2018-00321 November 17, 2017 November 17, 2017 Keever Marcie OS Open
Department of the Interior produce the following documents and records within 20 business days: All communications and meetings involving Ms. Downey Magallanes regarding the Navajo Generating Station and the Kayenta coal mine operated by Peabody Energy Company. Ms. Magallanes now holds the title of Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Advisor, and Counselor to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and previously held the title of Special Assistant to the Secretary.

OS-2018-00324 November 17, 2017 November 17, 2017 January 09, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Completed
All correspondence (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes and memoranda), from November 8, 2016 to present, between Interior Department staff (including employees of the Fish and Wildlife Service) and President Donald Trump's sons, Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump.

OS-2018-00319 November 16, 2017 November 17, 2017 March 16, 2018 Diamond Jeremy OS Completed

Copies of all records relating to any communication, electronic or otherwise, between Donald Trump, Jr. (President Donald Trump's son) and Interior Department officials including, but not limited to, communication between Donald Trump, Jr. and Secretary Ryan Zinke since Secretary Zinke was sworn in as Interior Secretary.

OS-2018-00325 November 17, 2017 November 20, 2017 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
All correspondence to or from Ryan Zinke, Heather Swift, Micah Chambers, John Tanner, Dominic Maione, Douglas Domenech, Gary Frazer (Assistant Director for Endangered Species, USFWS), Katharine MacGregor (Acting Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management) and/or Jason Larrabee (Acting Assistant Secretary for FWS), that mention any of the following terms and/or phrases: "marine mammal", "SEA Act", "Marine Mammal Protection Act", "MMPA", "seismic", "whale", "dolphin", "incidental take".

OS-2018-00327 November 17, 2017 November 20, 2017 Siegler Kirk OS Open
Between January 20, 2017 and November 17, 2017 for all four of the following: All email correspondence between Secretary Ryan Zinke and addresses with the "@trumporg.com" domain, All email between Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and addresses with the "@trumporg.com" domain, all email between Secretary Ryan Zinke and Donald Trump, Jr., all email between Chief of Staff Scott Hommel to Donald Trump.

OS-2018-00322 November 20, 2017 November 20, 2017 November 20, 2017 Exempt Information OS Completed
Exempt Information

OS-2018-00326 November 17, 2017 November 20, 2017 Brooks Wilma Lynn OS Open
[R]equesting "eligibility criteria" for Native American women spousal benefits, including calculating monthly benefit allowances.

OS-2018-00331 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Oslund Joe OS Open
All e-mails (including attachments) between any employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and any
employee or representative of the Office of the Governor of Puerto Rico that mention any of the following search
terms:
o Whitefish
o Montana
o Techmanski
o Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority
o PREPA

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OS-2018-00337 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
All records (including ' but not limited to - calendar entries or notes, visitor logs, agendas, meeting notes, or meeting minutes) relating to any meetings between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke (contd below)

OS-2018-00332 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Dieter Austin OS Open
E-mails (including attachments) between any employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and Puerto Rico

Electric Power Authority Chief Executive Officer Ricard Ramos mentioning any of the following search terms: "Whitefish", "Montana", "Techmanski", "Maria", "Irma", "Hurricane", "Zinke". (contd below).

OS-2018-00334 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Meyers Ellen OS Open
Email communication, meeting notes and "lessons learned" reports with key words "Denmark" and "offshore wind" from Oct. 1, 2017 to Nov. 3, 2017. Specifically, I would like meeting notes and minutes that pertain to Danish energy minister Lars Christian Lilleholt and U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's meeting on Oct. 26, 2017.

OS-2018-00333 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Graham Caroline OS Open
E-mails (including attachments) exchanged between the following employees of the Office of Insular Affairs and any employee or representative of "Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC", including ' but not limited to ' the following: Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs, Douglas W. Domenech, Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, Shirley Lewis (contd below)...

OS-2018-00336 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Sarge Matt OS Open
E-mails (including attachments) exchanged between the following employees of the Office of Emergency Management and any employee or representative of ¿Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC¿, including ¿ but not limited to ¿ the following: (contd below)

OS-2018-00329 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 July 10, 2018 Mercer Leo OS Completed
A copy of all letters of reprimand and/or suspension given to Interior Department employees from January 20, 2017, to August 30, 2017.

OS-2018-00330 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Bauer Nick OS Open
E-mails (including attachments) exchanged between any employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and ¿Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC¿ or any employee or representative of ¿Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC¿, including ¿ but not limited to ¿ the following: Chris Chiames, Spokesman (This search should include, but not be limited to, the email address ¿chris.chiames@ldwwgroup.com¿)

OS-2018-00340 November 22, 2017 November 22, 2017 Green Miranda OS Open
I would like to be provided with communications between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Fish and Wildlife Staff that includes the search terms language "trophy" and/or "trophies" and/or "elephant" and/or "elephants".

OS-2018-00339 November 27, 2017 November 27, 2017 Baracker Theresa OS Open
I believe this information to be in the possession of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), Human
Resources Division. Under provisions of Freedom oflnformation Act, please
provide the following requested
information.
1. All information regarding development of OST policy for non-application oflndian
Preference law. This
includes names of those who participated in development, drafts,
solicitor opinions, and any and all related
documentation;

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OS-2018-00343 November 28, 2017 November 28, 2017 January 24, 2018 Leopold Jason OS Completed
Emails, memos, letters, reports sent, received by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke that mentions or refers to ObamaCare and Lisa Murkowski. The search should include any emails from eop.gov. The timeframe for my request is July 1, 2017 through August 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00344 November 28, 2017 November 29, 2017 Evers Austin OS Open
1. Records sufficient to identify all employees who entered into a position at the agency as "political appointees" since April 3, 2017 and the title or position of each employee (to the extent that such individuals have held multiple titles or positions since April 3, 2017 identify each title or position). For purposes of this request, please consider any employee in a PAS position, a presidentially-appointed position, a non-career SES position, a Schedule C position, (continued below)

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OS-2018-00346 November 29, 2017 November 29, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
The following records regarding Escalante/Grand Staircase National Monument for: All visits, trips, meetings, briefings, discussions, listening session, and other activities by Secretary Ryan Zinke. The records we request would answer the questions of what Secretary Zinke did, who took part, who paid for what, and what did the activity and its components cost. The records we seek include:
a. All expense and reimbursement forms for each activity (continued below)

OS-2018-00345 November 28, 2017 November 29, 2017 Rony Alexander OS Open
Emails between July 1, 2017 and November 20, 2017 mentioning "elephant" that were sent to or from any of the following individuals: 1. Assistant Deputy Secretary Todd Willens 2. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Aurelia Skipwith 3. Director of the Office of International Affairs Karen Senhadji

OS-2018-00369 November 29, 2017 November 29, 2017 January 10, 2018 Feinberg Ashley OS Completed
Any discussion of or any reference to "Donald Trump Jr," "Don Jr," "Trump Jr," or "Don Trump" since January 20, 2016.

OS-2018-00348 November 30, 2017 November 30, 2017 June 13, 2018 Cheatham Kathy OS Completed
[A] copy of the full Administrative Report of the Tulsa Office Investigation conducted the week of March 6, 2017 by
Deborah Lloyd, Program specialist (Denver, CO).

OS-2018-00350 November 28, 2017 November 30, 2017 Jones Karianne OS Open
1)All correspondence and communications, including attachments, received or sent by Interior officials regarding the decision to withdrawal from the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative. Please include all communications that mention Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative or EITI. Searches should include any communications involving the White House, State Department, as well as from individuals outside of government.

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OS-2018-00347 November 30, 2017 November 30, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of any documents concerning Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason's meetings with any employee or representative of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP at any point since & including May 1, 2017. Copies of any documents brought to meetings involving Mr. Cason, copies of any documents describing the substance and contents of any of these meetings, & copies of any e-mails between Mr. Cason and any e-mail address ending in "@bhfs.com" sent or received during this time period.

OS-2018-00372 November 30, 2017 November 30, 2017 Rosenbaum Robert OS Open
Possible establishment and/or the establishment in the State of Maine of a national monument such as that which became KWW, and/or what activities and/or uses that should or would be permitted and which activities and/or uses should not or would not be permitted there and the reasons for such determinations, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, the following:(contd below)

OS-2018-00357 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 17, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior¿s headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Nov. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior¿s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00359 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 31, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 2017.

These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-00360 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of records related to two meetings between Downey Magallanes and representatives of Energy Fuels and Kinder Morgan.

Energy Fuels. Downey Magallanes Met With Darrin Munoz and William Goranson on July 17, 2017. Darrin Munoz was the Director of Faegre Baker Daniels Consulting¿s energy and environment consulting practice. Darrin Munoz has lobbied for Energy Fuels Resources, Inc. William Paul Goranson was Executive Vice President of ISR Operations at Energy Fuels.

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OS-2018-00355 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 23, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All communications records concerning communications that mention Trump, Ivanka, Kushner and/or Observer in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00361 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 08, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
Request the following records for the processing notes for FOIA request number OS-2018-00269.

OS-2018-00349 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
The processing notes for my previous FOIA request assigned the control number OS-2018-00081.

OS-2018-00354 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 10, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
A list of special government employees (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00370 December 04, 2017 December 04, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Travel expenses - including air and vehicle travel, security expenses , food expenditures and hotel accommodations - during his December 4, 2017 trip to Utah to announce the resizing of the Bears Ears National Monument and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument .

OS-2018-00365 December 04, 2017 December 04, 2017 Reardon Sara OS Open
A list of DOI grants and cooperative agreements over $100,000 that have been ordered to stop work in 2017 pending budget review. This list was referenced by DOI in relation to a study by the National Academies. http://www8.nationalacademies.org/onpinews/newsitem.aspx?RecordID=8212017&_ga=2.85687257.1979571121.1503258766-1869263420.1485459941

OS-2018-00368 November 27, 2017 December 04, 2017 February 13, 2018 Ebbini Ramzi OS Completed
Any direct correspondence between your agency and North Dakota State Senator Tom Campbell or the staff of North Dakota State Senator Tom Campbell between January 2012-present; any direct correspondence between your agency and Tom Campbell of North Dakota, born February 1959, between January 1987-present.

OS-2018-00373 December 05, 2017 December 05, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails, including attachments, sent or received between Acting Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management Katharine MacGregor and any representative of the American Petroleum Institute (using the email domain ¿@api.org¿) or the Western Energy Alliance (using the email domain ¿@westernenergyalliance.org¿) which reference the ¿Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation¿ rule, published in the Federal Register November 18, 2016.

OS-2018-00371 December 05, 2017 December 05, 2017 Paul Ellen OS Open
Airborne Hunting Act (16 U.S.C. 742 j-l) provides that (2) In any case in which a State, or any agency thereof, issues a permit referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection, it shall file with the Secretary of the Interior an annual report containing such information as the Secretary shall prescribe.. (contd below)

OS-2018-00378 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails, including attachments, sent or received by DOI Press Secretary Heather Swift which reference Patagonia, Inc., or which otherwise contain the term ¿Patagonia.¿ The timeframe of my request is December 4, 2017 to December 6, 2017.

OS-2018-00377 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 June 05, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
December 5, 2017, Secretary Zinke hosted a telephone briefing regarding the National Monument Report (¿the briefing¿). According to a media advisory, ¿credentialed members of the news media¿ received access to the event by emailing ¿Alex at Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov¿ to obtain the dial-in information. Following the briefing, several reporters stated that they were told they were excluded from the briefing while on hold waiting for it to begin. (contd below)

OS-2018-00381 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails, including attachments, sent or received between the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Katharine MacGregor and the below-identified individuals which reference the final rule ¿Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform¿ (2017 Valuation Rule) published by the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) on July 1, 2016. (contd below)

OS-2018-00382 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 Rosenbaum Robert OS Open
1. Expansion of PRIMNM ultimately effectuated by Presidential Proclamation 9173, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, communications, other than through public comments, with any person outside each of your agencies or offices concerning what land, waters or other objects should be included or excluded from the expansion of PRIMNM and/or the uses which should be permitted or prohibited in that expansion, (contd below)

OS-2018-00375 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all documents outlining the attendees and content for the December 4, 2017 call involving members of the National Association of Counties and concerning the National Monument changes announced by President Trump on that same date. This should include, but not be limited to, copies of any list of participants on the call; copies of any minutes or notes taken by DOI staff during the call, and copies of any other document which outlines the content of the call.

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OS-2018-00385 December 07, 2017 December 07, 2017 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
[A]ccess to and copies of Communications from Vincent DeVito to Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and/or Secretary Ryan Zinke. You may limit your search to communications after September 1, 2017.

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OS-2018-00383	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open

[A]ccess to and copies of Copies of communications received in the account [feedback@ios.doi.gov]. You may limit your search to messages received after September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00384	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open

[A]ccess to and copies of Copies of all photos taken by Tami Heilemann that include any of the following people: Ryan Zinke, his wife (Lolita "Lola" zinke), Scott Hommel, David Bernhardt, Vincent DeVito. You may limit your search to photos taken after September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00386	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open

[A]ccess to and copies of Communications from Press Secretary Heather Swift to Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and/or Secretary Ryan Zinke. You may limit your search to communications after September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00387	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open

[A]ccess to and copies of Communications sent to or from (including also as :cc: or bcc:) the Department of the Interior's Office of the Secretary, which is also to or from (including also as :cc:: or bcc:) anyone using an email address incorporating the @ballard-partners.com domain name. You may limit your search to communications sent or received between August 1, 2017 to the present

OS-2018-00388	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	Schoenhut Karimah	OS	Open

Re: October 24, 2017 proposal where National Park Service Recreation Fee Program announced drastic increase in entrance fees at 17 of the most accessed national parks during the contiguous five month period of highest visitation for each park. 1. Documents providing factual support for the published conclusion that the proposed fee increases "will likely increase total entrance fee revenues from $199.9M to $268.5M." 2. Documents providing economic analysis of the impact (continued below)

OS-2018-00396	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	Meakins Kyle	OS	Open

Information related to the Interior Secretary's decision to rescind National Monument designations. This is to include the complete correspondence of all public comments received during the public comment period. It also includes correspondence with interested parties such as tribal, local, and state officials. (contd below)

OS-2018-00391	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	December 28, 2017 Abgaryan Alina	OS	Completed

Any and all records or documents related to construction projects at the Willits Depot/Northwestern Pacific Depot/Willits Roundhouse in Willits, California from the early 1900s to 1980s. This request includes any and all facility building plan documents, architectural plans, photographs, specifications, drawings, material lists, blueprints, change orders, prime or general contracts, or subcontracts. Documents which identify the name of any entity involved in any construction (continued below)

OS-2018-00389	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	Santos Rose	OS	Open

A customer insists that BLM did issue an award under RFQ 1199566, but BLM has no record of it. BLM only placed an order on a BPA that the Department has. This is a request for the information on the award for this contract. (In response to BLM-2017-00987)

OS-2018-00394 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Green Miranda OS Open
Provided with interagency agreements made between the Department of the Interior and the Executive Office of the President between January 20, 2017 to today.

OS-2018-00411 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes containing one or more of the following words or phrases: "Bears Ears", "national monument", "uranium", "Mark Chalmers", "Andrew Wheeler", "Faegre Baker Daniels", "Mary Bono", "William Paul Goranson", and/or "Energy Fuels Resources".

OS-2018-00395 December 07, 2017 December 08, 2017 January 09, 2018 Ruprecht Paul OS Completed
Currently-pending appeals before IBLA and Departmental Cases Hearings Division (OHA). Copies of all notices of appeal for actions currently pending before OHA, regardless of subject matter, in which the appellant is represented by Budd-Falen Law Offices, LLC or any of its attorneys. The docket or reference number or code assigned to each of the appeals indicated above.

OS-2018-00397 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Edge Tom OS Open
Copy of an August 3, 2017 letter to the President of the United States signed by several congressmen regarding coordination with state and local governments. It appears the Secretary of Interior was cc'd a copy of the correspondence. I would like any responsive letters or communications regarding the August 3, 2017 letter.

OS-2018-00398 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Vickers David OS Open
Determine 1.) if there is any indication that there was any meeting between Sec. Ryan Zinke and Rep. Claudia Tenney;
2.) what the topic or (better still) the content of that meeting was. (contd below)

OS-2018-00399 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Vergano Dan OS Open
Copies of all communications/public records to/from the office of Joshua Campbell (joseph_campbell@sol.doi.gpbv), advisor in the Office of the Solicitor, and Katherine MacGregor (katherine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov), Deputy AS for Land and Minerals Management, regarding the agency-wide review of grants&cooperative agreements totalling more than $1 million that led to the Aug 18 letter to the NAS calling for a halt in all activities under Cooperative Agreement S16AC20034, dating from 4/12 to 12/8/17.

OS-2018-00409 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by counselor for Energy Policy Vincent DeVito containing one or more of the following words or phrases: "Bears Ears", "national monument", "uranium", "Mark Chalmers", "Andrew Wheeler", "Faegre Baker Daniels", "Mary Bono", "William Paul Goranson'', and/or "Energy Fuels Resources".

OS-2018-00418 September 29, 2017 December 11, 2017 Dillion Lauren OS Open
BLM's Idaho State Office staff which reference Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's review of national monument designations for Craten of the Moon National Monument in accordance with Executive Order 13795, "Presidential

Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act," dated April 26, 2017. The time frame of my request is April 26, 201 7 to August 3 1, 201 7.(contd below)

OS-2018-00400 December 08, 2017 December 11, 2017 June 12, 2018 Woods Elliott OS Completed
Any correspondence between the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and the House Natural Resources Committee and any HNRC committee staff pertaining to the decision to launch a social media advertisement titled "Patagonia is Lying To You," or containing the words "Patagonia" or "Outdoor Industry."

OS-2018-00401 December 09, 2017 December 11, 2017 Cole Matthew OS Open
Copies of the travel authorizations and associated travel vouchers filed by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke since his confirmation as Secretary of the Interior.

OS-2018-00402 December 10, 2017 December 11, 2017 Ruaro Randy OS Open
Copies of all emails sent or received by Pat Pourchot from an email address for the office of former Senator Mark Begich. This would include from any staff person or former Senator Begich himself. I believe such emails would have the word "Begich" and / or "Senate.gov" in them.

OS-2018-00403 December 10, 2017 December 11, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
A list of all social media accounts blocked by the all of the Department of the Interior's social media accounts, including but not limited to the Twitter accounts @Interior, @SecretaryZinke, @DOIDepSec, @DOIPressSec and all other social media accounts listed on DOI's website. Please consider records identifying social media accounts blocked by DOI's archived social media accounts ¿ also listed on DOI's website ¿ as not responsive records to my request.

OS-2018-00406 December 11, 2017 December 11, 2017 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of Communications sent to or from (including also as :cc: or bcc:) the Department of the Interior's Office of the Secretary and VIGOP PAC Treasurer Scott MacKenzie. You may limit your search to communications sent or received since March 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00414 December 12, 2017 December 12, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Following documents for every telephone briefing or press conference in 2017.
¿ A copy of the participant list;
¿ A
copy of the transcript of the briefing; and,
¿ A copy of the audio recording of the briefing.
It is my understanding
that Public Information Officer Frank Quimby (frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov) is the custodian of these records.

OS-2018-00687 December 12, 2017 December 12, 2017 O'Connell Joseph OS Open
¿ Any direct correspondence between your agency and U.S. Representative Marsha Blackburn or the staff of U.S. Representative Marsha Blackburn between January 2003- present.
¿ Any direct correspondence between your agency and
Marsha Wedgeworth Blackbum of Tennessee, bom 01/21/1961, between January 2003- present.

OS-2018-00408 December 12, 2017 December 12, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
The identity of the visitor of Jim Cason referred to as ¿Secretary¿s Guest¿ on the enclosed page of the June 9, 2017 visitor log, obtained from https://edit.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/17-00801ca.pdf. Please include in your search all records related to the identities of visitors who met or communicated with any of the following individuals: (contd below)

OS-2018-00416 December 13, 2017 December 13, 2017 Cama Timothy OS Open
Any records related to meetings that included both Ryan Zinke and Joshua Tree National Park Superintendent David Smith at the Main Interior Building between Nov. 1, 2017 and Nov. 30, 2017. This includes, but is not limited to, calendar entries, invitations, attendance lists, agendas, materials exchanged, recordings, photographs and follow-up communications.

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OS-2018-00423 December 14, 2017 December 14, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Correspondence, including attachments, between Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes (downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov) and L. Michael Bogert (mbogert@parsonsbehle.com) of the law firm Parsons Behle & Lattimer. This request pertains to records produced between January 20, 2017 and June 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00428 December 14, 2017 December 14, 2017 Ballard Benjamin OS Open
Text messages of Secretary Ryan Zinke using the terms "Puerto Rico", "PR", or "Maria".

OS-2018-00417 December 14, 2017 December 14, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, between Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes and Department of Commerce staffer Earl Comstock (ecomstock@doc.gov) that contain one or more of the following words or phrases.

"national monument ", "monument", "monuments", "Bears Ears ", and/or "Grand Staircase-Escalante ". This request pertains to communications sent or received between April 1, 2017 and the date this reques this processed.

OS-2018-00421 December 14, 2017 December 14, 2017 Foote Donald OS Open
Please provide a copy of the Unique Position Description (PD) used to fill the 120-dcay non competitive detail to a GS 15 for Melvin Capers, Office of Valuation Services (OVS). I have requested a copy of the PD from the OVS Director, John Ross and the Human Resource Specialist, Judith Schnittker.

OS-2018-00430 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 Vardi Itai OS Open
1. The Secretary and/or any member of his staff and employees and/or representatives of the company PROOF Research,

from 1.1.2017 to 12.15.2017. Personnel from the DOI may include, but not be limited to, Secretary Ryan Zinke, Russel Roddy, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, Downey Magallanes, Nancy Guiden, and Scott Hommel. (contd below)

OS-2018-00432 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 Cama Timothy OS Open
Copies of records sufficient to show the identities and alleged inappropriate behavior that caused Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to fire four employees, as he mentioned in the Dec. 14, 2017, video, "Interior's Work Environment Survey Results" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Np9YpailJ6c).

OS-2018-00433 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of communications to and from the Interior Secretary's office, including those in which OS staff are included in cc: or bcc:, discussing Nita Vail or the California Rangeland Trust. You may limit your search to communications sent after March 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00431 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 March 16, 2018 Berman Emily OS Completed
Copies of all communications between Todd Wynn and any email account that does not belong to the federal government.

OS-2018-00434 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 Ioanes Ellen OS Open
[Request regarding inappropriate sexual misconduct or predation] Line item budgets detailing any payouts for settlements of any kind. Any communication (email, text message, memo or phone call readout) from the Office of Policy, Management and Budget regarding the payment of such settlements. Any communication from the Office of the Inspector General regarding the payment of such settlements. Any communication from the Office of the Solicitor regarding the payment of such (continued below)

OS-2018-00429 December 14, 2017 December 15, 2017 Woods Elliott OS Open
1. On Dec. 5, 2017, [regarding] a conference call with Secretary Zinke pertaining to President Trump's decision to downsize the Bears Ears & Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments.

a. [A]ll correspondence from employees in
the Office of the Secretary from Dec. 1, 2017, to the present that mentions Outside Magazine, Elliott Woods, or Weston Phippen.

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OS-2018-00436 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 January 24, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Completed
Copies of any and all complaints filed by staff within the Office of the Secretary related to the Department of the Interior¿s FOIA policy from January 20, 2017 through the present date of this request.

OS-2018-00443 December 18, 2017 December 18, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
All records mentioning, including, referencing, and/or generated in connection with Interior's directive to the North Cascades National Park ("North Cascades NP") to stop work on its environmental impact statement regarding grizzly bear recovery in the North Cascades Ecosystem. See generally Rob Chaney, North Cascades grizzly bear recovery work halted by Interior Department, Missoulian [link in request letter].

OS-2018-00439 December 16, 2017 December 18, 2017 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
1. Any and all records documenting, discussing, and/or describing actions by the Secretary's Office, including the Deputy Secretary of the Interior and Assistant Secretaries, to comply with Secretarial Order 3355, entitled, ¿Streamlining National Environmental Policy Act Reviews and Implementation of Executive Order 13807, 'Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects.'¿ 2. the recommendations made (continued below)

OS-2018-00440 December 18, 2017 December 18, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
That the Office of Policy Analysis produce regarding the Office's use of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (5 CFR part 334) in calendar years 2016 and 2017 for: a. The names, positions, locations, & job descriptions of persons from other units of government or non-government ("other") entities serving in the Office at a pay rate equal to or higher than that of Grade 13 ($74,584 per year or $35 per hour); b. The assignment agreements for each person; c. The cost-sharing agreement (cont. below)

OS-2018-00448 December 18, 2017 December 18, 2017 March 13, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Completed
Requests regarding the Office use of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (5 CFR part 334) in calendar years 2016 and 2017 for:
a. The names, positions, locations, and job descriptions of persons from other units of government or non-government (other) entities serving in ONRR at a pay rate equal to or higher than that of Grade 13 ($74,584 per year or $35 per hour); b. The assignment agreements for each person; c. The cost-sharing agreement for each person;

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OS-2018-00437 December 15, 2017 December 18, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All photographs of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke created by Department of the Interior employees and/or contractors from Jan. 20, 2017 to the date that this FOIA request is processed. Public and non-public/private events, including but not limited to meetings, speeches, press conferences, portraits, candid shots. Activity that Zinke took part in for official business. Include relevant information with each photograph - names of each individual photographed, date, location and subject matter.

OS-2018-00438 December 15, 2017 December 18, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All multimedia recordings, including audio and video recordings, of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke created by Department of the Interior employees and/or contractors from Jan. 20, 2017 to the date that this FOIA request is processed. Public and non-public multimedia recordings of Zinke at public as well as private events, including but not limited to meetings, speeches, press conferences, portraits, candid shots and any other activity that Zinke took part in for official business.

OS-2018-00454 December 19, 2017 December 19, 2017 January 10, 2018 Colman Zack OS Completed
All responsive documents and materials for the following FOIA requests which have been wholly or partially completed as of the date of this request: 1) OS-2017-00840; 2) OS-2017-00834; 3) OS-2017-00849; 4) OS-2017-00848; 5) OS-2017-00850; 6) OS-2017-00342; 7) OS-2017-00456; 8) OS-2017-00513 Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication as responsive records to my request.

OS-2018-00456 December 19, 2017 December 19, 2017 January 10, 2018 Kravitz Derek OS Completed
The department's list of current and former special government employees, or "SGEs," hired between Jan. 20, 2017, and the date this request is ultimately fulfilled, along with the employee¿s name; hire date; agency title; office and department; hiring authority; government pay scale, step and salary; and separation date, if applicable.

OS-2018-00455 December 19, 2017 December 19, 2017 January 24, 2018 Choma Russ OS Completed
Any correspondence between the Definers Corp, also known as Definers Public Affairs or DefinersDC, and the DOI Office of the Secretary between January 20, 2017 and Dec 19, 2017. Please send the correspondence and requested information on a rolling basis, and do not wait until all correspondence is compiled to fill the request.

OS-2018-00446 December 19, 2017 December 19, 2017 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All documents & email correspondence between Joshua Tree National Park Superintendent David Smith and members of the Office of the Secretary at Interior, including, but not limited to Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, Ryan Zinke and David Bernhardt. This is in regards to 15 tweets sent by Joshua Tree¿s Twitter account on Nov. 8. Keywords "climate," "climate change," "tweets." Please include documents and emails from Nov. 1 ¿ Dec. 15, 2017 between Smith and employees (continued below)

OS-2018-00451 December 18, 2017 December 20, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Regarding the Office¿s use of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (5 CFR part 334) in calendar years 2016 and 2017 for: a. The names, positions, locations, and job descriptions of persons from other units of government or non-government ("other") entities serving in the Office of the Secretary at a pay rate equal to or higher than that of Grade 13 ($74,584 per year or $35 per hour); b. The assignment agreements for each person; c. The cost-sharing agreement for each person; (continued below)

OS-2018-00453 December 20, 2017 December 20, 2017 January 10, 2018 Mroch Douglas OS Completed
Appraisal review that was completed on the appraisal written by Tom Dunagan for Sportsmans Lodge parcel on the Kvichak River in Alaska

OS-2018-00457 December 19, 2017 December 20, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
[Request regarding David Bernhardt, James Cason aka Jim Cason, Daniel Jorjani, Katharine (Kate) MacGregor, Mary Pletcher, Lori Mashburn, Scott Hommel, Scott Cameron, Natalie Davis, Nancy Guiden, Brendan Quinn] 1. All agency records regarding David Bernhardt's employment with the Department of the Interior from January 20, 2017, through September 10, 2017. The response should include records regarding Mr. Bernhardt's role at DOI prior to his confirmation, including any authority (continued below)

OS-2018-00458 December 19, 2017 December 20, 2017 Niedenthal John OS Open
Beginning in January of 2105 through December 31, 2017: Any and all documents and communications between Department of Interior staff and officials, Insular Affairs staff and the people of Bikini Atoll, and all documents and communications between Departments Interior staff between themselves, having to do with the affairs of the people of Bikini Atoll, especially concerning the rules and laws pertaining to the Resettlement Trust Fund for the People of Bikini Atoll (continued below)

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OS-2018-00460	December 20, 2017	December 20, 2017		Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of the following records: Any contracts between the Department of the Interior and Definers Public Affairs (aka Definers Corp.); Any correspondence involving any of the following individuals and Mr. Allan Blutstein or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @definersdc.com; @ntknetwork.com; @americarisingcorp.com or @americarisingpac. org at any point since and including January 20, 2017: Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; Chief of Staff Scott Hommel; (continued below)						
OS-2018-00461	December 20, 2017	December 20, 2017		Federman Adam	OS	Open
Any/all correspondence or communication between the Department of the Interior and Definers Public Affairs, an opposition research firm, and the company's president Joe Pounder. Definers had a $120,000 contract with the EPA that it recently terminated and the company said that four other agencies had expressed an interest in similar contracts. This request is seeking to determine whether DOI was one of those four agencies. The time frame for the request is January 20, 2017 to December 20, 2017.						
OS-2018-00452	December 19, 2017	December 20, 2017	December 21, 2017	Sneed Tierney	OS	Completed
A log showing all FOIA requests made to the office, to include date of request, name of requester, subject of request, tracking number and final disposition if applicable.						
OS-2018-00464	December 14, 2017	December 21, 2017	January 12, 2018	Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open
All electronic correspondence, including attachments, between Interior Department employee James Schindler Uames_schindler@ios.doi.gov) and L. Michael Bogert (mbogert@parsonsbehle.com) of the lawfirm Parsons Behle & Lattimer. This request pertains to records produced between January 20, 2017 and June 1, 2017.						
OS-2018-00462	December 20, 2017	December 21, 2017		Atkinson Katherine	OS	Open
1. Copies of all processing notes and search slips for OS-2017-01174. 2. A copy of all correspondence, including emails, text messages, Bison Connect communications, or any other communications between Executive Schedule Level IV and higher ranking staff in the Department of the Interior (¿DOI¿) and any staff in the FOIA office related to OS-2017-01174. 3. A copy of all correspondence, including emails, text messages, Bison Connect communications, or any other communications (continued below)						
OS-2018-00465	December 22, 2017	December 26, 2017		Munoz Hudson	OS	Open
Records related to the alternatives proposed by Energy Fuels Resources. This includes any briefings, presentations, maps, reports, or other records offered to the Department of Interior by Energy Fuels Resources. (According to Energy Fuels Resources, "very early in the Administration¿s monument review process, we offered two alternatives for some minor boundary adjustments to fringes of BENM that we believe interfered with our existing operations. Those						

adjustments [[continued below]]

OS-2018-00472 December 20, 2017 December 26, 2017 January 16, 2018 Matti Carlos OS Completed
Copies of all direct correspondence with Martha McSally, or the staff or representatives of Martha McSally, in her capacity as a United States Congresswoman (January 1, 2015 - present).

OS-2018-00467 December 22, 2017 December 26, 2017 January 25, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
Copies of records released under the following FOIAs: OS-2017-00922, OS-2017-00932, OS-2017-00877, OS-2017-00140, OS-2017-00162, OS-2017-00175, OS-2017-00280, OS-2017-00741, OS-2017-00885, OS-2017-00914, OS-2017-00915, OS-2017-00314, OS-2017-00096, OS-2017-00109, OS-2017-00132, OS-2017-00140, OS-2017-00890, OS-2017-00963, OS-2017-01022, OS-2018-00232, OS-2017-01101, OS-2017-01107, OS-2017-01099, OS-2017-01112, OS-2018-00257, OS-2018-00347, OS-2018-00248, OS-2018-00307, OS-2018-00070 (cont below)

OS-2018-00473 December 26, 2017 December 26, 2017 January 18, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Completed
All communications (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes and memoranda), from January 1, 2017 to present, between Downey Magallanes and employees/representative of Peabody Energy Corporation.

OS-2018-00468 December 22, 2017 December 26, 2017 Santos Rose OS Open
A copy of the following documents identified to IND14PC00038 / RFP D12PS50899. Contract and modification, including all relevant SOW/PWS. Please reference our FGI case number in the subject line when corresponding for this request.

OS-2018-00471 December 25, 2017 December 26, 2017 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
The following communication records from the Secretary's Office of the U.S. Department of the Interior:
1. Any and all
electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of Kathleen Benedetto, who is currently identified as a Senior Advisor to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and has also been on staff with the Department of the Interior. For purposes of this request, the term "electronic mail addresses" means (continued below)

OS-2018-00476 December 26, 2017 December 28, 2017 June 05, 2018 Silverman Alex OS Completed
copies of any and all written communication to or from Assistant Deputy Secretary Todd Willens, sent between Oct. 5, 2017 and Oct. 11, 2017, regarding any of the following: 1) flag(s). 2) flagpole(s). 3) the Stonewall National Monument (STON).

OS-2018-00479 December 28, 2017 December 28, 2017 Ouellet Nicky OS Open
Email exchanges between Interior Department Press Secretary Heather Swift & staff from the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement or the Bureau of Land Management regarding the expansion of Westmoreland Coal Company's Rosebud Mine in Montana-may reference phrases such as: Rosebud Mine Area F expansion; WECo; draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and comment period; Colstrip, Montana; Rosebud County, Montana; Treasure County, Montana. Between November 1 and December 28, 2017.

OS-2018-00477 December 28, 2017 December 28, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
1. Copies of all processing notes and search slips for OS-2018-00024. 2. all processing notes and search slips for OS-

2018-00237. 3. all processing notes and search slips for OS-2018-00253. 4. all correspondence, including emails, text messages, Bison Connect communications, or any other communications to/from David Bernhardt or on which he was copied, between July 1, 2017 & the date of your response to this request, that include the following terms: a. Whistleblower b. Leak (continued below)

OS-2018-00478 December 28, 2017 December 28, 2017 Hettrick Mikel Ann OS Open
On either September 25, 26, or 27, Mr. Zinke had a meeting concerning the wild horses. In attendance was Mrs. Pckens, PETA, and other well known organizations. Also, in attendance was as Anna Marie Orchard from Reno, Nevada. I would like the date to this meeting, how miss Orchard represented herself, how did she get the privilege of attending this meeting. I would like the reason for this meeting and specifically how miss. Orchard added to this meeting.

OS-2018-00480 December 29, 2017 December 29, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
Lists of all participants (beyond those identified in the Secretary¿s April 2017 calendar, available at https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/17-00535ca.pdf), copies of agendas, notes, minutes, briefing books, emails, text messages, Bison Connect communications, or any other materials created during, for, in preparation for, or as a result of the April 24, 2017 Meeting on the Jones Act.

OS-2018-00481 December 29, 2017 December 29, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All the Department of the Interior's communication records related to the Dec. 28, 2017 Associated Press news story entitled "US studying 60-million-ton expansion of Montana coal mine" as well as the AP's initial Dec. 22, 2017 news story that incorrectly said DOI planned to expand the Rosebud Mine located in the northern Powder River Basin near Colstrip, Mont. Please consider any DOI emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as (continued below)

OS-2018-00483 January 02, 2018 January 02, 2018 Gamino John OS Open
1. A list of all persons and/or organizations Secretary Zinke met with at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, Las Cruces NM on July 27th, 2017. Please also include any accessible notes, transcripts, or records from the meeting (s). 2. All emails to and from Secretary Zinke that include the phrase "Organ Mountains" or otherwise concern the monument review of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, from 4/25/2017 to the present date (1/2/2018 or when searched).

OS-2018-00485 January 02, 2018 January 03, 2018 Hart Peter OS Open
Records in the possession or control of the Department of the Interior and Department of Justice regarding SG Interests I, and VII LTD. v. Zinke, Case No. 17-cv-00376-REB (D. Colo.). The litigation is
regarding the cancellation of
improperly issued oil and gas leases (and more). For purposes of this request, the term ¿Agencies¿ includes any offices of the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Interior Office of the Solicitor, the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, (continued below)

OS-2018-00487 January 02, 2018 January 03, 2018 Bushyhead Joe OS Open
Records in the possession of the Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary (DOI OS) regarding settlement discussions with plaintiffs in Utah's statewide R.S. 2477 litigation, whether relating to all or any of the individual cases or claims alleged therein. First, records relating to any such communications with attorneys or representatives of the plaintiffs in the statewide R.S. 2477 litigation; from the date the DOI OS commenced its search for FOIA request OS-2017-01323 (cont. below)

OS-2018-00488 January 02, 2018 January 03, 2018 Bushyhead Joe OS Open
[Related to OS-2017-01221] Records in the possession or control of the Department of Interior Office of the Secretary (DOI OS) regarding discussions with plaintiffs in Kane County, Utah (1) v. United States, Case Nos. 2:08-cv-00315-CW (D. Utah) & 13-4108 (10th Cir.). The litigation concerns the scope and nature of three adjudicated R.S. 2477 rights-of-way across federal land¿the Skutumpah Road, Park Wash/Swallow Park route, and North Swag route. (continued below)

OS-2018-00493 January 04, 2018 January 04, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All available documents or correspondence, including attachments, produced by Douglas Domenech, Lori Mashburn, or their respective staffers or secretaries, that relate to or mention the ''State Think Tank Briefing" that occurred in Secretary's conference Room 5160 on June 22, 2017 This records request pertains only to records produced between February 1, 2017 and October 30, 2017.

OS-2018-00491 January 04, 2018 January 04, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
A copy of the following documents identified to IND13PD00586 (ALLIANT - GS00Q09BGD0048): 1. Copy of the Order with CURRENT SOW/PWS; WE DO NOT SEEK PRICING.

OS-2018-00502 January 05, 2018 January 05, 2018 Hughes Shannon OS Open
Any and all records related in any way to the Bridger Coal Company's proposed mining plan modification for federal coal lease WYW-02727 at the Jim Bridger Mine, located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. Public Notice of Availability for the Jim Bridger Coal Mine Complex Mining Plan Modification Environmental Assessment and unsigned FONSI, March 21, 2017, https://www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/bridgerMineWY2727/documentLibrary.shtm.

OS-2018-00495 January 04, 2018 January 05, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all records related to Secretarial Order 3357, which is entitled, ¿Temporary Delegation of Authority to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks,¿¿ which was signed by the Deputy Interior Secretary on October 17, 2017.

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OS-2018-00497 January 04, 2018 January 05, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all records related to Secretarial Order 3358, entitled, ¿Executive Committee for Expedited Permitting,¿ which was signed by the Interior Secretary on October 25, 2017.

OS-2018-00498 January 04, 2018 January 05, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all records related to Secretarial Order 3360, which is entitled, ¿Rescinding Authorities Inconsistent with Secretary¿s Order 3349, ¿American Energy Independence¿,¿ which was signed by the Deputy Interior Secretary on December

22, 2017.

OS-2018-00499	January 04, 2018	January 05, 2018	Nichols Jeremy	OS	Open

Any and all records related to Secretarial Order 3359, entitled, "Critical Mineral Independence and Security," which was signed by the Interior Secretary on December 21, 2017.

OS-2018-00501	January 05, 2018	January 05, 2018	March 13, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Completed

[A] copy of the Department of the Interior's premium class travel report for the 2017 fiscal year.

OS-2018-00494	January 04, 2018	January 05, 2018	Brown Matthew	OS	Open

All emails, memos, text messages and other communications sent or received by employees of the Office of the Secretary between the period of Jan 1, 2017 and Dec. 31, 2017 regarding the pending application from Westmoreland Coal Company through its subsidiary Western Energy Company for a proposed new coal mining permit area (C2011003F) known as Area F and located in Colstrip, Montana

OS-2018-00516	January 05, 2018	January 08, 2018	Nichols Jeremy	OS	Open

1. Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of Heather Swift, who is identified as the Press Secretary for the U.S. Department of the Interior¿s Office of Communications. For purposes of this request, the term "electronic mail addresses" means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es) maintained (continued below)

OS-2018-00508	January 05, 2018	January 08, 2018	January 10, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Completed

A list of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018. A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202.

OS-2018-00513	January 05, 2018	January 08, 2018	February 21, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Completed

All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018. These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-00511	January 05, 2018	January 08, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

All records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018. Please include all records that document Bernhardt's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00519	January 08, 2018	January 08, 2018	Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open

Access to and copies of communications to and from the Office of the Secretary discussing the use of a security personnel to accompany Secretary Ryan Zinke on his August 2017 personal vacation. You may limit your search from June 2017 to September 2017.

OS-2018-00514 January 05, 2018 January 08, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
1. Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of Joe Balash, who was recently confirmed as the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management for the U.S. Department of the Interior. For purposes of this request, the term "electronic mail addresses" means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es) [continued below]

OS-2018-00517 January 08, 2018 January 08, 2018 January 19, 2018 Kick Russ OS Completed
OHAs FOIA logs for 2016 and 2017, which include a field for the subject of each request and a field for final disposition. It is fine to leave out Privacy Act requests.

OS-2018-00509 January 05, 2018 January 08, 2018 February 26, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All communications records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018.
Please consider any emails,
letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication found in your agency's correspondence log that mention one or more of these terms as responsive records to my request. (continued below)

OS-2018-00515 January 05, 2018 January 08, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
1. Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of Wesley "Luke" Bullock, who is currently identified as an "Advance Representative to the Secretary" for the U.S. Department of the Interior. For purposes of this request, the term "electronic mail addresses" means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es) (continued below)

OS-2018-00512 January 08, 2018 January 08, 2018 February 22, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior's visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00524 January 09, 2018 January 09, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
All records mentioning, including, referencing, and/or generated in connection with all potential Gold Butte National Monument (¿Gold Butte NM¿) management plans, the inclusion or exclusion of Gold Butte NM in the Southern Nevada Resource Management Plan (¿RMP¿) revision, the inclusion or exclusion of Gold Butte NM in the RMP revision public input period ending February 2, 2018, and/or the timeline for the Gold Butte NM management plan.

OS-2018-00521 January 08, 2018 January 09, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
A copy of each email to or from Heather Swift that contains the word FOIA. You may limit this request to the time frame July 20, 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00520 January 08, 2018 January 09, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
The mission statement and members of the NEPA subgroup led by the Department of Interior's James Cason, as referenced

in his December 12 testimony to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

OS-2018-00523 January 09, 2018 January 09, 2018 Marcotty Josephine OS Open
Copies of all communications generated between Jan. 1, 2017 and the date you receive this request that are related to the 12-22-2017 reversal of M-37036, Twin Metals Minnesota Application to Renew Preference Right Leases (MNES¿01352 and MNES-01353). That should include, but not be limited to, emails, letters, memos, reports and other documents shared among staff and political appointees at the Bureau of Land Management, the Office of the Solicitor, (continued below)

OS-2018-00522 January 09, 2018 January 09, 2018 Davidian Geoff OS Open
This is a request for all emails to or from Heather Swift (Interior Department spokesperson) that contain the following phrase (without the quotation marks: "talking points". My request is for the period July 12, 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00530 January 10, 2018 January 10, 2018 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All records concerning Kathleen "Kathy" Benedetto's schedule from March 1 to Dec. 31, 2017. Please include all records that document Kathleen Benedetto's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00532 January 10, 2018 January 10, 2018 Braun Stephen OS Open
All correspondence, emails, internal memos or any other written documents pertaining to Senator Ryan Zinke's decision and January 9, 2018 announcement that the state of Florida would be granted an exemption from the expansion of offshore oil and natural gas drilling announced by the Trump administration; All written communications, memorializing communications between Secretary Zinke, his chief of staff and other Interior officials with Florida Gov. Rick Scott (continued below)

OS-2018-00531 January 10, 2018 January 10, 2018 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All records concerning Katharine MacGregor's schedule from March 1 to Dec. 31, 2017. Please include all records that document Katharine MacGregor's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00535 January 10, 2018 January 10, 2018 Grogg Adam OS Open
All communications and correspondence, including attachments: 1. regarding Florida and the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. 2. with representatives of the state of Florida and the office of Governor Rick Scott regarding the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. This includes any and all communications sent from the domain names "@flgov.com" and "@eog.myflorida.com." (continued below)

OS-2018-00533 January 10, 2018 January 10, 2018 Moss Bradley OS Open
This request seeks copies of Department of Interior ("DoI") records, including cross-references, memorializing the following: 1) Communications between DoI officials and Governor Scott (or appropriate officials for the State of Florida) ¿ including verbal communications memorializing in writing ¿ regarding the proposal to permit new offshore drilling off the coast of Florida; and 2) Communications among DoI officials ¿ including verbal communications (continued below)

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OS-2018-00534	January 10, 2018	January 10, 2018		Spitler Paul	OS	Open
The following records (referred to in this request as the ¿Financial Disclosure and Recusal Records¿) for each individual listed below: 1) Office of Governmental Ethics (¿OGE¿) Form 278e ¿ Public Financial Disclosure; 2) Any documentation of recusals, including, but not limited to, screening arrangements, written recusals, or other records of recusals, due to actual or perceived conflicts of interest under 18 U.S.C. § 208, or any other provision of law, policy, or ethics guidance. (cont. below)						
OS-2018-00526	January 09, 2018	January 10, 2018		Jenkins Eric	OS	Open
Electronic communication, including but not limited to email communication pertaining to the removal of the Florida coastline from offshore drilling.						
OS-2018-00527	January 10, 2018	January 10, 2018		Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open
Access to and copies of correspondence to and from Kate MacGregor, Secretary Ryan Zinke and Vincent DeVito discussing the inclusion of Florida or the Eastern Gulf of Mexico in Interior's most recent OCS (also known as offshore leasing) plan proposal. This request will also include correspondence between Kate MacGregor mentioning Florida Governor Rick Scott. You may limit your search to correspondence sent or received after April 1, 2017.						
OS-2018-00528	January 10, 2018	January 10, 2018		Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open
Access to and copies of communications to and from Russell ("Rusty") Roddy and Caroline Boulton mentioning Secretary Zinke's January 9,2017, flight to and from Tallahasse, Florida.						
OS-2018-00529	January 10, 2018	January 10, 2018		Charboneau Liz	OS	Open
Incoming-And-Outgoing Email Correspondence On Offshore Drilling Between The Florida Governor's Office And The Office Of The Secretary. Search should be performed with a keyword search for "offshore" and/or "drilling." Search should be limited to the members of the Governor's Office listed below at their email addresses ending in "@eog.myflorida.com". Individuals To Search: Rick Scott, Jackie Schutz, Carlos Lopez-Cantera, John Tupps, Kristin Olson. All email from April 1, 2017 through present.						
OS-2018-00525	January 09, 2018	January 10, 2018		Santos Rose	OS	Open
A copy of the following documents identified to IND16PD00778 for "DISASTER CREDIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (DCMS) SUPPORT": 1. Task Order with SOW/PWS 2. Original and complete RFP with amendments and attachments.						
OS-2018-00541	January 11, 2018	January 11, 2018		Charboneau Liz	OS	Open
All Incoming-And-Outgoing Email Correspondence Regarding The Governor of Florida, Rick Scott, Between The Office Of The Secretary and The Executive Office of the President... from January 1, 2018 through the present date of this request. The search should be limited to communications regarding Rick Scott and/or the Florida Governor's Office. The search						

should be limited to communications with members of the Executive Office of the President with email addresses using the domain "@who.eop.gov".

OS-2018-00543 January 11, 2018 January 11, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Copies of all meeting minutes and/or transcripts of meetings attended by both Secretary Zinke and Florida Governor Rick Scott on January 9, 2018 as available.

OS-2018-00542 January 11, 2018 January 11, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Copies of all email correspondence between the Office of the Secretary and the Council on Environmental Quality from January 1, 2018 through the present date of this request. The search should be limited to communications regarding Rick Scott and/or the Florida Governor's Office. The search should be limited to communications with members of the Council on Environmental Quality with email addresses using the domain "ceq.eop.gov". (continued below)

OS-2018-00538 January 11, 2018 January 11, 2018 Wallace Gregory OS Open
Access to and copies of all notes and records documenting communications and meetings between department officials, including Secretary Ryan Zinke, and oil company officials, lobbyists and representatives. We seek this information from March 1, 2017 through the date the search is performed.

OS-2018-00539 January 11, 2018 January 11, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all correspondence, including emails and attachments, between Press Secretary Heather Swift and her fellow Interior Department officials that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: "Joel Clement", "Clement", and/or "whistleblower". This request seeks records produced between June 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed .

OS-2018-00536 January 10, 2018 January 11, 2018 Knight Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of emails (including their attachments) between U.S. Interior Department officials and officials within Florida governor Rick Scott's administration regarding the 2019-2024 offshore leasing proposal now under consideration (83 Federal Register 829). I am requesting all relevant emails and their attachments over between January 20, 2017, and January 10, 2018.

OS-2018-00540 January 11, 2018 January 12, 2018 Christ Maggie OS Open
All factual materials, reports, and other evidence that the Department of the Interior considered in reaching its conclusion to exempt Florida from expanded offshore drilling; - The written request that Secretary Ryan Zinke told the Washington Post he received from Governor Scott in which Scott "expressed in writing a desire to have a meeting," according to the Secretary; - All correspondence with the office of Florida Governor Rick Scott; (continued. below)

OS-2018-00545 January 12, 2018 January 12, 2018 May 25, 2018 Long Susan OS Completed
Raw data files covering FOIA request-by-request info similar to those required to be made publicly available by the 2016 FOIA Improvement Act using the software routines the agency has recently perfected. The period covered by this initial "test" production will include all of FY 2017 and the first quarter of FY 2018, and will encompass the entire Department of Interior. This FOIA request replaces the July 2017 requests TRAC submitted for similar data that were referred to the (cont. below)

OS-2018-00546 January 12, 2018 January 12, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open

The following records: Emails, to include attachments, sent/received by Nikolao Pula, Director of the Office of Insular Affairs which reference Secretary Ryan Zinke's visit to U.S. Virgin Islands on or about March 30, 2017. Request includes emails which contain or reference: Agendas or itineraries for Secretary Zinke's visit; Any summary of, follow-up, or ¿after-action¿ report on Secretary Zinke's visit; Discussion of possible or proposed attendees of events with Secretary Zinke; (cont. below)"

OS-2018-00544 January 11, 2018 January 12, 2018 Exempt Information OS Open
Exempt Information

OS-2018-00549 January 12, 2018 January 12, 2018 February 09, 2018 Exempt Information OS Completed
Exempt Information

OS-2018-00537 January 12, 2018 January 12, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke that mentions Florida Governor Rick Scott or the National OCS Program. The search should include emails from eop.gov. This request's timeframe is from November, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00556 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason that contains one or more of the following words or phrases : "harassment", "sexual harassment ", "LGBT" , "retaliation'', "gay", "reassignment'' and/or "whistleblower" The search should include emails from eop.gov . This request's timeframe is from June 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00557 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke that contains one or more of the following words or phrases "harassment", ''sexual harassment", "LGBT", "retaliation", "reassignment' and/or "whistleblower". The search should include emails from eop.gov This request's timeframe is from June 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00558 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Press Secretary Heather Swift that contains one or more of the following words or phrases : "harassment", "sexual harassment ", "LGBT" , "retaliation'', "gay", "reassignment'' and/or "whistleblower" The search should include emails from eop.gov. This request's timeframe is from June 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00559 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt that contains one or more of the following words or phrases : "harassment", "sexual harassment ", "LGBT" , "retaliation'', "gay", "reassignment'' and/or "whistleblower" The search should include emails from eop.gov. This request's timeframe is from August 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00553 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of 1) Any email, text, meeting minutes and post-meeting notes, digital or hand-written, containing

lists of reporters; any other lists categorizing reporters by type; 2) Any email, text, meeting minutes and post-meeting notes, digital or hand-written, to and from Interior¿s OS communications staff members, including Interior agency-level communications staff members, containing guidance or best practices for corresponding with members of the press, (continued below)

OS-2018-00555 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 McKenna Kara OS Open
Access to the following records for the time period January 1, 2018 to the present: 1. All records reflecting communications¿including, but not limited to, e-mails, electronic messages, memoranda, letters, text messages, call logs, calendars, & hand-written notes¿between Secretary Zinke and/or other DOI personnel & the Florida Governor¿s Office, including Governor Rick Scott, and/or other Governor¿s Office personnel, relating to the Governor¿s request that lands offshore of Florida (cont. below)

OS-2018-00548 January 12, 2018 January 16, 2018 Unknown Last Name Jesse OS Open
Document described in the Political Correspondence log as EST-00005381 "Regarding Former Bureau of Land Management" sent on 10/23/2017 to James Cason.

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OS-2018-00581 January 16, 2018 January 17, 2018 May 23, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Completed
Megan Bloomgren's CV and/or Resume; Megan Bloomgren's calendar for the entire time she maintained one at DOI; Exit Paperwork Filed by Megan Bloomgren. I am requesting copies of exit paperwork, which should include exit memorandums, nondisclosure agreements, records management checklist, that were filed by Megan Bloomgren.

OS-2018-00564 January 17, 2018 January 17, 2018 Charen Rebecca OS Open
Access to the following public records: Any correspondence between Florida Governor Richard L. Scott and/or the Office of the Governor and the Department of Interior from Department of Interior from December 18, 2017, through January 11, 2018; Any internal correspondence and travel records regarding Secretary Ryan Zinke's January 4, 2018, announcement on offshore oil drilling. Direct correspondence should include letters, (continued below)

OS-2018-00554 January 17, 2018 January 17, 2018 January 23, 2018 Exempt Information OS Completed
Exempt Information

OS-2018-00567 January 17, 2018 January 17, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All photographs and all video including audio taken by Tami Heilmann from January, 1 2017 to the current date.

OS-2018-00568 January 18, 2018 January 18, 2018 Sax Sarah OS Open

1. Written notices of reassignments sent to Interior Department Senior Executive Service (SES) members from May 1st, 2017 to the date this request is processed. 2. Written consent waivers for reassignments sent by SES members. 3. Any correspondence between Ryan Zinke and Senior Executive members that contains content relating specifically to reassignment including but not limited to comments, complaints, notices, negotiations, and meeting notes 4. Drafts of the "larger strategy" (contin. below)

OS-2018-00560 January 16, 2018 January 18, 2018 Dahl Kelly OS Open
[regarding Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, Micah Chambers, Christine Bauserman, Amanda Kaster -Averill , Richard Cardinale, Joe Balash, Katharine MacGregor, James Cason, Marshall Critchfield] All internal and external documents, undated or dated between January 20, 2017 and January 20th, 2018, regarding M-37049 or the reversal of M-37036, including but not limited to Department of the Interior documents, Bureau of Land Management Documents, and Bureau of Land Management Eastern States (cont below)

OS-2018-00561 January 18, 2018 January 18, 2018 Exempt Information OS Open
Exempt Information

OS-2018-00570 January 18, 2018 January 18, 2018 Evers Austin OS Open
1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or other materials) regarding offshore drilling generally or the ¿2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program¿ specifically between DOI and any of the following: a. Governor Rick Scott of Florida (continued below)

OS-2018-00566 January 17, 2018 January 18, 2018 Whieldon Esther OS Open
Copies of all "daily communications report"s where "Heather Swift" is listed as one or all of the parties from which the report is sent and where the report is sent "TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications" and occurring from March 1, 2017, through the date this request is processed. An example of the type of report I'm seeking is found on PDF pages 38-41 on these posted FOIA records (continued below)

OS-2018-00569 January 18, 2018 January 18, 2018 Banks James OS Open
Relating to President Trump's recent "Presidential Proclamation Modifying the Bears Ears National Monument" issued on December 4, 2017, see Pres. Proc. No. 9681, Modifying the Bears Ears National Monument, 82 Fed. Reg. 58,081 (Dec. 4, 2017) (hereinafter "Revocation Proclamation") and...Ryan Zinke's "Final Report Summarizing Findings of the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act" which the DOI finally made public on December 5, 2017 (hereinafter "Final Report"). (continued below)

OS-2018-00572 January 19, 2018 January 19, 2018 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Any and all records related to or concerning the Mancos-Gallup Resource Management Plan and proposed Amendment (Mancos RMPA) for the Farmington Field Office in New Mexico which have been created, received, and/or transmitted by the Office of the Secretary since January 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00574 January 19, 2018 January 19, 2018 Parker Margaret OS Open
Any and all records in the Department of Interior¿s ("The Department") possession, custody or control that pertain to whether to remove Florida from the Proposed 2019-2024 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program ("Proposed

Program"), as Interior Secretary Zinke publicly stated on January 9, 2018 that he was doing.

OS-2018-00575 January 19, 2018 January 19, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
March 1 memo from the White House on Presidential Infrastructure Initiative.

OS-2018-00594 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 June 18, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Completed
Incoming-And-Outgoing Email Correspondence Secretary Of The Interior Ryan Zinke And Employees of Proof Research. I am requesting copies of all correspondence between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and any email addresses at the domain "@proofresearch.com" between March 1, 2017 and January 23, 2018.

OS-2018-00576 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Keever Marcie OS Open
The following records regarding Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date she took a position within the Department (believed to be in April 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request:a. All records that reflect/concern each meeting & activity she has actually attended or scheduled on matters before the agency concerning its mission (this would exclude such events as holiday parties and other social activities) (cont. below)

OS-2018-00577 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Keever Marcie OS Open
The following records regarding meetings attended by Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date she took a position within the Department (believed to be in April 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: All records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at each such meeting she attended including, but not limited to draft and final agendas for the meeting, handouts and other materials (continued below)

OS-2018-00587 January 21, 2018 January 23, 2018 Adkins Barbara OS Open
Please send me a copy of "DHO Guideline Manual" to the above address.

OS-2018-00589 January 22, 2018 January 23, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
All records, from Jan 20, 2017 to the date of this search, mentioning, including, and/or referencing academic studies, reports, and/or other research materials published, funded, or otherwise sponsored by certain entities and/or authored by certain university professors and other research professionals, including but not limited to those referencing Utah State University, Southern Utah University, Arizona State University, University of Arizona, the Institute for Political (cont. below)

OS-2018-00582 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
Slides from the 1.) March 2, 2017 National Economic Council Principals Infrastructure Meeting and slides from the 2.) April 11, 2017 National Economic Council Principals infrastructure Meeting.

OS-2018-00583 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
The most recent copy of the Department of the Interior's Planning for Potential Infrastructure Initiative. Please limit this search to Jan 1, 2017 and Jan 19, 2018.

OS-2018-00596 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 March 15, 2018 Funk LeAnne OS Completed
A current list of all Office of the Secretary employees. Include the following fields in a ¿Comma separated format¿ (CSV) or Excel format: Employee Full Name, Agency Name and Location, Employee Work Email Address, Job Title, Salary

OS-2018-00595 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
I am requesting copies of all email correspondence between the Office of the Secretary and the Executive Office of the President from November 14, 2017 to November 20, 2017. The search should be limited to communications containing the word "elephant". The search should be limited to communications with members of the Executive Office of the President with email addresses using the domain "@who.eop.gov".

OS-2018-00578 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Keever Marcie OS Open
The following records within 20 business days regarding Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date she took a position within the Department (believed to be in April 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: All records regarding travel undertaken by Katharine MacGregor for her role as Deputy Assistant Secretary, including but not limited to itineraries, expenses, draft speeches, transcripts and photos.

OS-2018-00591 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Rylander Jason OS Open
Any records maintained in any form reflecting communications between the Department and any non-government individuals, organizations, or entities relating to the issuance of Solicitor's Opinion M-37050 The Migratory Bird Treaty Act Does Not Prohibit Incidental Take, issued December 22, 2017 ("Opinion M-37050"). This encompasses communications that took place both before and after issuance of the Opinion; Any records maintained in any form reflecting communications (continued below)

OS-2018-00590 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 April 13, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Completed
Copies of all emails, including attachments, sent or received by the following Interior employees which reference the DOI's Royalty Policy Committee, including ¿ but not limited to: Nominations of individuals received to serve on the Royalty Policy Committee; The scheduling and logistics of meetings of the committee; and Agendas for meetings of the committee. DOI Employees: James Schindler, Designated Federal Officer; and Kim Oliver, Office of Natural Resources Revenue. (time frame below)

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OS-2018-00592 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of correspondence to or from the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Chief of Staff, and Communications Director that mention the phrase "trail warrior" or "trail warriors."

OS-2018-00593 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Incoming-And-Outgoing Email Correspondence Secretary Of The Interior Ryan Zinke & The Office Of Acting Director Of The National Park Service Michael T. Reynolds Regarding The 2018 Government Shutdown. Copies of all correspondence between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and the Office of Acting Director of the National Park Service Michael T. Reynolds between January 15 2018 & January 22, 2018-search should be limited to correspondence that contains the words "shutdown" and/or "shut down".

OS-2018-00584 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
All records mentioning, including, referencing, and/or generated in connection with U.S Fish and Wildlife Service's ("FWS") involvement in the U.S. Air Force ("USAF") Nevada Test and Training Range ("NTTR") expansion into the Desert National Wildlife Refuge ("DNWR"), including but not limited to: 1. Records of communications between Interior, FWS Region 8, FWS Southern Nevada Field Office, and DNWR staff; (continued below)

OS-2018-00597 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Wright Michael OS Open
Copies of the following records: 1. All communications between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, or his staff or representatives, and all divisions of the U.S. Department of Agriculture regarding the quarantine of Yellowstone bison sent or received from March 2, 2017 through the date this request is processed. 2. All communications between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, or his staff or representatives, and Yellowstone National Park regarding the transfer of bison from Yellowstone (continued below)

OS-2018-00605 January 24, 2018 January 24, 2018 Herz Nathaniel OS Open
[A]ll records in possession of the Interior Department that were created in support of the Jan. 22, 2018 "agreement for the exchange of lands" between the United States of American and King Cove Corp.

OS-2018-00606 January 24, 2018 January 24, 2018 Leopold Jason OS Open
[A]ny and all records, which includes but is not limited to emails, memos, reports, mentioning or referring to ObamaCare. The timeframe for this request is May 1, 2017 through the date the search for responsive records is conducted.

OS-2018-00604 January 24, 2018 January 24, 2018 November Rachel OS Open
[A]ny and all email communications by Indur Goklany referencing the name "Gina" (Specifically Gina McCarthy) from July 1st, 2013 to the present.

OS-2018-00600 January 23, 2018 January 24, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
From January 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: A. Any expenses related to the Secretary of the Interior flag, Deputy Secretary flag, or Assistant Secretary flag, including but not limited to design, manufacture, transportation, and storage; B. Any expenses related to the raising and lowering of the flag at the Department of the Interior Main Interior Building (MIB), including but not limited to staffing, construction, and facilities maintenance; (continued below)

OS-2018-00603 January 24, 2018 January 24, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
Any and all correspondence, information, and/or records generated and/or received by the
Department of the Interior,
the Department¿s Office of the Solicitor, or the Bureau of

Land Management, since November 1, 2016, related to the preparation and issuance of
M-37049 and to the Project. [Remainder in Notes]

OS-2018-00601 January 23, 2018 January 24, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
From the date she took this position (believed to be in January 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: All records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at meetings attended by Natalie Davis, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas for the meeting, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants at the meeting, presentations made at the meeting, notes taken during the meeting, and transcripts of what occurred at the meeting.

OS-2018-00602 January 23, 2018 January 24, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
From the date she took this position (believed to be in January 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: a. Ms. Davis¿s application for employment with the Department of Interior in this position, including all attachments, cover letters, essays, references, forms used with the application, publications cited or transmitted in connection with the application, awards cited in connection with the application, Ms. Davis¿s history of employment, resume, (continued below)

OS-2018-00608 January 25, 2018 January 25, 2018 Berman Emily OS Open
Communications, electronic or written, from January 21, 2017 to present, that mention "lynx" to or from the following DOI employees: Todd Willens, Greg Sheehan, Ryan Zinke, Scott Hommell, Gavin Shire, Mike Thabault, and Noreen Walsh
2.
All comments, edits, reviews, or notes on the Species Status Assessment for the Canada lynx that did not come from the scientific experts working on the topic (contd below)

OS-2018-00686 January 25, 2018 January 25, 2018 Bradtke-Litwack Lena OS Open
Copies of all logs of congressional correspondence to or from any officials at the Office of the Secretary and Rep. French Hill between January 1, 2015, and January 25, 2018.

OS-2018-00610 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts, sent or received by any of the officials listed below between and including March 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017, as well as July 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017, that included the names and keywords listed in Appendix A: Secretary Ryan Zinke; Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; Chief of Staff Scott Hommel; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Aurelia Skipwith; (continued below)

OS-2018-00611 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts, between any of the following officials and anyone using an email-domain listed in Appendix A, at any point since January 19, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke; David Bernhardt; Vincent De Vito; James Cason; Kathleen Benedetto; Scott Hommel; Downey Magallanes; Joseph Balash; Katharine MacGregor; Landon "Tucker" Davis; Todd Wynn; Benjamin Cassidy; Timothy Williams; Caroline Boulton; (continued below)

OS-2018-00612 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open

Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from Florida Governor Rick Scott, the immediate Office of Governor Rick Scott, or anyone with an email address ending with @myflorida.com, @state.fl.us, @fl.us, or @dep.state.fl.us, and any of the following officials since March 1, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke; Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; Deputy Assistant Secretary Aurelia Skipwith; USFWS Acting Director Greg Sheehan;(cont below)

OS-2018-00609 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 March 05, 2018 Sobol Ed OS Completed
Any footage used to create the "Sabinoso Wilderness Land Announcement" video available at "https://www.doi.gov/video/sabinoso-wilderness-land-announcement" that relate's to the secretary's horseback ride.

OS-2018-00613 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all Conflict of Interest Waiver Requests for and by Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt and all ethics guidance provided to Bernhardt by the Interior Department Ethics Office or Office of Government Ethics. This should include, but not be limited to: All Conflict of Interest Waiver Requests sought or given to Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt at any point since December 31, 2016; (continued below)

OS-2018-00614 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of submissions from the Department of the Interior (DOI) to the Comptroller General of the United States related to the reporting of vacant executive agency positions at DOI as described in 5 U.S.C. § 3349, as well as any related determinations from the Comptroller General of the United States on vacant executive agency positions, since and including January 20, 2017. This should include, but not be limited to: Notifications of vacancies (continues below)

OS-2018-00615 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts, sent by or to Westmoreland Coal Company, representatives of Westmoreland Coal Company, Westmoreland Coal Company lobbyists Kelly A. Johnson, Nils W. Johnson, Gregory Ossi, Megan Malone, and Patricia Power, and anyone with an email address ending in @westmoreland.com, and any of the following Department of the Interior officials since January 19, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke; (continued below)

OS-2018-00616 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts, sent or received by the following Department of the Interior officials since January 19, 2017 that included the keywords listed in Appendix A: Secretary Ryan Zinke; Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; James Cason; Heather Swift; Downey Magallanes; Scott Hommel; Laura Rigas; Russell Newell; Alex Hinson; Kathy Benedetto; Cally Younger; Brian Steed; Casey Hammond; Landon "Tucker" Davis; (continued below)

OS-2018-00607 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Watkins Page OS Open
1. All schedules, meeting minutes, communications (including electronic) or other documents dated August 15, 2017, through September 20, 2017 for Department of Interior officials/employees involving the following individuals:
1. Ryan
Zinke...

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OS-2018-00618 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Holmer Steve OS Open
Production of any and all records maintained in any form that consist of or reflect or refer to communications between the Department and any non-government individuals, organizations, or entities relating to the issuance of the Solicitor¿s Opinion M-37050 ¿ The Migratory Bird Treaty Act Does Not Prohibit Incidental Take, issued December 22, 2017 ("Opinion M-37050"). This request covers communications both before and after issuance of the Opinion. (continued below)

OS-2018-00617 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Everson Zach OS Open
Copies of receipts submitted for reimbursement of expenses (or other documentation of purchases) at the Trump International Hotel Washington, D.C. (sometimes billed as the Trump Old Post Office) or one of its restaurants, BLT Prime and the Benjamin Bar and Lounge, by Secretary Ryan Zinke (as well as any aides or security accompanying him between March 22 and March 25, 2017 and between Dec. 4 and Dec. 11, 2017.

OS-2018-00620 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Zukoski Edward OS Open
All records concerning or relating to the following: - The Enefit American Oil Company Utility Corridor Project, identified by BLM as DOI-BLM-UT-G010-2014-0007-EIS, for which BLM issued a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on July 1, 2013. - Any and all meetings and/or written or electronic communications between Kate MacGregor, acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, and a representative or representatives of Enefit American (cont. below)

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OS-2018-00621 January 26, 2018 January 27, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
From August 7, 2013 to the date of this search: all records mentioning, including, and/or referencing Cliven Bundy, the Bundy militia, the Bundy standoff, Cliven Bundy's cattle, attempts to remove Cliven Bundy's cattle, status of future removal operations of Cliven Bundy's cattle and/or feral cattle, Cliven Bundy's cattle and/or feral cattle in Gold Butte National Monument, Cliven Bundy's cattle and/or feral cattle in Lake Mead National Recreation Area, (continued below)

OS-2018-00622 January 26, 2018 January 29, 2018 Umekubo Katie OS Open
Any records maintained in any form reflecting communications between the Department and any non-government individuals, organizations, or entities relating to the issuance of Solicitor¿s Opinion M-37050 ¿ The Migratory Bird Treaty Act Does Not Prohibit Incidental Take, issued December 22, 2017 (Opinion M-37050). This encompasses communications that took place both before and after issuance of the Opinion;

Cont below

OS-2018-00624 January 28, 2018 January 29, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open

Records detailing a new Department of the Interior environmental analysis regarding DOI's Jan. 22, 2018 decision to reverse its original position reached on Dec. 23, 2013 on construction of a road to King Cove, Alaska within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. Please click on this link for more detail on this decision (https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-approves-initial-plan-build-life-saving-road-alaska-native-village).

Cont below

OS-2018-00625 January 29, 2018 January 29, 2018 Kick Russ OS Open
Request all official photographs showing Secretary Ryan Zinke taken in November and December 2017. By official, I mean any of the following: 1) photographs taken by any employee, official, or contractor of any component of DOI as part of their formal or informal duties; 2) photographs taken using DOI equipment; 3) photographs for which DOI funds were spent

OS-2018-00627 January 29, 2018 January 29, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
a. All meetings, notes, briefings (oral or written), contracts, invitations, drafts, studies, research projects, rosters, and/or attendees, regarding any part of the Channel Island group or the Channel Islands National Park. B. All communications from or to the California Rangeland Trust, Ms. Nita Vail, any person surnamed Vail, any person surnamed Woolley, any employee, officer or representative of the Vail & Vickers companies.

continue below

OS-2018-00626 January 29, 2018 January 29, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Records related in any way to the January 28, 2018 op-ed published in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel newspaper entitled, ¿Interior¿s regulatory relief is paying dividends for Colorado,¿ which is reported to have been written and submitted by David Bernhardt, the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior. This op-ed is attached as Exhibit 1 to this FOIA request.

OS-2018-00629 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Loy Joshua OS Open
All emails sent by Secretary Ryan Zinke from March 1st 2017 to June 1st 2017.

OS-2018-00630 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Corley John OS Open
Internal communications of the Office of the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior, including those specifically of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, related to its communications with the National Park Service Advisory Board from March 1, 2017 to January 29, 2018.
If you regard any of these documents as potentially except from the
FOIA¿s disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. (contd below)

OS-2018-00634 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Parr Nathaniel OS Open
Secretary Zinke said in a recent interview that the decision to exempt Florida from the new offshore drilling initiative is due to coastal currents and geology. See: http://www.cnn.com/2018/01/23/politics/zinke-florida-tides/
"The coastal currents are different, the layout of where the geology is." (contd below)

OS-2018-00632 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Koncel Mary OS Open
Request is directed at obtaining an electronic copy generated from the Department of the Interior (DOI) of: All records and correspondence (including emails, letters, faxes, text messages, memoranda, and notes of telephone calls)

related to the "meeting with animal rights advocates" referenced in Secretary Zinke's October 30, 2017 Facebook post (attached) (contd below)

OS-2018-00628 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Ghio Nicole OS Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, from the date he took this position in May 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: (contd below)

OS-2018-00633 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 April 13, 2018 Foote Donald OS Completed
Resubmission of 8 Nov 2017 request made by Government email. Notified 9 Jan 2018 request must come from my PC.

Initial Request: Request itemized Office of Valuation Services (OVS) cash and time off awards to include dates, dollar amounts and recipients from 1 Oct 2014 - 31 Dec 2017.

OS-2018-00751 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 April 27, 2018 Elliott Dan OS Completed
1. The quantity and sales value of coal produced on lands administered directly by the Bureau of Land Management in calendar 2016, excluding Native American lands and excluding lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service and other federal agencies, whether or not the BLM manages the sale of leases on those lands. (contd below)

OS-2018-00642 January 31, 2018 January 31, 2018 March 12, 2018 Dolen Kaylee OS Completed
(1) All documents regarding the status of any pending anthropogenic
activities in the Cook Inlet area for which IHAs
or LoAs have been requested
for takes of Cook Inlet belugas;
(2) All documents regarding the final IHAs or LoAs
issued for anthropogenic
activities in Cook Inlet, including all documents supporting a "negligible"
impact finding
pursuant to the MMPA;
(Continued below...)

OS-2018-00636 January 31, 2018 January 31, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
Documents relating to meetings between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and/or the OS staff with Mr. Efraim (Effie) Eitam. These should include but not be limited to 1) all email communications between Mr. Eitam and Secretary Zinke and/or his staff (including but not limited to Scott Hommel, Downey Magallanes, Caroline Boulton, David Bernhardt , Katharine MacGregor, Leila Getto, and Micah Chambers). (contd below)

OS-2018-00635 January 31, 2018 January 31, 2018 Zach Everson OS Open
Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting copies of receipts submitted for reimbursement of expenses (or other documentation of purchases) at the Trump International Hotel Washington, D.C. (sometimes billed as the Trump Old Post Office) or one of its restaurants, BLT Prime and the Benjamin Bar and Lounge, by Secretary Ryan Zinke (as well as any aides or security accompanying him on Jan. 30, 2018.

OS-2018-00640 February 01, 2018 February 01, 2018 Leary Alex OS Open

Seeking any documents (emails, letters, etc) related to Secretary Zinke's Jan. 9, 2018, visit to Tallahassee, Florida. A news story about that visit is here: http://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2018/01/09/trump-administration-backs-of-drilling-plan-that-angered-florida-lawmakers/.(contd below)

OS-2018-00638 February 01, 2018 February 01, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date she took a position within the Department (believed to be in April 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: (contd below)

OS-2018-00641 February 01, 2018 February 01, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
Relating to meetings between Secretary Ryan Zinke and/or any member of the OS staff and any or all of the Wilks brothers (Dan and Farris Wilks) and/or their wives, Staci and Joann and/or any of the Wilks brothers' representatives. These should include, but not be limited to: (contd below)

OS-2018-00647 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Bronstein Scott OS Open
("CNN") requests access to and copies of (in pdf form, where possible) all staff correspondence or internal emails, documents, and communications held by the U.S. Department of the Interior leading up to and discussing the new Draft Proposed Program for offshore oil and gas leasing and drilling announced January 4, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-00651 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 February 28, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
List of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 2018.
A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202.
Please consider this request a separate
request directed to each bureau under DOI.

OS-2018-00652 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 February 28, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
Records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-00655 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior's visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00656 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 2018.
These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-00644 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of communications, including emails, text messages and post-meeting notes, to and from Laura Mashburn that mention Russell "Rusty" Roddy.

On 2/6/2018, Requester's Clarification: date range Nov. 1, 2017 to Jan. 26, 2018

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OS-2018-00646 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Cama Timothy OS Open
All emails to or from (including cc or bcc) any address with the following domains: safariclub.org, safariclubfoundation.org or firstforwildlife.com. Please limit the search to Ryan Zinke and any custodian within the immediate office of the secretary, for any email sent or received between Nov. 1, 2017, and the date the search for this request is processed.

OS-2018-00643 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Department of Interior¿s discussions, development, and implementation of U.S. Bureau of Land Management (¿BLM¿) Instruction Memorandum 2018-034, issued by BLM on January 31, 2018. The IM available online at: https://www.blm.
gov/policy/im-2018-034.

OS-2018-00660 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Bronstein Scott OS Open
access to and copies of (in pdf form, where possible) all staff correspondence or internal emails, documents, communications, meeting notes, memos and schedules held by the Office of the Secretary related to the following monuments and marine monuments whose designations as national monuments under the Antiquities Act has been recommended to be revised by Secretary of the Interior Ryan K. Zinke:
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- Cascade Siskiyou
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OS-2018-00645 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Meyers Ellen OS Open
Requesting calendar events and schedules, meeting minutes and "lessons learned" reports from the fact-finding mission that Vincent DeVito, the energy counselor to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, went on in Denmark in mid-January 2018. I'm requesting documents that are dated from Jan. 1, 2018 through Jan. 31, 2018 with the following key words:
-Offshore

wind
-Renewable energy and its variations (such as renewables, RE and VRE)

OS-2018-00671 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
Reflecting communications (including emails and telephone logs) between Downey Magellanes and Special Assistant to the President for Infrastructure Policy, David James "DJ" Gribbin. Please restrict this search to June 1, 2017 through September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00676 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
Records reflecting communications (including emails and telephone logs) between Scott Hommell (scott_hommell@ios.doi.gov) and David "DJ" Gribbin. Please restrict this search to Feb 1, 2017 through September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00677 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Copies of all communications, electronic and otherwise, between FWS Regional Chief Casey Stemler and DOI Deputy Secretary Dave Bernhardt.

OS-2018-00668 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, between Deputy Assistant secretary Katharine MacGregor (katharine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov) and any staff member or associate at the Western Energy Alliance, including western Energy Alliance president Kathleen Sgamma. This request pertains to records produced between January 20, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00657 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Green Miranda OS Open
Email correspondence from the office of Secretary Ryan Zinke and/or his spokesperson Heather Swift with representatives of Safari Club International and/or Paul Babaz and/or representatives of Cross Roads strategies between 12/1/2017 and 2/2/2018.

OS-2018-00670 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Federman Adam OS Open
All correspondence or communication to or from Paul Ross, Senior Public Affairs Specialist at DOI, regarding a January 28 op-ed that appeared in the Daily Sentinel. Search should include any correspondence with Eli Nachmany, Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, and Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt. Date range for the request is January 8 to January 31, 2018.

OS-2018-00667 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all records and all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from the following list of officials since June 5, 2017, relating to DOI processes for employees, appointees, contractors, and/or vendors selected to categorize and/or analyze the public comments received in response to Secretarial Order 3353, posted October 11, 2017. (contd below)

OS-2018-00666 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from anyone on the list of individuals below and any email address ending in @texaspolicy.com or any individual who includes Texas Public Policy Foundation, TPPF or T.P.P.F. in their email signature, from January 19, 2017 to the present: (contd below)

OS-2018-00665 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from anyone on the list of individuals below, since January 19, 2017, that includes any of the words or phrases listed on Appendix A. (contd below)

OS-2018-00664 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and the Office of Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler since January 3, 2011. This should include, but not be limited to, correspondence including Rep. Herrera Beutler and the following members of Rep. Herrera Beutler's staff: (contd below)

OS-2018-00662 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all video shot, recorded or created by or for the Depaiiment of the Interior of any and all meetings and events attended by Deputy Secretaiy David Bernhardt and/or Secretaiy Ryan Zinke during the month of October 2017, including but not limited to all video shot or recorded by Timothy Bergling and Matthew John. This should include all edited videos and unedited "raw" video. (contd below)

OS-2018-00659 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 May 16, 2018 Gitzen Garry OS Completed
Looking for the Secretary DOI meeting schedule for June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct and November for 2012.

OS-2018-00673 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Bronstein Scott OS Open
Access to and copies of (in pdf form, where possible) all staff correspondence or internal emails, documents, communications, meeting notes, memos and schedules held by the Office of the Secretary related to off shore oil drilling in Florida, and the exemption of Florida from the Trump administration¿s newly announced proposal to open the Atlantic coast to oil and gas drilling. (Contd below)

OS-2018-00672 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Abell David OS Open
Communications between Secretary Zinke and state governors that discuss recommendations or modifications to the proposed National OCS Program for 2019- 2024, including the Proposed Program or the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), as well as communications regarding Executive Order 13795 ¿Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy (April 28, 2017) and Secretary¿s Order 3350 ¿America-First Offshore Energy Strategy (May 1, 2017);3 and (Contd. below)

OS-2018-00661 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, between Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes (downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov) and DOI FOIA Program Analyst Justin Davis.

This request pertains to records produced
between July 15, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00678 February 06, 2018 February 06, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
Records from the U.S. Department of the Interior (¿Interior¿) from January 20, 2017 to the date of this search: all

records of communications mentioning, including, and/or referencing Instruction Memorandum (¿IM 2018-034¿), including but not limited to communications between Interior and U.S. Bureau of Management (¿BLM¿) staff and offices, and between Interior and BLM staff and offices and external agencies or entities, (contd below)

OS-2018-00679 February 06, 2018 February 06, 2018 Smith Colin OS Open
Travel Logs/ Itineraries. Copies of all travel logs and itineraries of Secretary Ryan Zinke from February 1, 2018 through February 6, 2018. Records should detail the date and time of travel, the destination, the purpose of travel and meeting, and with whom Secretary Zinke met as available.
Outlook Calendar For Secretary Ryan Zinke: Copies of all
outlook calendars of Secretary Ryan Zinke from February 1, 2018 through February 6, 2018.

OS-2018-00681 February 06, 2018 February 06, 2018 Bronstein Scott OS Open
Copies of (in pdf form, where possible) all staff correspondence or internal emails, documents, communications, meeting notes, memos and schedules held by the Office of the Secretary related to the following monuments and marine monuments whose designations as national monuments under the Antiquities Act has been recommended to be revised by Secretary of the Interior Ryan K. Zinke:
- Northeast Canyons and Seamounts
- Pacific Remote Islands
- Rose Atoll
- Papahā
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OS-2018-00683 February 07, 2018 February 07, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
Records from the U.S. Department of the Interior (¿Interior¿): all memoranda(e) written by former Special Agent Dan Love (¿Mr. Love¿) mentioning, including, and/or referencing the impacts of cattle grazing on desert tortoise, other impacts of Cliven Bundy¿s cattle grazing, and/or potential actions undertaken by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (¿BLM¿) to address Cliven Bundy¿s cattle grazing.

OS-2018-00684 February 07, 2018 February 07, 2018 Elliott Dan OS Open
1. A copy of a Department of Interior document titled "Common Regional Boundaries Frequently Asked Questions," which contains questions and answers about a possible reorganization of DOI regional boundaries. (contd below)

OS-2018-00682 February 07, 2018 February 07, 2018 Rylander Jason OS Open
Any records, including any documents, emails, notes, presentations, briefing materials, or summaries relating to issuance of the Species Status Assessment for the Canada Lynx (Lynx canadensis) Contiguous United States Distinct Population Segment, Version 1.0 - Final, released in October 2017 (¿SSA¿); (contd below)

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OS-2018-00685 February 08, 2018 February 08, 2018 Walsh Matthew OS Open
Emails between staff in the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs and staff of US Representative Rick Nolan from January 2, 2018, to February 7, 2018.

OS-2018-00688 February 08, 2018 February 08, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Communications between David Bernhardt and Vincent DeVito. You may limit your search to communications sent after July 2017.

OS-2018-00705 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Attached report entitled, ¿BLM Report in Response to Secretarial Memorandum on Improving Planning and NEPA Processes and Secretarial Order 3355,¿ which is dated September 27, 2017. Although this report was prepared by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (¿BLM¿), the report indicates that there was coordination with the Department of the Interior¿s Office of the Secretary.

OS-2018-00692 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Colman Zack OS Open
[A]ll communication records regarding a Sept. 14, 2017 meeting between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Effie Eitam or Efraim Eitam. In addition to Zinke and Eitam, please include the following officials in hte search: Heather Swift; Laura Keehner Rigas; Scott Hommel; and Caroline Boulton.

OS-2018-00691 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
1. All emails between Secretary Zinke and/or OS staff members and Steve Hargrave, DOI's Assistant Director of the Interior Complex Security Operations Branch, which contain the words "meeting" and "secretary." All such emails should be from 3.1.2017 to 2.1.2018.
2. All emails between Steve Hargrave, DOI's Assistant Director of the Interior Complex
Security Operations Branch, and any person external to the DOI relating to security clearance for meeting with Secretary Zinke. [Remainder in notes]

OS-2018-00699 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Bayles Donald OS Open
All memoranda, letters, and recorded communications between the Secretary of the Interior and the President of the United States showing reasons for the alteration of boundaries for Bear Ears National Monument.

OS-2018-00700 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Licari Michelle OS Open
All memos, communications, and schedules regarding Douglas Domenech and the expansion of the Office of Insular Affairs powers to include marine offshore areas. I would also like communications regarding the mining or preservation of these areas. I would like the documents to range from March 1 2017 through February 9 2018.

OS-2018-00701 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Touchton Margaret OS Open
All electronically made communications sent from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke containing the following keywords phrases from March 1, 2017 through the present: "Troy Downing," "Jon Tester," "Montana Senate," "Senate endorsement," "Matt Rosendale," "Matthew Rosendale," "Russell Fagg," "Russ Fagg," "Al Olszewski," "Tim Fox¿; All electronically made communications sent to or from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke from the following email addresses or domains: troy@troydowning.com, (continued below)

OS-2018-00702 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 March 14, 2018 Buccino Sharon OS Completed
Comprehensive FOIA logs concerning FOIA requests received from January 20, 2017 to the present by the DOI Office of the Secretary and all other DOI Bureaus and Offices (including the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Bureau of Reclamation; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; National Park Service; Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Geological Survey; (continued below)

OS-2018-00704 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 March 14, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Completed
Comprehensive FOIA logs concerning FOIA requests received from January 20, 2017 to the present by the Office of the Secretary and all other Department of the Interior Bureaus and Offices (including the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; (contd below)

OS-2018-00708 February 12, 2018 February 12, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Records related to a meeting between Department of Interior Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs Todd Wynn and Utah State Representative Ken Ivory. According to Department of Interior's visitor logs, Kenneth Ivory signed into DOI headquarters at 13:40 on November 2, 2017. He named "T. Wynn" as his point of contact. I am requesting copies of the following records related to this meeting: (contd below)

OS-2018-00693 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, had with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any meetings or in communications with the following:

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OS-2018-00694 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior, had with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any meetings or in communications with the following:

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OS-2018-00696 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 July 10, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Completed
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that Natalie Davis, Special Assistant to the Secretary, had with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any meetings or in communications with the following: Randal Luthi on March 20, 2017 and Brandon Middleton on September 7, 2017

OS-2018-00697 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, had

with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any
meetings or in communications with the following:

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OS-2018-00698 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that Downey Magallanes, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, had with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any meetings or in communications with the following: Heath Hansen on August 30, 2017 and Stefan Bailey on August 3, 2017

OS-2018-00709 February 12, 2018 February 12, 2018 Brockhues Annabell OS Open
Communication between the Office of the Secretary and QS Energy Inc. (QSEP) - all communication between the Office of
the Secretary and the Office of Acquisition and Property Management regarding QS Energy Inc. (QSEP) - Secretary of the
Interior Ryan K. Zinke's office schedule since March 1, 2017 - all
other documents regarding QS Energy Inc. (QSEP).

OS-2018-00710 February 12, 2018 February 12, 2018 Sweeney John OS Open
Gifts: I am requesting records of gifts given to Secretary Zinke and from whom they came from March 1, 2017 through the present.

OS-2018-00703 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Zibel Alan OS Open
All calendars or calendar entries for the following individuals from 2017, to the date a search is conducted, including any calendars maintained on behalf of these individuals (e.g., by an administrative assistant): Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, Joseph Balash, Timothy R. Petty, Brenda Burman, Daniel Jorjani (Office of the Solicitor), Scott Angelle (BSEE), Brandon Middleton (SOL), Gary Lakowski, Kathleen Benedetto (Bureau of Land Management), Doug Domenech, James Cason, (continued below)

OS-2018-00712 February 13, 2018 February 13, 2018 Federman Adam OS Open
Any and all correspondence or communication between Andrea Travnicek, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and USGS Acting Deputy Director David Applegate and USGS Acting Director Bill Werkheiser, on December 16 and December 17 2017. (Relevant park, refuge, site or other location: DOI Office of Water and Science.)

OS-2018-00713 February 13, 2018 February 13, 2018 May 25, 2018 Doyle Michael OS Completed
A list of the appointed and invited members of the International Wildlife Conservation Council, along with copies on invitation letters and responses.

OS-2018-00711 February 13, 2018 February 13, 2018 March 14, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Completed
Comprehensive FOIA logs concerning FOIA requests received from January 20, 2017 to the present by the DOI Office of the

Secretary and all other DOI Bureaus and Offices (including the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Bureau of Reclamation; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; National Park Service; Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; (contd below)

OS-2018-00719 February 14, 2018 February 14, 2018 Berwick Ben OS Open
1. All records, including but not limited to emails and memoranda, reflecting or related to any proposals¿including legislative proposals¿to change any policies, practices, rules, standards, regulations, or laws governing the removal of, reassignment of, or other adverse actions taken with respect to federal employees. (contd below)

OS-2018-00718 February 14, 2018 February 14, 2018 May 25, 2018 Dubner Jeffrey OS Completed
On November 8, 2017, the Department of the Interior (DOI or the Department) published a Federal Register notice announcing the creation of the International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC), and calling for nominations for membership, with the nomination period closing November 24, 2017. International Wildlife Conservation Council Establishment; Request for Nominations, 92 Fed. Reg. 51,857 (Nov. 8, 2017). (contd below)

OS-2018-00714 February 13, 2018 February 14, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
1) Regarding communications between Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and PROOF Research from the date he took this position in March 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: a. All communications between the Secretary and PROOF Research, its employees, board members, investors, or other representatives, including but not limited to: emails, phone calls, in person meetings, letters, and text messages; and b. All records of these communications (continued below)

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OS-2018-00716 February 13, 2018 February 14, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
1) Regarding visitor lists, including but not limited to dates, names, titles, agency or business affiliation, and who visitors were meeting with, received by security personnel for the Department of Interior Main Building in Washington DC from the following individuals from January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: A. Gareth Rees, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary's Office; B. Mariagrazia Caminiti, Miscellaneous Administration And Program, (cont. below)

OS-2018-00715 February 13, 2018 February 14, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
1) Regarding access to the Main Interior Building through the garage as well as the 2)Secretary's parking garage at Main Interior Building from January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: a. Any records of persons who are not staff or contractors with the Department of Interior, and who have ongoing passes or approval to use the parking garage for the Main Interior Building (continued below)

OS-2018-00717 February 13, 2018 February 14, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
1) Regarding communications between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Efraim Eitam or Afek Oil and Gas from January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: a. All communications between the Secretary and Afek Oil and Gas, its employees, board members, investors, or other representatives, including but not limited to: emails, phone calls, in person meetings, letters, text messages, notes, draft and final meeting agendas, handouts, presentations, transcripts, (cont. below)

OS-2018-00721 February 15, 2018 February 15, 2018 Elliott Dan OS Open
1. The total number of Interior Department employees in each state and territory and in Washington, D.C.
2. The total
number of U.S. Bureau of Land Management employees in each state and territory and in Washington, D.C.
3. The total
number of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employees in each state and territory and in Washington, D.C.
4. The total
number of U.S. Bureau of Reclamation employees in each state and territory and in Washington, D.C.

OS-2018-00724 February 15, 2018 February 15, 2018 March 07, 2018 Levy Samuel OS Completed
The development of the Office of Personnel and Management Policy (OPM) Regarding Reservist Differential under 5 U.S.C § 5538, revised June 23, 2015, available at https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/payadministration/reservist-differential/policyguidance.pdf; (contd below)

OS-2018-00722 February 15, 2018 February 15, 2018 Everson Zach OS Open
Copies of receipts submitted for reimbursement of expenses (or other documentation of purchases, such as line items on credit card statements) at the Trump International Hotel Washington, D.C. (sometimes billed as the Trump Old Post Office) or one of its restaurants, BLT Prime and the Benjamin Bar and Lounge by Department of the Interior specialist assistant Natalie Davis between Feb. 7 and Feb 14, 2018.

OS-2018-00727 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 Sweeney & Dennis John & Pat OS Open
Internal Email Correspondence Within The Office Of Secretary Zinke Mentioning President Trump: I am requesting copies of internal email correspondence within the Office of Secretary Zinke, limited to correspondence between Secretary Zinke and any immediate staffers of his office as well as correspondence between staffers within this office, that mentions ¿Trump¿ or ¿the president¿ from March 1, 2017 through the present.

OS-2018-00728 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All calendar entries and schedules of events for Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.

OS-2018-00725 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 March 15, 2018 Warren Kim OS Completed
The Organizational Charts for the Head of Information Technology of Office of the Secretary- something that includes the names and titles/departments of the people who report to the Head of Information Technology of Office of the Secretary. (contd below)

OS-2018-00768 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
On September 22, 2017, David Bernhardt met with American Petroleum Institute's CEO Jack Gerard and lobbyist Carrie Domnitch. See this for details: http://documentedinvestigations.org/2018/02/16/david-bernhardt-meets-api-ceo-jack-

gerard-undisclosed-meeting/.

Please provide any meeting agenda, list of participants, email correspondence related
to coordinating this meeting, meeting notes, briefing book details, and any other documents related to this event.

OS-2018-00726 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 Kenney Brett OS Open
All meeting requests and meeting-related communications or documentation relating to meetings between any of the following Department of Interior officials or offices and any employee, agent, or representative of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians:
¿ Deputy Secretary of the Interior
¿ Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior
This
request applies to qualifying documents created, sent or received on or after January 20, 2017.

OS-2018-00730 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Records (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes, memoranda, text messages and any other communications) related to the Office of Facilities and Administrative Services' work in the Deputy Secretary's office from July 24 to present. Please include all communications between the Deputy Secretary or members of his staff and the Office of Facilities and Administrative Services.

OS-2018-00738 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Reilly Steve OS Open
Copy of all procurement documentation and invoices for blanket purchase agreement signed on or about 6/5/2017 with MTM RECOGNITION CORPORATION regarding the Secretary¿s Valor & Safety Convocation Ceremony (Procurement Award ID # IND17PB00018; Referenced IDV ID # IND12PA00215), and any records reflecting the modification or amendment of said order.

OS-2018-00740 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
U.S. Department of the Interior (¿Interior¿), Headquarters: all records mentioning, including, and/or referencing the Memorandum of Agreement (¿MOA¿) signed on January 31, 2018. Attachment A (January 31, 2018 Memorandum of Agreement). Note: this FOIA request is only for records within Interior¿s Secretarial Office and the main office of Interior Headquarters. (contd below)

OS-2018-00732 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Records (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes, memoranda, text messages and any other communications), from March 1 to present, between Interior Department staff (including the Office of the Secretary and Office of Facilities and Administrative Services) and the Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

OS-2018-00731 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Records (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes, memoranda, text messages and any other communications), from March 1 to present, between Interior Department staff (including the Office of the Secretary and Office of Facilities and Administrative Services) and the Patuxent Research Refuge.

OS-2018-00734 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
A list of all gifts (including meals) that Interior Department aide Vincent Devito has received since June 1, 2017. Please include the origin of each gift and the estimated monetary value of each gift.

OS-2018-00736 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Access to and copies of any documents, communications or notes concerning the June 29, 2017 meeting between Sec Ryan Zinke, Downey Magallanes, Virginia Johnson, Christine Bauserman and representatives of the Aramark Corporation. This request seek copies of documents brought to the aforementioned meeting, copies of any any documents describing the substance and contents of the meeting, and copies of any docs describing the substance and contents of the meeting,

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OS-2018-00735 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Vincent DeVito's August 3, 2017 speech at the Western Energy Alliance annual meeting in Beaver Creek, Colorado. This request seeks a copy of the aforementioned speech, copies of any documents describing the substance and contents of the Western Energy Alliance's annual meeting, & copies of any emails sent or received by Vincent DeVito and/or Gisella Ojeda-Dodds concerning DeVito's appearance at the meeting. (contd below).

OS-2018-00737 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Reilly Steve OS Open
Copy of all procurement documentation for delivery/task order signed on or about 4/21/2017 with Vehicle Leasing Associates LLC for services related to the Secretary¿s new vehicle (Procurement Award ID # IND17PD00518; Referenced IDV ID # GS30F021BA), and any records reflecting the modification or amendment of said order.

OS-2018-00739 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Completed
Communication with politicians - Document DCN: EST-00004228; Thank you letter sent 08/23/2017; recieved 08/24/2017; to David Bernhardt; from Greg Gianforte

OS-2018-00744 February 21, 2018 February 21, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
U.S. Department of the Interior ("Interior") from July 1, 2017 to the date Interior conducts this search: all records, including but not limited to records of communications mentioning, including, and/or referencing the Governor of Nevada, the Governor of Nevada¿s office, the Nevada Department of Wildlife, the Nevada Division of Minerals, and/or any other Nevada state agencies (contd below)

OS-2018-00741 February 21, 2018 February 21, 2018 Blethen Ryan OS Open
Requesting all the records, documents and emails pertaining to discretionary grants and cooperative agreements to a institution of higher education and to non-profit organizations that can legally engage in advocacy (i.e., that is an entity organized under sections 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6)) in Washington state, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska by the Department of the Interior dating from Jan. 1, 2014 to Feb. 1, 2018.

OS-2018-00742 February 21, 2018 February 21, 2018 Blethen Ryan OS Open
Templates and any supporting communications used to list the financial assistance programs, indicating which are non-discretionary and which are discretionary, the Department of Interior¿s bureaus were required to submit to the Office of Acquisition and Property Management (PAM) as directed in the Dec. 28, 2017 memorandum from Scott J. Cameron, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget to DOI¿s Assistant Secretaries and Heads of Bureaus and Offices.

OS-2018-00766 February 22, 2018 February 22, 2018 Hughes Shannon OS Open
1. Records related to the lease modification for federal coal lease COC-62920, approved on December 15, 2017 by Katharine S. MacGregor at the King II coal mine in Hesperus, Colorado. See Exhibit 1.
2. Records related to the coal
lease application submitted by GCC Energy, LLC on January 10, 2018, for federal coal lease COC-078825 at the King II mine in Hesperus, Colorado. See Exhibit 2.

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OS-2018-00752 February 23, 2018 February 23, 2018 Gold Maya OS Open
1. Copies of all communications between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and individuals representing MGM Resorts International from May 12, 2017 to the present, including but not limited to: Gale Norton, Brian Ballard, Sylvester Lukis, Dan McFaul, Rebecca Benn, Elizabeth Gore, Alfred Mottur, Kai Anderson, Jordan Bernstein, Barbara Sutton, Russell Thomasson, Ryan Mulvenon, William Kirk, Ayesha Khanna Molino, and individuals with email addresses ending in "@mgmresorts.com." (cont. below)

OS-2018-00749 February 23, 2018 February 23, 2018 Reilly Steve OS Open
Copy of the Agency Reform Plan submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in approximately September 2017 in accordance with OMB Memorandum M-17-22 (Comprehensive Plan for Reforming the Federal Government and Reducing the Federal Civilian Workforce).

OS-2018-00750 February 23, 2018 February 23, 2018 Ruch Jeff OS Open
RE: Feb. 21st and 22nd, 2018 - Press reports in Mother Jones Magazine and The Washinton Post

1. Records reflecting
all communications between OS and the USGS concerning the referenced request by OS for NPRA information prior to its public release.

2. OS records reflectin gthe basis or purpose of this request.

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OS-2018-00773 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 July 03, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
Any and all documents and written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by Press secretary Heather swift that contain the phrase: "Mission 26", This request seeks documents produced between January 1, 2018 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00761 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 May 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Completed
Access to and copies of Interior's audio and video recordings of Secretary Ryan Zinke's town hall meeting with Interior employees that took place on February 1, 2018, at Interior headquarters, referenced in the attached E&E article. This should include edited videos and unedited ¿raw¿ video of the whole town hall meeting.

OS-2018-00754 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason, Press Secretary Heather Swift, Chief of Staff Scott Hommel, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Downey Magallanes, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Jason Larrabee, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Aurelia Skipwith, (continued below)

OS-2018-00767 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
1. Critical minerals; 2. Executive Order 13817, A Federal Strategy to Ensure Secure and Reliable Supplies of Critical Minerals. See Exec. Order No 13817, Presidential Executive Order on a
Federal Strategy to Ensure Secure and Reliable
Supplies of Critical Minerals, http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=128875 (last visited Feb. 26, 2018);

and/or 3. Secretarial Order 3359, Critical Mineral Independence and Security.

Cont below.

OS-2018-00760 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all calendars, including dates and times of all scheduled meetings, and the calendar logs of all attendees invited and/or who joined in for each meeting, for the following Department of Interior officials during the following time periods: Secretary Ryan Zinke (October 1, 2017 ¿ Present); Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt (October 1, 2017 ¿ Present); Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason (January 20, 2017 ¿ Present); (continued below)

OS-2018-00755 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Regarding Zinke, Laura Rigas, Downey Magallanes, Heather Swift, Tami Heilmann, Rusty Roddy, Wadi Yakhour, and monuments / monument review: Access to and copies of: All expense reports, receipts, invoices, reimbursements, and any other documentation of the Secretary and staff official travel to Utah, California, and Montana between May 4, 2017 and May 14, 2017. This should include but not be limited to: receipts or reimbursements for all flights, helicopter tours, lodging, meals,(continued below)

OS-2018-00774 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents and written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke that contain the phrase "Mission 26". This request seeks documents produced between January 1, 2018 and the date this request is processed

OS-2018-00772 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Sherwood Daniel OS Open
1. Documents exchanged between representatives of Hilcorp and DOI from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017;
2.
Briefing materials, internal memorandums, and talking points prepared or produced for internal DOI purposes from March 1 1 2017 to September 1, 2017;

3. A complete and accurate record of all attendees if it differs from attached calendar.

OS-2018-00757 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from the list of individuals below and Executive Director of the Public Lands Council Ethan Lane (email address elane@beef.org), any other individuals representing the Public Lands Council (email addresses ending in @beef.org), or anyone from the Forest Service (email addresses ending in @fs.fed.us), at any point since May 31, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke, (continued below)

OS-2018-00758 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Donato David OS Open
Approval of a proposed modification of all or of any part of the organization of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) that has been sent from the USGS to or through the office of the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science during the time period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, inclusive. The requested copy should include the requesting letter or memorandum and any attached, enclosed, or accompanying documents. (continued below)

OS-2018-00759 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from Director of Communications Laura Rigas, Press Secretary Heather Swift, Deputy Director of Communications Russell Newell, or Deputy Press Secretary Alex Hinson, at any point since December 1, 2017, that contain any of the following keywords or names: "Bundys","Bundy", "Cliven", "Ammon", "Gloria Navarro","Ryan Payne", "Malheur"

OS-2018-00756 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 July 09, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Completed
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Scott Hommel, Downey Magallanes, and Caroline Boulton and any of the below entities, at any point since January 19, 2017: -Stan Summers, Commission Chair of Box Elder County, Utah / -Any email address ending in @boxeldercounty.org

OS-2018-00762 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of the records related to the contract between the Department of Interior and Bulletin Intelligence. This request includes the Department's request for proposal or initial solicitation, Bulletin Intelligence's proposal, the contract between DOI and Bulletin Intelligence from FY 16, FY 17, and FY 18, any contract modifications, subcontractor approvals, performance reviews or assessments, and any other records related to this contract.

OS-2018-00763 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of records related to a meeting between Department of Interior Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes and Utah State Representative Mike Noel. According to DOI visitor logs, on Oct 4, 2017, Noel signed in at 12:55 to meet Magallanes in room 4123. I am requesting the following records related to this meeting:
(1) A copy of the meeting request; (2)
Electronic and physical communications between the Wynn and other DOI Employees regarding the meeting, (3) Materials provided to Wynn (cont. below)

OS-2018-00764 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents and written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by Chief of Staff Scott Hommel that contain the phrase "Mission 26". This request seeks documents produced between January 1, 2018

and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00765 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Subbaraman Nidhi OS Open
Access to and copies of ALL direct messages sent and received to and from the Twitter account "@SecretaryZinke." The date range for this request is between Jan. 20, 2017, and Feb 26, 2018. I would like to receive the information in an electronic text format that is searchable, via email or a thumb drive.

OS-2018-00791 February 27, 2018 February 28, 2018 April 27, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Completed
All emails sent or received by Judy Wilson, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, which reference: The nomination, suggested nomination or proposed nomination of Emily Kennedy Hague of the American Petroleum Institute to serve on the Department of the Interior¿s Royalty Policy Committee (RPC); The nomination or appointment of Emily Kennedy Hague to serve on the RPC¿s Planning, Analysis, & Competitiveness Subcommittee or the Studies working group of this subcommittee;

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OS-2018-00781 February 27, 2018 March 01, 2018 Schaezlein Charlie OS Open
I'd like any emails since December 24th that reference the Dec 4, 2017 Outside Online article 'Ryan Zinke Is Trump's Attack Dog on the Environment' (https://www.outsideonline.com/2266216/man-flies-his-own-flag), as well as any subsequent/prior emails from those same threads. I'd also like to include any emails that meet any of "Zinke Profile", "Outside Piece", "Outside Online", or "Outside Magazine"

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OS-2018-00779 February 27, 2018 March 01, 2018 May 21, 2018 Champion Richard OS Completed
would like to obtain production data, separated by product code and volumes, sorted by Operator/ Unit PA/ Product Code for oil and gas production and revenues received for the following Oil and Gas Participating Areas located in the following Federal Units, Uintah County, Utah for the years 2015, 2016, and 2017:

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OS-2018-00782 February 28, 2018 March 01, 2018 July 02, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
This is a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act. It is my understanding that Secretary Zinke planned to give a tour of the Lincoln Monument on July 3, 2017. I am requesting copies photographs, videos, or other recordings taken during the tour or with people on the tour.

OS-2018-00946 March 01, 2018 March 01, 2018 Abshier Carole OS Open
Estate of Glade Sylvia Willis. Copy of records regarding docs in the name of Sharon Ryan.

OS-2018-00787 February 28, 2018 March 01, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
On April 27, 2017, Western Energy Alliance's president Kathleen Sgamma met with Secretary Zinke and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Kate Macgregor. During that meeting a document outlining WEA's recommendations on the methane rule was given to Kate Macgregor. I am requesting this document.

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OS-2018-00790	February 24, 2018	March 01, 2018		Nichols Jeremy	OS	Open
Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, David Bernhardt. For purposes of this request, the term ¿electronic mail addresses¿ means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es)						
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OS-2018-00789	February 24, 2018	March 01, 2018		Nichols Jeremy	OS	Open
Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary, Ryan Zinke. For purposes of this request, the term ¿electronic mail addresses¿ means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es) maintained by and/or for Secretary Zinke.						
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OS-2018-00788	February 24, 2018	March 01, 2018		Nichols Jeremy	OS	Open
Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Katharine MacGregor. For purposes of this request, the term ¿electronic mail addresses¿ means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior email addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es)						
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OS-2018-00776	February 24, 2018	March 01, 2018		Exempt Information	OS	Open
Exempt Information						
OS-2018-00799	March 01, 2018	March 01, 2018	April 27, 2018	Haggerty Mark	OS	Completed
ONRR distributions to states and local governments by jurisdiction (payments to each state and local government) by revenue type (royalties, bonus, rents, etc...) and by commodity bucket (oil, gas, coal, etc...) for FY 2017.						

OS-2018-00798	March 02, 2018	March 02, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

Records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication found in your agency's correspondence log that mention one or more of these terms as responsive records to my request. (contd below)

OS-2018-00801	March 02, 2018	March 02, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

Records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. Please include all records that document Bernhardt's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00797	March 02, 2018	March 02, 2018	July 05, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Completed

List of 'special government employees' (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202. Please consider this request a separate request directed to each bureau under DOI.

OS-2018-00803	March 02, 2018	March 02, 2018	May 04, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Completed

Records of all responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-00804	March 02, 2018	March 02, 2018		Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open

Request access to and copies of all communications, electronic and otherwise, between FWS Regional Chief Casey Stemler and DOI Deputy Secretary Dave Bernhardt.

OS-2018-00794	March 02, 2018	March 02, 2018	June 04, 2018	Considine Tim	OS	Completed

Production volume data for oil, gas, and natural gas liquids as wellhead revenues and revenues collected from lease bonus bids, royalties, and other fees. Interested in data going back to 1990.

OS-2018-00802	March 02, 2018	March 02, 2018	May 18, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Completed

Logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior's visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00809	March 05, 2018	March 05, 2018		Justin Glawe	OS	Open

I request documents related to an April 11, 2017 meeting with Secretary Zinke and the following individuals: Forrest Lucas; Ramona Hage Morrison; Dave Duquette; KK Jense; Larry Murphy; John Clements; Brian Kelly. (contd below)

OS-2018-00805	March 05, 2018	March 05, 2018		Dillon Lauren	OS	Open

Emails, to include attachments, between Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Virginia Johnson and Joseph Doss, President of the International Bottled Water Association, from January 20, 2017 to August 30, 2017.

Additionally, I
request emails and attachments sent between Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Virginia Johnson and Alan Mintz and Jonathan Simon of Van Ness Feldman from January 20, 2017 to August 30, 2017, which reference: (contd below)

OS-2018-00806 March 05, 2018 March 05, 2018 Horwitz Jeffrey OS Open
Correspondence which was sent or received by Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt or William Werkheiser and which includes the following keywords: 1. Reserves; 2. Alaska; 3. USGS data
I would like to ask for this data between 11/1/2017 and
2/20/2018 : 4. Petroleum; 5. Oil

OS-2018-00807 March 05, 2018 March 05, 2018 Horwitz Jeff OS Open
Request emails to and from secretary Zinke which include the name "Gentry" or "Vollero" between the dates 1/20/2017 and the date on which a search of Interior emails is conducted.

OS-2018-00811 March 06, 2018 March 06, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
The DOI Deputy Secretary Task list from July 25 to March 6th .

OS-2018-00815 March 06, 2018 March 06, 2018 March 22, 2018 Kwoka Margaret OS Completed
Records reflecting a list or log of FOIA requests received in Fiscal Year 2017. Specifically, I request records that include the following information or fields: 1. The FOIA request identification number; 2. The name of the requester; 3. The organizational affiliation of the requester, if there is one; 4. The date on which the request was made; 5. The subject matter of the request; (contd below)

OS-2018-00813 February 26, 2018 March 06, 2018 March 22, 2018 Touchton Margaret OS Completed
Any correspondence, including electronic, to your agency from or on behalf of Wisconsin State Representative Leah Vukmir (Jan. 2003-Jan. 2010) and any correspondence, including electronic, to your agency from or on behalf of Wisconsin State Senator Leah Vukmir (Jan. 2010-present)

OS-2018-00810 March 06, 2018 March 06, 2018 March 23, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
Request for records under the Freedom of Information Act. I am requesting a copy of EST-00006686.

OS-2018-00818 March 06, 2018 March 07, 2018 Sweeney John OS Open
I am requesting copies of ingoing and outgoing correspondence from the office of Secretary Ryan Zinke mentioning "Chaco Canyon" or "Chaco Culture National Historical Park" from January 1, 2018 through the present.

OS-2018-00816 March 06, 2018 March 07, 2018 Colman Zack OS Open
I request all communication records regarding a Dec. 14, 2017 meeting between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Vincent DeVito, Tami Heilemann and Charif Souki. In addition to the aforementioned people, please include the following federal officials in the search: Heather Swift; Laura Keehner Rigas; Scott Hommel; and Caroline Boulton. Please also include from Tellurian: Joi Lecznar, Amos Hochstein, Meg Gentle or any other email addresses with an @tellurianinc.com domain.

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OS-2018-00817 August 30, 2017 March 07, 2018 March 14, 2018 McCarren Andrea OS Completed
I hereby request the following records: Emails sent on Monday, August 28, 2017 by government employees that include any or all of the following key words: Thrones Dragon Littlefinger ¿White Walker¿

OS-2018-01262 March 06, 2018 March 07, 2018 July 09, 2018 Sweeney John OS Completed
Incoming And Outgoing Correspondence Concerning The National Marine Manufacturers Association Breakfast: I am requesting copies of ingoing and outgoing correspondence from the office of Secretary Ryan Zinke containing the following key words or phrases from February 1, 2018 through the present: "National Marine Manufacturers Association" "NMMA""Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation" "Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation" "RBFF" (continued below)

OS-2018-00828 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
· Emails, including attachments, sent or received by Kathatrine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management which reference the work of the U.S. Department of the Interior¿s Royalty Policy Committee, to include communications which reference:
o Logistical and operational details of attending RCP meetings, such as travel arrangements, expense reimbursement, or ethics and financial disclosure; (contd below)

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OS-2018-00832 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Singh Gunita OS Open
1. Any emails by and between Ryan Zinke and the National Rifle Association. This request includes the entire email chain in which the NRA is a sender or recipient (including a 'cc' or 'bcc') of one or more emails in the chain. This request also includes any attachments. This request also includes emails sent or received by Zinke or NRA using any alias. This request also includes official communications sent or received by Zinke using any non-DOI email account.

OS-2018-00833 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Baker Sy OS Open
1. Official recommendation made to former President Barack Obama for the Establishment of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (Proclamation 9131 of May 21, 2014) I am looking specifically for the bibliography, reports, data, and correspondence in order to conduct further research into the justification of the designation on the part of the previous administration. (contd below)

OS-2018-00834 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
The owner who lent the Bison and Elk Heads to Secretary Zinke for his office. Nancy Guiden requested the ownership information for the Bison and Elk heads in an email in March, 2017 and she likely knows the owner.

OS-2018-00827 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Stevens Daniel OS Open
ecords reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text
messages, telephone call logs, calendar
invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting
agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or
other materials)
to, from, or between any officials or employees of the Office of the Secretary,
including but not
limited to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, and any persons acting on
behalf of the Office of the Secretary, broadly
regarding:
SEE BELOW FOR REST

OS-2018-00826 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Cama Timothy OS Open
all records of email communications to, from or mentioning (including cc and bcc) any of the following people: Richard ¿Rick¿ Saccone, Robert ¿Bob¿ Branstetter, John Brabender, Hank Hallowell, Conor Lamb, Abby Nassif Murphy. Please restrict

SEE BELOW FOR THE REST AND DATES OF SEARCH

OS-2018-00825 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Cama Timothy OS Open
all records related to Zinke's 2/24/18 trip to East Bethlehem Township, Pa., and any other destination on the same trip away from D.C. includes but is not limited to agendas, invitations, notes, prepared remarks, planning documents, follow-up documents, calendar entries, attendance lists, photographs, videos, audio recordings. search to between 2/10/18 and the date the search for this request is processed. exclude records that are solely news clips without additional commentary or information.

OS-2018-00824 March 06, 2018 March 08, 2018 Ghio Nicole OS Open
January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request:
a. Communications between Department of
Interior Deputy Chief of Staff for
Policy Downey Magallanes and former White House Staff Secretary Rob Porter;
The
documents and records we request include any written or typed, recorded,
graphic, printed, or audio material of any
kind, as well as all other responsive
records as that term is defined by FOIA.

OS-2018-00823 March 06, 2018 March 08, 2018 Ghio Nicole OS Open
All messages, memos, notes or other communications to or from the following individuals related to BLM Nevada State Director John Ruhs departure from the BLM Nevada State Office: Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt and Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior James Cason. The documents and records we request include any written or typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind, as well as all other responsive
records as that term
is defined by FOIA.

OS-2018-00822 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Rony Alexander OS Open
emails between December 27, 2017 and March 7, 2018 mentioning "elephant" or "lion" that were sent to or from any International Wildlife Conservation Council ("Council") committee member (list available at https://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/members.aspx?cid=2636).

OS-2018-00835 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails including attachments sent or received by Greg Gould, Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue or John Mehlhoff, Program Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue which reference the work of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Royalty Policy Committee, to include communications which reference: 1) Logistical and operational details of attending RCP meetings, such as travel arrangements, expense reimbursement, or ethics and financial disclosure [continued in notes]

OS-2018-00829 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails, including attachments, sent or received by Richard Cardinale, Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management which reference the work of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Royalty Policy Committee, to include communications which reference:
o Logistical and operational details of attending RCP meetings,
such as travel arrangements, expense reimbursement, or ethics and financial disclosure; (contd below)

OS-2018-00821 March 07, 2018 March 08, 2018 April 05, 2018 Weyer Tyler OS Completed
I would like to know how much the Department of Interior pays Ferry County, WA annually. I would also like to know what specific funds pay the county. Does the county receive Payments in lieu of taxes? If the county does receive payments in lieu of taxes, what land do the payments cover? About half of the county is Indian reservation and a good portion of the county is owned by the USFS. Does PiLT cover the USFS land as well?

OS-2018-00837 March 09, 2018 March 09, 2018 Roth Sammy OS Open
. All emails, letters and other written communications from Interior Department officials (including Bureau of Land Management officials) that mention the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP), from Jan. 20, 2017 through present;
. All emails, letters, other written communications and documents written or prepared by Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, or by Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt¿s office, that mention the DRECP; (contd below)

OS-2018-00838 March 09, 2018 March 09, 2018 Cobb Stephen OS Open
Considering that Zinke has been reported to have just spent nearly $140,000 on new doors, I would like to see all pertinent information on this topic. Please include any personal notes, email correspondence, phone records and other official written documentation. I would be particularly interested in seeing the bids considered for the job, specification sheets for the doors and installation and final bill/invoice.

OS-2018-00831 March 09, 2018 March 09, 2018 Fredericks Thomas OS Open
[A]ccess to all documents relating to oil and gas leasing of the Osage Mineral Estate. Please provide any and all documents below:

1. All data from NIOGEMS related to the Osage Minerals Estate ikn digital tabular format
(spreadsheet or database) and commonly accepted GIS data formats (shapefile and/or geodatabase) if available.

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OS-2018-00846 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Stevens Daniel OS Open
1. All records (including but not limited to records specifically requested below) broadly concerning Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s trip to Fredericktown, Pennsylvania from on, or about, February 23, 2018 to February 24, 2018, purportedly to announce nationwide mine reclamation grants. (contd below)

OS-2018-00847 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Bradtke-Litwack Lena OS Open
Requesting copies of correspondence with the following DCN:
1. EST-00003005 (2017)
2. EST-00002443 (2017)
3. ESO-
00062370 (2015)
4. ESO-00063562 (2015)
5. ESO-00063680 (2015)

OS-2018-00848 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Ebbs Stephanie OS Open
Request seeks formal action plans submitted to Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt and the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget between February 1, 2018 and March 1, 2018 in response to the Interior workplace survey completed in December 2017.

OS-2018-00849 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Ebbs Stephanie OS Open
Request seeks contracts, invoices, and statements of work for any decorating, renovating or construction expenses between January 1, 2017 and March 1, 2018 related to the secretary's office or rooms adjacent to the secretary's office at Interior headquarters.

OS-2018-00840 March 09, 2018 March 12, 2018 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Any and all records related to or concerning Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke¿s deferral
of all of the parcels
scheduled for the New Mexico BLM¿s March 8, 2018 Competitive
Oil and Gas Lease sale.

For purposes of this request,
records include, but are not limited to, communication records (including, but not limited to, recorded voicemails, text messages, chat messages, emails, and printed letters),

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OS-2018-00841 March 09, 2018 March 12, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents and written or electronic communications, including email attachments, send or received by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt that contain one more more of the following words or phrases: "Noble Energy" and/or "Kate

Faye". This request seeks documents produced from July 25, 2017 to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00843 March 09, 2018 March 12, 2018 Evers Austin OS Open
1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or other materials) regarding offshore drilling generally or the ¿2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program¿ specifically between DOI and any of the following:

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OS-2018-00845 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Lachlan Markay OS Open
I request a copy of a memorandum provided to the office of the Secretary of the Interior by the White House, titled "Creating a Culture of Compliance." The memorandum's existence was reported by CNN on March 9 (see: https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/09/politics/cabinet-secretaries-ethical-behavior/index.html). I also request copies of all written and digital communications to the office of the secretary accompanying or pertaining to that memorandum.

OS-2018-00839 March 09, 2018 March 12, 2018 Poston Tom OS Open
I would like to request a copy of the RFQ documents (including RFQ attachments, amendments, Q&A and SOW)) for contract # IND11PA40010. In addition, I also request a copy of the incumbent's proposal for the contract.

OS-2018-00855 January 02, 2018 March 13, 2018 Brooks James OS Open
Itemized list of the travel expenses of the last five secretaries of the interior, if possible on an excel spreadsheet with columns for SECRETARY NAME, DATE OF TRAVEL, COST, COST CODE, COST CODE DESCRIPTION, AGENCY/DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE, and DESCRIPTION OF/REASON FOR TRAVEL.

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OS-2018-00854 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Beringer Theodore OS Open
Copy of your detailed observations and conclusions from your review of Bears Ears National Monument that resulted in your decision to reduce its size by 85%. You never made public your reasoning process, other than to say you were guided by the intention to resize the Bear Ears National Monument to the smallest size necessary to preserve its cultural, historical and natural heritage. (contd below)

OS-2018-00850 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from any of the following entities and/or people and any of the Department of the Interior officials since May 31, 2017:
¿ Ryan

Benson, Matt Lumley, Denny Behrens or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @biggameforever.org
¿ Kathleen Sgamma,
Tripp Parks or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @westemenergyalliance.org (contd below)

OS-2018-00851 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from any of the following entities and/or people and any of the Department of the Interior officials since August 18, 2017:
· Ryan
Benson, Matt Lumley, Denny Behrens or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @biggameforever.org
· Kathleen Sgamma,
Tripp Parks or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @westernenergyalliance.org
(contd below)

OS-2018-00852 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
CV or resume and full calendar for Todd Willens, from his start date to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00853 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Records related to 'briefing on FOIAs' meeting that occurred at 11am on November 8th, 2017. Meeting participants include: Daniel Jorjani, Edward Keable, Downey Magallanes, Scott Hommel, Timothy Murphy, Elinor Renner, Ryan Zinke.

OS-2018-00863 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
Records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior') from March 1, 2017 to the date Interior conducts its search: all delegation order(s) issued by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s ('Secretary Zinke') that mention, refer to, include, and/or were generated in connection with any temporary redelegation(s) of authority for vacant non-career Senate-confirmed positions, and any amendments thereto.

OS-2018-00864 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Ruskin Liz OS Open
Access to and copies of emails, letters, memos and other records of communications from Deputy Sec. David Bernhardt, Asst. Sec. Joe Balash and Sec. Ryan Zinke regarding the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

OS-2018-00865 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Majumdar Sumona OS Open
Requesting any documents you may have which contain information related to the National OCS Program Public Meetings held in the following locations: Annapolis, MD (1/16/18); Jackson, MS (1/16/18); Dover, DE (1/18/18); Austin, TX (2/6/18); Salem, OR (2/6/18); Tallahassee, FL (2/8/18); Sacramento, CA (2/8/18); Hartford, CT (2/13/18); Columbia, SC (2/13/18); Trenton, NJ (2/14/18); Albany, NY (2/15/18); Richmond, VA (2/21/18); (contd below)

OS-2018-00856 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Nesbitt Allen OS Open
All communications of any type whatsoever regarding office renovations, furnishings, or office decoration of all agency political appointees requiring Senate confirmation. All documents regarding office renovations and office decorations (including itemized expenses or expense reports) of all agency political appointees requiring Senate confirmation.

OS-2018-00861 March 01, 2018 March 14, 2018 Abshier Carole OS Open
Estate of Glade Sylvia Willis. Copy of records regarding docs filed on and after April 23, 2015 in the name of Joyce

Humphrey, Robin Abshier, and Stan Abshier.

OS-2018-00858 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Emails to and/or from Secretary Zinke that contain one or more of the following words or phrases:
. Door/Doors
.
Installation
. Remodeling
. Conquest Solutions

OS-2018-00859 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Tate Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of the following contracts:
140D8018P0023; IND15PD01190; IND15PD01176; IND17PX00064; IND17PX00276;
IND15PD01303; IND15PD01295; IND15PD01298; IND15PD01299; 140D8018P0015; 140D8018P0016; IND17PX00010; 140D8018P0022;
IND17PD00807; IND15PC00262; IND15PC00259; 140D8018D0055; 140D8018P0013.
My request includes copies of the request for
proposal, bid submission, original contract, contract modifications, and approvals for subcontracting.

OS-2018-00860 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Smith Colin OS Open
Incoming-And-Outgoing Correspondence Between The Office Of The Secretary And The Executive Office Of The White House On 'Doors.' I am requesting copies of incoming-and-outgoing email correspondence between the Office of the Secretary and the Executive Office of the White House, to be identified by email addresses ending in the domains listed below, that include the words 'door¿ and/or 'doors' from March 8, 2018 through the present date of this request. (contd below)

OS-2018-00862 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Kilpatrick Ken OS Open
Hello,
Can I please have the most recent "Real Property Efficiency Report" issued by the Department of the Interior?

Thank you,
Ken

OS-2018-00868 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Kaplan Elijah OS Open
All communications in your possession, of any type whatsoever, to and from Ryan Zinke containing the phrase 'Gentry Beach'.

OS-2018-00869 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Kaplan Elijah OS Open
All communications in your possession, of any type whatsoever, to or from Ryan Zinke, Gentry Beach, Trevor Ahlberg, or Ray Washburne between August 1st and September 30, 2017.

OS-2018-00870 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Atwood Amy OS Open
The Center is requesting records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior') from November 13, 2017 to the date Interior commences this search for: all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails, text messages, instant messages, voicemails, and phone logs for any phones utilized by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke (contd below)

OS-2018-00866 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Crossland Bonnie OS Open
I am looking for combination of the Federal Production by Location and Federal Production by Customer reports. Commodity of interest is Oil & Gas, Gas and Oil. Calendar year 2016 and later data. I am interested in the company, the revenue type, commodity, revenue and production volume broken down into state and county. If you had the data at the well level or FMP, that would be best.

OS-2018-00872 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests from Interior from November 13, 2017 to the date Interior commences this search: all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails, text messages, instant messages, voicemails, and phone logs for any phones utilized by the U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt ('Mr. Bernhardt')
(contd below)

OS-2018-00875 March 16, 2018 March 16, 2018 May 30, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Completed
All records released by DOI responsive to FOIA request OS-2017-01097.

OS-2018-00876 March 16, 2018 March 16, 2018 June 05, 2018 Pearson Jake OS Completed
Seeking the following records be provided to me: All records sought on 3/31/17 in FOIA OS‐2017‐00390 seeking the following information:
a) all correspondence between the Department of Interior and Gentry Beach of
Dallas, TX
b) all correspondence between the Department of Interior and Tommy Hicks, Jr., of Dallas, TX.
(contd below)

OS-2018-00878 March 16, 2018 March 16, 2018 June 12, 2018 Schubiner Brian OS Completed
All records from the OGOR-B reflecting the disposition of production and the volume of the product disposed for all onshore federal oil and gas production, including the federal share, and only the federal share, in the case of mixed agreements. Please provide the data for all disposition codes, aggregated by state, year, and disposition code, for 2006 through 2017.

OS-2018-00894 March 17, 2018 March 17, 2018 Kaplan Elijah OS Open
All docs of any type whatsoever regarding any department spending at any of the following properties:
1. Trump Winery
/ Trump Vineyard Estates
3550 Blenheim Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22902

2. Trump International Hotel & Tower® Chicago

401 N Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60611

3. Mar-a-Lago Club
1100 S Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach, FL 33480

4. Trump Grande
Sunny Isles

18101 Collins Ave, North Miami Beach, FL 33160

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OS-2018-00895 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 May 29, 2018 B Kat OS Completed
All records of employees hired under Direct Hire Authority from January 20, 2017.

OS-2018-00887 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 June 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Completed
Access to and copies of a Department of Interior organizational document showing the current position and title held by Downey Magallanes as of March 16, 2018. To be clear, not requesting any personal or exempted information, just a single document showing Magallanes' current position and title.

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OS-2018-00882 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Horwitz Jeffrey OS Open
Emails to and from the Office of the Secretary which includes the terms Ballard, Sky Boat, MGM, Mosaic, FEB Corp or F.E. B.

OS-2018-00883 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and a copy of the comprehensive briefing paper that Kathleen Sgamma told Vincent DeVito that the Western Energy Alliance would 'work up on the federal nexus and delegation of primacy ideas that Mr. DeVito and Ms. Sgamma had discussed in their September 12, 2017 meeting, as noted in the attached pages.

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OS-2018-00916 March 19, 2018 March 19, 2018 Wolff Daniel OS Open
Departmental policy statements, interpretations, or other guidance regarding the
Combined Hydrocarbon Leasing Act of
1981 or administration of that law by the department or the department¿s BLM, or more generally regarding the development of federal tar sands
(or oil sands) in Utah. Intra-department correspondence regarding CHLA or

department¿s or BLM¿s administration of it, or more generally regarding the
development of federal tar sands (or oil
sands) in Utah.

OS-2018-00917 March 19, 2018 March 19, 2018 Wolff Daniel OS Open

Studies or reports - including feasibility or valuation studies or reports - regarding federal tar sands (or oil sands) in Utah.

OS-2018-00884 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including letters, texts, emails, faxes, sent by the following DOI officials about any and all records of decision published or proposed by DOI since March 1, 2017. In particular, keyword searches should include 2017-086, 2017-86, reporting of proposed records of decisions and other decisions with nationwide, regional, or statewide impact, record of decision instruction manual,

Cont below.

OS-2018-00918 March 19, 2018 March 19, 2018 Wolff Daniel OS Open
Correspondence (including emails), memos, directives, and meeting minutes or agendas, or any notes of meetings, regarding Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance v. U.S. Dep¿t of the Interior, No. 12-cv-257 (D. Utah) (Judge Kimball), and the identification of all department personnel with responsibility (at any level) for the settlement agreement signed by Jenna Whitlock, BLM Acting Deputy Director, on January 13, 2017, which was subsequently approved by the court by order of May 17, 2017.

OS-2018-00886 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from anyone with an
email address ending in @omb.eop.gov or whose email signature includes Office of Management and Budget or OMB, and any DOI officials listed at any point since Jan 19, 2017: Sec Ryan Zinke, Dep Sec David Bernhardt, James Cason, Todd Willens, Scott Cameron, Steve Howke, Rick Puckett, Amy Holley, Denise Flanagan, Adrianne Moss, Jason Freihage, Thomas Wayson.

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OS-2018-00888 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access and copies of all correspondence including letters, texts, emails, faxes, to or from DOI officials and any of the individuals and entities listed in Appendix A, since Jan 19, 2017. DOI officials: Sec Ryan Zinke, Dep Sec David Berhardt, James Cason, Vincent DeVito, Joseph Balash, Katharine MacGregor, Downey Magallanes, Scott Hommel, Micah Chambers, John Tanner, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Blake Deeley, James Voyles, Audrey Haskins, Christopher Salotti,

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OS-2018-00889 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence including letters, texts, emails, faxes, to or from Steve Hargrave, Caroline Boulton, and Russell Roddy that detail all visitors Secretary Ryan Zinke received at Interior Dept since March 1, 2017. This should include copies of all 'unfetted access' lists sent to the Interior Complex Security Operations Branch since March 1, 2017.

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OS-2018-00890 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
All access and copies of all correspondence, including letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from the following Department of Interior officials that include any of the words or phrases in Appendix A, since November 1, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Todd Willens, Steven Howke, Downey Magallanes, Andrea Travnicek, Tim Petty, Austin Ewell, Ryan Nichols, Vincent DeVito, Joe Balash, Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, Caroline Boulton,

Cont below.

OS-2018-00892 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
Copy of the ten most recent annual reports of the advocate for competition for the Department.

OS-2018-00896 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 B Kat OS Open
All communications, of any type whatsoever, to and from the following individuals: Yevgeniy Viktorovich Prigozhin, Mikhail Ivanovich Bystrov, Mikhail Leonidovich Burchik, Aleksandra Yuruevna Krylova, Anna Vladislavovna Bogacheva, Sergey Pavlovich Polozov, Maria Anatolyevna Bovda, Robert Sergeyevich Bovda, Dzheykun Nasimi Ogly

OS-2018-00898 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 Shor Matthew OS Open
All communications to and from Donald Trump Jr. All communications including Donald Trump Jr., Don Jr, or any other name representing Donald Trump Jr.

OS-2018-00899 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 Kaplan Elijah OS Open
All documents and communications, of any form whatsoever, regarding any communications between department employees and Andrey Kostin, Dmitry Aleksandrovich Zabello, or other employee or representatives of VTB Bank. Furthermore, any documents relating to VTB or mentioning Andrey Kostin, Dmitry Aleksandrovich Zabello, or other employee or representatives of VTB Bank.

OS-2018-00900 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
request a copy of the document entitled 'Creating a Culture of Compliance,' which describes ethical guidelines and was shared with the Department of the Interior. Please click on this link for more detail on this document (https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/09/politics/cabinet-secretaries-ethical-behavior/index.html).

OS-2018-00904 March 19, 2018 March 19, 2018 Price Asher OS Open
Request the current job title, salary and hire date (at their current position) of Susan Combs and Joy NIcholopoulos.

OS-2018-00901 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
1) All emails between the following OS staff and Taylor Energy employees and/or the company's representatives from 3/1/2017 to 3/1/2018 (all emails should any attachments and those that the OS staff are CC'd): Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secreraty David Bernhardt, James Cason, Katherine MacGregor, Gareth Rees; 2) All documents relating to Taylor Energy produced by or submitted to the OS from 3/1/2017 to 3/1/2018, including but not limited to memos, PowerPoint slides,

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OS-2018-00902 March 18, 2018 March 19, 2018 Stein Shira OS Open
Copy of any documents between Secretary Ryan Zinke and members of Congress, including, but not limited to, letters, emails, and physical correspondence.

OS-2018-00903 March 18, 2018 March 19, 2018 McCullough Charles OS Open
All correspondence to, from, and mentioning Lolita 'Lola' Zinke from January 1, 2018 to March 18, 2018.

OS-2018-00897 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 July 09, 2018 B Kat OS Completed
All communications to and from Richard Pinedo.

OS-2018-00879 January 15, 2016 March 19, 2018 Atwood Amy OS Open
Decision file for the final listing determination for the greater Sage-Grouse under the Endangered Species Act (GrSG Listing Determination) and 2) All internal and external correspondence related to the GrSG Listing Determination whether or not considered to be responsive to Item No. 1.

OS-2018-00880 September 24, 2015 March 19, 2018 Anderson Greta OS Open
Any and all docs before the agency regarding or relating in any way relevant to USFWS Sept 21, 2015, decision that Greater Sage Grouse is not warranted for protection under the Endangered Species Act (aka Project Record), Adminstrative Record, for the period between the last Not Warranted finding March 5, 2010 and Sept 21, 2015's determination.

OS-2018-00881 December 31, 2015 March 19, 2018 Bogert L. Michael OS Open
1)Any and all records including reports, memos, emails, notes, letters, documentation, correspondence and other communication pertaining to the not warranted listing determination by USFWS for the Greater Sage Grouse under the Endangered Species Act or records concerning the agency's planning or other decisions made for consideration by the Service in the not warranted listing decision for the period Jan 1, 2014 to present.

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OS-2018-00914 March 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
All travel vouchers, reimbursements, and records related to paying for the Secretary's travel since he took office. This includes airline travel and other forms of transportation. The records I request are similar in content and purpose to GSA's SF-1012 "Travel Voucher," used to record dates, destinations and costs of official business travel. I am also requesting trip summaries, travel routing summaries, travel reports, records of travel authorizations, travel arrangements,

Cont below

OS-2018-00908 March 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 Ruize Michelle OS Open
Requests payout from our funds put in trust for our tribe (50% of the interest earned on the account). I request to know the total amount in the trust and the total amt. of interest in the trust fund or the interest earned on the trust fund even if it is in another account. In RE: Trust Fund Act. #JA9303692 known as the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund.

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
Subject						
OS-2018-00905	March 19, 2018	March 20, 2018		Price Asher	OS	Open
Copies of any correspondence (including emails and texts) since March 12, 2018 between DOI employees Heather Swift and/or Susan Combs and/or Ryan Zinke related to a request emailed by Asher Price for information about Susan Combs' title and salary. (The request for Susan Combs' title and salary was emailed by Asher Price to the DOI media relations address on March 12, 2018.)						
OS-2018-00906	March 19, 2018	March 20, 2018		Ravnitzky Michael	OS	Open
Copy of the meeting minutes for the Trust Management Improvement Steering Committee. Limit this request to meeting minutes during the time period January 1, 2010 to the present.						
OS-2018-00909	March 20, 2018	March 20, 2018		Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open
All reports produced by Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. for the Department of the Interior since January 1, 2012.						
OS-2018-00910	March 20, 2018	March 20, 2018		Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open
All available calendars, daily itineraries, and schedules of activities for Timothy Williams, Deputy Director in the Office of External Affairs. From May 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.						
OS-2018-00911	March 20, 2018	March 20, 2018		Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open
Access to and copies of any and all communications from Vincent DeVito to Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and-or Secretary Ryan Zinke since September 2017 to the date thi srequest is processed.						
OS-2018-00912	March 20, 2018	March 20, 2018		Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open
Access to and copies of any and all communications, including email attachments, from Press Secretary Heather Swift to Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and-or Secretary Ryan Zinke since September 2017 to the date this request is processed.						
OS-2018-00915	March 21, 2018	March 21, 2018		Elliott Dan	OS	Open
Copies of all emails and memoranda sent by Secretary Ryan Zinke to Susan Combs (nominated by President Trump to be assistant secretary for policy, management and budget), and sent by Susan Combs to Ryan Zinke, between Feb. 1, 2017, and March 17, 2018, which mention the secretary¿s proposed reorganization of the department into 13 consolidated regions.						

OS-2018-00919 March 21, 2018 March 22, 2018 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Any and all records related to or concerning the BLM deferral and partial deferral of 28 parcels from the Montana BLM Competitive Oil and Gas Lease sale scheduled for March 13, 2018.

OS-2018-00927 March 23, 2018 March 23, 2018 Hughes Shannon OS Open
Any and all records related in any way to the Environmental Assessment for Signal
Peak Energy, LLC¿s (¿Signal Peak¿)
proposed Bull Mountains Mine No. 1,
Amendment 3 mining plan modification for Federal Coal Lease MTM-97988,
released
March 13, 2018, available at:
https://www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/bullMountainsMine.shtm.

OS-2018-00929 March 15, 2018 March 23, 2018 Fisher Kevin OS Open
Information on the evaluation and selection process for the U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of the Special
Trustee Trust Funds Accounting System (TFAS) 140D7018C0001 (contract number). TFAS procurement - D17PS00789

OS-2018-00920 March 23, 2018 March 23, 2018 Warren Kim OS Open
The Organizational Charts for the Head of Information Technology of Office of the Special Trustee- something that includes the names and titles/departments of the people who report to the Head of Information Technology of Office of the Special Trustee.

This includes Organizational Charts containing the direct reports of the people reporting to
the Head of Information Technology. Also, the contact information of people listed in the organizational charts
including: (Continued below...)

OS-2018-00923 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
I request copies of all emails (including attachments) sent or received by the following Department of Interior staff from December 4, 2017 to December 6, 2017.

Department of Interior staff:

¿ Any individual who has held the
position of White House Liaison from December 4, 2017 to December 6, 2017, including ¿ but not limited to ¿ Lori Mashburn

continue below

OS-2018-00924 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 June 18, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Completed
Request the following records: All DI-2000 forms filed by Gisella Ojeda-Dodds.

OS-2018-00925 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Request the following records:

All emails with attachments that contain the words "West Virginia Coal Association" "WVCA" "Ramaco" or "crayfish." Please search your records from May 1, 2017 to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00926 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Request access to and copies of all correspondence sent to or received by any of the following individuals that includes any keyword listed in Appendix A between March 6, 2018 and March 13, 2018:

· Secretary Ryan Zinke

· Chief of Staff Scott Hommel
· Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Downey Magallanes
· Acting Director
of the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs Micah Chambers
· Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
Scott Cameron

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OS-2018-00938 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Bastasch Michael OS Open
All communications sent to and from the email address of Joel Clement, former head of the Office of Policy Analysis, sent between November 8, 2016 to October 4, 2017. These communications should contain the keywords or phrases 'Trump,' 'Zinke' and 'whistle-blower.'

OS-2018-00941 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Greshko Michael OS Open
1. January 20, 2017, to Present: Documents related to the creation and implementation of M-37050, the December 22, 2017, memorandum stating that the Migratory Bird Treaty Act does not cover incidental take. Responsive records should include emails, attachments, notations of conversation, as well as correspondence to or from (but not necessarily limited to): (contd below)

OS-2018-00930 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Moseman Kevin OS Open
All undisclosed information on all leases (any Confidential and all) pertaining to Kevin Richard Moseman

OS-2018-00931 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Funk LeAnne OS Open
Current list of all Office of the Special Trustee employees, in electronic format, sent via email address to lfunk@fedemplben.org , and include the following fields in a Comma separated format (CSV) or Excel format: Employee Full Name Agency Name and Location Employee Work Email Address Job Title Salary

OS-2018-00936 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Bass Daniel OS Open
The contract and any addendums, modifications, statements of work, task orders, and subcontract documents for IND13PC00061, which was awarded to CNI Technical Services. Additionally, please provide information as to the location (s) where the awardee is performing work for this contract.

OS-2018-00932 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Request the following records: Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, sent or

received by Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Senior Advisor Kathleen Benedetto, Deputy Assistant Secretary Katherine MacGregor and/or their executive assistants that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: " Hecla Mining", "Phillips Baker" and/or "Luke Russell".

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OS-2018-00933 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Request emails to include attachments sent or received by Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, which reference DOI¿s October 24, 2017 report entitled ¿Final Report: Review of the Department of the Interior Actions that Potentially Burden Domestic Energy.¿ The time frame of my request is May 1, 2017 to October 31, 2017.

OS-2018-00934 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Stevens Daniel OS Open
Requests DOI produce the following: All records regarding a March 2018 meeting between Tim Williams, Deputy Director of the Office of External Affairs, and representatives of the Montana Farm Bureau
Federation (MFBF). This request
includes all communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or other

continue below

OS-2018-00928 March 25, 2018 March 26, 2018 April 13, 2018 Brownell Kenneth OS Completed
Request footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017, between on or about 9 am and noon.

OS-2018-00937 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 April 13, 2018 Sundown Tom OS Completed
Footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017 between on or about 9 am and noon.

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
Subject						
OS-2018-00935	March 23, 2018	March 26, 2018		Vardi Itai	OS	Open
Request any authorization under 5 C.F.R § 2635.502(d) provided to Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, from April 1. 2017 to March 1. 2018.						
OS-2018-00939	March 26, 2018	March 26, 2018	July 09, 2018	Bastasch Michael	OS	Completed

All communications sent to and from the email address of Joel Clement and Katherine Atkinson (katherine@wilkenfeldlaw.com) sent between November 8, 2016 to October 4, 2017.

OS-2018-00945 March 27, 2018 March 27, 2018 Evers Austin OS Open
American Oversight requests that DOI produce the following within twenty business days and seeks expedited review of this request for the reasons identified below:
1. All records reflecting communications (including but not limited to
emails, email attachments, text messages, chat or Slack messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, (contd below)

OS-2018-00943 March 27, 2018 March 27, 2018 Evers Austin OS Open
American Oversight requests that DOI produce the following within twenty business days and seeks expedited review of this request for the reasons identified below:
All records reflecting communications (including but not limited to
emails, email attachments, text messages, chat or Slack messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, (contd below)

OS-2018-00944 March 27, 2018 March 27, 2018 Steven Goldstein OS Open
Defenders asks that the Agencies provide:
Records of all communications between the U.S. and Canada relating the U.S.'s interpretation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 703-12.
Communications between the U.S. and Canada
regarding the Convention Between the United States and Great Britain for the Protection of Migratory Birds, proclamation, Aug. 2 16, 1916, 39 Stat. 1702, and its subsequent modification, (contd below)

OS-2018-00940 March 26, 2018 March 27, 2018 Greshko Michael OS Open
January 20, 2017, to Present All documents, correspondences, transcripts of conversations, or memoranda to or from Sec. Ryan Zinke or his assistants that contain any of the following words:
Diversity
Diverse
Minority
Minorities
Race

Racial

OS-2018-00942 March 27, 2018 March 27, 2018 Price Asher OS Open
Copy of the mission statements of the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance in 2016 and 2017. (My understanding is that the office adopted a new mission statement in October 2017. I would like a copy of that mission statement and the previous mission statement.)

OS-2018-00957 December 31, 2015 March 28, 2018 Bogert L. Michael OS Open
1)Any and all records, including but not limited to, reports, memoranda, emails, notes,
letters, documentation,
correspondence and other communication pertaining to the not

warranted listing determination by the United States Fish
& Wildlife Service for the Greater Sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act, see 80 Federal Register 59,858 (Oct. 2, 2015), or

cont below

OS-2018-00947 March 28, 2018 March 28, 2018 King Pamela OS Open
All emails, memos and other correspondence (to exclude email attachments, as long as those attachments are noted in the released documents) concerning or related to the Royalty Policy Committee's recommendation to cut royalty rates on deepwater leases from 18.75 percent to 12.5 percent. I am requesting documents dated from Oct. 4, 2017 to March 28, 2018.

OS-2018-00948 March 28, 2018 March 28, 2018 April 13, 2018 Smith Anna OS Completed
Footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017 between, on or about 9 am and noon.

OS-2018-00950 March 28, 2018 March 28, 2018 April 13, 2018 Rogers Rosemary OS Completed
Footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017 between 9:00 am and noon.

OS-2018-00955 January 15, 2016 March 28, 2018 Atwood Amy OS Open
1. The Decision File for the final listing determination for the greater sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act (GrSG Listing Determination).
2. All internal and external correspondence related to the GrSG Listing Determination,
whether or not considered to be responsive to Item no. 1.

OS-2018-00956 September 24, 2015 March 28, 2018 Anderson Greta OS Open
Any and all documents before the agency regarding, relating or in any way relevant to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's September 21, 2015 decision that Greater sage-grouse is Not Warranted for protection under the Endangered Species Act, a.k.a. the Project Record, or Administrative Record, for the period between the last Not Warranted finding, March 5, 2010, and September 21, 2015's determination.

OS-2018-00952 March 29, 2018 March 29, 2018 May 02, 2018 Haggerty Mark OS Completed
Request for federal mineral royalty statistics including: 1. Total sales volume (production) by commodity, rolled up to the state level for federal onshore and federal offshore for FY 2016 and FY 2017; 2. Total sales value by commodity rolled up to the state level for federal onshore and offshore for FY 2016 and FY 2017; 3. Total revenue by revenue type, mineral lease type, and commodity rolled up to the state level for federal onshore and offshore for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

OS-2018-00953 March 29, 2018 March 29, 2018 Creighton Sara OS Open
American Oversight requests that your agency produce the following within twenty business days:
All communications by
political appointees containing any of the following terms:1) Holdover(s); 2) Turncoat(s); 3) Leak*;4) Troublemaker(s); 5) 'Deep state';6) Embed*;7) Burrow*;8) 'Clean* house';9) Cleans*; (contd below)

OS-2018-00954 March 29, 2018 March 30, 2018 Stevens Daniel OS Open
1)Access to and copies of all correspondence since November 8, 2016, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, attachments, and faxes, between any of the following list of Interior officials: Former Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes; Communications Director Laura Rigas; Press Secretary Heather Swift; Former Director of Scheduling and Advance Rusty Roddy; Former Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior Wadi Yakhour;

Cont below

OS-2018-00964 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence about the 'Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Delay and Suspension of Certain Requirements' rule published by BLM December 8, 2017, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between the following Department of Interior officials and any representative of a Native American tribe or tribal government since January 19, 2017. (contd below)

OS-2018-00965 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, instant messages, and faxes, to or from the following Department of Interior officials, at any point since January 19, 2017, that mention branding, public relations, marketing, creative or professional image consultants or vendors contracted or subcontracted by the office of the Secretary of Department of Interior. (contd below)

OS-2018-00966 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all contracts or subcontracts commissioned by the Interior Department that relate to the branding of Secretary Zinke's professional and/or personal image. This should include, but not be limited to, copies of all contracts with all brand consultants, branding consultants, creative consultants, marketing consultants, brands strategists, public relations consultants, public relations agencies, brand agencies, branding agencies, marketing agencies, or creative agencies.

OS-2018-00967 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, since January 19, 2017, between all official '@ios.doi.gov' Department of Interior email addresses and any email address ending in '@ryanzinke.com' since March 1, 2017.
'All correspondence'
should include, but not be limited to, copies of digital and hardcopy information sent by, sent to, carbon copying ('CC'), or blind carbon copying ('BCC') any of these accounts during this time period.

OS-2018-00968 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence since January 19, 2017, between all official '@ios.doi.gov' Department of Interior email addresses and all email addresses used by Secretary Ryan Zinke, excluding his official '@ios.doi.gov' Department of the Interior email. This should include, but not be limited to, all communications with the following email addresses: (contd below)

OS-2018-00969 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 July 10, 2018 George Marty OS Completed

A copy of correspondence from Congressman Michael Grimm. Please search for documents from January 3, 2013 ¿January 5, 2015. I believe the correspondence are most likely to be held by your Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Legislative Affairs, or the office of the Executive Secretariat and likely tracked within a correspondence management system. (contd below)

OS-2018-00959 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Darby Marta OS Open
Specifically, we seek the following records created on and between January 20, 2017, and the date of Interior¿s search for records:
1. All records reflecting any communication, written or verbal, to any Chief FOIA Officer, Department FOIA Policy Staff, FOIA and Privacy Act Appeals Officer, Bureau FOIA Officer, FOIA Officer, Action Office, Office of the Secretary FOIA Officer, Electronic FOIA tracking system user, FOIA Public Liaison, Records Management Officer, or employee (contd below)

OS-2018-00970 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Farris Jeremy OS Open
Communications and documents issued or received by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board or its members or staff since January 1, 2012 regarding: a. Jawad Tawfiq Khalaf; b. Sheda Khalaf; Nader Khalaf; d. N ashat Khalaf; e. Joseph Khalaf; f. Joe Khalaf; g. Zaher Mostafa; h. Arafat H. Nimer; i. Mohammad Manasra J. Nael Ali; k. Christina Bowen (contd below)

OS-2018-01016 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Valvo James OS Open
I . All records regarding Department of the Interior policies on the retention, management, and/or administration of electronic (i.e., instant) messages, including but not limited to protocols such as SMS, MMS, Skype, Windows Messenger Service, XMPP, iMessage, Signal, BBM, etc. (contd below)

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
Subject						

OS-2018-00960 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from Deputy Director of the Office of External Affairs Tim Williams and the following people and entities between February 1, 2018 and March 28, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-00961 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all text messages between Secretary Ryan Zinke and Rep. Mark Amodei since March 1, 2017. This should include, but not be limited to all SMS, MMS, and any other texts via a cellular network between the work or personal phone of Secretary Zinke and Rep. Amodei during this time period. (contd below)

OS-2018-00974 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
Since March 31, 2017, all correspondence referring to, relating to, or from/to the Department of the Interior and

Gentry Beach, a resident of Dallas, TX. This includes written and electronic correspondence. Please redact personal email addresses and phone numbers if necessary, but for emails, leave the name of the sender visible.

OS-2018-00976 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Allen Greg OS Open
Communications, solicitations, and documentation relating to the commissioning of an official portrait painting of Secretary ZInke or other DOI officials since 1/20/2017. image(s) of official portrait painting(s) for same.

OS-2018-00977 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of all communications, including emails and text messages, to/from 1) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Kate MacGregor and 2) Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy Vincent DeVitor and the following people: Chris Guith, Lori LeBlanc, Frank Maisano, Randall Luthi or Nicolette Nye. You may limit your search to communications sent or received between March 1, 2018, and March 31, 2018.

OS-2018-00978 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Keatinge Jennifer OS Open
Records generated, obtained or received by the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior Department) related to planning, exploration, leasing and development of oil and gas resources on the Coastal Plain (Section 1002 Area) of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge since November 15, 2017. The requested records include, but are not limited to: (contd below)

OS-2018-00975 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
1) Since September 23, 2017, all calendar entries or travel schedules at the DOI that reflect meetings with or refer to Gentry Beach, a resident of Dallas, TX . This includes written and electronic calendars or travel schedules and should not be limited to the Secretary's calendar. Please redact personal email addresses and phone numbers if necessary, but for emails, leave the name of the sender visible.

OS-2018-00972 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 April 13, 2018 Garcia Heather OS Completed
Footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017 between on or about 9 am and noon.

OS-2018-00971 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Miller Kristen OS Open
Documents related to the development of an oil and gas program on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge pursuant to Title II of Public Law 115-97, including policies, plans, technical or scientific documents, regulations or regulatory documents, National Environmental Policy Act documents, assessments, and any documents related to the subject matter of the law. (contd below)

OS-2018-00973 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Marsco Delaney OS Open
CLC requests the following records: 1. Any record of a communication relating to guidance provided under 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502 to Lori K. Mashburn; 2. Any record of any authorization issued to Lori K. Mashburn under 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502 (d); or; 3. Any communication between Lori K. Mashburn and any other Interior employee that includes the word 'Heritage.' (contd below)

OS-2018-00982 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
· Emails sent or received by Secretary Ryan Zinke which reference the withdrawal of 26 parcels from a March 2018 South

Central Montana BLM oil and gas lease sale. The withdrawal of these parcels was announced by Secretary Zinke on Twitter on March 1, 2018 and was further announced by BLM in a press release dated March 5, 2018. The timeframe of my request is January 1, 2018 to March 30, 2018.

OS-2018-00983 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Request from the Department of the Interior the following records:
. All emails sent between Russell Roddy, Director
of Scheduling and Advance, and Glenn LeMunyon of the LeMunyon Group (glenn@lemunyongroup.com), from April 1, 2017 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-00984 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior') from December 19, 2017 to the date Interior conducts this search:
1. All communications that direct, authorize, and/or instruct the proposal of removing the
'Blanket Section 4(D) Rule' pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531-1544 ('ESA'). Attachment A (Revision of the Regulations for Prohibitions to Threatened Wildlife and Plants); and (contd below)

OS-2018-00980 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
Request for records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 and its implementing regulations seeking the following records generated, received, obtained, or considered by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) since November 15, 2017: (contd below)

OS-2018-00981 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Nickas George OS Open
Requests the following information concerning livestock grazing and wilderness administration on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered lands. We request all of the following: 1. A letter sent from Congressman Raul Labrador and Senator Mike Crapo to Interior Secretary Zinke, which we believed to be dated March 7, 2018 and was referenced by Rep. Labrador at the March 15, 2018 hearing before the House Committee on Natural Resources. (contd below)

OS-2018-00986 April 06, 2018 April 06, 2018 GREWAL GURBIR OS Open
1. All records reflecting any consultations, meetings, or other communications between Secretary Zinke and Governor Scott, or any agents, consultants, or employees of their respective offices, relating to the Secretary¿s decision to remove Florida from the OCS Leasing Program.
2. All records regarding any consultations, meetings, or other
communications pertaining to the scheduling of the January 9, 2018 meeting between Secretary Zinke and Governor Scott. (contd below)

OS-2018-00987 April 06, 2018 April 06, 2018 O'Regan Sylvia OS Open
I am seeking copies of digital correspondence to and from Secretary Zinke, his Chief of Staff and other senior Department staff under the Freedom of Information Act.
Specifically, I am seeking digital correspondence to and from
Secretary Zinke, his Chief of Staff and other senior Department staff between November 1, 2017 and the commencement of this request containing the one or more of the words 'Goguen,' 'Amyntor,' "Proof Research,' 'Andrew Anglin,' 'Richard Spencer,' and 'Tanya Gersh.'

OS-2018-00985 April 06, 2018 April 06, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
Former Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Richard Cardinale's detailed hour-by-hour calendar for November 9th, 2017.

OS-2018-01017 April 06, 2018 April 06, 2018 Silver Robin OS Open
1.Complete copies of all correspondence and all accompanying documents to and/or from the BLM and/or any or all BLM representatives and The Nature Conservancy and Walden Family Foundation representatives Peter Culp and/or Scott Deeny and/or any other Walden Family Foundation and/or The Nature Conservancy representatives from June 13, 2017 to date (April 6, 2018) regarding a water settlement based upon the Cochise County 'solution' and/or the Cochise County Recharge Network;

OS-2018-01010 April 09, 2018 April 09, 2018 Repanshek Kurt OS Open
Copies of all 2017 correspondence, including emails, written letters, phone records, and pertinent internal documents from the Interior Department and National Park Service regarding sources of funding, including and specifically any funds redirected from elsewhere in the National Park System, to secure $227 million to pay for needed repairs to the Arlington Memorial Bridge along the George Washington Memorial Parkway. (contd below)

OS-2018-01011 April 09, 2018 April 09, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding communications contracts in effect at any point between January 20, 2017 and the day the records search is made for this request: (contd below)

OS-2018-00999 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 May 15, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Completed
Access to and copies of all video shot, recorded or created by or for the Department of the Interior in the making of the Happy Holidays from the Zinke family! video published on the Interior Department's website on December 20, 2017. This should include all edited videos and unedited raw video that went into the making of the holiday video published on Department of the Interior's website

OS-2018-00991 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 May 29, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
List of special government employees (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01012 April 09, 2018 April 09, 2018 May 25, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Completed
Copies of all nominations or invitations for membership to the Federal Advisory Committee known as the International Wildlife Conservation Council. 2) Any conflict of interest disclosures submitted by members of this council.

OS-2018-00993 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s schedule from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

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OS-2018-00994	April 06, 2018	April 09, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open
All records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt¿s schedule from March 1 to April 1, 2018.					
OS-2018-00995	April 06, 2018	April 09, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior¿s headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from March 1 to April 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior¿s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.					
OS-2018-01002	April 06, 2018	April 09, 2018	Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence from or to the following Department of Interior officials, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, memos, and faxes, that include the following keywords, sent between March 29, 2017 and December 8, 2017: DOI Officials - Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Katharine MacGregor and Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Joe Balash Cont below					
OS-2018-01001	April 06, 2018	April 09, 2018	Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence between the following Department of Interior officials and any individuals with email addresses hosted by the following domains, sent or received between May 3, 2017 and May 17, 2017. Department of Interior officials: Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, James Cason, Scott Hommel, Vincent DeVito, Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, Timothy Williams, Katherine (Kate) MacGregor and Megan Bloomgren Cont below					
OS-2018-01000	April 06, 2018	April 09, 2018	Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence sent or received on May 10th and 11th, 2017 by any of the following Department of the Interior officials, that includes any of the following keywords: Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, James Cason, Scott Hommel, Vincent DeVito, Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, Katherine (Kate) MacGregor, Laura Riggs, Heather Swift, Megan Bloomgren, Lori Mashburn and keywords: Methane, CRA, Congressional Review Act, McCain, Graham, Collins					
OS-2018-00997	April 06, 2018	April 09, 2018	Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence since December 31, 2017, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between any of the following Department of the Interior officials and any outside entities and individuals: Secretary Ryan Zinke, Scott Hommel, Downey Magallanes, Lori Mashburn, Caroline Boulton, Micah Chambers, Doug Domenech, Laura Rigas, Heather Swift and David Bernhardt					

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OS-2018-01005 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Smith Kellan OS Open
Any and all documents, from January 1, 2017 to present, regarding the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation Recovery and Storage Project, that contain the communications of the following individuals and entities:
(A) Department of the
Interior Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; (B) Senior Advisor to the President Jared Kushner; (C) investment firm Apollo Global Management; (D) Apollo founder Joshua Harris;
(E) Cadiz, Inc.; and (F) CEO of Cadiz, Inc. Scott Slater;

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OS-2018-00996 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 May 25, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
Records of all responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01013 April 09, 2018 April 09, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
Copies of all nominations or invitations for membership to the Federal Advisory Committee known as the Royalty Policy Committee. 2) Any conflict of interest disclosures submitted by members of this council.

OS-2018-00992 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 June 04, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All communications records concerning communications that mention Trump, Ivanka, Kushner and/or Observer in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01003 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Smith Colin OS Open
All Correspondence with Secretary Zinke on The Nomination and Appointment Process Of The Recreational Advisory Committee from November 2017 Through March 2018. I am requesting copies of all correspondence involving Secretary Zinke related to the nomination and appointment process of the Residential Advisory Committee from November 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. Correspondence should include emails, memos, and/or mail to or from Secretary Zinke.

OS-2018-01004 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests from the U.S. Department of Interior (¿Interior¿) from December 19, 2017 to the date Interior
conducts this search: All communications between Interior and the Pacific Legal Foundation (¿PLF¿), including but not
limited to all communications with the email extension ¿@pacificlegal.org.¿

For this request, the term ¿all
records¿ refers to, but is not limited to, any and all documents,

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OS-2018-01006 April 08, 2018 April 09, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
I request a copy of each email in the email system of Interior Dept employee Daniel Fisher (hired 2/21/17) (for example: TO, FROM, CC) during these dates: June 22, 2017 to June 30, 2017 and these dates: March 20, 2018 to April 8, 2018: AND that contains ANY of these words:

Ethics
Complaint
Complaints
Citizen
Waiver
Justice
Problem

Situation
Issue
White
Administration

OS-2018-01007 April 08, 2018 April 09, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
I request a copy of each email in the email system of Interior Dept employee David Bernhardt, Deputy Secretary of the Interior, (for example: TO, FROM, CC) during these dates: June 22, 2017 to June 30, 2017 and these dates: March 20, 2018 to April 8, 2018: AND that contains ANY of these words:

Ethics
Complaint
Complaints
Citizen
Waiver

Justice
Problem
Situation
Issue
White
Administration

OS-2018-01009 April 08, 2018 April 09, 2018 Torres Anthony OS Open
Sierra Club requests the following records in the possession, custody, or control of The Department of Interior (DOI) for the period January 20, 2017 up through and including the date of your search for records:All emails, texts, and other written communications received or sent by Secretary of Interior Ryan

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OS-2018-01019 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Any directories, spreadsheets, e-mail lists, phone number lists, indexes, contact lists, or any other materials used to track or contact employees in the White House that are in the possession of the Department of the Interior. If applicable, I ask that these records include all information about issues or other tasks handled by each White House employee. (contd below)

OS-2018-01020 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Copies of all policies, opinions, memoranda, directives or other written guidance issued by the White House Counsel, the Executive Office of the President, or any other White House agency or office pertaining to the following: The processing of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests generally; The exemption of records from FOIA under the Presidential Records Act; (contd below)

OS-2018-01014 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Hefling Kimberly OS Open
Correspondence between the Education Department and Interior Department pertaining to oversight of the Bureau of Indian Education during the Trump administration. The correspondence should include letters from or to officials at the Interior Department, such as (contd below)

OS-2018-01015 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests the following records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior'): All final memoranda, guidance documents, guidelines, and/or other final records issued from January 1, 2017 to the date this search is conducted, setting forth Interior¿s policy or position signed by an individual acting as, or exercising the authority of: (contd below)

OS-2018-01018 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
I request copies of all public records requests submitted by POLITICO or any representative of POLITICO which resulted in the release of documents as detailed in a POLITICO article published on March 27, 2018. (Please see the referenced POLITICO article for more information: https://www.politico.com/states/florida/story/2018/03/26/records-zinkes-office-refute-scott-framing-of-impromptu-oil-drilling-reversal-330060.) (contd below)

OS-2018-01029 February 05, 2016 April 10, 2018 June 14, 2018 Davis Jr Ralph OS Completed
Investigation that was closed and request a copy of the investigation for case file number is N0800367T

OS-2018-01030 March 14, 2016 April 10, 2018 June 14, 2018 Shin Kent OS Completed
Copies of the documentation that deals with the criminal investigation of the late Congressman John Murtha conducted by DCIS from 2007 until 2014. Specifically would like to request documents associated with me, Kent U.M Shin and.the Murtha investigation. Also I would also like to request documentation about the investigation into the death of Charles Riechers a former-Air Force senior civilian and also associated with me, Kent U:M. Shin, and the Murtha investigation

OS-2018-01024 April 11, 2018 April 11, 2018 Dalrymple Jim OS Open
I request disclosure of emails sent and received by Heather Swift and Russell Newell that mention or refer to the following: Juliet Eilperin; Dino Grandoni; Eric Lipton; Jim Dalrymple II; Keith Schneider; Nidhi Subbaraman; Zahra Hirji; Rene Marsh; Chris D'Angelo; Clare Foran; Jason Leopold; Miranda Green; The Washington Post; The New York Times; The Huffington Post; CNN; BuzzFeed News; BuzzFeed.

OS-2018-01021 April 11, 2018 April 11, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Request for copies of records under the Freedom of Information Act. I am requesting copies of James Cason's daily schedule and calendar from January to the date that Department begins its search for responsive records.

OS-2018-01022 April 11, 2018 April 11, 2018 Mierjeski Alex OS Open
* all calendars dated between March 19, 2017, and the present (up to and including the day this request is processed)
for Scott C. Hommel, who joined the department in May 2017 as Chief of Staff to the Secretary.

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OS-2018-01023 April 11, 2018 April 11, 2018 Bomber Marie OS Open
As a student research worker of Computer Science at Oregon State University, I am interested in studying the research from DARPA and IARPA research programs related to artificial intelligence and big data. Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act, I request the number for all contract numbers issued by this offce for the below listed projects, from project inception to present. The records will not be used for any business or commercial purpose, but solely to support academic research.

OS-2018-01025 April 12, 2018 April 12, 2018 Leopold Jason OS Open
Request disclosure from the Department of the Interior Office of Public Affairs the following records:
1. All emails
from Press Secretary Heather Swift mentioning the following words: 'fucking' and 'idiot' and 'stupid' and 'dumb.'
Please include the full email chain when locating responsive records and the email metadata.

OS-2018-01027 April 12, 2018 April 12, 2018 June 25, 2018 Galdieri Louis OS Completed
2017 work calendar for Katharine (Kate) MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior.
2017 work calendar for Gareth Rees, Executive Assistant at US Department of the Interior.

OS-2018-01026 April 12, 2018 April 12, 2018 Massie Christopher OS Open
1.) Any and all records related to the internal review of Christine Bauserman following the inquiry by CNN into her comments cited in this story (https://www.cnn.com/2018/02/28/politics/kfile-top-aide-to-ryan-zinke/index.html), between the dates 2/27/2018 through 3/1/2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-01033 April 12, 2018 April 12, 2018 April 27, 2018 Ferguson Alan OS Completed
Seeking info regarding a payment Athens County, Ohio received in November 2017. Received $87,787.85 from the Ohio Dept of Natural Resources that funds passed through DOI for National Forest Acquired Lands for ONRR receipts from March 2007 through Sept 2017.

OS-2018-01031 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Katzenmeyer Kacey OS Open
1) All correspondence with Timothy Williams, Deputy Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs which includes Daniel C. Cardenas of Shasta Advisors from June 1, 2017- February 1, 2018;
2) All correspondence with
Timothy Williams, Deputy Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs which includes the term "National Tribal Energy Association" from June 1, 2017- February 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01037 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
Mr. Clement requests copies of all records related to reassignments of members of the Senior Executive Service between January 1, 2018, through the date of your response to this request.

OS-2018-01032 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Bivins Mike OS Open
Copies of all of Secretary Zinke's incoming and outgoing emails, from all of his Dept. of the Interior email accounts, containing any of the following three words: 'Oregon,' 'wolf,' 'wolves.'

OS-2018-01041 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Irfan Umair OS Open
Request all travel records for Lolita Hand/Lola Zinke including trip books, itineraries, expense reports, flight bookings, lodging arrangements, security arrangements, and names of accompanying staff from February 1, 2017 until the date of this filing

OS-2018-01042 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes to or from Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason, Downey Magallanes, Scott Hommel, Micah Chambers, Vincent De Vito, Todd Willens, Laura Rigas, Heather Swift, Russell Newell, Alex Hinson, or Caroline Boulton, since January 19, 2017, that include any of the following keywords: (contd below)

OS-2018-01043 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all agendas, meeting minutes, briefing reports, notes taken, and other documents from Downey Magallanes and Vincent De Vito's July 17, 2017 meeting involving Energy Fuels Inc. and its lobbyists. To clarify, this is a meeting described in the Washington Post.1 Additionally, I request access to and copies of all correspondence between Magallanes & De Vito and the following meeting participants sent or received between July 10 and July 21, 2017. (contd below)

OS-2018-01035 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 King Pamela OS Open
During testimony before the House Natural Resources Committee on March 15, 2018, Secretary Zinke suggested that he possessed data to support a proposed budget decrease for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's renewables program for fiscal year 2019. In response to a line of questioning from Maryland Rep. Anthony Brown (D), Secretary Zinke said 'I'll show you the data' to support the proposed budget reduction. I would like to request a copy of those data.

OS-2018-01039 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Federman Adam OS Open
Request for any and all correspondence or communication between Indur Goklany and Doug Domenech between November 9, 2016 and the present.

OS-2018-01038 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Federman Adam OS Open
Request for any and all correspondence or communication between Indur Goklany and James Cason between November 9, 2016 and the present. Requester's Communication Preferences: Electronic communication via email.

OS-2018-01040 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 July 09, 2018 Irfan Umair OS Completed
Request all employment records for Lolita Hand/Lola Zinke including hiring dates, pay stubs, salary, job descriptions, office assignments, office addresses, security clearances, and names of reporting staff including secretaries, planners, and assistants, from February 1, 2017 until the date of this filing.

OS-2018-01049 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between Michael 'Mike' Catanzaro and the following Department of Interior officials, at any point since January 19, 2017:
¿
David Bernhardt
¿ Gareth Rees
¿ Catherine Gulac
¿ Elinor Renner
¿ Leila Getto

OS-2018-01055 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
1. Copy of the Order with CURRENT SOW/PWS; WE DO NOT SEEK PRICING.

OS-2018-01050 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Cama Timothy OS Open
Copy of the department's video recording of Secretary Ryan Zinke's June 26, 2017, speech at the Las Vegas Golden Knights development camp in Las Vegas, Nev. If that does not exist, I request any other records of the speech, such as audio, transcription, prepared remarks or notes.

OS-2018-01034 April 14, 2018 April 16, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
Seeking information on a contract for telecommunications that SAMHSA has through the Department of Interior. The contract is IND16PD01062 (under ALLIANT GS06F0645Z. They was a copy of the contract including CURRENT SOW/PWS.

OS-2018-01044 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, since January 19, 2017, between the following Department of Interior officials and any email address ending in the domain name @ogahpah.com or Quapaw Tribe Chairman John Berrey (including his jberrey@ogahpah.com address). (contd below)

OS-2018-01045 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to all agendas, meeting minutes, and any notes taken during or as a result of Deputy Secretary' David Bernhardt's 'weekly politicals' meetings from July 24, 2017 to present. These meetings are noted in Deputy Secretary's calendars for August 2017 through November 2017, as posted on Interior's OS FOIA Library.

OS-2018-01046 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all agendas, meeting minutes, meeting summaries, briefing papers, meeting notes, and any other

records given to or created by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, related to the 'Sage Grouse Task Force Meeting' that took place at the Western Governor's Association on October 23, 2017.

OS-2018-01048 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt's prepared remarks to the National Mining Association at the Trump International Hotel in Washington, DC on October 4, 2017, as well as copies of all video shot, recorded, or created by or for the Interior Department of Bernhardt's speech. (contd below)

OS-2018-01051 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Hardee Alex OS Open
Request concerns federal reserved water rights associated with the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA), for which the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has asserted claims in the ongoing Gila River Adjudication. See In Re: The General Adjudication of All Rights to Use Water in the Gila River System and Source, Civil Nos. W-1, W-2, W-3, and W-4 (Consolidated). (contd below)

OS-2018-01053 April 17, 2018 April 17, 2018 Cook Alastair OS Open
I would like to request details of all scientific research projects DOI currently fund. Can you send me a database, in excel, with details of all funded projects please. Full details are being requested please.

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OS-2018-01052 April 17, 2018 April 17, 2018 Ladue Henry OS Open
Records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 et seq., as amended. The purpose of this request is to supplement, and in some instances recreate, our historical records to assist TISA and its Board of Directors (Board) understand the fiduciary relationship between TISA, the federal government and its agencies, as well as the associated trust responsibilities. (contd below)

OS-2018-01054 April 17, 2018 April 17, 2018 Segerstrom Carl OS Open
Requesting any correspondence, since January 2018, from the Office of Policy, Management and Budget to each of the following bureaus: The National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and Fish and Wildlife --- that includes the terms 'spend plan', 'operating plan', 'FY 2018' and/or 'omnibus 2018'. I am also requesting any reports or 'Memorandum' issued by the Office of Policy, Management and Budget in 2018 that include the terms 'Budget', 'Appropriations' or 'FY 2018'.

OS-2018-01059 April 18, 2018 April 18, 2018 Leven Rachel OS Open
Communication records related to the reassignment of Amy Lueders from her position as New Mexico State Director for the Bureau of Land Management to her position as Southwest Regional Director at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, including but not limited to all communication records related to any decisions to reassign Lueders. Please start ¿ but don¿t

limit your search to ¿ (contd below)

OS-2018-01057 April 18, 2018 April 18, 2018 Solomon Robert OS Open
Copy of electronic files containing records of the Department of Interior¿s purchases through its procurement card program for April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018. I request separate files for transactions, level III details, and cardholders, respectively, in the following format. Understanding that DoI¿s procurement program is administered by JPMC, I believe that this format will be simplest for DoI to provide, and not require DoI to generate new records: (contd below)

OS-2018-01056 April 18, 2018 April 18, 2018 Feinberg Ashley OS Open
Request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:
Any and all email
correspondence between March 1, 2017 and April 17, 2018, between current United States Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, who uses the email address thirdwave2@speakergingrich.com.

OS-2018-01058 April 18, 2018 April 18, 2018 Feinbberg Ashley OS Open
Email records sent by current United States Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke from March 1, 2017 to Present Day that contain the non-case sensitive keyword 'SEAL' or 'SEALs.'

OS-2018-01060 April 19, 2018 April 19, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by DOI Energy Counselor Vincent DeVito that contains one or more of the following· words or phrases: 'Texas hornshell', 'TX horns hell', 'hornshell listing', and/or 'hornshell'. This request seeks records produced between July 11 1 2017 and August 18, 2017.

OS-2018-01062 April 20, 2018 April 20, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
1. Copy of the DOI¿s application submission to OMB¿s Technology Modernization Board.
Note: as a reference please see
the attached OMB Initial Project Template ¿ APPENDIX, the suggested guideline for submissions, limited to only 2 pages.

OS-2018-01067 April 20, 2018 April 20, 2018 McLean Danielle OS Open
The contract and all bid documents related to the following: The $54,802 contract between the Department of the Interior and Acoustical Solutions, Llc (DUNS number 625386024) for the rendering of services described as "SOUND ABSORPTION FOR OCIO'S 7100 HALL OFFICE SPACES." https://www.usaspending.gov/#/award/24439769

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OS-2018-01068 April 22, 2018 April 23, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
A copy of each Dept of Interior Office of Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Management EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DAILY SITUATION REPORT, during the time period August 30, 2017 through October 30, 2017.

OS-2018-01069 April 23, 2018 April 23, 2018 Santos Ros OS Open
Request a copy of the following documents identified to clearly releasable INPC8298100007 (RFP N8298100007) for

Archeological and other Historic Preservation Services for the NPS Pacific Island Network.

Copy of the contract
sections A-C and any attachment with labor category information and/or labor rate information - clearly releasable.

OS-2018-01070 April 23, 2018 April 23, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Request access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from any of the following Department of Interior officials that includes any of the following keywords since January 19, 2017.

Department of Interior Officials
· Secretary Ryan Zinke
· Scott Hommel
· Downey
Magallanes
· Laura Keehner Rigas
· Vincent DeVito
· Heather Swift

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OS-2018-01066 April 19, 2018 April 23, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Request communication records sent to and from the Department of the Interior¿s ethics staff regarding late or missing OGE Form 278 public financial disclosure reports sent to and from DOI¿s political appointees ¿ either classified as Schedule C, Non-career Senior Executive Service, Presidential Appointment without Senate Confirmation or Presidential Appointment with Senate Confirmation

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OS-2018-01071 April 23, 2018 April 23, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Requesting copies of all 'REPORT OF PAYMENTS ACCEPTED FROM NON-FEDERAL SOURCES' (DI-2000) submitted by or on behalf of Secretary Ryan Zinke from March 1, 2017 to April 23, 2018.

OS-2018-01072 April 23, 2018 April 23, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
Complete itinerary for Secretary Ryan Zinke's trip that included a stop in Dallas for Earth Day, Texas in April 2018. Please include his schedule, names of people he met with, locations of meetings, topic of meetings, where he stayed. Please provide this information for the whole trip, i.e., if Sec. Zinke stopped in other locations in addition to the Dallas area before returning to Washington DC.

OS-2018-01078 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Spatz Charlie OS Open
All electronic records, including emails and attachments, exchanged between Douglas Domenech, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas, and any of the following entities· Bridge Investment Group Prime Policy Group. Please constrain the search between January 20th 2017 and the processing date of this request.

OS-2018-01079 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Bhojani Fatima OS Open
Copies of the records identified and described below ¿ or of records containing the information identified and described below: Any and all recusal determinations made or issued, ethics waivers, advisory opinions about conflict of interest and impartiality determination requests in your custody or under your control from January 1, 2017 through the date you search for records.

OS-2018-01073 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Doyle Michael OS Open
Anti-harassment 'action plans' prepared by each bureau in 2018 in response to directive from the Secretary and/or Deputy Secretary.

OS-2018-01074 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Emails, with attachments, sent to or from Heather Swift, that contain any of the following terms: Fucking; Fucked; Fuck; Idiot; Fake news; Asshole; Retard; Commie; Marx. Please confine your search to January 20, 2017 to the current date.

OS-2018-01076 March 07, 2018 April 24, 2018 Mechelen Dan OS Open
In Babbit v. Youpee (117 U.S. 727, (1997) the United States Supreme Court found the application of Section 207 of the Indian Land consolidation Act (25 USC 2206) to be unconstitutional. On February 19, 1999, the Secretary of the Interior issued a Secretarial Order which officially ordered re-opening the probate of all estates (contd below)

OS-2018-01080 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Glawe Justin OS Open
All records produced in response to the following requests filed with and fulfilled by
both the BOR and the Office of
the Secretary: (contd below)

OS-2018-01077 April 23, 2018 April 24, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Email correspondence, including attachments, between DOI Press secretary Heather Swift and Energy Counselor Vincent Devito between April 11, 2018 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01082 April 25, 2018 April 25, 2018 May 25, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
Copies of records under the Freedom of Information Act. I am requesting: (1) A copy of the DOI's directive or memorandum or other record containing the Department's policy on the use and retention of personal email for agency business; (2) A copy of all records of Secretary Zinke's first and recurring training on compliance with the Federal Records Act, including those made or kept by David Alspach. It is my understanding that Mr. Alspach has met with Mr. Zinke about the FRA.

OS-2018-01081 April 25, 2018 April 25, 2018 Stall Douglas OS Open
ELECTRONIC COPIES of the following documents pertaining to the above referenced case number and NOV number, and the Rock Island Mine in Cameron, Oklahoma, in accordance with the Freedom of information Act/Open Records Request laws: 1. All communications whether written or electronic between representatives of Farrell-Cooper Mining Company and representatives of the Department of Interior, which pertain in any way to the above referenced matter.

OS-2018-01084 April 24, 2018 April 26, 2018 Maragos Michael OS Open
A dataset or multiple datasets containing the reported sales volumes, sales values, and revenues generated from onshore, federally-owned oil and natural gas resources aggregated by commodity, product, state, and county by sales year for calendar years 2007-2017.

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OS-2018-01087 April 26, 2018 April 26, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All calendars for Timothy Williams - Deputy Director, Office of External Affairs from 5/26/2017 to the current date.

OS-2018-01086 April 26, 2018 April 26, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Copies of all e-mails (including attachments) sent or received by the following Department of Interior staff on March 8, 2018. Department of Interior staff:
. Ryan Zinke, Secretary
. Any individual who served in the position of Chief
of Staff on March 15, 2018, including ¿ but not limited to Scott Hommel.

OS-2018-01091 April 27, 2018 April 27, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all receipts for charges made by the following Department of Interior purchase cardholders, as denoted by the Office of Acquisition and Property Management's online record of 'Purchase Business Line Cardholder Contact Information.'[1] This should include, but not be limited to, all charged made that were reimbursed. (contd below)

OS-2018-01093 April 27, 2018 April 27, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all materials prepared in advance of, or as a result of Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt's October 18, 2017 meeting with Curtis Gannon, Rosemary Hart, and Principal Deputy Solicitor, as listed on his public calendar (https: //www.doi.gov/foia/os/secretarial-calendars): (contd below)

OS-2018-01094 April 27, 2018 April 27, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all phone call logs for Secretary Ryan Zinke's from March 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. This should include phone logs for all landline and cell phone lines used by Ryan Zinke maintained by Department of the Interior.

OS-2018-01090 April 27, 2018 April 27, 2018 Bogado Aura OS Open
Reporter with the Center for Investigative Reporting (henceforth 'CIR') seeking information regarding emails authored or received by Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. More specifically, I hereby request the following records for the period January 1, 2018, to February 2, 2018: (contd below)

OS-2018-01101 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 McLean Danielle OS Open
All emails and memorandum to and from Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke between March 1, 2017 and March 22, 2018 containing the words 'soundproofing', 'soundproof', 'noise', and/ or 'Acoustical Solutions'.

OS-2018-01095 April 27, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to texts, emails, google chats, or any other form of internal communication, sent by any of the following Department of Interior officials that include any keyword listed Appendix A, since January 19, 2017: (contd below)

OS-2018-01096 April 27, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to texts, emails, google chats, or any other form of internal communication, sent by any of the following Department of Interior officials that include any keyword listed Appendix A, since January 19, 2017: (contd below)

OS-2018-01092 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all emails sent to or sent by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Gareth Rees, Catherine Gulac, Elinor Renner, and Leilo Getto, related to the following meetings listed on Deputy Secretary Bernhart's public calendar (https://www.doi.gov/foia/os/secretarial-calendars): (contd below)

OS-2018-01097 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to texts, emails, google chats, or any other form of internal communication, sent by any of the following Department of Interior officials that include any keyword listed Appendix A, since January 19, 2017: (contd below)

OS-2018-01098 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all materials prepared in advance of, or as a result of the following meetings held by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, as listed on his public calendar (https://www.doi.gov/foia/os/secretarial-calendars): (contd below)

OS-2018-01099 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Harball Elizabeth OS Open
Records, including emails, presentations, and reports, associated with the 'schedule to effectuate the lawful review and development of a revised Integrated Activity Plan for the NPR-A,' as ordered by Secretarial Order No. 3352, Section 4, subsection a (1).

OS-2018-01100 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Ghio Nicole OS Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, and Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason from January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: (contd below)

OS-2018-01102 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Barber Gerald OS Open
All correspondence relating to Cat Island-Mississippi in/from The Office of Valuation Services --Denver. I am especially wanting all emails, text and any correspondence from Sandra St. Arnauld, review appraiser, to her co workers and supervisors and anyone outside the agency that relate to Cat Island and Gerald Barber or Barber and Mann Inc. The years are 2016 and 2017.

OS-2018-01103 May 01, 2018 May 01, 2018 Bough Brian OS Open
Requesting a digital copy of all photographs taken by the Official Photographer on June 1, 2015. I am interested in all photographs of persons attending the signing ceremony with Sec. Jewell and Sec. Duncan as well as those taken during the ceremony itself.

OS-2018-01104 May 01, 2018 May 01, 2018 Grandoni Dino OS Open
Copy of an already-completed FOIA request. Its number is OS-2017-00659.

OS-2018-01105 May 01, 2018 May 01, 2018 Moss Bradley OS Open
Government phones, as well as any non-U.S. Government phones on which Secretary Zinke conducted U.S. Government business. Interior should ensure that its search for responsive records encompasses Government civilian employees, detailees, political appointees, Constitutional officers, and contract staff. (contd below)

OS-2018-01106 May 01, 2018 May 01, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
All text messages sent or received by Rusty Roddy, former advance staffer to Secretary Ryan Zinke, between January 3, 2018 and January 10, 2018.

OS-2018-01112 May 02, 2018 May 02, 2018 McLean Danielle OS Open
All emails, including attachments, to or from Department of the Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technology, Information and Business Services Elena Gonzalez; Office of Facilities and Administrative Services Director Joe Nassar; and Chief Information Officer Sylvia Burns between January 1, 2017 and the date your office processes this request, which contain the following phrases or subject matters in their body or subject line: (contd below)

OS-2018-01108 May 02, 2018 May 02, 2018 Green Miranda OS Open
Communications to and from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke that includes the search terms 'trophy' and/or 'trophies' and/or 'elephant' and/or 'elephants' between January 1, 2018 and May 1, 2018. I'm seeking all correspondence regardless of format, to include but not be limited to email, phone records, text messages and videos. (contd below)

OS-2018-01109 May 02, 2018 May 02, 2018 Green Miranda OS Open
Seeking logs and or calendars detailing Secretary Ryan Zinke's visits to the Lincoln Memorial basement and all attendees. I'm seeking all correspondence regardless of format, to include but not be limited to email, phone records, text messages and videos. The public has an urgent need for information about the correspondence because it may she light on how agency policy is shaped and decisions are made at the agency. (contd below)

OS-2018-01110 May 02, 2018 May 02, 2018 Novak Patrick OS Open
List of the ten congressional districts that have the largest percentage of their area administered by the Department of the Interior. Put differently, I would like to know which U.S. Representatives have the most amounts of national parks, national forests, et cetera in their legislative jurisdictions. I am an individual seeking this information for my own personal use.

OS-2018-01113 May 02, 2018 May 02, 2018 McLean Danielle OS Open

All correspondence and documents related to the $101,500 contract between the Department of the Interior and Industries for the Blind, Inc. (DUNS number 006096200 and award ID IND17PX00096), including but not limited the physical contract, all bid documents, and receipts. https://www.usaspending.gov/#/award/24439497

OS-2018-01111 May 02, 2018 May 02, 2018 Rosenberg Chelsea OS Open
Access to and copies of all logs of correspondence to or from any officials at Office of the Secretary and Versar, Inc. between December 2004 and May 1, 2018, complaints against Versar, Inc., and investigations into Versar, Inc. According to USASpending.gov, the Department of the Interior has had many contracts with Versar, Inc.

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OS-2018-01114 May 03, 2018 May 03, 2018 White Michelle OS Open
Records in the possession or control of the Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary (DOI) regarding the administrative recognition of Revised Statute (R.S.) 2477 rights of way using non-binding determinations, recordable disclaimers of interest, or any other framework or mechanism. SUWA requests all records created, modified, or acquired from January 20, 2017 to the date the DOI commences its search for records responsive to this FOIA request.

OS-2018-01115 May 03, 2018 May 03, 2018 June 04, 2018 Emerson Sarah OS Completed
All records generated in connection to the following video shared by Secretary Zinke on Twitter, and to the tweet itself: https://twitter.com/SecretaryZinke/status/992121285932126209

OS-2018-01117 May 04, 2018 May 04, 2018 Blackman Jeremy OS Open
All correspondence of Secretary Ryan Zinke related to unmanned aerial vehicles, aka drones. I would like all communications from his hiring date until the fulfillment of this request begins. By relevant documents, I mean any correspondence which contains any of the following terms: (contd below)

OS-2018-01133 May 07, 2018 May 07, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests the following records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior') from May 1, 2017 to the date Interior conducts this search: the records of communication by Interior¿s Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, Vincent DeVito, mentioning, including, and/or referencing the following terms and/or phrases: (contd below)

OS-2018-01130 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all documents related to the Department of the Interior (DOI) employees' ethics waivers in resolving financial conflicts of interest from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01127 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open

I request all communications records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

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OS-2018-01123 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
On September 15, 2017, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke issued Secretarial Order 3356, Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories. Section 4(e) of Secretarial Order 3356 requires bureaus and offices to submit to the Deputy Secretary (referred to in Section 5)

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OS-2018-01122 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
I request access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, sent between the following Department of the Interior officials and the following non-governmental individuals and entities, since June 1, 2017:

Department of the Interior Officials: Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Russell Newell, Gareth Rees, Leila Getto, Catherine Gulac

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OS-2018-01121 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
On March 2, 2017, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke issued Secretarial Order 3347, Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation. Section 4(c) ordered that the Department of the Interior shall (1) Identify specific actions to expand access significantly for recreational hunting and fishing on public lands as may be appropriate;

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OS-2018-01120 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning all logs of correspondence that record letters from members of Congress to the Department of the Interior (DOI) from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01119 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 June 05, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
I request a list of ¿special government employees¿ (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01165 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concern logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interiors headquarters, the Stewart Lee

Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from April 1 to May 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interiors visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-01166 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Request records of all responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from April 1 to May 1, 2018. These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-01135 May 07, 2018 May 07, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All Calendars for Susan Combs from March 1, 2018 to the date this request is processed. Susan Comb's CV or resume.

OS-2018-01132 May 07, 2018 May 07, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Request for copies of records under the Freedom of Information Act. Recent news accounts reported that Secretary Zinke hired Chuck Laudner for a position with the National Park Service. This request is for records in the possession of the Department of Interior, Office of Secretary related to the Secretary's decision to appoint Laudner to this role.

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OS-2018-01125 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

Please include all records that document Bernhardt¿s schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01126 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's schedule from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

Please include all records that document Zinke¿s schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01131 May 07, 2018 May 07, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
I request access to and copies of cancelled check that Oregon Rep. Greg Walden or his campaign gave to Interior in payment of Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s appearance at a fundraiser in July 2017. The check was said to be dated December 6, 2017.

OS-2018-01134 May 08, 2018 May 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All Instruction Memoranda issued by the secretary's office from January 1, 2018, to present .

OS-2018-01139 May 08, 2018 May 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open

All emails including attachments that contain '@nes-dc.com' in the possession of Vincent Devito. Please search your records from March 2017 to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01140 May 08, 2018 May 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Calendars for Vincent DeVito from January 1 2018 to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01136 May 08, 2018 May 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All documents, including emails and attachments, in the possession of Vincent DeVito, to, from, or containing the following email addresses: Audra@saveoursound.org; dbaur@perkinscole.com

OS-2018-01156 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Michael Anderson, executive assistant to Katharine MacGregor, that contain one or more of the following words or phrases. 'mining', 'mountain top removal', 'mountaintop removal', 'MTR', 'health impacts', 'health risks',
'surface mining', 'National Academies'
and/or 'National Academy' . This request seeks documents produced between June 1, 2017 and October 31, 2017.

OS-2018-01157 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Deputy Assistant Secretary Aurelia Skipwith, or her executive assistant, that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: (contd below)

OS-2018-01146 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
All communications and correspondence, including attachments, sent to or from the following government employees on List A and any employees or representatives of the entities on List B. Please see both lists below: (contd below)

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OS-2018-01158 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Acting Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Susan combs, or her executive assistant, that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: (contd below)

OS-2018-01147 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All communications to or from the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (@asrc.com), or anyone representing them, including but not limited to Alan Mintz (timm@asrc.com) or any email address ending in @vnf.com, and the following people: Vincent DeVito; Kate Macgregor; David Bernhardt; Kathleen Benedetto.

OS-2018-01141	May 09, 2018	May 09, 2018		Coleman Jesse	OS	Open

All communications, including email with attachments, to, from , or containing 'Rich Lindsay' (rlindsay@wyoming.com) or '@perc.org' in the possession of Todd Wynn. Please search your records from October 7, 2017, to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01143	May 09, 2018	May 09, 2018		Coleman Jesse	OS	Open

All memos sent by Secretary Zinke or Secretary Zinke's office from March 1 to April 17th, 2018.

OS-2018-01144	May 09, 2018	May 09, 2018		Annatoyn Travis	OS	Open

1. All communications and correspondence, including attachments, sent to or from the following government employees on
List A and any employees or representatives of the entities on List B. Please see both lists below: (contd below)

OS-2018-01145	May 09, 2018	May 09, 2018		Annatoyn Travis	OS	Open

1. All communications and correspondence, including attachments, sent to or from the following government employees on
List A and any employees or representatives of the entities on List B. Please see both lists below: (contd below)

OS-2018-01152	May 10, 2018	May 10, 2018	July 03, 2018	Spatz Charlie	OS	Completed

Provide the calendar for Assistant Director James Patrick Gallagher from January 1st, 2018 through the processing date of this request.

OS-2018-01150	May 10, 2018	May 10, 2018	July 02, 2018	Levine Natalie	OS	Completed

Copies of public records in the custody of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), as identified below.
NPCA is a
national non-profit working to protect and enhance America¿s National Park System for present and future generations. (contd below)

OS-2018-01151	May 10, 2018	May 10, 2018		Annatoyn Travis	OS	Open

All communications and correspondence, including attachments, sent to or from the following government employees on
List A and any employees or representatives of the entities on List B. Please see both lists below: (contd below)

OS-2018-01149	May 10, 2018	May 10, 2018		Phippen Weston	OS	Open

Documents, emails, correspondence from the past year (May 2017 to May 2018) that includes references to Outside magazine or freelance journalists working on its behalf. Especially correspondence referring to any emails addressed @outsidemag.com or in reference to a freelance writer named Elliot Woods.

OS-2018-01153 May 10, 2018 May 10, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All ethics pledges signed by Douglas Domenech since January 1, 2017. I am a reporter for Pacific Standard magazine.

OS-2018-01154 May 10, 2018 May 10, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All documents and correspondence, including attachments, related to the March 10 , 2017 meeting that Douglas Domenech, Daniel Jorjani and Lori Mashburn held with "Property Rights Groups". see Mr. Domenech's calendar ,.or more details: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/domenech_-_march-october_2017_17-01281ca_redacted.pdf

OS-2018-01155 May 10, 2018 May 10, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All documents and written and electronic communications, including attachments, that relate co the April 6, 2017 meeting between Assistant Secretary Douglas Domenech and Rob Henneke of the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

OS-2018-01163 May 11, 2018 May 11, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Douglas Domenech and/or his executive assistant(s) that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: 'red river', 'red river case', 'property rights', 'Henneke', 'Texas Public Policy Foundation', and/or 'TPPF'. This request pertains to records produced between March 1, 2017 and November 30, 2017.

OS-2018-01164 May 11, 2018 May 11, 2018 France Elizabeth OS Open
Records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications,..
(contd below)

OS-2018-01159 May 11, 2018 May 11, 2018 May 29, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Completed
Details of the OS FOIA office's 'Awareness Check' or 'Awareness Review' for the release of FOIA Any documents on the implementation of the "awareness review" or 'awareness check' policy, including a description of the steps of the review, and any documents sent to OS FOIA staff regarding the review. (contd below)

OS-2018-01161 May 11, 2018 May 11, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all ethics waivers that Assistant Secretary Douglas Domenech has requested and/or obtained from the DOI ethics office since January 20, 2017.

OS-2018-01196 May 11, 2018 May 14, 2018 Hughes Shannon OS Open
1. All records related in any way to the mining plan approval for federal coal lease WYW-2727 at the Jim Bridger Coal Mine in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, approved on 3/27/2018 by Joseph R. Balash, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management. For purposes of this request, reference information can be found on OSM¿s website (link below)2. All records related in any way to the mining plan approval for federal coal lease COC-62920 at the King II Coal Mine in Hesperus, Colorado... (cont. below)

OS-2018-01198 May 11, 2018 May 14, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Records pertaining to former DOI employee James "Jim" Cason from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2009. Specifically, we

seek: All correspondence, internal hiring materials, salary and benefits infonnation, memos authored, complaints, and any performance reviews or reprimands involving Mr. Cason from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2009. This should include, but is not limited to: a) Any documents, analyses or other materials concerning the hiring and promotion processes (cont. below)

OS-2018-01205 May 15, 2018 May 15, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All emails, with attachments, with the term 'American Burying Beetle' in the possession of Vincent DeVito.

OS-2018-01197 March 16, 2018 May 15, 2018 June 04, 2018 Ward Jordan Tanya OS Completed
A. The name of each agency the EEOC has ever granted permission to do a "Pilot Project" as provided for under EEOC's guidelines allowing for variances from the federal complaint processing procedures prescribed in 29 C.F.R. Part 1614./ B. The names of each agency, presently under a "Pilot Project", as referenced under paragraph A above./ C. Any correspondence that describes the features of the approved pilot agency¿s complaint handling process that variates from established federal(cont. below)

OS-2018-01168 April 14, 2018 May 15, 2018 June 04, 2018 Scaggs Jim OS Completed
BLM and ONRR receives royalty payments from underground lead mining operations primarily in Iron and Reynolds county in Missouri. The mining operator pays royalty payments to the Federal Government (BLM). ONRR receives these payments and distributes part of the royalty payments back to the State of Missouri. Then once per year the Office of Administration and State of Missouri, distributes payment to the counties.

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OS-2018-01170 May 16, 2018 May 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Documents titled '/84 Presentation/1.1 Bay State Wind Update_Schindler.pdf' and '/84. Presentation/4 1 Bay State Wind Update_Schindler.pdf' sent by Nicole Cooper (nicole.cooper@boem.gov) to Gisella Ojeda-dodds (gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi gov) an Friday, August 25th The email containing the documents as attachment has the Subject line 'Presentation.'

OS-2018-01169 May 16, 2018 May 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All binders and briefing books prepared for Vincent DeVito.

OS-2018-01171 May 16, 2018 May 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All communications between Vincent DeVito (vincent_devito@ios.doi.gov) and any Senior Executive in the Office of Natural Resources Revenue.

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OS-2018-01172 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents (including correspondence, travel itineraries, as well as hotel, airfare and meal receipts) related to DOI appointee Katharine MacGregor's trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming to attend the National Ocean Industries Association's annual meeting on October 3 through October 6, 2017.

OS-2018-01174 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by DOI appointee Katharine MacGregor and/or her immediate executive staff, including Michael Anderson, that include one or more of the following words or phrases 'Mountain Valley Pipeline', 'Mountain Valley' and/or 'MVP'. This request seeks documents produced between May 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01191 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Munoz Hudson Tate OS Open
[A] copy of Scott Hommel's daily schedule from August 2017.

OS-2018-01193 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Munoz Hudson Tate OS Open
[C]opies of record related to Scott Hommel's trip to Montana in August 2017. This includes the trip itinerary, schedule of events and meetings, correspondence about the trip, records of trip expenses including reimbursements, briefing materials, materials provided to Hommel, and records of meeting taken during the trip.

OS-2018-01206 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All Memorandum from Katherine S. MacGregor.

OS-2018-01173 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, between DOI appointee Katharine MacGregor (or her executive assistant Michael Anderson) and any outside email address that contains the the following: @bkstrategies.com. This request seeks documents produced between May 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01199 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
A copy of DOI appointee Katharine MacGregor's November 2017 speech to the Grand Junction Petroleum and Mining Club.

OS-2018-01186 May 18, 2018 May 18, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All Memorandum from David Bernhardt or James Cason.

OS-2018-01185 May 17, 2018 May 21, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
a copy of an email released in response to 17-00413: Other Records > Email Communications with Secretary Zinke Through November 2017 > Part 2 > page 159

OS-2018-01176 May 14, 2018 May 21, 2018 Ketcher Bradley OS Open
1. For purposes of this FOIA request, the term "documents" means any document(s) in the custody, possession, or control of your department or agency ¿including emails, voicemails, text messages, writings, images, sound recordings, and other data or data compilations.

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OS-2018-01194 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachment, sent or received by Vincent Devito concerning the following FOIA requests: OS-2018-00413, OS-2018-00409, and/or OS-2018-00734.

OS-2018-01181 May 18, 2018 May 21, 2018 Green Miranda OS Open
Seeking all communications from the Office of the Secretary including from Ryan Zinke and Heather Swift including the words "border," "apprehension," "arrest," "Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument" and/or "Amistad National Recreation Area" between May 1, 2018 and May 18, 2018.

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OS-2018-01182 May 18, 2018 May 21, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
All email communications between David Bernhardt from his Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck account ("dbernhardt@bhfs.com") and the following DOI officials: 1) Scott Hommel, 2) Katherine MacGregor,3) James Cason, 4) Downey Magallanes, 5) Doug Domenech, and 6) Natalie Davis, between January 1. 2017 to June 1. 2017. All such emails should include any attachments and emails where the aforementioned officials are CC'd and BCC'd.

OS-2018-01183 May 18, 2018 May 21, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
Request a copy of the following documents identified to IND15PA00048 (see below):1. Current contract value including base and option years. 2. Current level of effort 3. Current contract with all modifications and all task orders and/or delivery orders.

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OS-2018-01188 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Perez Jerome OS Open
I am seeking any and all information from my 2017 EPAP rating and award recommendation as a Senior Executive Service employee with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as State Director for California. I have requested my final 2017 EPAP as finalized by the Executive Review Board (ERB) to no avail with both my Acting Capital Human Resources Officer (CHRO) and DOI¿s Acting CHRO.

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OS-2018-01195 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Ruch Jeff OS Open
The following records generated on or after December 28, 2017: 1. Any communications describing the criteria DOI has directed its agencies to employ in evaluating grant applications and/or grant funding; 2. Any communications that DOI sent to grant applicants describing an new screening criteria for grant funding; 3. Records reflecting the suspension or cancellation of a grant awarded prior to 2018; 4. Records relating to the reasons behind or supporting those suspension or (continued below)

OS-2018-01208 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Brossy Katie OS Open
1. All agency records, including but not limited to, documents, memoranda, emails, letters, notes, reports, maps, discussion, audits, account statements, work papers, or other communications between Peabody Energy Corporation (also known as Peabody Western Coal Company) and the Department of the Interior, ...(contd below)

OS-2018-01177 May 16, 2018 May 21, 2018 Exempt Information OS Open
Exempt Information

OS-2018-01209 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
All communication and documents exchanged between DOI's Todd Willens and Alex Herrgott, CEQ Associate Director for Infrastructure, between July 15, 2017 and August 15, 2017.

OS-2018-01175 May 14, 2018 May 21, 2018 Chio Nicole OS Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding Joseph Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date he took this position (believed to be in December 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request:

continue below

OS-2018-01179 May 17, 2018 May 21, 2018 Singh Gunita OS Open
The records sought are: The resumes and position descriptions2 for the following individuals: 1. Nancy A. Guiden, Special Assistant to the Secretary, 2. Christine Bauserman, Special Assistant to the Secretary
3. James E. Cason,
Special Assistant to the Secretary, 4. Marshall T. Critchfield, Special Assistant to the Secretary, 5. Megan B. Bloomgren, Special Assistant to the Secretary

continue below

OS-2018-01178 May 16, 2018 May 21, 2018 Brown Dylan OS Open
I request all documents, correspondence and records from Nov. 9, 2016, to Feb. 2, 2018, concerning the nomination of J. Steven Gardner as director of the Office of Surface Mining or his employment at the Department of the Interior.

continue below

OS-2018-01187 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Ruch Jeff OS Open
Requests information about how this screening process has been implemented. Specifically, we request the following records generated on or after December 28, 2017:

Any communications describing the criteria DOI has directed its
agencies to employ in evaluating grant applications and/or grant funding;

continue below

OS-2018-01180 May 18, 2018 May 21, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Request access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to texts, emails, google chats, or any other form of internal communication, sent by any of the following Department of Interior officials that include any of the following Keywords, from April 22 to April 27, 2018:

Department of Interior Officials

Heather Swift, Russell
Newell, Laura Rigas, Eli Nachmany, Alex Hinson, - Keywords: John Oliver, Last Week Tonight.

continue below

OS-2018-01210 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Cheadle Samuel OS Open
All payroll records for U.S. EPA Region 9 employee Patricia Hudnall from January 1, 2008 to the present.

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
Subject						

OS-2018-01189 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Katharine MacGregor concerning the following FOIA requests: OS-2018-00150, OS-2018-00668, and/or OS-2018-00932.

OS-2018-01190 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Douglas Domenech concerning the following FOIA requests: OS-2017-01281.

OS-2018-01201 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any & all written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by press secretary Heather Swift that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: "Matthew Allen" and/or "Allen". This requests seeks any and all documents or communications in Heather Swift's possession that refer to the Bureau of Land Management's former communications director Matthew Allen. This requests seeks documents produced between September 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01202 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Horneffer Lauren OS Open
All emails, letters, and correspondence dated January 1, 2017 to January 17, 2018 that are between the following names and anyone using an email address with the domain @wilmerhale.com, @dorsey.com, or @twin-metals.com. David Bernhardt; Daniel Jorjani; Jack Haugrud; Karen Hawbecker; In other words, this request would include emails between Daniel Jorjani and tomsmith@dorsey.com; letters between David Bernhardt and ¿Tom Smith¿, who uses an email that has the domain @dorsey.

com; and (cont. below)

OS-2018-01204 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
1. All communications, including attachments, providing direction or guidance to any Department of the Interior subdivision or subdivisions concerning the processing of or response to particular FOIA requests or to categories thereof, including but not limited to any such communications to or from Clarice Julka or Heather Swift. 2. All communications, including attachments, requesting that one or more Department of the Interior subdivisions (cont. below)

OS-2018-01214 May 22, 2018 May 22, 2018 Mandel Kyla OS Open
I request access to and copies of the Department of Interior (DOI) D.C. headquarters visitor log from January 1, 2018 to date of processing.

OS-2018-01212 May 22, 2018 May 22, 2018 May 30, 2018 Ebbini Ramzi OS Completed
. Any Freedom of Information Act requests and the responsive materials thereof filed January 1, 2017 to present regarding Michael 'Mike' Kent Braun of Indiana (DOB: 3/24/54).
. Any Freedom of Information Act requests and the
responsive materials thereof filed January 1, 2017 to present regarding Meyer Distributing, Inc., Meyer Logistics, Inc., Maple Land Co LLC, Braun Family Properties LLC.

OS-2018-01225 May 23, 2018 May 23, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
1)All communications including attachments providing direction or guidance to any DOI subdivision concerning the processing of or response to particular FOIA requests or to categories thereof, including but not limited to any such communications to or from Clarice Julka or Heather Swift.
2)All communications, including attachments, requesting that
one or more Department of the Interior subdivisions transfer custodianship of particular documents or categories thereof to

Cont below

OS-2018-01216 May 23, 2018 May 23, 2018 Schick Tony OS Open
Copies of records of any emails, text messages, memos or meeting notes involving the following parties:
* Rick Dice,
rick@patrickfire.com
* Mike Wheelock, mike@graybackforestry.com

I request these records from the following parties
within the Department of Interior:
* Ryan Zinke
* Leila Getto
* Christine Bauserman
* Downey Magallanes
* Tami
Heilemann
* Bryan Rice
* David Mihalic

OS-2018-01217	May 23, 2018	May 23, 2018	Schick Tony	OS	Open

* Copies of any records of memos, internal studies, audits or regarding the total amount of money spent on hotel lodging during wildfire season
* Copies of all hotel expenditures related to wildland fire operations for the past five years.

OS-2018-01211	May 22, 2018	May 23, 2018	Chatal Sham	OS	Open

Any and all information showing ownership of Big Sleep Mine and all partners owner has had in our records and the dates they acquired ownership.

OS-2018-01219	May 24, 2018	May 24, 2018	Cleaver Emanuel	OS	Open

The Congressman is requesting copies of letter(s) Secretary Zinke has issued regarding the National World War I Memorial in Washington, D.C. We have requested via the congressional liaison copies of these letters to no avail. We are aware of one letter written by Secretary Zinke to other agency heads in late March or early April regarding relocating the National WWI Memorial from Pershing Park to the mall. (contd below)

OS-2018-01220	May 24, 2018	May 24, 2018	Mendoza-Wilson Ina	OS	Open

I'd like to know the process on how qualified applicants for evaluated for the Property Management Specialist position that closed on 3/6/2018, announcement number OS-6020-18-KN-053(MP). I was referred to the hiring official because I qualify but was never contacted for an interview and I'd like to know why. Was an internal candidate hired, if an external candidate was hired how were they ranked hired then I was?

OS-2018-01218	May 24, 2018	May 24, 2018	Munoz Hudson	OS	Open

Copies of records under the Freedom of Information Act. I am requesting copies of Secretary Zinke's travel expenses from August 2017 to the date the Department begins its search for responsive records. This request includes travel authorizations, reimbursements, payments, itineraries, manifests, reservations (including class of travel), and similar records.

OS-2018-01221	May 25, 2018	May 25, 2018	Vardi Itai	OS	Open

All emails to, from, and amongst Katharine MacGregor, Scott Cameron, Downey Magallaness, Andrea Travnicek, and James Cason with the combined term and word 'climate change' and 'language,' from 1.1.2017 to 5.1.2018.

OS-2018-01222	May 25, 2018	May 25, 2018	Vardi Itai	OS	Open

All emails to and from Drue Pearce (email: 'dpearce@hollandhart.com') and Kyle Parker (email: 'kwparker@hollandhart.com), both of Holland and Hart LLP, and 1) Katharine MacGregor and 2) James Cason, from 1.1.2017 to 12.31.2017.

OS-2018-01223	May 25, 2018	May 25, 2018	Saeger Chris	OS	Open

Access to and copies of all Attachment C-1 Financial Assistance Review forms submitted by any of Department of Interior bureaus or offices to the Office of Policy Management and Budget or directly to OPMB official Steve Howke. For your reference, a completed Financial Assistance Review forms is attached to this request.

OS-2018-01224	May 25, 2018	May 25, 2018	Singh Gunita	OS	Open

1. All emails and other correspondence to and from DOI¿s Office of Financial Management mentioning or referring to Trump properties. (See definition below).
2. All emails and other correspondence to and from DOI¿s Office of Financial Management mentioning or referring to any Trump business. (See definition below).
(contd below)

OS-2018-01226 May 29, 2018 May 29, 2018 Bauer Nick OS Open
· All records of any actual funds expended or projected expenditures for renovations (including furnishing, remodeling, redecorating, purchasing furniture, changes to furniture or other objects in office suites or common areas, or making improvements) of any part of the office of the Secretary. (contd below)

OS-2018-01227 May 29, 2018 May 29, 2018 Bauer Nick OS Open
· All records of any actual funds expended or projected expenditures for renovations (including furnishing, remodeling, redecorating, purchasing furniture, changes to furniture or other objects in office suites or common areas, or making improvements) of any part of the office of the Secretary. (contd below)

OS-2018-01228 May 29, 2018 May 29, 2018 Best Emma OS Open
Copies of all emails containing the terms 'MuckRock', 'Muck Rock' or 'MuckRock.com', excluding emails sent to or from a MuckRock.com email address. Please include the complete email exchange for each email, including any emails that are being replied to as well as any subsequent replies.

OS-2018-01229 May 29, 2018 May 29, 2018 Brown Ann OS Open
Requests the following records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior'): The guidelines, guidance, frameworks, instructions, manuals, and/or other memoranda used to help inform the development of the Species Status Assessment ('SSA') program and species-specific SSAs. (contd below)

OS-2018-01232 May 30, 2018 May 30, 2018 STANLEY ROBERT OS Open
I am submitting a FOIA request in regards to USA Job Announcement OS-6020-18-KN-053 (MP). I would like a list of selected candidates and their resumes.

OS-2018-01265 May 30, 2018 May 30, 2018 Long Susan OS Open
Under OS-2018-00545 you furnished us raw data files containing FOIA request-by-request information covering the entire Department of Interior similar to those required to be made publicly available by the 2016 FOIA Improvement Act using software routines the agency has recently perfected. Now that this initial "test" production was successfully produced, we would like to request the same type of information covering the earlier period, October 1, 2012 ¿ September 30, 2016. (Continued below)

OS-2018-01234 May 30, 2018 May 30, 2018 Setshwaelo Sara OS Open
1. Dated on or after November 8, 2016, correspondence from, or documents submitted by or on behalf of, the group identifying itself as the 'Agua Caliente Tribe of Cupeno Indians· and/or the Agua Caliente Tribe of Cupeno Indians of the Pala Reservation: (contd below)

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Subject						
OS-2018-01230	May 30, 2018	May 30, 2018	June 04, 2018	Lee Brandy	OS	Completed
1. Any and all documents related in any way to any and all projects, consultations, designs or reviews done for the Curry Water Authority. 2. All documents including correspondence that you have exchanged with the Defendant, its board members, and/or any of the lawyers, paralegals, or assistants who represent the Defendant in this action. 3. All documents and materials that you have received in this action from Defendant, its board members, and/or Defendant¿s counsel. (contd below)						
OS-2018-01261	May 19, 2018	May 31, 2018		Kekahbah Mary	OS	Open
Documents which may be contained in the holdings at the American Indian Records Repository in Lenexa Kansas						
OS-2018-01231	May 31, 2018	May 31, 2018		Munoz Hudson	OS	Open
On May 8, 2018, E&E News reported that the Department of Interior would be deploying 22 law enforcement officers to public lands along the U.S.-Mexico border in Arizona and Texas for three-week stints beginning May 13. In a May 28, 2018 radio interview with Breitbart, Zinke suggested that DOI had already doubled the number of officers sent to the border beyond the initial 22 officer deployment. (contd below)						
OS-2018-01236	May 31, 2018	May 31, 2018		Shilton AC	OS	Open
I am requesting any and all records, documents, directives, and emails responsive to the terms naturalization, naturalization ceremony, citizenship, and diversity, from the time period between 1/1/2016 to 5/31/2018.						
OS-2018-01235	May 31, 2018	May 31, 2018		Smith Colin	OS	Open
The following request is being made in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). I am requesting copies of the following documents. Email Correspondence Between Senior Deputy Director Ben Cassidy And The NRA From October 2017 Through Present. (contd below)						
OS-2018-01247	June 01, 2018	June 01, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior¿s headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from May 1 to June 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior¿s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.						
OS-2018-01248	June 01, 2018	June 01, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

I request records of all responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from May 1 to June 1, 2018.
These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-01243 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request a list of 'special government employees' (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from May 1 to June 1, 2018.
A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202.

OS-2018-01244 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Records concerning communications that mention Trump, Ivanka, Kushner and/or Observer in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from May 1 to June 1, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-01245 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s schedule from May 1 to June 1, 2018.
Please include
all records that document Zinke¿s schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01246 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from May 1 to June 1, 2018.

Please include all records that document Bernhardt's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01239 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All communications, including email and attachments, in the possession of Vincent Devito, between Mr. DeVito and the following entities: any domain ending in@Massiepartners.com; The company Eversource; The company DONG. We request you search your records from January 20, 2017 to the current date

OS-2018-01249 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
1. All records regarding proposals to reassign Mr. Wenk to a new position, from February 1, 2017, through the date of DOI¿s production of responsive records. (contd below)

OS-2018-01237 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Amarel Taylor OS Open
All emails sent to, from, or copied to: Ryan Zinke, from January 1, 2016 to Present Day containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-string 'liberals', 'kushner', 'Giuliani', 'Mastroianni', 'Elliott Broidy', Mark Siffin', EB-5', 'George Nader', 'Erik Prince', 'alias', "FOIA', 'Israel' or 'whistleblower'. After conducting a search to determine how many email records exist, (contd below)

OS-2018-01250 June 04, 2018 June 04, 2018 Hanna Autumn OS Open

Names, employers, and affiliations of any and all individuals who have participated in Royalty Policy Committees Subcommittees and or Working Groups
Criteria used in selecting additional individuals after the October 4, 2017 meeting to participate in RPC
Subcommittee and Working Group presentations, meeting notes, agendas, meeting minutes.

The names, employers, and affiliations of individuals who have presented to the RPC, including presentations and any materials

OS-2018-01251 June 04, 2018 June 04, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all records related in any way to the U.S. Department of the Interior¿s June 6, 2018 Royalty Policy Committee meeting scheduled to take place in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Notice of this meeting was published on May 17, 2018. See 83 Fed. Reg. 22,989 (May 17, 2018).

OS-2018-01253 June 04, 2018 June 04, 2018 Brossy Katie OS Open
1. All agency records, including but not limited to, documents, memoranda, emails, research, phone calls, phone logs, meeting attendance logs, letters, notes, reports, maps, discussion, audits, account statements, work papers, or other communications and correspondence related to ...(contd below)

OS-2018-01252 June 05, 2018 June 05, 2018 Schechter Michael OS Open
Copy of the log that lists appraisals of Alaska Native Allotments for whatever purpose (probate, advertised sale, negotiated sale, etc). They are not interested in any particular property or owner, but just seeing the normal course and volume of business showing the appraisal of native allotments at fair market value and for what purpose the appraisals were completed. (contd below)

OS-2018-01264 June 06, 2018 June 06, 2018 Barron Mark OS Open
Communication related to audit CIM 16-00221.02; Documents and working materials

OS-2018-01255 June 06, 2018 June 06, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
1. All "plans for program execution" (as that phrase is used in the Memorandum) sent or received by Steven Howke, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget.. 2. All forms Attachment C-1 and Attachment C-2 (referred to in the Memorandum) that have been submitted to Mr. Howke for review. 3. All documents constituting, analysis, denials or approvals of grants and cooperative agreements by Mr. Howke or his staff, (continued below)

OS-2018-01258 June 06, 2018 June 06, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of communications to/from the Office of Insular Affairs that refer to John Canegata. You may limit your search to communications sent between March 2017 and the present.

OS-2018-01256 June 06, 2018 June 06, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
All documents produced since January 20, 2017, related to the Department of the Interior¿s plans to review or revoke mineral withdrawals, including lists of specific mineral withdrawals considered for review or revocation. ¿ All documents produced since January 20, 2017, related to the Department of the Interior¿s plans to review or cancel segregation orders or ongoing studies of proposed mineral withdrawals (with accompanying NEPA analysis), including

lists of specific (continued below)

OS-2018-01269 June 07, 2018 June 07, 2018 Brown Ann OS Open
From March 1, 2017 to the date the Interior conducts this search: all records, including but not limited to internal communications, external communications with other entities, meeting notes, and draft records, which mention, include, reference, and/or were generated in connection with the Southern Nevada Water Authority (¿SNWA¿) groundwater development and pipeline project.

OS-2018-01270 June 07, 2018 June 07, 2018 Green Miranda OS Open
All correspondence and call logs between the office of the Secretary Ryan Zinke and his immediate staff--including Heather Swift, Alex Hinson and Laura Rigas--and "John Canegata" from February 22, 2017 and June 7, 2018. I'm seeking all correspondence regardless of format including but not limited to, emails, letters, texts, call transcripts/voicemails. The public has an urgent need for information about the correspondence. It may shed light on how agency policy is shaped and decisions are made.

OS-2018-01267 June 07, 2018 June 07, 2018 Hilzenrath David OS Open
Copies of the following records: 1. Any and all records created since Nov. 1, 2017, referencing David Hilzenrath and/or The Project On Government Oversight (POGO). 2. Any and all records created since Nov. 1, 2017, related to inquiries from David Hilzenrath. 3. Any and all records related to POGO¿s Feb. 22, 2018, news report, "Drilling Down: Big Oil's Bidding. For decades, there has been a virtual giveaway of offshore drilling rights. And the Trump Administration is planning to (cont. below)

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Subject						

OS-2018-01266 June 07, 2018 June 07, 2018 McCabe Neil OS Open
Any and all emails between Heather Swift, Alex Hinson, Laura Rigas and any email address ending in "@who.eop.gov" from May 1 through May 3.

OS-2018-01271 June 08, 2018 June 08, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
Any and all emails between Michael (also known as Laurence) Bogert (email address "mbogert@parsonsbehle.com") and the following OS employees: David Bernhardt, Jim Cason, Katherine MacGregor, and Downey Magallanes, from 1.1.2017 to 6.1.2018. All such emails should include any attachments and emails where the above mentioned OS employees are CC'd and BCC'd.

OS-2018-01272 June 08, 2018 June 08, 2018 Wright Michael OS Open
1. All electronic communication between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and Yellowstone National Park

Superintendent Dan Wenk between the dates of December 1, 2018, and June 8, 2018. 2. All electronic communication between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and Yellowstone National Park bison program coordinator Tim Reid between the dates of December 1, 2018, and June 8, 2018. 3. Any notes, memos or other record of a meeting that took February 28, 2018, regarding bison quarantine.

OS-2018-01273 June 08, 2018 June 08, 2018 Wright Michael OS Open
1. All electronic communication between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke or his staff and officials at Yellowstone National Park regarding bison between the dates of March 1, 2017 and June 8, 2018. 2. Any memos or policy statements regarding reducing the number of bison in Yellowstone National Park issued between the dates of March 1, 2017 and June 8, 2018.

OS-2018-01274 June 08, 2018 June 11, 2018 McLean Danielle OS Open
All correspondence and documents related to the $33,952 contract between the Department of the Interior and Industries for the Blind, Inc. (DUNS number 006096200 and award ID 140D0418P0062), including but not limited the physical contract, all bid documents, and receipts. https://www.usaspending.gov/#/award/66492072

OS-2018-01275 June 11, 2018 June 11, 2018 June 11, 2018 Peterson Laura OS Completed
Copies of previously released records related to FOIA case OS-2018-01081, requested by Douglas Stahl. The request should include all exhibits and other records associated with the case Farrell-Cooper Mining Company V. Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement and/or Farrell-Cooper Mining Company V. United States DOI.

OS-2018-01283 June 12, 2018 June 12, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
On September 15, 2017, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke issued Secretarial Order 3356, 'Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories.' Section 4(d)(5) required agencies and bureaus within the Department of the Interior (DOI) to 'within 180 days, ... (contd below)

OS-2018-01278 November 02, 2017 June 12, 2018 June 28, 2018 Lam Sylvia OS Completed
Reporting periods for this information are 'October 1 through March 31 and April 1 through September 30 of each fiscal year.' Id. As per § 301-70.907, a report is due to GSA no later than 30 calendar days after the close of each reporting period and must contain the following information: (contd below)

OS-2018-01282 June 12, 2018 June 12, 2018 Lara Joe OS Open
ONRR-18-MP-10105321JT
Provide name of Selectee, name of Selecting Official, name of Panelist, Best Qualified List, Ranking List by Panelist and notes, List forwarded from Office of Personnel Management including ranking determination, all documents on file that support the selectee including documents submitted per the announcement, hand written or typed notes or letters, letters written to self or notes to self from Selecting Official and/or Panelist, ...(contd from below)

OS-2018-01279 June 12, 2018 June 12, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Request for records under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, I am requesting Office of Natural Resources Revenue data on oil and gas sales values for accounting years 2015 and 2016. This data used to be available online at http://statistics.onrr.gov/.

OS-2018-01277 June 12, 2018 June 12, 2018 O'Connor Robert OS Open
Letter of October 3rd, you responded to a FOIA request but there are several omissions, which I believe to be clerical errors. All of these omissions are attachments, which were not included in the response. (contd below)
The omissions
are as follows:
1. Even numbered pages for a large portion of the records produced were not included.

OS-2018-01276 June 12, 2018 June 12, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
1. Lexis Contract for Legal Research Contract Start Date: 5/1/2018. 5 Year Contract. RFQ: Legal Research (RFQ1279560). (contd below)

OS-2018-01281 June 12, 2018 June 12, 2018 lara joe OS Open
ONRR-18-MP-100080623MB:
Provide name of Selectee, name of Selecting Official, name of Panelist, Best Qualified List,
Ranking List by Panelist and notes, List forwarded from Office of Personnel Management including ranking determination, all documents on file that support the selectee including documents submitted per the announcement, hand written or typed notes or letters, letters written to self or notes to self from Selecting Official and/or Panelist,..(contd below)

OS-2018-01287 June 13, 2018 June 13, 2018 Hulac Benjamin OS Open
All correspondence between officials of the U.S. Department of the Interior and representatives of the Las Vegas Golden Knights, a professional hockey team in the National Hockey League system. The time frame for my request is Jan. 1, 2017, until this request is completed.

OS-2018-01284 June 13, 2018 June 13, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
1. Bidders list, or list of companies that submitted a proposal for this opportunity

2. Title page, of each
contractor proposal submitted for this opportunity (Note, only the title page)

OS-2018-01285 June 13, 2018 June 13, 2018 Brennan Moss OS Open
Request access to and copies of any emails sent or received by Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, and Steve Howke since 2017 with the keywords 'Freedom of Information Act', 'FOIA', 'Public Record', 'Records' or 'Destroyed'.

OS-2018-01280 June 13, 2018 June 13, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
All communications (emails, attachments, text messages) and all details about the following meetings (participants, calendar information, notes, minutes) involving or including Ryan Zinke: Chris Cox Meeting: April 5th, 2017; Chris Cox, Gentry Beach Meeting: April 5th, 2017, and Gentry Beach Meeting: April 5th, 2017. (Identical requested records to OS-2017-00650, different requester.)

OS-2018-01289 June 13, 2018 June 13, 2018 Lara Joe OS Open
ONRR-18-MP-10105321JT: All documents on file related to the selection and hiring of the individual who was offered the position and those that made the list but were not offered the position. Selecting Official Rankings and Panelist

Ranking List, notes, letters, emails, resumes, panelist interview notes, selecting officials reference check notes, interview notes from selecting official and panelist.

OS-2018-01290 June 13, 2018 June 13, 2018 Krupp Chris OS Open
All records created, sent or received after January 20, 2017 as part of or as a result of Interior¿s communications or meetings with any representative of the American Lands Council ('ALC'). Guardians also requests all records concerning any communications or meetings with Montana State Senator Jennifer Fielder. (contd below)

OS-2018-01296 June 14, 2018 June 14, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, between Jason Funes in the Office of External Affairs and any agent, representative or employee of the Property and Environment Research center. This requests includes any and all communications between Funes and any email address that ends in '@perc.org' This request seeks records pr educed between September l. 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01292 June 14, 2018 June 14, 2018 Evers Austin OS Open
American Oversight requests that your agency produce the following within twenty business days:
All email
communications between 1) all schedulers and advance team personnel for Secretary Ryan Zinke, or other personnel with such scheduling and advance responsibilities, and 2) any external entities or individuals (those with email addresses ending in .com/.net/.org/.edu/.mail) and any Montana state officials (mt.gov). (contd below)

OS-2018-01293 June 14, 2018 June 14, 2018 Schoenhut Karimah OS Open
Pursuant to FOIA and DOI's implementing regulations for it, the Sierra Club requests: 1. Records generated from 2015 to the present describing, discussing, tabulating, logging, tracking, or otherwise indicating the number of passes issued via the Every Kid in the Park website, www.everykidinapark.gov. This request includes a request for logged data generated through the website interface that could be used to tally the
total number of printable passes issued each
school year. (contd below)

OS-2018-01355 June 14, 2018 June 14, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, between Todd Wynn, the Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, and any agent, representative or employee of the State Policy Network This requests includes any and all communications between Wynn and any email address that ends in '@spn.org'. This request seeks records produced between September 1. 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01294 June 14, 2018 June 14, 2018 June 28, 2018 Christ Maggie OS Completed
Request is for all Senior Federal Travel Reports submitted to the General Services Administration in calendar year 2017 pursuant to 41 C.F.R. § 301-70.907.

OS-2018-01298 June 14, 2018 June 14, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, between Jason Funes in the Office of External Affairs and any agent, representative or employee of the state Policy Network. This requests includes any and all communications between Funes and any email address that ends in '@spn.org'. This request seeks records produced between September 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

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OS-2018-01291	June 14, 2018	June 14, 2018		Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, between Todd Wynn, the Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, and any agent, representative or employee of the Property and Environment Research Center. This requests includes any and all communications between Wynn and any email address that ends in '@perc.org'. This request seeks records produced between September 1. 2017 and the date this request is processed.						
OS-2018-01295	June 15, 2018	June 15, 2018		Corey Jamie	OS	Open
All email and other correspondence in the possession of DOI custodian Todd Wynn that include one of more of the following keywords: 1. 'RAGA'; 2. 'Republican Attorneys General Association'; 3. 'RLDF'; 4. 'Rule of Law Defense Fund'. A search may be limited to records created or otherwise transmitted since October 1, 2017.						
OS-2018-01299	June 15, 2018	June 15, 2018		Peterson-Withorn Chase	OS	Open
Most recent form 278 public financial disclosure report filed by Ryan Zinke, any Form 278-T transaction report forms filed by Ryan Zinke since he became the Secretary of the Interior, and any other covered records listed in Part III of the OGE Form 201 filed by Ryan Zinke since he became Secretary of the Interior.						
OS-2018-01318	June 18, 2018	June 18, 2018		Coleman Jesse	OS	Open
Full calendar for James Voyles, and all communications, including attachments, between James Voyles and the Western Energy Alliance (all email addresses ending in @westernenergyalliance.org). Please search your records from 1/8/2018 to the current date.						
OS-2018-01303	June 18, 2018	June 18, 2018	July 09, 2018	Carlucci Chris	OS	Completed
A copy of the request and response to the following FOIA request as per 2017 DOI FOIA Log: FOIA Number: OS-2017-00228, Request Date: January 26, 2017, Receipt Date: January 26, 2017, Completion Date: March 02, 2017, Requestor Name: Warren Mark						
OS-2018-01300	June 15, 2018	June 18, 2018		McMillan Abigail	OS	Open
Copy of the following documents identified to IND13PD01125: 1)All task order documents including but not limited to task order, all modifications & SOW/PWS.						
OS-2018-01302	June 18, 2018	June 18, 2018		Exempt Information	OS	Open
Exempt Information						

OS-2018-01304 June 18, 2018 June 18, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
Any and all emails between Marc Himmelstein (email ending in "nes-dc.com") and/or Byron Kent Burton (email ending in "new-dc.com") and OS employees 1) James Cason and 2) Aurelia Skipwith, from 1.1.2017 to 6.1.2018. All such emails should include any attachments and emails where Mr. Cason and Mrs. Skipwith are CC'd and BCC'd.

OS-2018-01305 June 18, 2018 June 18, 2018 Best Emma OS Open
Lists, indices or other records that describe or enumerate any historical studies produced or commissioned by the agency's historical staff or various offices/subdivisions. These documents will be used, among other things, to identify individual histories that are of interest to the public, which will then be requested in a separate FOIA request.

OS-2018-01306 June 18, 2018 June 18, 2018 Best Emma OS Open
Copies of all drafted, submitted or received SF-311 forms (https://www.archives.gov/files/isoo/security-forms/sf311.pdf) produced in the year prior to the receipt of this FOIA request. SF-311 forms may also be identified as Agency Security Classification Management Program Data.

OS-2018-01307 June 18, 2018 June 18, 2018 Gelman Jeremy OS Open
Records or logs relating to technical drafting assistance (TA) provided by the Department of the Interior to Congress for bills introduced in Congress from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2017. Specifically, I seek which bills received TA from Interior and which members of Congress (or committee, if applicable) requested the TA.

OS-2018-01316 June 19, 2018 June 19, 2018 July 11, 2018 Schubiner Brian OS Completed
Records in the possession of ONRR, OES, and Committee Management Program related to the membership and activities of the DOI Royalty Policy Committees first formed in 1994 and subsequently renewed. A full list of all individuals who were members or participants of each of the Royalty Policy Committees from 1994 until the current Royalty Policy Committee, including the duration of their membership and or participation in the Royalty Policy Committee,

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below

OS-2018-01310 June 19, 2018 June 19, 2018 Collinsworth Joslyn OS Open
Confirmation of Base Roll for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and all information on PBC Roll Number 1197

OS-2018-01311 June 19, 2018 June 19, 2018 Morgan Tonya OS Open
All information regarding my name as listed on the Base Roll for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians at Federal Acknowledgement. Tonya Lynn Walker with Roll number assigned. Confirmation requested.

OS-2018-01320 June 19, 2018 June 19, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All calendar entries for Todd Wynn from December 30, 2017, to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01308 June 19, 2018 June 19, 2018 Segal Cecilia OS Open

Records in DOI's possession, custody, or control, dated from November 8, 2016 onward, that relate to the selection and appointment of members to the Royalty Policy Committee.

OS-2018-01313 June 19, 2018 June 19, 2018 Hulac Benjamin OS Open
Copies of all Strategic Sustainability Performance Plans (SSPPs) written for the Department of the Interior (DOI) since Jan. 1, 2017. Copies of all records created since Jan. 1, 2017, in relation to SSPPs written for DOI.

OS-2018-01309 June 19, 2018 June 19, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
1) All records in the possession of the DOI related to individuals who were recommended for appointment to the Council. By this I mean any emails or letters from people within the DOI, or outside it, referring or relating to suggestions about who DOI officials should consider for nomination to the Council. I am NOT asking in this request for the formal nomination letters from Sec. Zinke to members. I already have these.

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OS-2018-01319 June 20, 2018 June 20, 2018 Dodd Kelly OS Open
All correspondence outlined in detail below: . Any Freedom of Information Act requests and the responsive materials thereof regarding Senator Elizabeth Warren or the staff or representatives of Senator Elizabeth Warren in both her capacity as a United States Senator and as a private citizen.

OS-2018-01317 June 20, 2018 June 20, 2018 Geist Darrell OS Open
All records from the Office of the Secretary concerning the following subject matter: 1. Bison management in Yellowstone National Park and the state of Montana. 2. The Interagency Bison Management Plan. 3. Reintroducing bison from Yellowstone National Park to American Indian reservations or elsewhere. The time period for the requested records is March 1, 2017 to June 20, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-01312 June 19, 2018 June 20, 2018 Storrow Benjamin OS Open
Any documents released as part of the FOIA cases OS-2018-00321 and OS-2018-00281. Any communication by Department of Interior employees (external and internal) concerning Navajo Generating Station for calendar year 2018. Possible search terms should include NGS, Navajo Generating Station, Peabody, Kayenta, Zinke, Middle River Power, Salt River Project, SRP, Navajo, Hopi

OS-2018-01315 June 20, 2018 June 20, 2018 Snow Carolyn OS Open
All information about me listed as Carolyn Ann Henderson as I am listed on the Base Roll for the Poarch band of Creek Indians as a Corporate Shareholder at Federal Acknowledgment including my Roll Number.

OS-2018-01314 June 20, 2018 June 20, 2018 Vaughn Skinner Evelyn OS Open
Confirmation and all information of my name and roll number on the Poarch band of Creek Indian/CNEM Federal Acknowledged Base Roll and Corporate Entity Roll.

OS-2018-01321 June 21, 2018 June 21, 2018 burke Jill OS Open
All correspondence, notes, reports, emails and texts from Jan. 1, 2017 to present day (as of this writing, June 21, 2018) regarding the '1002 Area Oil Exploration Readiness Project in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge' (the language used

by the interior department in a June 2018 press release to describe a financial award to the service. (contd below)

OS-2018-01335 June 21, 2018 June 21, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Casey Hammond's Calendar, 1/20/2017 to the current date.

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OS-2018-01322 June 21, 2018 June 21, 2018 Smith Casey OS Open
Billing records from June 1, 2017 through June 1, 2018 for Department of Interior issued cell phone(s) used by Secretary Ryan Zinke. Billing records should include ingoing and outgoing call/usage summaries and details for each billing period.

OS-2018-01324 June 21, 2018 June 21, 2018 Smith Casey OS Open
All calendars, meeting schedules or calendar entries for Scott Cameron, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior and Susan Combs, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, from December 1, 2017 through June 20, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-01323 June 21, 2018 June 21, 2018 Smith Casey OS Open
Billing records from June 1, 2017 through June 1, 2018 for Department of Interior issued credit card(s) used by Secretary Ryan Zinke. Billing records should include spending amounts, locations and dates for each transaction in each billing period.

OS-2018-01391 June 22, 2018 June 22, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
All correspondence sent since May 1, 2017 ,including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, sent or received by Senior Advisor for Alaska Affairs Steve Wackowski that include any following keyword: SAExploration, S.A. Exploration, S.A.Exploration, SA Exploration, Knukpik, Olgoonik, Fairweather, Area l002, Section 1002, ANWR-1002, AMWR 1002.

OS-2018-01325 June 22, 2018 June 22, 2018 Kim Soo Rin OS Open
Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), I request access to and copies of salary information of all Department of Interior political appointees under Secretary Ryan Zinke. More specifically, I would like copies of all Request for Personnel Action records (Standard Form 52) and Notification of Personnel Action records (Standard Form 50) for all Interior Department political appointees from January 2017 to present,... (contd below)

OS-2018-01326 June 18, 2018 June 22, 2018 Cameron Allan OS Open
IBLA case number IBLA 2015-266. (The "CEMEX" contract cancellation appeals cases). This case is the appeal by CEMEX

USA of the BLM cancellation of two old contracts for the extraction of sand and gravel minerals from a site in Northern Los Angeles County.

OS-2018-01329 June 22, 2018 June 22, 2018 Takahashi Taiga OS Open
Request the following federal records dated from January 1, 2016 to the present related to the Newland Project located in: ¿ Any and all communications between any employee of the Office of the Secretary, including but not limited to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and Newland Real Estate Group, LLC, Rita Brandin, including phone records, ... (contd below)

OS-2018-01337 June 22, 2018 June 25, 2018 Hummel Joseph OS Open
1)Any and all communications, correspondence, notes, memoranda, records, and other documentation by, between, and among officials, employees, representatives, and agents of the ONRR related to the Denial Letter, including any and all documentation that supports or refuses the Denial Letter, whether in full or in part. Any and all documentation created by or otherwise in the possession of Mr. Hans Meingast or the Appeals Group of the ONRR that refer to relate to the Denial Letter.

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OS-2018-01339 June 22, 2018 June 25, 2018 Hummel Joseph OS Open
1)Any and all communications, correspondence, notes, memoranda, records, and other documentation by, between, and among officials, employees, representatives, and agents of the ONRR related to the Denial Letter, including any and all documentation that supports or refuses the Denial Letter, whether in full or in part. Any and all documentation created by or otherwise in the possession of Mr. Hans Meingast or the Appeals Group of the ONRR that refer to relate to the Denial Letter.

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OS-2018-01340 June 22, 2018 June 25, 2018 Hummel Joseph OS Open
1)Any and all communications, correspondence, notes, memoranda, records, and other documentation by, between, and among officials, employees, representatives, and agents of the ONRR related to the Denial Letter, including any and all documentation that supports or refuses the Denial Letter, whether in full or in part. Any and all documentation created by or otherwise in the possession of Mr. Hans Meingast or the Appeals Group of the ONRR that refer to relate to the Denial Letter.

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OS-2018-01341 June 22, 2018 June 25, 2018 Hummel Joseph OS Open
1)Any and all communications, correspondence, notes, memoranda, records, and other documentation by, between, and among officials, employees, representatives, and agents of the ONRR related to the Denial Letter, including any and all documentation that supports or refuses the Denial Letter, whether in full or in part. Any and all documentation created by or otherwise in the possession of Mr. Hans Meingast or the Appeals Group of the ONRR that refer to relate to the Denial Letter.

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OS-2018-01342 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Best Emma OS Open
Copies of all drafted, submitted or received SF-716 forms (https://www.archives.gov/files/isoo/security-forms/sf716.pdf) produced from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2017. SF-716 forms are filed annually and may also be identified as Agency Security Classification Costs Estimates.

OS-2018-01338 June 21, 2018 June 25, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Request the following documents held by Tim Williams, Deputy Director in the office of External Affairs.
All emails
with attachments sent as part of Tim William's email lists to outside parties. Tim Williams regularly sends emails containing press releases and other information to a list of people outside of the DOI. All emails and responses sent on any such list.

OS-2018-01343 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Grubb Charlotte OS Open
All correspondence, including email and attachments, in possession of Timothy Petty and his staff exchanged between Peabody Energy Corporation.
The time limit for this request is April 30, 2018- June 8, 2018.

OS-2018-01348 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Tucci Todd OS Open
Copies of all agency records and other documents of any kind and in any format generated, received, or related to the BLM Canyon Country District¿s March 2018 Competive Oil and Gas Lease Sale, including, but not limited to, any and all records relating to Environmental
Assessment DOI-BLM-UT-Y010-2017-0240-EA.

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OS-2018-01331 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
All correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between Secretary Ryan Zinke and Caroline Boulton and the following individuals:
¿ JohnLesar
¿ Katie Lesar
¿ David Lesar
¿ Sheryl Lesar
¿ Bruce
Boody
¿ Casey Malmquist
¿ Tim Grattan (contd below)

OS-2018-01350 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Spinelli Dan OS Open
An index of all FOIA requests made to the Department of the Interior between Jan. 20, 2017 and June 1, 2018 that includes, at minimum, the file number for each request, the date it was received, the name of the person or organization making the request, a description of the information sought, the date a response was issued, and the type of response sent (granted, denied, or partial release).

OS-2018-01332 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
All correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from the following Department

of Interior employees from February 13, 2018 to March 30, 2018, that include any mention of the following keywords. I also request access to and copies of all correspondence to or from the following Department of Interior employees mentioning the...(contd below)

OS-2018-01333 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copy of any document or documents showing all individuals hired at the Department of Interior and all of its bureaus since July 1, 2017. This should include, but not be limited to, all career civil service, political appointees, special government employees, temporary employees, seasonal employees, and intermittent employees hired since July 1, 2017, and should include but not be limited to the name, date of hiring, and position/title of the new hire. (contd below)

OS-2018-01334 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Berman Emily OS Open
Access to and copies of all communications or documents to, from, or in the custody of Ryan Zinke, Scott Cameron, Heather Swift, David Bernhardt, James Cason, or Scott Hommel that mention 'landscape conservation cooperative' or 'LCC' from November 1, 2017 to May 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01336 June 22, 2018 June 26, 2018 Hummel Joseph OS Open
1)Any and all communications, correspondence, notes, memoranda, records, and other documentation by, between, and among officials, employees, representatives, and agents of the ONRR related to the Denial Letter, including any and all documentation that supports or refuses the Denial Letter, whether in full or in part. Any and all documentation created by or otherwise in the possession of Mr. Hans Meingast or the Appeals Group of the ONRR that refer to relate to the Denial Letter.

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OS-2018-01352 June 25, 2018 June 26, 2018 Federman Adam OS Open
Any and all correspondence or communication including notes and memos to/from Indur Goklany and the Heartland Institute between November 9, 2016 to the date of this request.

OS-2018-01349 June 18, 2018 June 26, 2018 Hawkley Millie OS Open
1)All IBLA records concerning the Dismissal of Appeal of Russell N. Adams Allotment.;2)IBLA record of hte 1988 allotment relocation protests, including but not limited to: a)all documents related to the November 25, 1988 protest filed by the State of Alaska;b)all documents related to the December 5, 1988 protest filed by AIDEA;c)all documents related to the December 6, 1988 protest filed by the National Park Service;d)a)all documents related to the December 7, 1988 protest filed by NANA.

OS-2018-01353 June 20, 2018 June 28, 2018 Mickelson James OS Open
Requesting info on Trottier Estate, Probate no #P000122668 JP.

OS-2018-01357 June 25, 2018 June 28, 2018 Eagle Caleb OS Open
1. All records and communications, including but not limited to, notes, drafts or final letters and correspondence, emails and/or phone records mentioning, including, and/or referencing M-37044, "Opinion Regarding the Status of Mineral Ownership Underlying the Missouri River within the Boundaries of the Fort
Berthold Reservation," from January 20, 2017
to June 25, 2018. M-37044, dated January 18, 2017, may also be referred to as Solicitor Opinion or M-Opinion.

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OS-2018-01358	June 28, 2018	June 28, 2018		O'Sullivan James	OS	Open
Burden that the following leases (or portions thereof) carry with respect to the US Government: New Mexico 071032339A NMLC032339A and New Mexico 071032339B NMLC032339B						
OS-2018-01366	June 28, 2018	June 29, 2018		Mattison Timothy	OS	Open
Relevant park, refuge, site or other location: Request Description: I noticed that in 2017 the number of ¿closed¿ or resolved allegations of Scientific Integrity violations was only 2 when in previous years they ranged from 6 to 12. Two questions¿1) what was the ratio of allegations of scientific integrity violations to closed cases by year from 2011 to 2017? 2) what explains this drop in closed cases in 2017 relative to previous years						
OS-2018-01365	June 28, 2018	June 29, 2018		Smith Ashley	OS	Open
Relevant park, refuge, site or other location: E Struble Ave Terre Haute, IN 47802 Request Description: 1. Contaminates in the landfill 2. Specifications of the closure of the landfill 3. Groundwater data						
OS-2018-01364	June 29, 2018	June 29, 2018		Coleman Jesse	OS	Open
Casey Hammond's Calendar, 1/20/2017 to the current date						
OS-2018-01362	June 28, 2018	June 29, 2018		Sexton John	OS	Open
I am requesting all of the DOI¿s ¿Project Documentation¿ which is required of all Service First projects, regardless of whether or not they involve exchange of funds, for DOI¿s use of the USDA Forest Service¿s QPL with respect to wildland fire chemcials. At a minimum, please provide: - Documentation between DOI and the USDA Forest Service describing the general purpose of the project; (Continue Below)						
OS-2018-01367	June 29, 2018	June 29, 2018		Glawe Justin	OS	Open
From January 1, 2017 to present, I request: electronic copies of all communications between employees of the Department						

of the Interior and members, officials or representatives of the National Rifle Association and associated entities. To aid in the Department¿s search for such records, I¿ve compiled a list of

OS-2018-01368 July 02, 2018 July 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
All correspondence sent to or sent by Heather Swift, Faith Vander Voort, and Laura Keehner Rigas since May 1, 2017, that includes any of the following keywords: Lesar; Halliburton; Haliburton; Boody; Malmquist; Grattan; Peace Park; 95 Karrow

OS-2018-01392 July 02, 2018 July 02, 2018 Solomon Christopher OS Open
The complete appointment calendar for each of the Department of Interior employees listed below, including all people and groups met with; work trips taken; and the names of people and groups schedule to meet with on those outings: David Bernhardt, Deputy Secretary of the Interior, Joseph 'Joe' Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, (contd below)

OS-2018-01370 July 02, 2018 July 02, 2018 Smith Joshua OS Open
Records of the following type in the possession, custody, or control of the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) for the time period starting from January 20, 2017 up through and including the date that you conduct your search for documents: All emails, text messages, faxes, voice mails, and other forms of communications from, or to the following individuals in the Office of the Secretary (hereinafter DOI Personnel) with any person outside of DOI: (contd below)

OS-2018-01371 July 02, 2018 July 02, 2018 Solomon Christopher OS Open
1. Communications between employees of the Department of Interior or the Bureau of Land Management; and also with other people or organizations, discussing the Integrated Activity Plan for the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, including the possible revision of said plan. Participants in said communications could include, but are not limited to, ConocoPhillips and its representatives; the office of U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski; and the state of Alaska and its employees,..(contd below)

OS-2018-01369 July 02, 2018 July 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of correspondence sent since May 26, 2017, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, sent or received by Deputy Director of External Affairs Tim Williams or by Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs Todd Wynn that include any of the following keywords:
¿ Jennifer Fielder; American Lands Council;
Ken Ivory; Davillier; John Howard; Sean Reyes; Transfer AND federal land; Transfer AND public land; enabling act

OS-2018-01372 July 04, 2018 July 04, 2018 Amarel Taylor OS Open
I would like to obtain that last 200 pages of emails sent to, from, or copied to DOIExecSec@ios.doi.gov.

OS-2018-01376 July 05, 2018 July 05, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Full CV and calendar for Benjamin Cassidy, Senior Deputy Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs. Please search your records from 10/7/2017 to the current date.

OS-2018-01373 July 05, 2018 July 05, 2018 Miller Michael OS Open
All records for purchase card holders, except National Park Service. I have them already. Your website does not provide

enough information. Request the following dat fields: a. Agency: DOI; b. Department ; c. Street Address; d. City; e. State ; f. Zip Code; g. Employee Name; h. Phone Number; i. Extension ; J. Email Address.
This information was provided
by BOI/NPS. VA, GSA and SBA have provided this information at no cost.

OS-2018-01374 July 05, 2018 July 05, 2018 Berman Emily OS Open
Copies of all communications or documents to, from, or in the custody of Ryan Zinke, Scott Hommel, David Bernhardt, James Cason, or Heather Swift that mention 'Hitzman' or 'Meinert' or 'Alaska' from November 1, 2017 to March 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01375 July 05, 2018 July 05, 2018 Brugato Thomas OS Open
All records, regardless of the form or format of such records, constituting, documenting, or memorializing any communications with the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut (Mohegan Tribe) and/or the Mashantucket Pequot Indian Tribe (Mashantucket Tribe) that relate or refer in any way to any of the following topics: (contd below)

OS-2018-01377 July 06, 2018 July 06, 2018 RICHARDSON BLAIR OS Open
A document or documents stating the total number of Department of the Interior employees who were furloughed for any period of time during the brief government shutdown on February 9, 2018.

OS-2018-01378 July 06, 2018 July 06, 2018 Berman Emily OS Open
Copies of all communications or documents to, from, or in the custody of Scott Cameron, from January 20, 2017 through May 1, 2018, that mention 'budget' 'climate' and 'science center.' This request is only for documents that mention all three of the aforementioned terms; I do not request all documents that mention only 'budget' 'climate' and 'science center.'

OS-2018-01379 July 09, 2018 July 09, 2018 Vu Virginia OS Open
Requests from the U.S. Department of Interior (Interior) from March 1, 2017 to the date the Interior conducts this search: all records, including but not limited to internal communications, external communications with other entities, meeting notes, and draft records, which mention, include, reference, and/or were generated in connection with the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) groundwater development and pipeline project.

OS-2018-01390 July 09, 2018 July 09, 2018 Smith Colin OS Open
Main Interior Building Visitor Log For July 4, 2018: I am requesting copies of the visitor log for the Main Interior Building (AKA Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building) for July 4, 2018. List Of Invited Guests For July 4, 2018 Fireworks Display: I am requesting copies of any records that list all individuals invited to watch the July 4th, 2018 fireworks display from the balcony of Secretary Zinke¿s office.

OS-2018-01380 July 09, 2018 July 09, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
All correspondence since January 19, 2017, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between any employee, lobbyist, or representative of Glacier Lake Resources Inc. and any of the following Department of Interior officials. This should include, but not be limited to, all email correspondence between the following officials and any email account at the domains @glacierlake.ca or @glacierlake.com. (contd below)

OS-2018-01381 July 09, 2018 July 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open

All records concerning all logs of correspondence that record letters from members of Congress to the Department of the Interior (DOI) from June 1 to July 1, 2018. The logs should detail the correspondence¿s control number, the date it was received, what congressional office sent it and its subject. Please redact constituents¿ names and other personal information detailed in these logs in order to expedite this request. (contd below)

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
OS-2018-01382	July 09, 2018	July 09, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

All documents related to the Department of the Interior (DOI) employees' ethics waivers in resolving financial conflicts of interest from June 1 to July 1, 2018.
These documents are maintained by federal agencies and are
released to the public upon request under 18 U.S.C. 208.
Please consider this request a separate request directed to
each bureau under DOI.

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
OS-2018-01383	July 09, 2018	July 09, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

All records concerning FOIA request logs maintained by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from June 1 to July 1, 2018. The logs should detail the request¿s control number, the date it was received, who made the request, what company or organization they were from and the request¿s subject. Please consider this request a separate request directed to each bureau under DOI.

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
OS-2018-01384	July 09, 2018	July 09, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

List of 'special government employees' (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from June 1 to July 1, 2018. A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202. Please consider this request a separate request directed to each bureau under DOI.

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
OS-2018-01385	July 09, 2018	July 09, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

All communications records concerning communications that mention 'Trump,' 'Ivanka,' 'Kushner' and/or 'Observer' in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from June 1 to July 1, 2018. Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication found in your agency's correspondence log that mention one or more of these terms as responsive records to my request. (contd below)

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
OS-2018-01386	July 09, 2018	July 09, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

All records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt schedule from June 1 to July 1, 2018. Please include all records that document Bernhardt schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01387 July 09, 2018 July 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke schedule from June 1 to July 1, 2018. Please include all records that document Zinke schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01388 July 09, 2018 July 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior¿s headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from June 1 to July 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior¿s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-01389 July 09, 2018 July 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from June 1 to July 1, 2018. These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-01393 July 11, 2018 July 11, 2018 Spies Mike OS Open
A transcript, notes, audio, or video of a Q&A conducted by Secretary Zinke on 9/22/17, between 9:45am and 10:30am, during the NRA Women's Leadership Forum Executive Committee meeting at Four Seasons Dallas at Las Colinas; A transcript, notes, audio, or video of remarks delivered by Secretary Zinke on 9/22/17, between 11:30am and 12:45pm, during the NRA Luncheon at the Old Parkland Hospital, in Dallas, Texas;

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OS-2018-01396 July 11, 2018 July 11, 2018 Spies Mike OS Open
All correspondence between Benjamin Cassidy, who is the Senior Deputy Director for Intergovernmental and External Affairs, and any of the following individuals: Wayne LaPierre, Chris Cox, Josh Powell, Jason Ouimet, David Lehman, John Commerford, and Scott Christman. The correspondence should include emails (plus their attachments), text messages, Twitter DMs, Facebook messages, and notes from meetings. The correspondence should fall within the following timeframe: October 10, 2017-July 10, 2018.

From: Greg Sheehan
To: charisa_morris@fws.gov
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Subject: Awareness Review - Political Correspondence and Bureau Logs

All,

Pursuant to the Awareness Process for FOIA Productions memorandum, dated May 24, 2018, I am seeking comments from all PAS, NCSE, or Schedule C employees whose names appear in the attached records.

If you are receiving this message, then your name appears in one or both of the attached files. In accordance with the aforementioned memorandum, **you have up to 72 hours to review and comment on these records.** If no comment is received, then the Department will assume you have none.

The records in question are routine logs that are posted to the OS FOIA Library on a monthly basis.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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DCN	*Subject*	*Received*	*Input Date*	*To (Recipient)*	*From (Author)*
EST-00009235	Well Control Rule	07/02/2018	07/06/2018	Ryan Zinke	Charlie Crist, Vern Buchanan, Darren Soto, Francis Rooney, Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, Val Demings, Alcee Hastings, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Bill Posey, Carlos Curbelo, Mario Diaz-Balart, Kathy Castor, Dennis Ross, Frederica Wilson, Stephanie Murphy, Gus Bilirakis, Al Lawson, Ted Deutch, John Rutherford, Lois Frankel, Brian Mast
EST-00009206	requests status update re: concerns about NPS Commercial Services plan to release prospectus for Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island ferry service contract	07/02/2018	07/05/2018	Ryan Zinke	Josh Gottheimer
EST-00009182	concerns about reassignment of Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Dan Wenk and other SES reassignments	07/03/2018	07/03/2018	Ryan Zinke	Jared Huffman, Raul Grijalva, Nanette Barragan, Ruben Gallego, Alan Lowenthal, Colleen Hanabusa, Emanuel Cleaver, Jerry McNerney, Mark DeSaulnier, Mark Pocan, Darren Soto, Matthew Cartwright, Betty McCollum, Donald Beyer Jr.
EST-00009145	NVITATION:Senator Heller invites Secretary Zinke to the 22nd Annual lake Taho Summit, August 7, 2018, 10 00 am	07/02/2018	07/02/2018	Ryan Zinke	Dean Heller
EST-00009136	Asks to direct the National Park Service to promptly accept pending 40-acre land donation from Virginia to Fort Monroe National Monument	06/26/2018	07/02/2018	Ryan Zinke	Mark Warner, Tim Kaine, Scott Taylor, Bobby Scott, Robert Wittman, Barbara Comstock
EST-00009135	Nominates constituent Bob Hutchison to the National Park Service Advisory Board	06/26/2018	07/02/2018	Ryan Zinke	Hal Rogers
EST-00009134	recommend nomination of individual for a BLM RAC	06/26/2018	07/02/2018	Ryan Zinke	Andy Biggs
EST-00009133	Proposed Revisions to Fee to Trust Regulations	07/02/2018	07/02/2018	Ryan Zinke	Maria Cantwell, Patty Murray, Derek Kilmer, Denny Heck, Suzan DelBene, Adam Smith, Pramila Jayapal, Rick Larsen
EST-00009104	Superintendent for Yellowstone NP	06/25/2018	06/28/2018	Ryan Zinke	Ron Kind
EST-00009101	Funding and communication of science	06/25/2018	06/28/2018	Ryan Zinke	Bill Nelson
EST-00009044	oil and gas leasing on the Coastal Plain of Arctic National Wildlife Refuge	06/26/2018	06/26/2018	Ryan Zinke	Members of Congress
EST-00009043	termination of national Academies of Sciences public health project	06/22/2018	06/26/2018	Ryan Zinke	Edward Markey, Jeff Merkley, Ron Wyden, Sheldon Whitehouse, Benjamin Cardin, Richard Durbin, Bernard Sanders, Richard Blumenthal
EST-00009017	on behalf of G.M M. and request for reasonable accommodation as a maintenance worker at Blue Ridge Parkway	06/11/2018	06/24/2018	Micah Chambers	Mark Meadows
EST-00009016	on behalf of R.S. re: VA National Park in Fredericksburg, PA	06/11/2018	06/24/2018	Department of the Interior	Brian Fitzpatrick
EST-00009015	Letter of support for U.S. Lighthouse Depot Complex in New York	06/11/2018	06/24/2018	Ryan Zinke	Daniel Donovan
EST-00008989	Interpretation of certain provisions of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act pertaining to environmental restoration	06/21/2018	06/21/2018	Gregory Sheehan	Garret Graves, Doug Lamborn, Walter Jones, Frank LoBiondo, Neal Dunn, David Rouzer, Randy Weber
EST-00008980	Regarding office closures in Albuquerque, New Mexico	06/19/2018	06/21/2018	Micah Chambers	Tom Udall
EST-00008977	concerns about possible termination of management for the North Carolina red wolf population	06/20/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke	Grijalva
EST-00008975	Specific concern with cell tower in Howard and safety due to aviation warning lights outage and nest of osprey under Migratory Bird Treaty Act protection	06/15/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke	Glenn (GT) Thompson
EST-00008974	Nomination of Linda D. Matthews of Ohio for appointment to National Park Service's 400 Years of African American History Commission	06/15/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke	Steve Chabot
EST-00008958	land parcel along Green River located in Desolation Canyon	06/18/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke	John Curtis
EST-00008957	RJ Cardin's application for Arizona Resource Advisory Council	06/19/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke	Paul Gosar
EST-00008956	Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness	06/20/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke, Sonny Perdue	Betty McCollum, Raul Grijalva, Erik Paulsen, Keith Ellison, Ryan Costello, Gwen Moore, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Peter Visclosky, Matthew Cartwright, Chellie Pingree, Alan Lowenthal, Gerald McNerney, Carlos Curbelo, Marcy Kaptur, Debbie Dingell
EST-00008953	National OCS Program - South Carolina	06/18/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke	Tom Rice, James Clyburn, Henry McMaster, Mark Sanford
EST-00008951	Hearing Invitation	06/19/2018	06/20/2018	Ryan Zinke	Tom McClintock

EST-00008899	Regarding Congressional Reference for the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (the O-Gah-Pah), H R. 5862.	06/11/2018	06/14/2018	Ryan Zinke	James Inhofe, James Lankford, Markwayne Mullin, Frank Lucas, Steve Russell, Tom Cole
EST-00008897	Hearing Invitation	06/12/2018	06/14/2018	Ryan Zinke	Lisa Murkowski
EST-00008886	Delist gray wolf from the Endangered Species Act; opposes reintroduction of grizzly bear through North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan; concerns about mismanagement of apex predator	06/12/2018	06/12/2018	Ryan Zinke	Cathy McMorris Rodgers
EST-00008885	Grant Review Process	06/11/2018	06/12/2018	Ryan Zinke	Tammy Duckworth, Mazie Hirono, Tammy Baldwin, Richard Durbin, Jeff Merkley, Brian Schatz, Margaret Wood Hassan, Debbie Stabenow, Kamala Harris, Dianne Feinstein, Bernard Sanders, Ron Wyden
EST-00008873	DOI Solicitor position in the California State Office	06/11/2018	06/12/2018	Ryan Zinke	Mark Amodei
EST-00008872	MEET NG REQUEST: Congressman Erik Paulsen requests a meeting with Secretary Zinke, week of June 18, 2018	06/12/2018	06/12/2018	Ryan Zinke	Erik Paulsen
EST-00008865	Land Buy-Back Program	06/05/2018	06/12/2018	Ryan Zinke	Jon Tester
EST-00008862	support for University of New Mexico proposal to the NPS FY18 American Battlefield Protection grant program; Piedras Marcadas Pueblo	06/11/2018	06/11/2018	Ryan Zinke	Tom Udall, Martin Heinrich
EST-00008861	Asks FWS to reconsider proposal for relicensing of the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project; benefits for salmon and steelhead at less water cost	06/11/2018	06/11/2018	Ryan Zinke	Dianne Feinstein
EST-00008851	NPS Chesapeake Bay Office and the John Smith Trail	06/08/2018	06/08/2018	Ryan Zinke	Chris Van Hollen, Thomas Carper, Benjamin Cardin, Chris Coons, John Sarbanes, Anthony Brown, Jamie Raskin, Eleanor Holmes Norton
EST-00008838	THANK YOU NOTE: Congressman Joe Wilson sent Thank You Note with picture to Secretary Zinke	06/07/2018	06/07/2018	Ryan Zinke	Joe Wilson
EST-00008803	request that the Flint Trail (located in the Glen Canyon Recreation Area) be opened to all motorized vehicles.	06/06/2018	06/06/2018	Ryan Zinke	Chris Stewart
EST-00008784	Congressional Reference for the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (the O-Gah-Pah), H.R. 5862	06/04/2018	06/05/2018	Ryan Zinke	James Inhofe, James Lankford

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Subject						
OS-2018-00007	October 02, 2017	October 02, 2017		Townsend Margaret	OS	Open
1. All records mentioning, including, and/or referencing when the final reports shall be published in the Federal Register and on agency websites per M-17-24, ¿Guidance for Section 2 of Executive Order 13783, Titled ¿Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth¿¿ issued May 8, 2017 (¿OMB Memo¿); 2. All records of the final reports submitted pursuant to the OMB Memo that were to be finalized and provided to OMB per M-17-24 by September 24, 2017; (CONTINUED BELOW)						
OS-2018-00002	September 28, 2017	October 02, 2017		Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of digital correspondence involving any of the following officials between September 13, 2017, and September 28, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke, Chief of Staff Scott Hommel, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Katherine MacGregor, Press Secretary Heather Swift. Specifically, I request (continued below)						
OS-2018-00010	October 02, 2017	October 02, 2017		Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of all AQD-91 forms submitted by Secretary Ryan Zinke or any other individual in the Immediate Office of the Secretary at any point since and including March 1, 2017.						
OS-2018-00004	August 17, 2017	October 02, 2017	February 27, 2018	Valentine Gary	OS	Completed
Copy of the appraisal report SJRRP Reach 3.						
OS-2018-00005	September 20, 2017	October 02, 2017	March 01, 2018	Finestone Beth	OS	Completed
Copy of appraisal for SJRRP Reach 3 #D17PX00329.						
OS-2018-00006	October 02, 2017	October 02, 2017	November 02, 2017	Kenney Brett	OS	Completed
DOI Headquarter Visitor Logs for July, August and September, 2017 and any communications regarding the Coquille Indian Tribe's request to place 2.42 acres into trust in Medford, Oregon that was sent or received during Calendar Year 2017.						
OS-2018-00008	October 02, 2017	October 02, 2017		Moss Bradley	OS	Open
1) Instructions or guidelines ¿ including verbal instructions memorialized in writing ¿ relied upon by the DOI with respect to the use of information originally collected under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, including the circumstances in which such information can be used in criminal proceedings; 2) To the extent that the information does not fall within the scope of category #1, instructions or guidelines ¿ (CONTINUED BELOW)						

OS-2018-00012 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 February 22, 2018 Ruch Jeff OS Completed
Any communications to or from Secretary Zinke concerning this idea or about other possible management changes to any unit of CHIS. Specifically, we request the following: 1. Any communications to or from Secretary Zinke and the Interior Office of the Secretary (IOS) concerning a demonstration ranch or other change in use or management of any unit of CHIS; and (CONITNUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00053 October 02, 2017 October 03, 2017 October 27, 2017 Pruitt Bob OS Completed
Information regarding the Ryckman Creek Resources Gas Storage operation in the Nugget formation under WYW 180405 in Uinta Co. Wyoming. Any data reported on the operation, including current rates charged by the BLM for injection and withdrawal of stored gas; injected and withdrawn quantities, with breakdowns on native gas/oil production, together with any audit reports, inspection reports, or gas accounting issues.

OS-2018-00011 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
All travel vouchers generated by or on behalf of Secretary Ryan Zinke, from March 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017. The records I request are similar in content and purpose to GSA's SF-1012 "Travel Voucher," used to record dates, destinations and costs of official business travel.
All requests for authorization for use of a government-owned or
private, non-commercial aircraft generated by or on behalf of Secretary Ryan [See Notes]

OS-2018-00015 September 19, 2017 October 03, 2017 Katzenmeyer Kacey OS Open
All communications from January 1st, 2017-present with Aurelia Skipwith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, regarding the adjustment of any National Park or National Monument boundaries.

OS-2018-00013 September 28, 2017 October 03, 2017 Jones Sam OS Open
All documents, records, and information related to contracts awarded between 2008-2014 from your department to: Qualcon Contractors, Inc.; Carlson Construction, Inc.; B. Carlson Construction, LLC; Genoa Share, LLC; Bill Eric Carlson; or Sharon Marie Carlson, and all communications, including any attachments, between 2008-2014 between your department and U.S. Senator Dean Heller or Then-U.S. Representative Dean Heller, or (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00016 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 November 29, 2017 Touchton Margaret OS Completed
Any correspondence to your agency from or on behalf of former Montana State Representative Matt Rosendale (Jan. 2011-Jan. 2013), any correspondence to your agency from or on behalf of former Montana State Senator Matt Rosendale (Jan. 2013-Jan. 2017), any correspondence to your agency from or on behalf of current Montana State Auditor and Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Matt Rosendale and the Office of the Montana State Auditor (Jan. 2017-present)-All including electronic correspondence.

OS-2018-00014 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 October 25, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
Any and all correspondence or documents related to correspondence between secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff or representatives, and Bill Foley, the chairman of Fidelity National Financial, or his staff or representatives. This request seeks records from February 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00019 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 Girard Leslie OS Open
A copy of the contractual agreement between the Department of Interior and Monster, Inc., including: any modifications, the solicitation for the follow on to this contract, and copies of contracts awarded resulting from the solicitation.

The contract was recompeted in FY17, with a Target Award Date of May 1, 2017 and contract end date of April 1, 2022.

OS-2018-00017 October 03, 2017 October 03, 2017 October 26, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
Any and all correspondence or documents related to correspondence between the International Bottled Water Association, or its representatives or lobbyists, and secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, other political appointees in his office or his support staff. This request pertains to records produced between February 2017 and the present.

OS-2018-00024 October 04, 2017 October 04, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
Copies of the following agency records: 1. All agency records identifying members of the Senior Executive Service to whom the Department issued directed reassignment memoranda from January 20, 2017 through the date of your response to this request. 2. All agency records related to William Woody from January 1, 2017 through the date of your response to this request. 3. All emails to or from any of the individuals listed below (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00083 October 04, 2017 October 04, 2017 Evers Austin OS Open
1. All emails between the Immediate Office of the Secretary and the Office of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management regarding any events or projects in or issues related to Montana. 2. All emails in (i) the Immediate Office of the Secretary, (ii) the DOI Office of Communications, or (iii) the DOI Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs that include any of the following terms: a. Troy b. Downing c. Yellowstone d. Big Sky (continued below)

OS-2018-00022 October 03, 2017 October 04, 2017 Parti Tarini OS Open
All records compiled in response to the House Oversight Committee's Sep. 26, 2017 letter related to "senior officials' use of government-owned aircraft or private non-commercial aircraft for official and personal travel." I request all such records compiled as of the date you conduct the search for responsive records, regardless of whether the records have been sent to the committee. According to the letter sent to all agencies, the committee has requested information (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00081 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 November 08, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
[D]ocuments related to meetings or correspondence between officials and staffers at the DOI's Office of the Secretary, and any of the following individuals: Nancy McNally of the lobbying firm Van Ness Feldman LLP; Sean Taylor of Van Ness Feldman; Jonathan Simon of Van Ness Feldman; and/or Alan Mintz of Van Ness Feldman. This request only seeks records that pertain to the National Park Service's "water bottle ban", also known as PM 11-03. [See Notes]

OS-2018-00048 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Stack Alex OS Open
The passenger manifest for a Dept. of Interior flight that occurred in late August of 2017, possibly on August 24th. According to news reports, Sec. Ryan Zinke took a flight to and from Montana to speak about the Lolo Peak Fire and was accompanied by USDA Sec. Sonny Perdue, access to the passenger manifest for the flights to and from Montana for this specific trip.

OS-2018-00051 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
from January 20, 2017 to March 31, 2017:

All e-mails (including attachments) exchanged between the following list of
staff in the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of External Affairs and the following list of White House staff:

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OS-2018-00029 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 October 24, 2017 Emerson Sarah OS Completed
Copies of all Freedom of Information Act requests submitted to the Interior Department (online, in the mail, by fax, etc.) by "David Paulides" and/or "CanAm Missing Project" (not case sensitive for the purpose of this request).

Please only include the original FOIA requests submitted to DOI and each of their determinations (e.g. completed, no responsive documents, etc.).

OS-2018-00027 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Whieldon Esther OS Open
Copies of senior travel reports for FY 2017 (requesting the level of detail provided on the Interior's FOIA library for 2009 through 2013

OS-2018-00028 October 04, 2017 October 05, 2017 Whieldon Esther OS Open
[C]opies of trip summaries, travel expenses (data in native format is acceptable) and related briefing materials and any communications with the ethics department, including Ed Keable and Melinda Loftin, on approving travel logistics for the following people since January 20, 2017. They are Vincent DeVito, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Kate/Katherine MacGregor, Doug Domenech, Kathy Benedetto, Scott Angelle, Jim/James Cason, Virginia Johnson, Scott Cameron, Benjamin Keel and David Bernhardt.

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Subject						

OS-2018-00031 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Copies of any remarks made by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt to a meeting of the National Mining Association at the Trump International Hotel, October 4, 2017; All records which indicate the attendees of the October 4, 2017 meeting of the National Mining Association, all agendas of the meeting, and all briefing materials created to prepare Deputy Secretary Bernhardt for his appearance at the meeting;

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OS-2018-00032 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Enders Caty OS Open
Any and all reference documents, notes, newspaper articles, letters and emails that contributed to the findings in

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's memorandum to President Trump "Final report summarizing findings of the review of designations under the antiquities act," a copy of which can be found here: https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/4052225/Interior-Secretary-Ryan-Zinke-s-Report-to-the.pdf

OS-2018-00039 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
Any and all emails from GS-15 staffers or higher ranking staffers of the Department of Interior's Office of the Secretary for the words "joel clement" since 1/20/17.

OS-2018-00042 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
Any and all emails to or from someone with an email address ending in "@heritage.org" from GS-15 staffers or higher ranking staffers of the Department of Interior, including the Office of the Secretary and all other offices since 1/20/17. Please also search the emails of political employees and members of the beachhead teams for these emails.

OS-2018-00036 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A list of any and all members of the Senior Executive Service who were sent letters reassigning them in June 2017. This reassignment was described in this Washington Post article [linked in attachment]. If any of the material covered by this request has been destroyed or removed, please provide all surrounding documentation including, but not limited to, a description of the action taken regarding the materials and justification for those actions taken.

OS-2018-00033 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Enders Caty OS Open
Receipts for any and all expenses incurred during Secretary Ryan Zinke's travel to and from National Monuments as part of President Trump's executive order to reconsider the designations around any National Monument created since Jan. 1, 1996, that spans at least 100,000 acres. This would include all travel expenses incurred by the Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary to and from National Monuments between April 26, 2017 and August 24, 2017. (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00034 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Koures Cyndy OS Open
I am seeking all travel documentation and bills from secretary Zinke and the top three members of his staff over the last ten months

OS-2018-00026 October 04, 2017 October 05, 2017 Rios Edwin OS Open
[D]ocuments related to the security protection for Department of Interior Secretary Zinke for the fiscal year 2017 and fiscal year 2018.
Date Range: 1/1/17-Present
Description of requested records:
This includes the following:
memoranda, emails, compensation records, travel cost for security detail records, cost of Department of Interior's spending on security detail records, agreements, contracts, security assessments, and any other responsive documents related to the protection of Zinke.

OS-2018-00023 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 Tillerman Charles OS Open
Requesting account information as follows:

1. Osage Segregated Fund (14 x 7385), $929,252.66

2. Osage Restored Fund
(14 x 7469), $98,790.58
3. Unclaimed Checks (14 x 7386) $292,663..52
4. Estate Funds (14 x 6039), $554,225.13
5.
Whereabouts are unknown (14 x 6039), $46,268.35

Total as of November 30, 1998 = $1,921,200.24

OS-2018-00035 October 05, 2017 October 05, 2017 October 30, 2017 Ravnitzky Michael OS Completed
A copy of the first five pages of each final investigation report for each investigation closed by the Office of General Counsel of the Interior Department, during the time period August 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

OS-2018-00057 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 11, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
[A] list of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00050 October 05, 2017 October 06, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of any recording of the September 21, 2017 webinar involving the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management concerning the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other topics. [Requester has] attached a media report about this event to aid in identifying this record.

OS-2018-00063 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 Enders Caitlin OS Open
A list of all flights taken by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke since being sworn in on March 1, 2017, including the cost of each flight.

OS-2018-00069 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
On August 31, 2017, Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt issued Secretarial Order 3355, Streamlining National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Reviews and Implementation of the Executive Order 13807. In that document, the Deputy Secretary asked the bureaus and agencies within the Department of the Interior to submit to him, within 30 days, the following reports:

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OS-2018-00062 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 24, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
[A]ll responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00061 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 19, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
[A]ll records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior's visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00065 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 31, 2017 Duncan Luke OS Completed
1. The meeting was finally held sometime in 2017. We know that Ken Dalton, at the Office of the Solicitor, and Mr. Higgins, attended the meeting. We would like to know who else attended or called in to this meeting with Mr. Higgins.

2. We request that the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, the Office of the Solicitor, and the OST produce any and all
documents, recordings, or transcripts relating to.....

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OS-2018-00058 October 06, 2017 October 06, 2017 October 17, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
[A]ll communications records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00077 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
1. All agency records, including but not limited to emails, memoranda, text messages, instant messages, and notes relating to reorganizing the staff of the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") from January 1, 2017 through the date of your response to this request. 2. All agency records, including but not limited to emails, memoranda, text messages, instant messages, and notes relating to reassignments within the Department of the Interior from January 20, 2017 through (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00089 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
The following records from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of the Secretary: 1. On October 6, 2017, the U. S. Department of the Interior released a press release regarding the sale of federal oil and gas lease parcels in the month of September. This press release is attached as Exhibit 1. We hereby request any and all records related in any way to this October 6, 2017 press release.

OS-2018-00066 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
[R]ecords detailing travel by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke from March 1, 2017 to the date that this request is processed.

Please consider requests for travel approval submitted by Zinke or anyone acting on his behalf; response to said travel requests, including approvals and denials; travel authorizations for Zinke, including but not limited to authorizations issued by the Office of the Solicitor or the White House; communications between the Department of the Interior and any [see notes]

OS-2018-00075 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 December 26, 2017 Allison Bill OS Completed
Emails, including their text and any attachments, sent to ois.doi.gov email accounts on or after January 20, 2017 until the present date from the following addresses: jared@ijkfamily.com, Ivanka@ijkfamily.com, Jared@Kushnerfamily.us, Ivanka@kushnerfamily.us, Jared@trumporg.com, Ivanka@trumporg.com

OS-2018-00067 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open

[C]ommunication records to and from the following individuals in the Department of the Interior related to the award of Contract Award IS IND17PB00258 to Choice Aviation, LLC from Jan. 20 to June 23, 2017, including but not limited to the planning of the charter flight as agreed under the contract... Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication as responsive records to my request. [See Notes]

OS-2018-00078 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A keyword search (keywords listed below) of any and all emails of Interior HQ employees with the ranks of GS-15, SES, or ES I-V (or the equivalent ranks under other systems), along with the members of beachhead teams (listed below), either sent to or received from one another, sent to or received from a subordinate, or sent to or received from current and former officials (listed below) in the Office of the President or the Office of the Vice president since 11/8/16. (Continued Below)

OS-2018-00088 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 November 15, 2017 Casey Kathleen OS Completed
Exit Paperwork Filed By Joel Clement. I am requesting copies of exit paperwork, which should include exit memorandums, nondisclosure agreements, records management checklist, that were filed by Joel Clement from October 1, 2017, through the present date of this request.

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OS-2018-00070 October 06, 2017 October 10, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
All correspondence to or from Downey Magallanes that pertain to the National Monument Review required by the Presidential Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act.

OS-2018-00072 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Waldron Travis OS Open
Any written communication, including emails and memos, from Dept. of Interior employees, including Secretary Ryan Zinke, pertaining to the "Doggy Days at Interior" program, sent between March 1, 2017 and the date of this request, Oct. 9, 2017.

OS-2018-00071 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Federman Adam OS Open
Copies of all reimbursable support agreements (RSA's) between the Office of the Secretary and the White House. The date range for the request is January 20 to the present.

OS-2018-00084 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All documents and email correspondence relating to a meeting held July 12, 2017 between Patrick Soon-Shiong, Phillip Yang, Phil Gordon and David Rousseau and Interior staffers Downey Magallanes, Scott Cameron, Christine Bauserman and Ryan Zinke. All written or recorded documents from the meeting. I am also requesting all related documents and email

correspondence between any of these parties related to this meeting, sent before and after it occured. (Continued below)

OS-2018-00086 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All documents and email correspondence relating to a meeting held May 24, 2017 between representatives from Newfield Exploration Company and Interior staffers Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Christine Bauserman, Vincent Devito and Ryan Zinke. All written or recorded documents from the meeting. I am also requesting (continued below)

OS-2018-00074 October 09, 2017 October 10, 2017 Allison Bill OS Open
1. All calendars or calendar entries for Secretary Ryan Zinke; Chief of Staff Scott Hommel; Special Assistant Caroline Boulton; Special Assistant Natalie Davis; and any political or SES appointees in the Office of the Secretary, including any calendars maintained on behalf of these individuals (e.g., by an administrative assistant). For calendar entries created in Outlook or similar programs, the documents should be produced in ¿memo¿ form (Continued below)

OS-2018-00087 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All documents and email correspondence relating to a meeting held July 19, 2017 between Rep. Kevin Cramer, Cody Ortowski, Michael Moore, Brown Pruitt, Mike Gruman, Chris Marohl and Rob MacGregor and Interior staffers Downey Magallanes, Katharine MacGregor, Christine Bauserman, Kathleen Benedetto, Amanda Kaster and Ryan Zinke. Aall written or recorded documents from the meeting. I am also requesting (continued below)

OS-2018-00079 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Rosenbaum Robert OS Open
1. Documents relating to the possible establishment and/or the establishment in the State of Maine of a national monument such as that which became KWW, and/or what activities and/or uses that should or would be permitted and which activities and/or uses hould not or would not be permitted there and the reasons for such determinations, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, the following: Any summary of written or oral public comments concerning establishment of KWW (Cont. below)

OS-2018-00080 October 10, 2017 October 10, 2017 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All remarks prepared for David Bernhardt's October 5 address to the National Mining Association's board meeting at the Trump Hotel.

OS-2018-00096 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Corley Matthew OS Open
(1) Copies of all prepared remarks used by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt at the National Mining Association meeting at the Trump International Hotel - Washington, D.C. on October 4, 2017; and

(2) Copies of all documents received by
Deputy Secretary Bernhardt and/or his staff during the October 4, 2017 National Mining Association meeting at the Trump International Hotel- Washington, D.C.; and

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OS-2018-00095 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving Ryan Zinke regarding a prospective casino in Connecticut by the Mohegan and Mashantucket Tribes (a joint venture called MMCT) and a competing proposal by MGM Resorts International.

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OS-2018-00101 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 November 07, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
A list of all gifts that Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt has received from July 24, 2017 to the date this request is processed. Please include the origin of each gift, a brief description of each gift and the estimated monetary value of each gift.

OS-2018-00100 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Portnoy Steven OS Open
[A]ny email communications to or from the Secretary or any member of the Office of the Secretary involving the Stonewall National Monument, sent or received between Jan 20, 2017 and October 11, 2017.

OS-2018-00102 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Silverman Alex OS Open
[A]ny email communications to or from the Secretary or any member of the Office of the Secretary involving the Stonewall National Monument, sent or received between Jan 20, 2017 and October 11, 2017

OS-2018-00105 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Martinson Erica OS Open
[C]opies of letters or email communications sent between Secretary Zinke's office and the following offices, from April 14, 2017 through October 11, 2017

OS-2018-00099 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
[A]ll schedules, including but not limited to travel and/or meeting schedules, of the Assistant Deputy Secretary of the Interior Todd Willens (¿Mr. Willens¿), and of Mr. Willens¿ Chief of Staff.

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OS-2018-00104 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Murphy Allison OS Open
November 9, 2016 through the date that searches are conducted

1. Any and all records created or transmitted by or
between White House staff, including but not limited to their email addresses ending in ¿who.eop.gov,¿ including but not limited to Jared Kushner, Stephen (Steve) Bannon, Reince Priebus, John F. Kelly, Justin Clark, George Sifakis, Andrew Giuliani, Bill Stepien, Mike Catanzaro, D.J. Gribbin, George Banks, and Stephen Miller, and Interior employees regarding:

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OS-2018-00098 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 June 29, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Completed
[A]ccess to and copies of communications between DOI Secretary Ryan Zinke and Whitefish Energy owner Andy Techmanski.

These communications would include, but not be limited to, emails and phone records.

OS-2018-00106 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Corey Jamie OS Open
request all electronic records in the possession of the following Interior Department custodians pertaining to a study called ¿Potential Human Health Effects of Surface Coal Mining Operations in Central Appalachia,¿ conducted by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine:

1. Glenda Owens
2. Patrick Braxton
3. Fred Cruise
4.
Loraine Dawkins
5. Nicola Sanchez
6. Thomas Shope

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OS-2018-00320 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Van Shooten Daniel OS Open
All records related to agency travel requests submitted to the White House for designation as ¿White House Support Missions¿ (or ¿White House Mission Designations¿) from January 1, 2016 to the present. This request includes, but is not limited to:

a. Records pertaining to the dates and itinerary of trips that were submitted.

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OS-2018-00107 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Corey Jamie OS Open
request electronic records in the possession of the following Interior Department custodians pertaining to the National Mining Association ("NMA"):

1. Ryan Zinke
2. Scott Hommel
3. David Bernhardt
4. Douglas Domenech
5. Lori K
Mashburn

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OS-2018-00108 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Corey Jamie OS Open
all electronic records in the possession of the following Interior Department custodians pertaining to the repeal of the Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform Rule (also described as the "Valuation Rule"):

1. Ryan Zinke
2. Scott Hommel
3. David Bernhardt
4. Douglas Domenech
5. Lori K Mashburn

OS-2018-00093 October 10, 2017 October 11, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of the last 20 emails sent by Secretary Zinke and a copy of the last 20 work related text messages on his Dept. of Interior issued cell phone. Please search from 6/1/17 until today (or later if those 20 messages are more recent).

OS-2018-00109 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Wagner Daniel OS Open
all emails, memos, schedule entries, text messages and other records that meet all of the following three criteria:

¿ Generated between October 1, 2017 and October 11, 2017.

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OS-2018-00103 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 January 18, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Completed
All emails, including attachments, sent or received between Deputy Secretary David Bernardt and the following individuals, from August 1, 2017 to October 11, 2017:

o Luke Johnson of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. (ldjohnson@bhfs.com)
o Marc Lampkin of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. (mlampkin@bhfs.com)
o Elizabeth Maier of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. (emaier@bhfs.com)

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OS-2018-00091 October 10, 2017 October 11, 2017 O'Connor Brendan OS Open
Records pertaining to the "Big Buck Hunter" that Secretary Ryan Zinke installed in the employee cafeteria at DOI headquarters, per this September 19 tweet from the Secretary: https://twitter.com/secretaryzinke/status/910189520036990979 I am seeking records pertaining to both the tweet announcing the game's installation as well as records pertaining the installation itself.

OS-2018-00097 October 11, 2017 October 11, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving James Cason regarding a prospective casino in Connecticut by the Mohegan and Mashantucket Tribes (a joint venture called MMCT) and a competing proposal by MGM Resorts International.

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OS-2018-00110 October 12, 2017 October 12, 2017 February 14, 2018 Exempt Information OS Completed
Exempt Information

OS-2018-00112 October 12, 2017 October 12, 2017 King Pamela OS Open
request information pertaining to the Interior Department¿s and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management¿s (¿BLM¿) decision to rescind the 2015 final rule titled ¿Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands,¿ which was introduced under the previous administration. I hereby request any and all records
pertaining to this matter dated
between Jan. 20, 2017 and July 25, 2017.

OS-2018-00113 October 12, 2017 October 12, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving David Bernhardt regarding a prospective casino in Connecticut by the Mohegan and Mashantucket Tribes (a joint venture called MMCT) and a competing proposal by MGM Resorts International.

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OS-2018-00116 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 November 08, 2017 Devine Curtis OS Completed
[C]opies of (in pdf form, where possible) all documents related to commemorative coins commissioned by Secretary Zinke, including records related to costs or funds disbursed to pay for these coins, as well as any correspondence with the words "coin" or "coins." If the Office of the Secretary does not hold records responsive to this request, CNN asks that this request be forwarded to the applicable office that would hold records related to costs or disbursements related to these coins.

OS-2018-00122 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 April 02, 2018 Merica Dan OS Completed
A copy of the following documents and communications from March 1, 2017 to the present: -All documents and communications, including emails, from the Office of the Secretary related to the acquisition, or the potential acquisition, of an airplane for use by the Department of Interior. -All documents and communications to or from the Office of the Secretary about the acquisition or potential acquisition of an airplane. -All documents and communications within, (continued below)

OS-2018-00115 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 Thapaliya Rupak OS Completed
A letter sent on or about August 28, 2017, from BakerBotts, LLP addressed to the Department of the Interior (the "Department") addressed to Secretary Zinke referencing Solicitor¿s Opinion M-37041.

OS-2018-00114 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 April 17, 2018 Casey Kathleen OS Completed
[C]opies of reports and/or memorandums that detail costs associated with the use by the Department of the Interior of [the special secretarial flag] at the Washington DC Headquarters.

OS-2018-00118 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 Joselow Maxine OS Open
I am seeking all communication from Scott Cameron, principal deputy assistant secretary for policy, management and

budget, containing any of the following terms: "Syngenta," "regulatory reform," "deregulatory," or "task force." The time frame to be searched is February 24, 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00123 October 13, 2017 October 13, 2017 Atwood Amy OS Open
[GROUPED/RELATED REQUESTS: 17-00413 (April 6, 2017), 17-1242 (Sept 12, 2017), & 18-123]

[A]s an update to the
Center¿s previous request submitted on September, 12, 2017.

The Center requests all of the following records from
September 12, 2017 to the date of this search:
all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails,
text messages, instant...

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OS-2018-00205 October 16, 2017 October 16, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a copy of any and all emails in 8/1/17 containing the keywords ¿shifting workforce resources closer to the DOI¿s field locations¿ sent or received by Interior staffers ES I-V level along with the other interior staff members listed below.

Aaron Joseph Thiele
Alan Wayne Mikkelsen
Alex Hinson
Scott Hommel
Lori Mashburn
Russell Roddy
Amanda
Kaster-Averill
Caroline Boulton
Natalie Davis

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OS-2018-00125 October 16, 2017 October 16, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all travel records documenting the expenses, itineraries and reimbursed costs for Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s trip to the US Virgin Islands from March 30, 2017 to April 1, 2017, including manifests for any vehicles or aircraft used by the Secretary during this trip; any reimbursements submitted to the US government; receipts for expenses; any Secretarial Travel Routing Slips and all attachments, etc

OS-2018-00124 October 13, 2017 October 16, 2017 Spies Mike OS Open
Any correspondence--emails or text messages--between Laura Rigas, Scott Hommel, Heather Swift, Natalie Davis, or Ryan Zinke, and any of the following individuals: Chris Cox (employee of the NRA), Wayne LaPierre (employee of the NRA), or Susan LaPierre (recently appointed to the board of the National Parks Foundation). The correspondence should fall within the following timeframe: April 1, 2017 - October 13, 2017.

OS-2018-00128 October 16, 2017 October 16, 2017 October 24, 2017 Lacarra Toribio OS Completed
[A]ccess to and copies of all logs of congressional correspondence regarding correspondence to or from any officials at Office of the Secretary and Rep. David Valadao between January 1, 2013, and OCtober 16, 2017.

OS-2018-00127 October 16, 2017 October 16, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all e-mails sent by or sent to Ms. Heather Swift from (and including) September 25, 2017 to October 15, 2017. This should include the entire contents of Ms. Swift¿s e-mail inbox and e-mail outbox during this time-period and should include e-mails in which Ms. Swift was merely carbon copied (¿CC¿).

OS-2018-00129 October 17, 2017 October 17, 2017 Leven Rachel OS Open
[a]ny and all e-mails between addresses ending @coalsource.com to individuals in the agency's Office of the Secretary between March 1 and the date this search is executed. [S]earch for any meetings during that time period with:

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OS-2018-00130 October 17, 2017 October 17, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
1. [A]ccess to and copies of all correspondence involving Downey Magallanes between, and including, August 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017 which includes any of the following keywords:

¿ Monument
¿ Monuments
¿ Review
¿ ¿Bears Ears¿

¿ ¿BENM¿
¿ ¿Grand Staircase¿
¿ ¿GSENM¿
¿ ¿Cascade-Siskiyou¿
¿ ¿Gold Butte¿

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OS-2018-00134 October 17, 2017 October 17, 2017 Whieldon Esther OS Open
Copies of Scott Hommel's calendar starting March 1 though the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00131 October 17, 2017 October 17, 2017 November 02, 2017 Charen Rebecca OS Completed
[C]opies of all documents outlined in detail below:

¿ Any direct correspondence with Louis (¿Lou¿) Barletta or
the staff or representatives of Louis Barletta, in his capacity as a United States Congressman, mayor, or as a private citizen (January 3, 2011 ¿ present).

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OS-2018-00138 October 18, 2017 October 18, 2017 November 27, 2017 Martinson Erica OS Completed
Copies of email and correspondence files from Feb. 1, 2017 - October 18, 2017 that are related to potential drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, particularly between the office of the secretary and members of Alaska's congressional delegation - Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Sen. Dan Sullivan and Rep. Don Young. Relevant search terms to include are "ANWR" and "Arctic National Wildlife Refuge."

OS-2018-00137 October 12, 2017 October 18, 2017 McCarthy Justin OS Open
Any and all records of travel, including expense reports, for Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke.

The time frame
for this request runs from March 1, 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00142 October 19, 2017 October 19, 2017 June 29, 2018 Stern Marcus OS Completed
all written correspondence, including emails, between Secretary Ryan Zinke -- and/or his staff -- and Andrew Techmanski of Whitefish Energy Holdings LLC.

OS-2018-00143 October 19, 2017 October 19, 2017 April 17, 2018 Matt Frank OS Completed
all documents, memos, and correspondence¿including emails, written and electronic communications¿related to or mentioning Secretary Ryan Zinke's personal flag, also referred to as the secretarial flag.

The flag and it use was
described in the Washington Post:
https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/wheres-zinke-the-interior-secretarys-special-flag-offers-clues/2017/10/12/68672476-aeb2-11e7-9e58-e6288544af98_story.html?utm_term=.7b99ba90d40e

OS-2018-00144 October 19, 2017 October 19, 2017 November 08, 2017 Matt Frank OS Completed
all documents related to the Secretary of The Interior's commemorative coins bearing Secretary Ryan K. Zinke's name, including but not limited to documents related to their commissioning, cost, and all email and written correspondence about the coins.

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OS-2018-00139 October 18, 2017 October 19, 2017 Kustin Mary Ellen OS Open
A copy of all emails sent to the feedback@ios.doi.gov email address between and including August 1, 2017 and October

18, 2017.

OS-2018-00145 October 19, 2017 October 20, 2017 Hughes Shannon OS Open
Any and all records related in any way to the appearance/presentation that Kate MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, will make on November 16, 2017 in Grand Junction...

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OS-2018-00148 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 November 27, 2017 Ravnitzky Michael OS Completed
A copy of the FEVS (Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey) Agency Management Report for the Interior Department, for the year 2016. I also request a copy of the 2016 FEVS Trend Report for the Interior Department. (NOTE: I am NOT requesting a copy of the FEVS Agency Management Report for 2017.)

OS-2018-00146 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 James Ian OS Open
Copies of the following documents under the Freedom of Information Act: 1) all correspondence between the Interior Secretary and other parties concerning the Cadiz water project, between Jan. 1, 2017, and the present date. 2) all correspondence between Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt and other parties concerning the Cadiz water project, between Jan. 1, 2017, and the present date. 3) all documents concerning... (CONTINUED BELOW)

OS-2018-00169 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 Lawson Kirt OS Open
All RFP docs related to contract number W91QUZ06D0016 2T04. These docs include: Performance Work Statement (PWS), Submission instructions (Sections L & M), Any Amendments that were released from the solicitation, Any Question and Answer doc released from the solicitation.

OS-2018-00147 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All available calendars, daily itineraries, and schedules of activities and/or meetings for Scott Cameron, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior, from June 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00152 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all records released in response to these previous FOIAs OS-2017-01296, OS-2017-01267, OS-2017-01189, OS-2017-01125, OS-2017-01121.

OS-2018-00171 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Any written communications, including emails and memos, to or from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Interior Press Secretary Heather Swift, Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason and/or Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy Vincent DeVito from March 1 to present regarding the following Native American tribes: Crow Nation in Montana; Northern Cheyenne in Montana; Ute Nation Uintah and Ouray in Utah and Colorado; Southern Ute in Colorado; Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma; [continued below]

OS-2018-00172 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 Berman Emily OS Open
Access to and copies of all communications to or from Todd Willens that mentioned "Endangered Species Act" or "ESA." The timeframe for this request is from Willens¿ first day in office to present.

OS-2018-00170 October 23, 2017 October 23, 2017 January 08, 2018 Lawson Kirt OS Completed
All RFP docs related to contract number IND15PD01218. These docs include: Performance Work Statement (PWS), Submission instructions (Sections L & M), Any Amendments that were released from the solicitation, Any Question and Answer doc released from the solicitation.

OS-2018-00155 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all communications between all ES I-V staff in the Office of the Secretary & any OS staff listed below & email accounts ending with "api.org" since 1/20/17: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, Micah Chambers, Virginia Johnson, Marshall Critchfield, Brian Pavlik, [cont. below]

OS-2018-00156 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all communications between all ES I-V staff in the Office of the Secretary and any OS staff listed below and staff in the and email accounts containing dhs.gov since 1/20/17. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, Micah Chambers, [continued below]

OS-2018-00157 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent to or from all ES I-V staff in the Office of the Secretary along with any OS staff listed below, from Real Clear Energy's article on Energy Cabinet Slot for Senate Seat. Please search since 1/20/17. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, [cont below]

OS-2018-00158 October 20, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent to or from all ES I-V staff in the Office of the Secretary along with any OS staff listed below for these keywords: racism, minority, discrimination abuse of power, confederate, native American, Indian. Please search since 1/20/17. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, [below]

OS-2018-00162 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails referencing the keywords "attrition" and "reassignments" sent by Staff ranking ES I-V and the staff listed below since 1/20/17. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, Micah Chambers, Virginia Johnson, Marshall Critchfield, [cont. below]

OS-2018-00165 October 22, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent by ES I-V ranking staff and the staff listed below since 1/20/17 containing the keywords "abuse of authority," "mismanagement," and "gross waste of public funds." Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron

Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, Steven Smith, Jason Funes, Micah Chambers, [cont. below]

OS-2018-00149 October 22, 2017 October 23, 2017 February 13, 2018 McKeown Timothy OS Completed
Any communication from or to the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks or his or her designee related to specific allegations of failure to comply [with] the National NAGPRA Program. The specific documents I am requesting include, but are not limited to the: 1) Allegation(s) of failure to comply; 2) Notice(s) of failure to comply; 3) Notice (s) of penalty assessment and penalty calculation; 4) Settlement agreement; and Museum (CONT BELOW)

OS-2018-00177 October 02, 2017 October 23, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
My request covers January 20, 2017 to the present.

All e-mails (including attachments) sent or received by any of
the following employees of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement mentioning ¿Balash¿ in the subject line, body text, or attachments:

o Any individual who has held the position of Director or Acting Director, including ¿
but
not limited to ¿ Scott A. Angelle.

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OS-2018-00163 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails and documents created in the process of drafting a memo sent to reassigned SES interior staff called ¿Rotation of SES provides an opportunity to improve talent development, mission delivery, and collaboration.¿

OS-2018-00164 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent to or from a member of the OS interior staff ranked ES I-V or anyone staff listed below to George Banks or with any email account that contains ¿accf.org.¿ Please search from 1/20/17 until the present. Interior Employees, beyond ES: Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, James (Jim) Cason, Laura Keehner Rigas, Timothy Williams, (continued below)

OS-2018-00166 October 22, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of the workforce plan the Interior Department was directed to assemble by the Office of Management and Budget.

OS-2018-00167 October 22, 2017 October 23, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all communications regarding the formation of the Executive Resources Board.

OS-2018-00159 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 January 30, 2018 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all documents, created in order to respond to a July 11, 2017 letter from Senator Udall sent to

Secretary Zinke with a list of questions about the reassignment of SES staffers. I¿m also requesting any and all documents, including emails, created as part of planning the response to this letter.

OS-2018-00160 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 January 30, 2018 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all documents, created in order to respond to a August 21, 2017 letter from Senators Udall, Carper, and Heitkamp sent to Secretary Zinke with a list of questions about the reassignment of SES staffers. I¿m also requesting any and all documents, including emails, created as part of planning the response to this letter.

OS-2018-00161 October 21, 2017 October 23, 2017 January 30, 2018 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all documents, created in order to respond to a October 6, 2017 letter from Representative Cummings sent to Secretary Zinke with a list of questions about the reassignment of SES staffers. I¿m also requesting any and all documents, including emails, created as part of planning the response to this letter.

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OS-2018-00178 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all correspondence (email, written or otherwise) between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, and Joe Colonnetta, a general partner with and founder of HBC Investments, a private equity firm, or his staff. This request seeks records from February 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00181 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all correspondence (email, written or otherwise) between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, and any executive officer or staff member at the Montana-based energy company Whitefish Energy, including its owner Andy Techmanski. This request seeks records from February 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00183 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Evers Austin OS Open
1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, telephone call logs, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agenda, or other materials reflecting communications) relating to Puerto Rico between (i) the Secretary and/or any political appointee or SES staff in the Office of the Secretary and (ii) anyone at the following entities:
- the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- the U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers,
(continued below)

OS-2018-00180 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Records of any verbal, written or electronic communications, between the office of Secretary Ryan Zinke and the office

of Senator Lisa Murkowski that includes the name Tara Sweeney.

OS-2018-00182 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 April 17, 2018 Kramer Miriam OS Completed
Any and all emails related to Secretary Zinke's flag raised when he enters DOI Headquarters and lowered when he leaves.

OS-2018-00174 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Bale Rachael OS Open
All emails to/from the Office of the Secretary and sub-offices from Jan. 20, 2017 to present regarding all of the reassignments of Fish and Wildlife Service Senior Executive Service staff from June 2017, including, but not limited to: William Woody, chief of Office of Law Enforcement, Bryan Arroyo, assistant director for international affairs, Benjamin Tuggle, SW regional director, Cindy Dohner, SE regional director, any other USFWS SES staff transferred during this period.

OS-2018-00173 October 23, 2017 October 24, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of any resume or curriculum vitae for any member of the Department of the Interior¿s Royalty Policy Committee, obtained for any purpose. To be clear, I am not seeking contact information such as addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses, and will accept documents with this information redacted.

OS-2018-00176 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Cama Timothy OS Open
Copies of all emails and calendar items that mention ¿Whitefish,¿ ¿Techmanski¿ or "Colonnetta" that were sent to, received by (including cc and bcc) or in the calendars of Ryan Zinke, Caroline Boulton, Downey Magallanes, Scott Hommel, Douglas Domenech, Shirley Lewis or Nikolao Pula. Please exclude mentions of ¿Whitefish¿ that are solely referring to the Montana city. Limit the search to records created, received or sent between Aug. 1, 2017, and the date the search for this request is processed.

OS-2018-00179 October 24, 2017 October 24, 2017 Zibel Alan OS Open
1. Any and all documents ¿including but not limited to contracts, letters, faxes, and emails, including all attachments to emails¿to or from any staff of the Interior Department related to the rebuilding of downed power lines in Puerto Rico and referencing "Andy Techmanski," "Whitefish Energy" or "American Public Power Association." This request is limited to records created or received between September 1, 2017, and the date of processing this request. and 2. (continued below)

OS-2018-00195 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 January 24, 2018 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all emails between Indur Goklany and employees of the Cato Institute, American Enterprise Institute, Heartland Institute and the Competitive Enterprise Institute since 11/7/16.

OS-2018-00189 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 June 29, 2018 Boldt Aaron OS Completed
Any email correspondence from Interior Secretary Zinke regarding Whitefish Energy, Puerto Rico, or with Whitefish Energy employees.

OS-2018-00185 October 24, 2017 October 25, 2017 Smith Michael OS Open
Any and all correspondence between the Office of the Secretary (OS), and/or Secretary Ryan Zinke himself. regarding the impact of Hurricane Maria on Puerto Rico's electricity system. I would like this request to cover any communication regarding Puerto Rico's electricity system since Sept 17, just before Hurricane Maria hit the island.

Also, any
communication that refers to a company called Whitefish Energy Holdings, (continued below)

OS-2018-00186 October 24, 2017 October 25, 2017 Wallace Gregory OS Open
Access to and copies of all records of: 1. bids or offers to perform services related to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria; 2. communications between officials in the Office of the Secretary and/or Office of Insular Affairs with Whitefish Energy; and 3. communication between officials in the Office of the Secretary and/or Office of Insular affairs regarding Whitefish Energy. The communications with and regarding Whitefish Energy may name Andrew Techmanski, (continued below)

OS-2018-00188 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any communications or correspondence (email, written, or otherwise) between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, and Michael T. Reynolds, the acting director of the National Park Service, or his staff, regarding the proposed targeted fee increase at selected national park. The National Park Service
announced this proposed fee
increase on October 24, 2017 (see link in letter). This request seeks documents produced between June 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00190 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any communications or correspondence (email, written, or otherwise) between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, and any employee, associate, or staffer of the Property and Environment Research Center, a Montana-based think tank and non-profit. This request only seeks correspondence related to the topic of user fees and/or entrance fees at national parks and/or other public lands. This requests seeks documents produced between June 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00191 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Ioanes Ellen OS Open
All communications between employees in the office of Secretary Zinke regarding the following: Whitefish Energy Holdings; Puerto Rico; PREPA; Hurricanes Irma and Maria; Andy Techmanski; Ricardo Ramos; Mutual aid; Questions from representatives of the news media regarding Whitefish Energy Holdings, Puerto Rico, PREPA, Hurricanes Irma and Maria, Andy Techmanski, Ricardo Ramos or mutual aid.
All calendar entries, visitor logs, or meeting minutes (continued below)

OS-2018-00193 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails between ES I-V and SES ranking staff in the Department of Interior for the keywords, "VERA," "Voluntary Early Retirement Authority," "VSIP," "Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay," "Discontinued service retirement," and "buy-out." I also request any and all documents from the office of the Secretary related to implementing this executive order. https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/03/13/presidential-executive-order-comprehensive-plan-reorganizing-executive

OS-2018-00192 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 December 26, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Completed
A copy of any and all emails between ES I-V ranking staff in the Department of Interior and staff in the FOIA office related to specific FOIA requests since 1/20/17.

OS-2018-00197 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent by Virginia Burkett, Bud Cribley, Ruth Welch, Amy Leuders, Bryan Arroyo, Benjamin (Ben) Tuggle, Cindy Dohner, William (Bill) Woody, Sal (Salvatore) Lauro, and Barbara Wainman between June 16 and September 16, 2017 concerning being reassigned.

(Please send this FOIA to all the appropriate department because not
all of these staffers are in the OS.)

OS-2018-00198 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open
A copy of any and all emails sent referencing Virginia Burkett, Bud Cribley, Ruth Welch, Amy Leuders, Bryan Arroyo, Benjamin Tuggle, Cindy Dohner, William Woody, Sal Lauro, and Barbara Wainman between 5/1/17 and 9/1/17 by any members of the Interior Department OS ranking ES I-V along with the beachhead team members listed below. Aaron Joseph Thiele, Alan Wayne Mikkelsen, Alex Hinson, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, Russell Roddy, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, (cont. below)

OS-2018-00199 October 25, 2017 October 25, 2017 Kopplin Zachary OS Open

OS-2018-00216 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Brooiks Talasi OS Open
records of Secretary Zinke¿s review of the land use plan amendments for Greater Sage-grouse finalized under the Obama Administration. For purposes of this request, the ¿Zinke Report¿ refers to the Report in Response to Secretarial Order 3353 dated August 4, 2017.

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OS-2018-00213 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Corey Jamie OS Open
pertaining to a report by the Department of the Interior Actions entitled "Review of the Department of the Interior Actions that Potentially Burden Domestic Energy":

1. Ryan Zinke
2. David Bernhardt
3. Micah Chambers
4. Scott
Cameron
5. Scott Hommel
6. Lori Mashburn
7. Heather Swift
8. Susan Combs
9. Blake Deely
10. David Mihalic
11.
Katharine "Kate" MacGregor
12. Kathleen "Kathy" Benedetto
13. Dough Domenech
14. James Cason

OS-2018-00200 October 25, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a copy of any and all drafts of Secretary Zinke¿s letter to be included in the STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018 ¿ 2022

OS-2018-00201 October 25, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a copy of any and all emails concerning the selection of a photo of Secretary Zinke to be included with his letter for the STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018 ¿ 2022

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OS-2018-00204 October 25, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a copy of any and all emails in 8/1/17 containing the keyword ¿best available science¿ sent or received by Interior staffers ES I-V level along with the other interior staff members listed below.

OS-2018-00206 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Jack OS Open
a copy of any and all documents in the Office of the Secretary related to the Department of Interior¿s interest in interagency coordination and coordination across different levels in order to resolve differences without litigation as outlined by the Engaging the Nation in Cooperative Stewardship part of the DOI strategic plan for 2018-2022.

OS-2018-00207 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Jack OS Open
a list of any and all Department of Interior assets currently subject to deferred maintenance, including the date that maintenance is now required and the expected cost.

OS-2018-00208 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a list of any and all emails since 1/20/17 containing the keyword ¿healthy forests lifecycle¿ sent by Department of Interior staffers ranking ES I-V or the people listed below.

OS-2018-00209 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a list of any and all emails since 1/20/17 containing the keyword ¿malheur¿ and ¿bundy¿ sent by Department of Interior staffers ranking ES I-V or the people listed below.

OS-2018-00211 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Dickinson Timothy OS Open
all text messages and/or instant messages sent and received by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke relating to the performance of his public duties, starting from the date of his confirmation, March 1, 2017. Please include ...

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OS-2018-00212 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Dickinson Timothy OS Open
Any 2017 Interior Department records, emails, texts, memos or any other documents that mention "Andy Techmanski", "Techmanski," or "Whitefish Energy."

OS-2018-00214 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 McDermott Jennifer OS Open
a report that the Secretary sent to the White House in August 2017 on marine monuments.
any written correspondence
that the Department has received from the White House regarding that report.

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OS-2018-00215 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Acosta Deborah OS Open
Any and all communications between August 20, 2017 and the present between Secretary Ryan Zinke and: (i) Vincent DeVito; (ii) Douglas Domenech; and (iii) Heather Swift. Records of all communications between August 20, 2017 and the present to or from Secretary Ryan Zinke and/or Vincent DeVito that mention or refer to any of the following: .....

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OS-2018-00210 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Kopplin Zack OS Open
a list of any and all emails since 1/20/17 containing the keywords ¿secure the border¿ and ¿border wall¿ sent by Department of Interior staffers ranking ES I-V or the people listed below.

OS-2018-00218 October 26, 2017 October 26, 2017 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
Correspondence related to the Report to the Secretary on Improving the Bureau of Land Management¿s Planning and National Environmental Policy Act Processes

¿ all correspondence, including emails, since January of 2017, now in
possession of the Department and BLM, related to the report regarding BLM¿s planning and NEPA processes.

OS-2018-00221 October 26, 2017 October 27, 2017 December 05, 2017 Marsh Rene OS Completed
A copy of the list of all senior executive service members who were reassigned since Scretary Zinke took office. Please include the date the individual was promoted to SES and demographic information including sex, age and race.

OS-2018-00234 October 23, 2017 October 27, 2017 May 16, 2018 Bale Rachael OS Completed
Report produced by Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. in 2012 for the Department of the Interior called "law enforcement functional study."

OS-2018-00224 October 27, 2017 October 27, 2017 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Any and all records related to the development and implementation of the Department of the Interior's final report titled, "Review of the Department of the Interior Actions that Potentially Burden Domestic Energy," produced in response to Executive Order 13783 and released by the Department of the Interior on October 25, 2017 (hereinafter "Energy Burdens" report).

OS-2018-00226 October 27, 2017 October 27, 2017 Meehan Kathleen OS Open
Copies of reports submitted in response to Secretarial Order 3356. These were reports from "all responsible bureaus and offices within the Department regarding recommendations to streamline and improve the permitting process for guides and outfitters on the Department¿s lands and waters, including recommendations for the development of a distinct permitting process for non-profit organizations (such as those working with youth, veterans, or underserved communities)". (continued below)

OS-2018-00229 October 27, 2017 October 30, 2017 May 16, 2018 Ferry Stephane OS Completed
The inbound and outbound call logs of Secretary Ryan Zinke for all devices used in the performance of his duties for the period beginning September 1st, 2017 to October 27th, 2017.

OS-2018-00232 October 29, 2017 October 30, 2017 Desormeau Katherine OS Open
Any and all records in the possession, custody, or control of the Department of the Interior ("the Department") that pertain to meetings on or after January 20, 2017, attended by Secretary Ryan Zinke, Scott Hommel, Lori Mashburn, James Cason, Doug Domenech, and/or Downey Magallanes, relating to any national monument and/or to the Department's review of national monuments under Executive Order No. 13792, including: Any calendar entries, invitations, itineraries, (continued below)

OS-2018-00230 October 27, 2017 October 30, 2017 June 29, 2018 Allen Theo OS Completed
(1) All communications between Secretary Zinke and Whitefish Energy Holdings between August 15, 2017 and the date the request is processed. (2) All contracts between the Department of the Interior and Whitefish Energy Holdings between August 15, 2017 and the date the request is processed. (3) All energy contracts made by the Department of the Interior in Puerto Rico between August 15, 2017 and the date the request is processed. (4) (continued below)

OS-2018-00235 October 30, 2017 October 30, 2017 June 29, 2018 Woods Elliott OS Completed
Emails and any other correspondence between Whitefish Energy, LLC, HBC Investments, and any of those two companies' principals, and personnel at the Department of Interior in the Office of the Secretary, including Secretary Ryan Zinke. The principals of Whitefish Energy, LLC, are Andrew Techmanski and Joe Colonnetta, who is also a principal at HBC Investments. The time frame to be searched is March 1, 2017 until the present. (Continued below)

OS-2018-00233 October 29, 2017 October 30, 2017 October 31, 2017 Lipton Eric OS Completed
A a searchable list of all outstanding FOIA requests in a Microsoft Excel or Comma-Separated Values (CSV) format.

OS-2018-00236 October 30, 2017 October 30, 2017 Foehringer Merchant Emma OS Open
A copy of all emails, correspondence, and documents sent to and from staff at the Office of the Secretary concerning Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC as well as any documents discussing this company in conjunction with any actions in the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico between the dates of September 20 and October 30.

OS-2018-00237 October 30, 2017 October 30, 2017 January 30, 2018 Atkinson Katherine OS Completed
All agency records related to visitors of the individuals listed below on June 9, 2017. Please include all records related to the identity of the visitor of Jim Cason referred to as ¿Secretary¿s Guest¿ on the enclosed page of the June 9, 2017 visitor log. Please include in your search all records related to the identities of visitors who met or communicated with any of the following individuals: i. James (Jim) Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary; ii. Scott Cameron, (continued below)

OS-2018-00240 October 31, 2017 October 31, 2017 Tahir Darius OS Open
1) any memoranda, agendas, meeting notes, communications, or records generated as a result of the July 12, 2017 meeting with Patrick Soon-Shiong and other individuals affiliated with NantWorks 2) any communications between the Department of the Interior and any individuals affiliated with NantWorks after January 1, 2017 3) any communications, meeting notes, agenda, memoranda (continued below)

OS-2018-00242 October 30, 2017 October 31, 2017 February 14, 2018 Mushrush Julia OS Completed
All records and monetary transactions concerning the Osage Kansas Land Distributons or payments to her mother and deceased father.

OS-2018-00249 November 01, 2017 November 01, 2017 Evers Austin OS Open
1. All calendars or calendar entries for any of the following individuals between the date of January 20, 2017, to the date a search is conducted, including any calendars maintained on behalf of these individuals (e.g., by an administrative assistant or a scheduler): Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary or Administrator to Secretary Zinke, James (Jim) Cason-Associate Deputy Director, Scott Hommel-Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chief of Staff, Scott Hommel (continued below)

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OS-2018-00245 November 01, 2017 November 01, 2017 Creighton Sara OS Open
1) All records reflecting any actual or projected expenditures for renovations (including remodeling or changes to decor) of any part of the office suites (including foyers, waiting rooms, conference rooms, adjacent hallways, or other common areas) for any individuals in, or acting in, Senate-confirmed (PAS) positions at your agency. 2) All communications relating to actual or potential renovations (including remodeling or changes to decor) (continued below)

OS-2018-00244 November 01, 2017 November 01, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All documents and correspondence related to the Office of the Secretary's August decision to order the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to halt a study of health risks for residents near mountaintop removal and other surface coal mining sites in the Appalachian Mountains . This requests pertains to documents and correspondence produced between January 20, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00246 November 01, 2017 November 01, 2017 Davis Aaron OS Open
Copies of all correspondence, including emails and all email attachments, sent or received by Interior employees since Sept. 1, 2017 that include the words Puerto Rico or PR as well as any of the following terms: mutual aid, transmission, distribution,"requesting entity," "providing entity," "request for mutual aid," PREPA, Whitefish, WF, Techmanski, HBC, ldwwgroup, Zinke, or Perry. 2). Further, I request any emails sent or received in the same period from (continued below)

OS-2018-00248 November 01, 2017 November 02, 2017 November 27, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Completed
Access to and copies of all digital or written correspondence between Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt and any e-mail address ending in @bhfs.com. This should include copies of e-mails sent by, sent to or carbon-copying ("CC") Mr. Bernhardt at any point since and including August 1, 2017. Additionally, I request access to and copies of documents which outline or list calls placed and calls received by Mr. Bernhardt from any telephone (including any cellphone) (continued below)

OS-2018-00255 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 November 28, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All communications records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00257 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017. Please include all records that document Bernhardt's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00259 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 January 17, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior¿s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00258 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents or correspondence, including attachments, related to the meeting Secretary Zinke held with Representative Raul Grijalva and other Democrats from the House Natural Resources committee in a secure Compartmented Information Facility on October 24, 2017. Please also include documents or correspondence, including attachments, related to the planning and location of said meeting.

OS-2018-00254 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 November 29, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
A list of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00260 November 03, 2017 November 03, 2017 January 23, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00253	November 02, 2017	November 03, 2017		Atkinson Katherine	OS	Open

1. All agency records, including but not limited to calendar entries, notes, agendas, emails, text messages, and memoranda, related to the ¿Briefing on Reorganization¿ which Secretary Zinke attended on April 26, 2017. Please include all individuals present at the meeting in your search. According to the Secretary¿s public calendar, they included: a. Scott Hommel b. James Cason c. Secretary Zinke d. Olivia Ferriter e. Gareth Rees f. Amy Holley g. Downey Magallanes h. Denise Flanagan (cont. below)

OS-2018-00261	November 04, 2017	November 06, 2017		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

Communication records exchanged between the following individuals in the Department of the Interior and/or any individual employed by and/or affiliated with Whitefish Energy Holdings LLC and/or the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority related to the Whitefish Energy-PREPA contract to rebuild Puerto Rico's power grid from Jan. 20 to Nov. 1, 2017. Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of (cont. below)

OS-2018-00266	November 03, 2017	November 06, 2017		Guzy Gary	OS	Open

1. All draft and final documents, including but not limited to all policies, directives, training materials, other guidelines, memoranda, meeting notes, agendas, notes of telephone conversations, and electronic media, relating to Executive Order 13972 on the Review of Designations under the Antiquities Act, issued by President Donald J. Trump on April 26, 2017, and the review conducted thereunder by the Department of the Interior, as it relates to Grand Staircase Escalante (continued below)

OS-2018-00267	November 06, 2017	November 06, 2017	November 29, 2017	D'Angelo Chris	OS	Completed

All records related to FOIA Request OS-2017-00852.

OS-2018-00268	November 06, 2017	November 06, 2017	November 29, 2017	Mosk Matthew	OS	Completed

A copy of all the video footage taken by Maria Thi Mai on Secretary Zinke's trip to Cascade Siskiyou National Monument from July 14 to July 17, 2017.

OS-2018-00262	November 05, 2017	November 06, 2017	December 04, 2017	McCammon Muira	OS	Completed

Copies of all tweets deleted by the U.S. Department of Interior's Twitter feed (@Interior) from September 2009 to the present. This would include any tweets sent out on Twitter that were deleted or kept in draft form from the Twitter account @Interior. This request also would include copies of any e-mails or correspondence regarding the drafting and deletion of these tweets.

OS-2018-00269	November 06, 2017	November 06, 2017	November 30, 2017	Tobias Jimmy	OS	Completed

All correspondence, including letters, memos, as well as emails and attachments, sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or his staff, that contain one or more of the following words: "coin", "commemorative coin", "flag" and/or ''secretarial flag". This request pertains to communications sent or received between January 20, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00274	November 07, 2017	November 07, 2017	December 06, 2017	Tobias Jimmy	OS	Completed

Any and all correspondence, including letters, memos, as well as emails and attachments, sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, or other staffers in the Office of the Secretary, that contain one or more of the following

phrases. "Executive Committee for Expedited Permitting", or "ECEP" This request pertains to communications sent or received between August 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00284 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 Elliott Justin OS Open
Any emails to or from Secretary Ryan Zinke, dated between May 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed, that contain the terms "EITI" or "extractive industries."

OS-2018-00279 November 06, 2017 November 07, 2017 March 30, 2018 Mann Ted OS Completed
Access to and copies of all documents filed in a pending appeal before the Interior Board of Land Appeals for appeal that was filed in July 2015 by appellant Taylor Energy Company LLC versus respondents the US Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.

OS-2018-00285 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of the following records concerning the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's trip to Montana between October 27, 2017 -November 5, 2017. A daily schedule of the Secretary's events, meetings and activities including locations and attendees; this should include all official travel schedules for the
Secretary during this time period.
All documents related to the Secretary and any family members' government-sponsored travel during this time period; (Contd below)....

OS-2018-00271 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
A copy of every photograph taken by Department of Interior photographer Tami Heileman since March 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00276 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of records release under FOIA OS-2017-01291.

OS-2018-00272 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 November 30, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
A list of the names and official titles of all members of the Department of Interior's Executive Committee for Expedited Permitting, or ECEP.

OS-2018-00273 November 07, 2017 November 07, 2017 January 18, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
Copies of all records released in response to FOIA OS-2018-00018.

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OS-2018-00280 November 07, 2017 November 08, 2017 Elliott Justin OS Open
all emails dated between January 20, 2017, and the date this request is processed exchanged between the following officials:
Gregory Gould, Director of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue
Judith Wilson, Program Manager at
Office of Natural Resources Revenue

and the following outside lobbyists:

Veronika Kohler (professional email:
vkohler@nma.org)
Aaron Padilla (professional email: padillaa@api.org)
John Harrington (professional email: john.d.
harrington@exxonmobil.com)

OS-2018-00281 November 07, 2017 November 08, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving Ms. Downey Magallanes regarding the Navajo Generating Station and the Kayenta coal mine operated by Peabody Energy Company. Ms. Magallanes now holds the title of Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Advisor, and Counselor to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and previously held the title of Special Assistant to the Secretary. To assist the office in responding to this FOIA, Friends of the Earth has found (continued below)

OS-2018-00291 November 08, 2017 November 08, 2017 Young Jeff OS Open
All records in document or electronic form, such as relevant memos, email communication, letters, or meeting notes,
including but not limited to: Communications or meeting notes including DOI Deputy Sec. David Bernhardt. Communications or meeting notes including Trump administration transition team member Tucker Davis. (Contd below..)

OS-2018-00293 November 08, 2017 November 08, 2017 July 09, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Completed
Include sufficient information for us to assess the basis for the exemption, including any interest(s) that would be harmed by release. Please include a detailed ledger which includes: 1. Basic factual material about each withheld record, including the originator, date, length, general subject matter, and location of each item; and (contd below)

OS-2018-00286 November 07, 2017 November 08, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
All communications and meetings involving Ms. Downey Magallanes regarding the Grand Staircase/Escalante National Monument. Ms. Magallanes now holds the title of Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Advisor and Counselor to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and previously held the title of Special Assistant to the Secretary. Our request covers the period when she first entered the Department in January 2017 to the date the search is conducted.

OS-2018-00287 November 08, 2017 November 08, 2017 January 18, 2018 Donaldson Kate OS Completed
Copies of public records related to your organization's procurement of distribution transformers for a research project. I am requesting the information below (see: "Requested Information") related to the following Bid Solicitation Numbers issued by the Department of the Interior: A17PS00997, A17PS01083 For each of these bid opportunities please provide copies of: The bid opportunity announcement or RFP (AKA requests for bids, requests for proposals, invitation to bid, etc). (Contd Below)

OS-2018-00289 November 08, 2017 November 09, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All available calendars, daily itineraries, and schedules of activities for Scott Hommel , the chief of staff to the Interior Secretary, from March 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed . I am a reporter for Pacific Standard magazine, and the requested documents will be made available to the general public. (Contd below)..

OS-2018-00297 November 09, 2017 November 09, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
The following records created from January 20, 2017 to March 31, 2017: All e-mails (including attachments) exchanged between any of the following Department of the Interior staff/White House staff: Any individual who held the position of Secretary or Acting Secretary of the Interior from January 20, 2017 to March 31, 2017, including ¿ but not limited to ¿ Ryan Zinke. Any individual who held the position of Chief of Staff or Acting Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Interior (continued below)

OS-2018-00298 November 09, 2017 November 09, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
The following records created from January 20, 2017 to March 31, 2017: All e-mails (including attachments) exchanged between any of the following Department of the Interior & White House staff: Any individual who held the position of Director or Acting Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs from Jan. 20 to March 31, 2017. Any individual who held the position of Deputy Director or Acting Deputy Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (cont below)

OS-2018-00290 November 08, 2017 November 09, 2017 Hegyi Nate OS Open
Request description: Any emails sent either to or from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke regarding the following ¿ ¿Blackfeet¿ ¿Harry Barnes¿ ¿Range Rider¿ ¿Badger-Two Medicine¿ ¿Troy Downing¿ ¿Badger Two Medicine¿ ¿B2M¿

OS-2018-00296 November 09, 2017 November 09, 2017 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Any communications, including emails and memos, to and from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Heather Swift, Micah Chambers, and/or Jason Jurgena from April 1 to present that mention any of the following terms and/or phrases: "bronze bust", "bust", "bronze", "Cinturati", "Sagamore", "Roosevelt", "U.S. Art Company".

OS-2018-00299 November 09, 2017 November 10, 2017 Keatinge Jenny OS Open
Records related to the Trump administration¿s consideration of a land exchange and construction of road through Izembek National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. The requested records include, but are not limited to: All records related to Secretary of the Interior Zinke¿s mandate that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service explore the option of a land trade between Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and King Cove Native Corporation. All records regarding a proposed road through (Continued Below)

OS-2018-00301 November 10, 2017 November 13, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Records regarding Grand Staircase/Escalante National Monument for: All the activities of Ms. Downey Magallanes, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Advisor, and Counselor to the Secretary, regarding solely or including this monument. These activities include visits, trips, briefings, discussions, conference calls, and listening sessions not located inside the Department of the Interior headquarters building in Washington D.C. The records we request would answer the questions (continued below)

OS-2018-00302 November 10, 2017 November 13, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open

A copy of Murray Energy Corp. CEO Bob Murray's "action plan." Murray describes the "action plan" in the following news article: "Bob Murray says Trump's at work on industry 'action plan,'" Hannah Northey, E&E News, Oct. 10, 2017. I also request communication records exchanged between the following individuals in the Department of the Interior and/or any individual employed by and/or affiliated with Murray Energy Corp. related to Murray's "action plan" (continued below)

OS-2018-00303 November 12, 2017 November 13, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All correspondence, including letters, memos, as well as emails and attachments, sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, Scott Hommel, James Cason, Doug Domenech, Katharine MacGregor, Scott Cameron and/or Heather Swift that contain one or more of the following words: "Joel Clement" and/or "Clement". This request pertains to communications sent or received between March 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00305 November 13, 2017 November 13, 2017 December 04, 2017 Atwood Amy OS Completed
An update to the Center's previous request OS-2018-00123. The Center requests from October 13, 2017 to the date of this search: all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails, text messages, instant messages, voicemails, and phone logs for any phones utilized by the new U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke (contd below)

OS-2018-00304 November 13, 2017 November 13, 2017 Meehan Kathleen OS Open
A copy of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks' report with specific recommendations to enhance recreational fishing, specifically regarding efforts to enhance and expand recreational fishing access, where practicable. A copy of the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management's report with specific recommendations to enhance recreational fishing, specifically regarding efforts to enhance and expand recreational fishing access, where practicable.

OS-2018-00307 November 13, 2017 November 14, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
RE: Bernhardts Communication

From October 11, 2017 to search date: all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails, text messages, instant messages, voicemails, & phone logs for any phones utilized by the U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt ("Mr. Bernhardt") and/or

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OS-2018-00306 November 14, 2017 November 14, 2017 November 20, 2017 Arnsdorf Isaac OS Completed
Gavin Clarkson resignation letter.

OS-2018-00309 November 14, 2017 November 14, 2017 February 07, 2018 Maragos Michael OS Completed
All records from the OGOR-B reflecting the disposition of production and the volume of the product disposed for all onshore federal gas production, including the federal share of mixed agreements. Please provide the data for all disposition codes, aggregated by state, year, and disposition code, for 2006 through 2016.

OS-2018-00308 November 14, 2017 November 14, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
Copies of the following: 1. All calendar entries, schedules of meetings, agendas, lists of attendees and meeting notes for Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke from September 17 through September 22, 2017.
2. All emails, memoranda, text
messages, iMessages, Google chats, instant messages, and notes from September 15 through October 3, 2017 from the following individuals containing information related to any of the following categories: Any movements of Senior Executive Service (continued below)

OS-2018-00341 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 January 03, 2018 Pendery Bruce OS Completed
Secretary Zinke's response to the May 26, 2017 letter from Representative Scott Tipton, a letter attached with the request.

OS-2018-00313 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 Murphy Allison OS Open
(see below for clarity on the types of records sought): 1. Any and all records created or transmitted by or between White House staff, including but not limited to their email addresses ending in ¿who.eop.gov,¿ and Department of Interior (¿Interior¿) employees regarding any plan or action regarding Interior¿s Senior Executive Service employees, including but not limited to reassignment, downsizing, demotion, firing, dismissal, removal, resignation, or other job-related change. (contd below)

OS-2018-00311 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Any communications, including emails and memos, to and from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Interior Press Secretary Heather Swift, Micah Chambers, Christopher Salotti and/or Amanda Kaster-Averill from January 1, 2017 to present that mention any of the following terms and/or phrases: "422 acres", "422", "smallest area compatible", "predetermined outcome", "political advocacy".

OS-2018-00315 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
From the U.S. Department of the Interior ("Interior"): All records from January 20, 2017 through the date of the agency's search for responsive records that mention and/or discuss the Interior's closure of the U.S. Geological Survey ("USGS") Eastern Geographic Science Center in Reston, Virginia. (contd below)

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OS-2018-00312 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
Regarding 25 Species Listing Denials

All records mentioning, including, referencing and/or generated in connection
with the species' status assessments for the "12-Month Findings on Petitions to List 25 Species as Endangered or Threatened Species." Attachment A (25 Species Denial FR).

OS-2018-00314 November 15, 2017 November 15, 2017 December 18, 2017 Charboneau Liz OS Completed
Incoming-And-Outgoing Correspondence Between The United States Department Of The Interior And Martha McSally From January 3, 2015 Through The Present. I am requesting copies of incoming-and outgoing correspondence between the United States Department of the Interior and Martha McSally, in her capacity as member of the United States House of Representatives, from January 3, 2015 through the present.

OS-2018-00317 November 16, 2017 November 16, 2017 January 29, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Completed
All correspondence (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes and memoranda) to and from Interior staff, from January 1, 2017 to present, that mention any of the following terms or phrases: "elephant", "elephants", "trophy", "trophies", "import trophies", "safari", "sport-hunted", "sport hunting", "enhancement finding", "Zimbabwe", "Zambia", "African wildlife".

OS-2018-00316 November 16, 2017 November 16, 2017 January 30, 2018 Bale Rachael OS Completed
All emails to and from Sec. Ryan Zinke and any email addresses at the domain @safariclub.org and @firstforwildlife that contain one or more of the following the terms: ¿elephant,¿ ¿elephants,¿ ¿loxodonta,¿ or ¿Loxodonta Africana.¿

OS-2018-00318 November 17, 2017 November 17, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
From the U.S. Department of the Interior ("Interior"): All records mentioning, including, and/or referencing the Public Land Order 7787 as identified in recommendation 13 from Table 1 of the document "USDA Final Report Pursuant to Executive Order 13783 on Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth," which was generated as a result of Executive Order 13783 (Mar. 28, 2017).1 (contd below)

OS-2018-00323 November 17, 2017 November 17, 2017 Levitan Benjamin OS Open
Correspondence between the DOI Office of the Secretary ("OS")¿including OS's employees and contractors and anyone else who is a custodian of OS records¿and any outside party, including any employees, contractors, attorneys, lobbyists, or other representatives of any oil and gas trade organization or company in the oil and gas industry. EDF seeks correspondences relating to any of the following topics: a. "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation," (cont below)

OS-2018-00321 November 17, 2017 November 17, 2017 Keever Marcie OS Open
Department of the Interior produce the following documents and records within 20 business days: All communications and meetings involving Ms. Downey Magallanes regarding the Navajo Generating Station and the Kayenta coal mine operated by Peabody Energy Company. Ms. Magallanes now holds the title of Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Senior Advisor, and Counselor to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and previously held the title of Special Assistant to the Secretary.

OS-2018-00324 November 17, 2017 November 17, 2017 January 09, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Completed
All correspondence (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes and memoranda), from November 8, 2016 to present, between Interior Department staff (including employees of the Fish and Wildlife Service) and President Donald Trump's sons, Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump.

OS-2018-00319 November 16, 2017 November 17, 2017 March 16, 2018 Diamond Jeremy OS Completed

Copies of all records relating to any communication, electronic or otherwise, between Donald Trump, Jr. (President Donald Trump's son) and Interior Department officials including, but not limited to, communication between Donald Trump, Jr. and Secretary Ryan Zinke since Secretary Zinke was sworn in as Interior Secretary.

OS-2018-00325 November 17, 2017 November 20, 2017 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
All correspondence to or from Ryan Zinke, Heather Swift, Micah Chambers, John Tanner, Dominic Maione, Douglas Domenech, Gary Frazer (Assistant Director for Endangered Species, USFWS), Katharine MacGregor (Acting Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management) and/or Jason Larrabee (Acting Assistant Secretary for FWS), that mention any of the following terms and/or phrases: "marine mammal", "SEA Act", "Marine Mammal Protection Act", "MMPA", "seismic", "whale", "dolphin", "incidental take".

OS-2018-00327 November 17, 2017 November 20, 2017 Siegler Kirk OS Open
Between January 20, 2017 and November 17, 2017 for all four of the following: All email correspondence between Secretary Ryan Zinke and addresses with the "@trumporg.com" domain, All email between Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and addresses with the "@trumporg.com" domain, all email between Secretary Ryan Zinke and Donald Trump, Jr., all email between Chief of Staff Scott Hommel to Donald Trump.

OS-2018-00322 November 20, 2017 November 20, 2017 November 20, 2017 Exempt Information OS Completed
Exempt Information

OS-2018-00326 November 17, 2017 November 20, 2017 Brooks Wilma Lynn OS Open
[R]equesting "eligibility criteria" for Native American women spousal benefits, including calculating monthly benefit allowances.

OS-2018-00331 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Oslund Joe OS Open
All e-mails (including attachments) between any employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and any
employee or representative of the Office of the Governor of Puerto Rico that mention any of the following search
terms:
o Whitefish
o Montana
o Techmanski
o Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority
o PREPA

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OS-2018-00337 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
All records (including ' but not limited to - calendar entries or notes, visitor logs, agendas, meeting notes, or meeting minutes) relating to any meetings between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke (contd below)

OS-2018-00332 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Dieter Austin OS Open
E-mails (including attachments) between any employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and Puerto Rico

Electric Power Authority Chief Executive Officer Ricard Ramos mentioning any of the following search terms: "Whitefish", "Montana", "Techmanski", "Maria", "Irma", "Hurricane", "Zinke". (contd below).

OS-2018-00334 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Meyers Ellen OS Open
Email communication, meeting notes and "lessons learned" reports with key words "Denmark" and "offshore wind" from Oct. 1, 2017 to Nov. 3, 2017. Specifically, I would like meeting notes and minutes that pertain to Danish energy minister Lars Christian Lilleholt and U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's meeting on Oct. 26, 2017.

OS-2018-00333 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Graham Caroline OS Open
E-mails (including attachments) exchanged between the following employees of the Office of Insular Affairs and any employee or representative of "Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC", including ' but not limited to ' the following: Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs, Douglas W. Domenech, Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, Shirley Lewis (contd below)...

OS-2018-00336 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Sarge Matt OS Open
E-mails (including attachments) exchanged between the following employees of the Office of Emergency Management and any employee or representative of ¿Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC¿, including ¿ but not limited to ¿ the following: (contd below)

OS-2018-00329 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 July 10, 2018 Mercer Leo OS Completed
A copy of all letters of reprimand and/or suspension given to Interior Department employees from January 20, 2017, to August 30, 2017.

OS-2018-00330 November 21, 2017 November 21, 2017 Bauer Nick OS Open
E-mails (including attachments) exchanged between any employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and ¿Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC¿ or any employee or representative of ¿Whitefish Energy Holdings, LLC¿, including ¿ but not limited to ¿ the following: Chris Chiames, Spokesman (This search should include, but not be limited to, the email address ¿chris.chiames@ldwwgroup.com¿)

OS-2018-00340 November 22, 2017 November 22, 2017 Green Miranda OS Open
I would like to be provided with communications between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Fish and Wildlife Staff that includes the search terms language "trophy" and/or "trophies" and/or "elephant" and/or "elephants".

OS-2018-00339 November 27, 2017 November 27, 2017 Baracker Theresa OS Open
I believe this information to be in the possession of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), Human
Resources Division. Under provisions of Freedom oflnformation Act, please
provide the following requested
information.
1. All information regarding development of OST policy for non-application oflndian
Preference law. This
includes names of those who participated in development, drafts,
solicitor opinions, and any and all related
documentation;

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OS-2018-00343 November 28, 2017 November 28, 2017 January 24, 2018 Leopold Jason OS Completed
Emails, memos, letters, reports sent, received by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke that mentions or refers to ObamaCare and Lisa Murkowski. The search should include any emails from eop.gov. The timeframe for my request is July 1, 2017 through August 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00344 November 28, 2017 November 29, 2017 Evers Austin OS Open
1. Records sufficient to identify all employees who entered into a position at the agency as "political appointees" since April 3, 2017 and the title or position of each employee (to the extent that such individuals have held multiple titles or positions since April 3, 2017 identify each title or position). For purposes of this request, please consider any employee in a PAS position, a presidentially-appointed position, a non-career SES position, a Schedule C position, (continued below)

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OS-2018-00346 November 29, 2017 November 29, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
The following records regarding Escalante/Grand Staircase National Monument for: All visits, trips, meetings, briefings, discussions, listening session, and other activities by Secretary Ryan Zinke. The records we request would answer the questions of what Secretary Zinke did, who took part, who paid for what, and what did the activity and its components cost. The records we seek include:
a. All expense and reimbursement forms for each activity (continued below)

OS-2018-00345 November 28, 2017 November 29, 2017 Rony Alexander OS Open
Emails between July 1, 2017 and November 20, 2017 mentioning "elephant" that were sent to or from any of the following individuals: 1. Assistant Deputy Secretary Todd Willens 2. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Aurelia Skipwith 3. Director of the Office of International Affairs Karen Senhadji

OS-2018-00369 November 29, 2017 November 29, 2017 January 10, 2018 Feinberg Ashley OS Completed
Any discussion of or any reference to "Donald Trump Jr," "Don Jr," "Trump Jr," or "Don Trump" since January 20, 2016.

OS-2018-00348 November 30, 2017 November 30, 2017 June 13, 2018 Cheatham Kathy OS Completed
[A] copy of the full Administrative Report of the Tulsa Office Investigation conducted the week of March 6, 2017 by
Deborah Lloyd, Program specialist (Denver, CO).

OS-2018-00350 November 28, 2017 November 30, 2017 Jones Karianne OS Open
1)All correspondence and communications, including attachments, received or sent by Interior officials regarding the decision to withdrawal from the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative. Please include all communications that mention Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative or EITI. Searches should include any communications involving the White House, State Department, as well as from individuals outside of government.

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OS-2018-00347 November 30, 2017 November 30, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of any documents concerning Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason's meetings with any employee or representative of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP at any point since & including May 1, 2017. Copies of any documents brought to meetings involving Mr. Cason, copies of any documents describing the substance and contents of any of these meetings, & copies of any e-mails between Mr. Cason and any e-mail address ending in "@bhfs.com" sent or received during this time period.

OS-2018-00372 November 30, 2017 November 30, 2017 Rosenbaum Robert OS Open
Possible establishment and/or the establishment in the State of Maine of a national monument such as that which became KWW, and/or what activities and/or uses that should or would be permitted and which activities and/or uses should not or would not be permitted there and the reasons for such determinations, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, the following:(contd below)

OS-2018-00357 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 17, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior¿s headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Nov. 1 to Oct. 1, 2017. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior¿s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00359 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 31, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 2017.

These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-00360 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of records related to two meetings between Downey Magallanes and representatives of Energy Fuels and Kinder Morgan.

Energy Fuels. Downey Magallanes Met With Darrin Munoz and William Goranson on July 17, 2017. Darrin Munoz was the Director of Faegre Baker Daniels Consulting¿s energy and environment consulting practice. Darrin Munoz has lobbied for Energy Fuels Resources, Inc. William Paul Goranson was Executive Vice President of ISR Operations at Energy Fuels.

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OS-2018-00355 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 23, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All communications records concerning communications that mention Trump, Ivanka, Kushner and/or Observer in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00361 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 08, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
Request the following records for the processing notes for FOIA request number OS-2018-00269.

OS-2018-00349 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
The processing notes for my previous FOIA request assigned the control number OS-2018-00081.

OS-2018-00354 December 01, 2017 December 01, 2017 January 10, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
A list of special government employees (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00370 December 04, 2017 December 04, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Travel expenses - including air and vehicle travel, security expenses , food expenditures and hotel accommodations - during his December 4, 2017 trip to Utah to announce the resizing of the Bears Ears National Monument and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument .

OS-2018-00365 December 04, 2017 December 04, 2017 Reardon Sara OS Open
A list of DOI grants and cooperative agreements over $100,000 that have been ordered to stop work in 2017 pending budget review. This list was referenced by DOI in relation to a study by the National Academies. http://www8.nationalacademies.org/onpinews/newsitem.aspx?RecordID=8212017&_ga=2.85687257.1979571121.1503258766-1869263420.1485459941

OS-2018-00368 November 27, 2017 December 04, 2017 February 13, 2018 Ebbini Ramzi OS Completed
Any direct correspondence between your agency and North Dakota State Senator Tom Campbell or the staff of North Dakota State Senator Tom Campbell between January 2012-present; any direct correspondence between your agency and Tom Campbell of North Dakota, born February 1959, between January 1987-present.

OS-2018-00373 December 05, 2017 December 05, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails, including attachments, sent or received between Acting Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management Katharine MacGregor and any representative of the American Petroleum Institute (using the email domain ¿@api.org¿) or the Western Energy Alliance (using the email domain ¿@westernenergyalliance.org¿) which reference the ¿Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation¿ rule, published in the Federal Register November 18, 2016.

OS-2018-00371 December 05, 2017 December 05, 2017 Paul Ellen OS Open
Airborne Hunting Act (16 U.S.C. 742 j-l) provides that (2) In any case in which a State, or any agency thereof, issues a permit referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection, it shall file with the Secretary of the Interior an annual report containing such information as the Secretary shall prescribe.. (contd below)

OS-2018-00378 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails, including attachments, sent or received by DOI Press Secretary Heather Swift which reference Patagonia, Inc., or which otherwise contain the term ¿Patagonia.¿ The timeframe of my request is December 4, 2017 to December 6, 2017.

OS-2018-00377 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 June 05, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
December 5, 2017, Secretary Zinke hosted a telephone briefing regarding the National Monument Report (¿the briefing¿). According to a media advisory, ¿credentialed members of the news media¿ received access to the event by emailing ¿Alex at Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov¿ to obtain the dial-in information. Following the briefing, several reporters stated that they were told they were excluded from the briefing while on hold waiting for it to begin. (contd below)

OS-2018-00381 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails, including attachments, sent or received between the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Katharine MacGregor and the below-identified individuals which reference the final rule ¿Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform¿ (2017 Valuation Rule) published by the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) on July 1, 2016. (contd below)

OS-2018-00382 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 Rosenbaum Robert OS Open
1. Expansion of PRIMNM ultimately effectuated by Presidential Proclamation 9173, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, communications, other than through public comments, with any person outside each of your agencies or offices concerning what land, waters or other objects should be included or excluded from the expansion of PRIMNM and/or the uses which should be permitted or prohibited in that expansion, (contd below)

OS-2018-00375 December 06, 2017 December 06, 2017 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all documents outlining the attendees and content for the December 4, 2017 call involving members of the National Association of Counties and concerning the National Monument changes announced by President Trump on that same date. This should include, but not be limited to, copies of any list of participants on the call; copies of any minutes or notes taken by DOI staff during the call, and copies of any other document which outlines the content of the call.

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OS-2018-00385 December 07, 2017 December 07, 2017 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
[A]ccess to and copies of Communications from Vincent DeVito to Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and/or Secretary Ryan Zinke. You may limit your search to communications after September 1, 2017.

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OS-2018-00383	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open

[A]ccess to and copies of Copies of communications received in the account [feedback@ios.doi.gov]. You may limit your search to messages received after September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00384	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open

[A]ccess to and copies of Copies of all photos taken by Tami Heilemann that include any of the following people: Ryan Zinke, his wife (Lolita "Lola" zinke), Scott Hommel, David Bernhardt, Vincent DeVito. You may limit your search to photos taken after September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00386	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open

[A]ccess to and copies of Communications from Press Secretary Heather Swift to Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and/or Secretary Ryan Zinke. You may limit your search to communications after September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00387	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open

[A]ccess to and copies of Communications sent to or from (including also as :cc: or bcc:) the Department of the Interior's Office of the Secretary, which is also to or from (including also as :cc:: or bcc:) anyone using an email address incorporating the @ballard-partners.com domain name. You may limit your search to communications sent or received between August 1, 2017 to the present

OS-2018-00388	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	Schoenhut Karimah	OS	Open

Re: October 24, 2017 proposal where National Park Service Recreation Fee Program announced drastic increase in entrance fees at 17 of the most accessed national parks during the contiguous five month period of highest visitation for each park. 1. Documents providing factual support for the published conclusion that the proposed fee increases "will likely increase total entrance fee revenues from $199.9M to $268.5M." 2. Documents providing economic analysis of the impact (continued below)

OS-2018-00396	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	Meakins Kyle	OS	Open

Information related to the Interior Secretary's decision to rescind National Monument designations. This is to include the complete correspondence of all public comments received during the public comment period. It also includes correspondence with interested parties such as tribal, local, and state officials. (contd below)

OS-2018-00391	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	December 28, 2017 Abgaryan Alina	OS	Completed

Any and all records or documents related to construction projects at the Willits Depot/Northwestern Pacific Depot/Willits Roundhouse in Willits, California from the early 1900s to 1980s. This request includes any and all facility building plan documents, architectural plans, photographs, specifications, drawings, material lists, blueprints, change orders, prime or general contracts, or subcontracts. Documents which identify the name of any entity involved in any construction (continued below)

OS-2018-00389	December 07, 2017	December 07, 2017	Santos Rose	OS	Open

A customer insists that BLM did issue an award under RFQ 1199566, but BLM has no record of it. BLM only placed an order on a BPA that the Department has. This is a request for the information on the award for this contract. (In response to BLM-2017-00987)

OS-2018-00394 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Green Miranda OS Open
Provided with interagency agreements made between the Department of the Interior and the Executive Office of the President between January 20, 2017 to today.

OS-2018-00411 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes containing one or more of the following words or phrases: "Bears Ears", "national monument", "uranium", "Mark Chalmers", "Andrew Wheeler", "Faegre Baker Daniels", "Mary Bono", "William Paul Goranson", and/or "Energy Fuels Resources".

OS-2018-00395 December 07, 2017 December 08, 2017 January 09, 2018 Ruprecht Paul OS Completed
Currently-pending appeals before IBLA and Departmental Cases Hearings Division (OHA). Copies of all notices of appeal for actions currently pending before OHA, regardless of subject matter, in which the appellant is represented by Budd-Falen Law Offices, LLC or any of its attorneys. The docket or reference number or code assigned to each of the appeals indicated above.

OS-2018-00397 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Edge Tom OS Open
Copy of an August 3, 2017 letter to the President of the United States signed by several congressmen regarding coordination with state and local governments. It appears the Secretary of Interior was cc'd a copy of the correspondence. I would like any responsive letters or communications regarding the August 3, 2017 letter.

OS-2018-00398 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Vickers David OS Open
Determine 1.) if there is any indication that there was any meeting between Sec. Ryan Zinke and Rep. Claudia Tenney;
2.) what the topic or (better still) the content of that meeting was. (contd below)

OS-2018-00399 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Vergano Dan OS Open
Copies of all communications/public records to/from the office of Joshua Campbell (joseph_campbell@sol.doi.gpbv), advisor in the Office of the Solicitor, and Katherine MacGregor (katherine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov), Deputy AS for Land and Minerals Management, regarding the agency-wide review of grants&cooperative agreements totalling more than $1 million that led to the Aug 18 letter to the NAS calling for a halt in all activities under Cooperative Agreement S16AC20034, dating from 4/12 to 12/8/17.

OS-2018-00409 December 08, 2017 December 08, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by counselor for Energy Policy Vincent DeVito containing one or more of the following words or phrases: "Bears Ears", "national monument", "uranium", "Mark Chalmers", "Andrew Wheeler", "Faegre Baker Daniels", "Mary Bono", "William Paul Goranson'', and/or "Energy Fuels Resources".

OS-2018-00418 September 29, 2017 December 11, 2017 Dillion Lauren OS Open
BLM's Idaho State Office staff which reference Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's review of national monument designations for Craten of the Moon National Monument in accordance with Executive Order 13795, "Presidential

Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act," dated April 26, 2017. The time frame of my request is April 26, 201 7 to August 3 1, 201 7.(contd below)

OS-2018-00400 December 08, 2017 December 11, 2017 June 12, 2018 Woods Elliott OS Completed
Any correspondence between the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and the House Natural Resources Committee and any HNRC committee staff pertaining to the decision to launch a social media advertisement titled "Patagonia is Lying To You," or containing the words "Patagonia" or "Outdoor Industry."

OS-2018-00401 December 09, 2017 December 11, 2017 Cole Matthew OS Open
Copies of the travel authorizations and associated travel vouchers filed by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke since his confirmation as Secretary of the Interior.

OS-2018-00402 December 10, 2017 December 11, 2017 Ruaro Randy OS Open
Copies of all emails sent or received by Pat Pourchot from an email address for the office of former Senator Mark Begich. This would include from any staff person or former Senator Begich himself. I believe such emails would have the word "Begich" and / or "Senate.gov" in them.

OS-2018-00403 December 10, 2017 December 11, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
A list of all social media accounts blocked by the all of the Department of the Interior's social media accounts, including but not limited to the Twitter accounts @Interior, @SecretaryZinke, @DOIDepSec, @DOIPressSec and all other social media accounts listed on DOI's website. Please consider records identifying social media accounts blocked by DOI's archived social media accounts ¿ also listed on DOI's website ¿ as not responsive records to my request.

OS-2018-00406 December 11, 2017 December 11, 2017 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of Communications sent to or from (including also as :cc: or bcc:) the Department of the Interior's Office of the Secretary and VIGOP PAC Treasurer Scott MacKenzie. You may limit your search to communications sent or received since March 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00414 December 12, 2017 December 12, 2017 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Following documents for every telephone briefing or press conference in 2017.
¿ A copy of the participant list;
¿ A
copy of the transcript of the briefing; and,
¿ A copy of the audio recording of the briefing.
It is my understanding
that Public Information Officer Frank Quimby (frank_quimby@ios.doi.gov) is the custodian of these records.

OS-2018-00687 December 12, 2017 December 12, 2017 O'Connell Joseph OS Open
¿ Any direct correspondence between your agency and U.S. Representative Marsha Blackburn or the staff of U.S. Representative Marsha Blackburn between January 2003- present.
¿ Any direct correspondence between your agency and
Marsha Wedgeworth Blackbum of Tennessee, bom 01/21/1961, between January 2003- present.

OS-2018-00408 December 12, 2017 December 12, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
The identity of the visitor of Jim Cason referred to as ¿Secretary¿s Guest¿ on the enclosed page of the June 9, 2017 visitor log, obtained from https://edit.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/17-00801ca.pdf. Please include in your search all records related to the identities of visitors who met or communicated with any of the following individuals: (contd below)

OS-2018-00416 December 13, 2017 December 13, 2017 Cama Timothy OS Open
Any records related to meetings that included both Ryan Zinke and Joshua Tree National Park Superintendent David Smith at the Main Interior Building between Nov. 1, 2017 and Nov. 30, 2017. This includes, but is not limited to, calendar entries, invitations, attendance lists, agendas, materials exchanged, recordings, photographs and follow-up communications.

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OS-2018-00423 December 14, 2017 December 14, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Correspondence, including attachments, between Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes (downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov) and L. Michael Bogert (mbogert@parsonsbehle.com) of the law firm Parsons Behle & Lattimer. This request pertains to records produced between January 20, 2017 and June 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00428 December 14, 2017 December 14, 2017 Ballard Benjamin OS Open
Text messages of Secretary Ryan Zinke using the terms "Puerto Rico", "PR", or "Maria".

OS-2018-00417 December 14, 2017 December 14, 2017 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, between Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes and Department of Commerce staffer Earl Comstock (ecomstock@doc.gov) that contain one or more of the following words or phrases.

"national monument ", "monument", "monuments", "Bears Ears ", and/or "Grand Staircase-Escalante ". This request pertains to communications sent or received between April 1, 2017 and the date this reques this processed.

OS-2018-00421 December 14, 2017 December 14, 2017 Foote Donald OS Open
Please provide a copy of the Unique Position Description (PD) used to fill the 120-dcay non competitive detail to a GS 15 for Melvin Capers, Office of Valuation Services (OVS). I have requested a copy of the PD from the OVS Director, John Ross and the Human Resource Specialist, Judith Schnittker.

OS-2018-00430 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 Vardi Itai OS Open
1. The Secretary and/or any member of his staff and employees and/or representatives of the company PROOF Research,

from 1.1.2017 to 12.15.2017. Personnel from the DOI may include, but not be limited to, Secretary Ryan Zinke, Russel Roddy, Caroline Boulton, Natalie Davis, Downey Magallanes, Nancy Guiden, and Scott Hommel. (contd below)

OS-2018-00432 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 Cama Timothy OS Open
Copies of records sufficient to show the identities and alleged inappropriate behavior that caused Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to fire four employees, as he mentioned in the Dec. 14, 2017, video, "Interior's Work Environment Survey Results" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Np9YpailJ6c).

OS-2018-00433 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of communications to and from the Interior Secretary's office, including those in which OS staff are included in cc: or bcc:, discussing Nita Vail or the California Rangeland Trust. You may limit your search to communications sent after March 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00431 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 March 16, 2018 Berman Emily OS Completed
Copies of all communications between Todd Wynn and any email account that does not belong to the federal government.

OS-2018-00434 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 Ioanes Ellen OS Open
[Request regarding inappropriate sexual misconduct or predation] Line item budgets detailing any payouts for settlements of any kind. Any communication (email, text message, memo or phone call readout) from the Office of Policy, Management and Budget regarding the payment of such settlements. Any communication from the Office of the Inspector General regarding the payment of such settlements. Any communication from the Office of the Solicitor regarding the payment of such (continued below)

OS-2018-00429 December 14, 2017 December 15, 2017 Woods Elliott OS Open
1. On Dec. 5, 2017, [regarding] a conference call with Secretary Zinke pertaining to President Trump's decision to downsize the Bears Ears & Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments.

a. [A]ll correspondence from employees in
the Office of the Secretary from Dec. 1, 2017, to the present that mentions Outside Magazine, Elliott Woods, or Weston Phippen.

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OS-2018-00436 December 15, 2017 December 15, 2017 January 24, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Completed
Copies of any and all complaints filed by staff within the Office of the Secretary related to the Department of the Interior¿s FOIA policy from January 20, 2017 through the present date of this request.

OS-2018-00443 December 18, 2017 December 18, 2017 Townsend Margaret OS Open
All records mentioning, including, referencing, and/or generated in connection with Interior's directive to the North Cascades National Park ("North Cascades NP") to stop work on its environmental impact statement regarding grizzly bear recovery in the North Cascades Ecosystem. See generally Rob Chaney, North Cascades grizzly bear recovery work halted by Interior Department, Missoulian [link in request letter].

OS-2018-00439 December 16, 2017 December 18, 2017 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
1. Any and all records documenting, discussing, and/or describing actions by the Secretary's Office, including the Deputy Secretary of the Interior and Assistant Secretaries, to comply with Secretarial Order 3355, entitled, ¿Streamlining National Environmental Policy Act Reviews and Implementation of Executive Order 13807, 'Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects.'¿ 2. the recommendations made (continued below)

OS-2018-00440 December 18, 2017 December 18, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
That the Office of Policy Analysis produce regarding the Office's use of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (5 CFR part 334) in calendar years 2016 and 2017 for: a. The names, positions, locations, & job descriptions of persons from other units of government or non-government ("other") entities serving in the Office at a pay rate equal to or higher than that of Grade 13 ($74,584 per year or $35 per hour); b. The assignment agreements for each person; c. The cost-sharing agreement (cont. below)

OS-2018-00448 December 18, 2017 December 18, 2017 March 13, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Completed
Requests regarding the Office use of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (5 CFR part 334) in calendar years 2016 and 2017 for:
a. The names, positions, locations, and job descriptions of persons from other units of government or non-government (other) entities serving in ONRR at a pay rate equal to or higher than that of Grade 13 ($74,584 per year or $35 per hour); b. The assignment agreements for each person; c. The cost-sharing agreement for each person;

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OS-2018-00437 December 15, 2017 December 18, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All photographs of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke created by Department of the Interior employees and/or contractors from Jan. 20, 2017 to the date that this FOIA request is processed. Public and non-public/private events, including but not limited to meetings, speeches, press conferences, portraits, candid shots. Activity that Zinke took part in for official business. Include relevant information with each photograph - names of each individual photographed, date, location and subject matter.

OS-2018-00438 December 15, 2017 December 18, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All multimedia recordings, including audio and video recordings, of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke created by Department of the Interior employees and/or contractors from Jan. 20, 2017 to the date that this FOIA request is processed. Public and non-public multimedia recordings of Zinke at public as well as private events, including but not limited to meetings, speeches, press conferences, portraits, candid shots and any other activity that Zinke took part in for official business.

OS-2018-00454 December 19, 2017 December 19, 2017 January 10, 2018 Colman Zack OS Completed
All responsive documents and materials for the following FOIA requests which have been wholly or partially completed as of the date of this request: 1) OS-2017-00840; 2) OS-2017-00834; 3) OS-2017-00849; 4) OS-2017-00848; 5) OS-2017-00850; 6) OS-2017-00342; 7) OS-2017-00456; 8) OS-2017-00513 Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication as responsive records to my request.

OS-2018-00456 December 19, 2017 December 19, 2017 January 10, 2018 Kravitz Derek OS Completed
The department's list of current and former special government employees, or "SGEs," hired between Jan. 20, 2017, and the date this request is ultimately fulfilled, along with the employee¿s name; hire date; agency title; office and department; hiring authority; government pay scale, step and salary; and separation date, if applicable.

OS-2018-00455 December 19, 2017 December 19, 2017 January 24, 2018 Choma Russ OS Completed
Any correspondence between the Definers Corp, also known as Definers Public Affairs or DefinersDC, and the DOI Office of the Secretary between January 20, 2017 and Dec 19, 2017. Please send the correspondence and requested information on a rolling basis, and do not wait until all correspondence is compiled to fill the request.

OS-2018-00446 December 19, 2017 December 19, 2017 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All documents & email correspondence between Joshua Tree National Park Superintendent David Smith and members of the Office of the Secretary at Interior, including, but not limited to Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, Ryan Zinke and David Bernhardt. This is in regards to 15 tweets sent by Joshua Tree¿s Twitter account on Nov. 8. Keywords "climate," "climate change," "tweets." Please include documents and emails from Nov. 1 ¿ Dec. 15, 2017 between Smith and employees (continued below)

OS-2018-00451 December 18, 2017 December 20, 2017 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Regarding the Office¿s use of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (5 CFR part 334) in calendar years 2016 and 2017 for: a. The names, positions, locations, and job descriptions of persons from other units of government or non-government ("other") entities serving in the Office of the Secretary at a pay rate equal to or higher than that of Grade 13 ($74,584 per year or $35 per hour); b. The assignment agreements for each person; c. The cost-sharing agreement for each person; (continued below)

OS-2018-00453 December 20, 2017 December 20, 2017 January 10, 2018 Mroch Douglas OS Completed
Appraisal review that was completed on the appraisal written by Tom Dunagan for Sportsmans Lodge parcel on the Kvichak River in Alaska

OS-2018-00457 December 19, 2017 December 20, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
[Request regarding David Bernhardt, James Cason aka Jim Cason, Daniel Jorjani, Katharine (Kate) MacGregor, Mary Pletcher, Lori Mashburn, Scott Hommel, Scott Cameron, Natalie Davis, Nancy Guiden, Brendan Quinn] 1. All agency records regarding David Bernhardt's employment with the Department of the Interior from January 20, 2017, through September 10, 2017. The response should include records regarding Mr. Bernhardt's role at DOI prior to his confirmation, including any authority (continued below)

OS-2018-00458 December 19, 2017 December 20, 2017 Niedenthal John OS Open
Beginning in January of 2105 through December 31, 2017: Any and all documents and communications between Department of Interior staff and officials, Insular Affairs staff and the people of Bikini Atoll, and all documents and communications between Departments Interior staff between themselves, having to do with the affairs of the people of Bikini Atoll, especially concerning the rules and laws pertaining to the Resettlement Trust Fund for the People of Bikini Atoll (continued below)

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OS-2018-00460	December 20, 2017	December 20, 2017		Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of the following records: Any contracts between the Department of the Interior and Definers Public Affairs (aka Definers Corp.); Any correspondence involving any of the following individuals and Mr. Allan Blutstein or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @definersdc.com; @ntknetwork.com; @americarisingcorp.com or @americarisingpac. org at any point since and including January 20, 2017: Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; Chief of Staff Scott Hommel; (continued below)						
OS-2018-00461	December 20, 2017	December 20, 2017		Federman Adam	OS	Open
Any/all correspondence or communication between the Department of the Interior and Definers Public Affairs, an opposition research firm, and the company's president Joe Pounder. Definers had a $120,000 contract with the EPA that it recently terminated and the company said that four other agencies had expressed an interest in similar contracts. This request is seeking to determine whether DOI was one of those four agencies. The time frame for the request is January 20, 2017 to December 20, 2017.						
OS-2018-00452	December 19, 2017	December 20, 2017	December 21, 2017	Sneed Tierney	OS	Completed
A log showing all FOIA requests made to the office, to include date of request, name of requester, subject of request, tracking number and final disposition if applicable.						
OS-2018-00464	December 14, 2017	December 21, 2017	January 12, 2018	Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open
All electronic correspondence, including attachments, between Interior Department employee James Schindler Uames_schindler@ios.doi.gov) and L. Michael Bogert (mbogert@parsonsbehle.com) of the lawfirm Parsons Behle & Lattimer. This request pertains to records produced between January 20, 2017 and June 1, 2017.						
OS-2018-00462	December 20, 2017	December 21, 2017		Atkinson Katherine	OS	Open
1. Copies of all processing notes and search slips for OS-2017-01174. 2. A copy of all correspondence, including emails, text messages, Bison Connect communications, or any other communications between Executive Schedule Level IV and higher ranking staff in the Department of the Interior (¿DOI¿) and any staff in the FOIA office related to OS-2017-01174. 3. A copy of all correspondence, including emails, text messages, Bison Connect communications, or any other communications (continued below)						
OS-2018-00465	December 22, 2017	December 26, 2017		Munoz Hudson	OS	Open
Records related to the alternatives proposed by Energy Fuels Resources. This includes any briefings, presentations, maps, reports, or other records offered to the Department of Interior by Energy Fuels Resources. (According to Energy Fuels Resources, "very early in the Administration¿s monument review process, we offered two alternatives for some minor boundary adjustments to fringes of BENM that we believe interfered with our existing operations. Those						

adjustments [[continued below]]

OS-2018-00472 December 20, 2017 December 26, 2017 January 16, 2018 Matti Carlos OS Completed
Copies of all direct correspondence with Martha McSally, or the staff or representatives of Martha McSally, in her capacity as a United States Congresswoman (January 1, 2015 - present).

OS-2018-00467 December 22, 2017 December 26, 2017 January 25, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
Copies of records released under the following FOIAs: OS-2017-00922, OS-2017-00932, OS-2017-00877, OS-2017-00140, OS-2017-00162, OS-2017-00175, OS-2017-00280, OS-2017-00741, OS-2017-00885, OS-2017-00914, OS-2017-00915, OS-2017-00314, OS-2017-00096, OS-2017-00109, OS-2017-00132, OS-2017-00140, OS-2017-00890, OS-2017-00963, OS-2017-01022, OS-2018-00232, OS-2017-01101, OS-2017-01107, OS-2017-01099, OS-2017-01112, OS-2018-00257, OS-2018-00347, OS-2018-00248, OS-2018-00307, OS-2018-00070 (cont below)

OS-2018-00473 December 26, 2017 December 26, 2017 January 18, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Completed
All communications (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes and memoranda), from January 1, 2017 to present, between Downey Magallanes and employees/representative of Peabody Energy Corporation.

OS-2018-00468 December 22, 2017 December 26, 2017 Santos Rose OS Open
A copy of the following documents identified to IND14PC00038 / RFP D12PS50899. Contract and modification, including all relevant SOW/PWS. Please reference our FGI case number in the subject line when corresponding for this request.

OS-2018-00471 December 25, 2017 December 26, 2017 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
The following communication records from the Secretary's Office of the U.S. Department of the Interior:
1. Any and all
electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of Kathleen Benedetto, who is currently identified as a Senior Advisor to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and has also been on staff with the Department of the Interior. For purposes of this request, the term "electronic mail addresses" means (continued below)

OS-2018-00476 December 26, 2017 December 28, 2017 June 05, 2018 Silverman Alex OS Completed
copies of any and all written communication to or from Assistant Deputy Secretary Todd Willens, sent between Oct. 5, 2017 and Oct. 11, 2017, regarding any of the following: 1) flag(s). 2) flagpole(s). 3) the Stonewall National Monument (STON).

OS-2018-00479 December 28, 2017 December 28, 2017 Ouellet Nicky OS Open
Email exchanges between Interior Department Press Secretary Heather Swift & staff from the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement or the Bureau of Land Management regarding the expansion of Westmoreland Coal Company's Rosebud Mine in Montana-may reference phrases such as: Rosebud Mine Area F expansion; WECo; draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and comment period; Colstrip, Montana; Rosebud County, Montana; Treasure County, Montana. Between November 1 and December 28, 2017.

OS-2018-00477 December 28, 2017 December 28, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
1. Copies of all processing notes and search slips for OS-2018-00024. 2. all processing notes and search slips for OS-

2018-00237. 3. all processing notes and search slips for OS-2018-00253. 4. all correspondence, including emails, text messages, Bison Connect communications, or any other communications to/from David Bernhardt or on which he was copied, between July 1, 2017 & the date of your response to this request, that include the following terms: a. Whistleblower b. Leak (continued below)

OS-2018-00478 December 28, 2017 December 28, 2017 Hettrick Mikel Ann OS Open
On either September 25, 26, or 27, Mr. Zinke had a meeting concerning the wild horses. In attendance was Mrs. Pckens, PETA, and other well known organizations. Also, in attendance was as Anna Marie Orchard from Reno, Nevada. I would like the date to this meeting, how miss Orchard represented herself, how did she get the privilege of attending this meeting. I would like the reason for this meeting and specifically how miss. Orchard added to this meeting.

OS-2018-00480 December 29, 2017 December 29, 2017 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
Lists of all participants (beyond those identified in the Secretary¿s April 2017 calendar, available at https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/17-00535ca.pdf), copies of agendas, notes, minutes, briefing books, emails, text messages, Bison Connect communications, or any other materials created during, for, in preparation for, or as a result of the April 24, 2017 Meeting on the Jones Act.

OS-2018-00481 December 29, 2017 December 29, 2017 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All the Department of the Interior's communication records related to the Dec. 28, 2017 Associated Press news story entitled "US studying 60-million-ton expansion of Montana coal mine" as well as the AP's initial Dec. 22, 2017 news story that incorrectly said DOI planned to expand the Rosebud Mine located in the northern Powder River Basin near Colstrip, Mont. Please consider any DOI emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as (continued below)

OS-2018-00483 January 02, 2018 January 02, 2018 Gamino John OS Open
1. A list of all persons and/or organizations Secretary Zinke met with at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, Las Cruces NM on July 27th, 2017. Please also include any accessible notes, transcripts, or records from the meeting (s). 2. All emails to and from Secretary Zinke that include the phrase "Organ Mountains" or otherwise concern the monument review of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, from 4/25/2017 to the present date (1/2/2018 or when searched).

OS-2018-00485 January 02, 2018 January 03, 2018 Hart Peter OS Open
Records in the possession or control of the Department of the Interior and Department of Justice regarding SG Interests I, and VII LTD. v. Zinke, Case No. 17-cv-00376-REB (D. Colo.). The litigation is
regarding the cancellation of
improperly issued oil and gas leases (and more). For purposes of this request, the term ¿Agencies¿ includes any offices of the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Interior Office of the Solicitor, the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, (continued below)

OS-2018-00487 January 02, 2018 January 03, 2018 Bushyhead Joe OS Open
Records in the possession of the Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary (DOI OS) regarding settlement discussions with plaintiffs in Utah's statewide R.S. 2477 litigation, whether relating to all or any of the individual cases or claims alleged therein. First, records relating to any such communications with attorneys or representatives of the plaintiffs in the statewide R.S. 2477 litigation; from the date the DOI OS commenced its search for FOIA request OS-2017-01323 (cont. below)

OS-2018-00488 January 02, 2018 January 03, 2018 Bushyhead Joe OS Open
[Related to OS-2017-01221] Records in the possession or control of the Department of Interior Office of the Secretary (DOI OS) regarding discussions with plaintiffs in Kane County, Utah (1) v. United States, Case Nos. 2:08-cv-00315-CW (D. Utah) & 13-4108 (10th Cir.). The litigation concerns the scope and nature of three adjudicated R.S. 2477 rights-of-way across federal land¿the Skutumpah Road, Park Wash/Swallow Park route, and North Swag route. (continued below)

OS-2018-00493 January 04, 2018 January 04, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All available documents or correspondence, including attachments, produced by Douglas Domenech, Lori Mashburn, or their respective staffers or secretaries, that relate to or mention the ''State Think Tank Briefing" that occurred in Secretary's conference Room 5160 on June 22, 2017 This records request pertains only to records produced between February 1, 2017 and October 30, 2017.

OS-2018-00491 January 04, 2018 January 04, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
A copy of the following documents identified to IND13PD00586 (ALLIANT - GS00Q09BGD0048): 1. Copy of the Order with CURRENT SOW/PWS; WE DO NOT SEEK PRICING.

OS-2018-00502 January 05, 2018 January 05, 2018 Hughes Shannon OS Open
Any and all records related in any way to the Bridger Coal Company's proposed mining plan modification for federal coal lease WYW-02727 at the Jim Bridger Mine, located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. Public Notice of Availability for the Jim Bridger Coal Mine Complex Mining Plan Modification Environmental Assessment and unsigned FONSI, March 21, 2017, https://www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/bridgerMineWY2727/documentLibrary.shtm.

OS-2018-00495 January 04, 2018 January 05, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all records related to Secretarial Order 3357, which is entitled, ¿Temporary Delegation of Authority to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks,¿¿ which was signed by the Deputy Interior Secretary on October 17, 2017.

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OS-2018-00497 January 04, 2018 January 05, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all records related to Secretarial Order 3358, entitled, ¿Executive Committee for Expedited Permitting,¿ which was signed by the Interior Secretary on October 25, 2017.

OS-2018-00498 January 04, 2018 January 05, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all records related to Secretarial Order 3360, which is entitled, ¿Rescinding Authorities Inconsistent with Secretary¿s Order 3349, ¿American Energy Independence¿,¿ which was signed by the Deputy Interior Secretary on December

22, 2017.

OS-2018-00499	January 04, 2018	January 05, 2018	Nichols Jeremy	OS	Open

Any and all records related to Secretarial Order 3359, entitled, "Critical Mineral Independence and Security," which was signed by the Interior Secretary on December 21, 2017.

OS-2018-00501	January 05, 2018	January 05, 2018	March 13, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Completed

[A] copy of the Department of the Interior's premium class travel report for the 2017 fiscal year.

OS-2018-00494	January 04, 2018	January 05, 2018	Brown Matthew	OS	Open

All emails, memos, text messages and other communications sent or received by employees of the Office of the Secretary between the period of Jan 1, 2017 and Dec. 31, 2017 regarding the pending application from Westmoreland Coal Company through its subsidiary Western Energy Company for a proposed new coal mining permit area (C2011003F) known as Area F and located in Colstrip, Montana

OS-2018-00516	January 05, 2018	January 08, 2018	Nichols Jeremy	OS	Open

1. Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of Heather Swift, who is identified as the Press Secretary for the U.S. Department of the Interior¿s Office of Communications. For purposes of this request, the term "electronic mail addresses" means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es) maintained (continued below)

OS-2018-00508	January 05, 2018	January 08, 2018	January 10, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Completed

A list of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018. A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202.

OS-2018-00513	January 05, 2018	January 08, 2018	February 21, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Completed

All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018. These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-00511	January 05, 2018	January 08, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

All records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018. Please include all records that document Bernhardt's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00519	January 08, 2018	January 08, 2018	Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open

Access to and copies of communications to and from the Office of the Secretary discussing the use of a security personnel to accompany Secretary Ryan Zinke on his August 2017 personal vacation. You may limit your search from June 2017 to September 2017.

OS-2018-00514 January 05, 2018 January 08, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
1. Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of Joe Balash, who was recently confirmed as the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management for the U.S. Department of the Interior. For purposes of this request, the term "electronic mail addresses" means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es) [continued below]

OS-2018-00517 January 08, 2018 January 08, 2018 January 19, 2018 Kick Russ OS Completed
OHAs FOIA logs for 2016 and 2017, which include a field for the subject of each request and a field for final disposition. It is fine to leave out Privacy Act requests.

OS-2018-00509 January 05, 2018 January 08, 2018 February 26, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All communications records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018.
Please consider any emails,
letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication found in your agency's correspondence log that mention one or more of these terms as responsive records to my request. (continued below)

OS-2018-00515 January 05, 2018 January 08, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
1. Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of Wesley "Luke" Bullock, who is currently identified as an "Advance Representative to the Secretary" for the U.S. Department of the Interior. For purposes of this request, the term "electronic mail addresses" means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es) (continued below)

OS-2018-00512 January 08, 2018 January 08, 2018 February 22, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior's visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00524 January 09, 2018 January 09, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
All records mentioning, including, referencing, and/or generated in connection with all potential Gold Butte National Monument (¿Gold Butte NM¿) management plans, the inclusion or exclusion of Gold Butte NM in the Southern Nevada Resource Management Plan (¿RMP¿) revision, the inclusion or exclusion of Gold Butte NM in the RMP revision public input period ending February 2, 2018, and/or the timeline for the Gold Butte NM management plan.

OS-2018-00521 January 08, 2018 January 09, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
A copy of each email to or from Heather Swift that contains the word FOIA. You may limit this request to the time frame July 20, 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00520 January 08, 2018 January 09, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
The mission statement and members of the NEPA subgroup led by the Department of Interior's James Cason, as referenced

in his December 12 testimony to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

OS-2018-00523 January 09, 2018 January 09, 2018 Marcotty Josephine OS Open
Copies of all communications generated between Jan. 1, 2017 and the date you receive this request that are related to the 12-22-2017 reversal of M-37036, Twin Metals Minnesota Application to Renew Preference Right Leases (MNES¿01352 and MNES-01353). That should include, but not be limited to, emails, letters, memos, reports and other documents shared among staff and political appointees at the Bureau of Land Management, the Office of the Solicitor, (continued below)

OS-2018-00522 January 09, 2018 January 09, 2018 Davidian Geoff OS Open
This is a request for all emails to or from Heather Swift (Interior Department spokesperson) that contain the following phrase (without the quotation marks: "talking points". My request is for the period July 12, 2017 to the present.

OS-2018-00530 January 10, 2018 January 10, 2018 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All records concerning Kathleen "Kathy" Benedetto's schedule from March 1 to Dec. 31, 2017. Please include all records that document Kathleen Benedetto's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00532 January 10, 2018 January 10, 2018 Braun Stephen OS Open
All correspondence, emails, internal memos or any other written documents pertaining to Senator Ryan Zinke's decision and January 9, 2018 announcement that the state of Florida would be granted an exemption from the expansion of offshore oil and natural gas drilling announced by the Trump administration; All written communications, memorializing communications between Secretary Zinke, his chief of staff and other Interior officials with Florida Gov. Rick Scott (continued below)

OS-2018-00531 January 10, 2018 January 10, 2018 Patterson Brittany OS Open
All records concerning Katharine MacGregor's schedule from March 1 to Dec. 31, 2017. Please include all records that document Katharine MacGregor's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00535 January 10, 2018 January 10, 2018 Grogg Adam OS Open
All communications and correspondence, including attachments: 1. regarding Florida and the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. 2. with representatives of the state of Florida and the office of Governor Rick Scott regarding the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. This includes any and all communications sent from the domain names "@flgov.com" and "@eog.myflorida.com." (continued below)

OS-2018-00533 January 10, 2018 January 10, 2018 Moss Bradley OS Open
This request seeks copies of Department of Interior ("DoI") records, including cross-references, memorializing the following: 1) Communications between DoI officials and Governor Scott (or appropriate officials for the State of Florida) ¿ including verbal communications memorializing in writing ¿ regarding the proposal to permit new offshore drilling off the coast of Florida; and 2) Communications among DoI officials ¿ including verbal communications (continued below)

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OS-2018-00534	January 10, 2018	January 10, 2018		Spitler Paul	OS	Open
The following records (referred to in this request as the ¿Financial Disclosure and Recusal Records¿) for each individual listed below: 1) Office of Governmental Ethics (¿OGE¿) Form 278e ¿ Public Financial Disclosure; 2) Any documentation of recusals, including, but not limited to, screening arrangements, written recusals, or other records of recusals, due to actual or perceived conflicts of interest under 18 U.S.C. § 208, or any other provision of law, policy, or ethics guidance. (cont. below)						
OS-2018-00526	January 09, 2018	January 10, 2018		Jenkins Eric	OS	Open
Electronic communication, including but not limited to email communication pertaining to the removal of the Florida coastline from offshore drilling.						
OS-2018-00527	January 10, 2018	January 10, 2018		Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open
Access to and copies of correspondence to and from Kate MacGregor, Secretary Ryan Zinke and Vincent DeVito discussing the inclusion of Florida or the Eastern Gulf of Mexico in Interior's most recent OCS (also known as offshore leasing) plan proposal. This request will also include correspondence between Kate MacGregor mentioning Florida Governor Rick Scott. You may limit your search to correspondence sent or received after April 1, 2017.						
OS-2018-00528	January 10, 2018	January 10, 2018		Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open
Access to and copies of communications to and from Russell ("Rusty") Roddy and Caroline Boulton mentioning Secretary Zinke's January 9,2017, flight to and from Tallahasse, Florida.						
OS-2018-00529	January 10, 2018	January 10, 2018		Charboneau Liz	OS	Open
Incoming-And-Outgoing Email Correspondence On Offshore Drilling Between The Florida Governor's Office And The Office Of The Secretary. Search should be performed with a keyword search for "offshore" and/or "drilling." Search should be limited to the members of the Governor's Office listed below at their email addresses ending in "@eog.myflorida.com". Individuals To Search: Rick Scott, Jackie Schutz, Carlos Lopez-Cantera, John Tupps, Kristin Olson. All email from April 1, 2017 through present.						
OS-2018-00525	January 09, 2018	January 10, 2018		Santos Rose	OS	Open
A copy of the following documents identified to IND16PD00778 for "DISASTER CREDIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (DCMS) SUPPORT": 1. Task Order with SOW/PWS 2. Original and complete RFP with amendments and attachments.						
OS-2018-00541	January 11, 2018	January 11, 2018		Charboneau Liz	OS	Open
All Incoming-And-Outgoing Email Correspondence Regarding The Governor of Florida, Rick Scott, Between The Office Of The Secretary and The Executive Office of the President... from January 1, 2018 through the present date of this request. The search should be limited to communications regarding Rick Scott and/or the Florida Governor's Office. The search						

should be limited to communications with members of the Executive Office of the President with email addresses using the domain "@who.eop.gov".

OS-2018-00543 January 11, 2018 January 11, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Copies of all meeting minutes and/or transcripts of meetings attended by both Secretary Zinke and Florida Governor Rick Scott on January 9, 2018 as available.

OS-2018-00542 January 11, 2018 January 11, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Copies of all email correspondence between the Office of the Secretary and the Council on Environmental Quality from January 1, 2018 through the present date of this request. The search should be limited to communications regarding Rick Scott and/or the Florida Governor's Office. The search should be limited to communications with members of the Council on Environmental Quality with email addresses using the domain "ceq.eop.gov". (continued below)

OS-2018-00538 January 11, 2018 January 11, 2018 Wallace Gregory OS Open
Access to and copies of all notes and records documenting communications and meetings between department officials, including Secretary Ryan Zinke, and oil company officials, lobbyists and representatives. We seek this information from March 1, 2017 through the date the search is performed.

OS-2018-00539 January 11, 2018 January 11, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all correspondence, including emails and attachments, between Press Secretary Heather Swift and her fellow Interior Department officials that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: "Joel Clement", "Clement", and/or "whistleblower". This request seeks records produced between June 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed .

OS-2018-00536 January 10, 2018 January 11, 2018 Knight Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of emails (including their attachments) between U.S. Interior Department officials and officials within Florida governor Rick Scott's administration regarding the 2019-2024 offshore leasing proposal now under consideration (83 Federal Register 829). I am requesting all relevant emails and their attachments over between January 20, 2017, and January 10, 2018.

OS-2018-00540 January 11, 2018 January 12, 2018 Christ Maggie OS Open
All factual materials, reports, and other evidence that the Department of the Interior considered in reaching its conclusion to exempt Florida from expanded offshore drilling; - The written request that Secretary Ryan Zinke told the Washington Post he received from Governor Scott in which Scott "expressed in writing a desire to have a meeting," according to the Secretary; - All correspondence with the office of Florida Governor Rick Scott; (continued. below)

OS-2018-00545 January 12, 2018 January 12, 2018 May 25, 2018 Long Susan OS Completed
Raw data files covering FOIA request-by-request info similar to those required to be made publicly available by the 2016 FOIA Improvement Act using the software routines the agency has recently perfected. The period covered by this initial "test" production will include all of FY 2017 and the first quarter of FY 2018, and will encompass the entire Department of Interior. This FOIA request replaces the July 2017 requests TRAC submitted for similar data that were referred to the (cont. below)

OS-2018-00546 January 12, 2018 January 12, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open

The following records: Emails, to include attachments, sent/received by Nikolao Pula, Director of the Office of Insular Affairs which reference Secretary Ryan Zinke's visit to U.S. Virgin Islands on or about March 30, 2017. Request includes emails which contain or reference: Agendas or itineraries for Secretary Zinke's visit; Any summary of, follow-up, or ¿after-action¿ report on Secretary Zinke's visit; Discussion of possible or proposed attendees of events with Secretary Zinke; (cont. below)"

OS-2018-00544 January 11, 2018 January 12, 2018 Exempt Information OS Open
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OS-2018-00549 January 12, 2018 January 12, 2018 February 09, 2018 Exempt Information OS Completed
Exempt Information

OS-2018-00537 January 12, 2018 January 12, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke that mentions Florida Governor Rick Scott or the National OCS Program. The search should include emails from eop.gov. This request's timeframe is from November, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00556 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason that contains one or more of the following words or phrases : "harassment", "sexual harassment ", "LGBT" , "retaliation'', "gay", "reassignment'' and/or "whistleblower" The search should include emails from eop.gov . This request's timeframe is from June 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00557 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke that contains one or more of the following words or phrases "harassment", ''sexual harassment", "LGBT", "retaliation", "reassignment' and/or "whistleblower". The search should include emails from eop.gov This request's timeframe is from June 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00558 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Press Secretary Heather Swift that contains one or more of the following words or phrases : "harassment", "sexual harassment ", "LGBT" , "retaliation'', "gay", "reassignment'' and/or "whistleblower" The search should include emails from eop.gov. This request's timeframe is from June 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00559 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all emails, memos, letters and/or reports sent or received by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt that contains one or more of the following words or phrases : "harassment", "sexual harassment ", "LGBT" , "retaliation'', "gay", "reassignment'' and/or "whistleblower" The search should include emails from eop.gov. This request's timeframe is from August 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00553 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of 1) Any email, text, meeting minutes and post-meeting notes, digital or hand-written, containing

lists of reporters; any other lists categorizing reporters by type; 2) Any email, text, meeting minutes and post-meeting notes, digital or hand-written, to and from Interior¿s OS communications staff members, including Interior agency-level communications staff members, containing guidance or best practices for corresponding with members of the press, (continued below)

OS-2018-00555 January 16, 2018 January 16, 2018 McKenna Kara OS Open
Access to the following records for the time period January 1, 2018 to the present: 1. All records reflecting communications¿including, but not limited to, e-mails, electronic messages, memoranda, letters, text messages, call logs, calendars, & hand-written notes¿between Secretary Zinke and/or other DOI personnel & the Florida Governor¿s Office, including Governor Rick Scott, and/or other Governor¿s Office personnel, relating to the Governor¿s request that lands offshore of Florida (cont. below)

OS-2018-00548 January 12, 2018 January 16, 2018 Unknown Last Name Jesse OS Open
Document described in the Political Correspondence log as EST-00005381 "Regarding Former Bureau of Land Management" sent on 10/23/2017 to James Cason.

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OS-2018-00581 January 16, 2018 January 17, 2018 May 23, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Completed
Megan Bloomgren's CV and/or Resume; Megan Bloomgren's calendar for the entire time she maintained one at DOI; Exit Paperwork Filed by Megan Bloomgren. I am requesting copies of exit paperwork, which should include exit memorandums, nondisclosure agreements, records management checklist, that were filed by Megan Bloomgren.

OS-2018-00564 January 17, 2018 January 17, 2018 Charen Rebecca OS Open
Access to the following public records: Any correspondence between Florida Governor Richard L. Scott and/or the Office of the Governor and the Department of Interior from Department of Interior from December 18, 2017, through January 11, 2018; Any internal correspondence and travel records regarding Secretary Ryan Zinke's January 4, 2018, announcement on offshore oil drilling. Direct correspondence should include letters, (continued below)

OS-2018-00554 January 17, 2018 January 17, 2018 January 23, 2018 Exempt Information OS Completed
Exempt Information

OS-2018-00567 January 17, 2018 January 17, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All photographs and all video including audio taken by Tami Heilmann from January, 1 2017 to the current date.

OS-2018-00568 January 18, 2018 January 18, 2018 Sax Sarah OS Open

1. Written notices of reassignments sent to Interior Department Senior Executive Service (SES) members from May 1st, 2017 to the date this request is processed. 2. Written consent waivers for reassignments sent by SES members. 3. Any correspondence between Ryan Zinke and Senior Executive members that contains content relating specifically to reassignment including but not limited to comments, complaints, notices, negotiations, and meeting notes 4. Drafts of the "larger strategy" (contin. below)

OS-2018-00560 January 16, 2018 January 18, 2018 Dahl Kelly OS Open
[regarding Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, Micah Chambers, Christine Bauserman, Amanda Kaster -Averill , Richard Cardinale, Joe Balash, Katharine MacGregor, James Cason, Marshall Critchfield] All internal and external documents, undated or dated between January 20, 2017 and January 20th, 2018, regarding M-37049 or the reversal of M-37036, including but not limited to Department of the Interior documents, Bureau of Land Management Documents, and Bureau of Land Management Eastern States (cont below)

OS-2018-00561 January 18, 2018 January 18, 2018 Exempt Information OS Open
Exempt Information

OS-2018-00570 January 18, 2018 January 18, 2018 Evers Austin OS Open
1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or other materials) regarding offshore drilling generally or the ¿2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program¿ specifically between DOI and any of the following: a. Governor Rick Scott of Florida (continued below)

OS-2018-00566 January 17, 2018 January 18, 2018 Whieldon Esther OS Open
Copies of all "daily communications report"s where "Heather Swift" is listed as one or all of the parties from which the report is sent and where the report is sent "TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications" and occurring from March 1, 2017, through the date this request is processed. An example of the type of report I'm seeking is found on PDF pages 38-41 on these posted FOIA records (continued below)

OS-2018-00569 January 18, 2018 January 18, 2018 Banks James OS Open
Relating to President Trump's recent "Presidential Proclamation Modifying the Bears Ears National Monument" issued on December 4, 2017, see Pres. Proc. No. 9681, Modifying the Bears Ears National Monument, 82 Fed. Reg. 58,081 (Dec. 4, 2017) (hereinafter "Revocation Proclamation") and...Ryan Zinke's "Final Report Summarizing Findings of the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act" which the DOI finally made public on December 5, 2017 (hereinafter "Final Report"). (continued below)

OS-2018-00572 January 19, 2018 January 19, 2018 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Any and all records related to or concerning the Mancos-Gallup Resource Management Plan and proposed Amendment (Mancos RMPA) for the Farmington Field Office in New Mexico which have been created, received, and/or transmitted by the Office of the Secretary since January 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00574 January 19, 2018 January 19, 2018 Parker Margaret OS Open
Any and all records in the Department of Interior¿s ("The Department") possession, custody or control that pertain to whether to remove Florida from the Proposed 2019-2024 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program ("Proposed

Program"), as Interior Secretary Zinke publicly stated on January 9, 2018 that he was doing.

OS-2018-00575 January 19, 2018 January 19, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
March 1 memo from the White House on Presidential Infrastructure Initiative.

OS-2018-00594 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 June 18, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Completed
Incoming-And-Outgoing Email Correspondence Secretary Of The Interior Ryan Zinke And Employees of Proof Research. I am requesting copies of all correspondence between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and any email addresses at the domain "@proofresearch.com" between March 1, 2017 and January 23, 2018.

OS-2018-00576 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Keever Marcie OS Open
The following records regarding Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date she took a position within the Department (believed to be in April 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request:a. All records that reflect/concern each meeting & activity she has actually attended or scheduled on matters before the agency concerning its mission (this would exclude such events as holiday parties and other social activities) (cont. below)

OS-2018-00577 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Keever Marcie OS Open
The following records regarding meetings attended by Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date she took a position within the Department (believed to be in April 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: All records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at each such meeting she attended including, but not limited to draft and final agendas for the meeting, handouts and other materials (continued below)

OS-2018-00587 January 21, 2018 January 23, 2018 Adkins Barbara OS Open
Please send me a copy of "DHO Guideline Manual" to the above address.

OS-2018-00589 January 22, 2018 January 23, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
All records, from Jan 20, 2017 to the date of this search, mentioning, including, and/or referencing academic studies, reports, and/or other research materials published, funded, or otherwise sponsored by certain entities and/or authored by certain university professors and other research professionals, including but not limited to those referencing Utah State University, Southern Utah University, Arizona State University, University of Arizona, the Institute for Political (cont. below)

OS-2018-00582 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
Slides from the 1.) March 2, 2017 National Economic Council Principals Infrastructure Meeting and slides from the 2.) April 11, 2017 National Economic Council Principals infrastructure Meeting.

OS-2018-00583 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
The most recent copy of the Department of the Interior's Planning for Potential Infrastructure Initiative. Please limit this search to Jan 1, 2017 and Jan 19, 2018.

OS-2018-00596 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 March 15, 2018 Funk LeAnne OS Completed
A current list of all Office of the Secretary employees. Include the following fields in a ¿Comma separated format¿ (CSV) or Excel format: Employee Full Name, Agency Name and Location, Employee Work Email Address, Job Title, Salary

OS-2018-00595 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
I am requesting copies of all email correspondence between the Office of the Secretary and the Executive Office of the President from November 14, 2017 to November 20, 2017. The search should be limited to communications containing the word "elephant". The search should be limited to communications with members of the Executive Office of the President with email addresses using the domain "@who.eop.gov".

OS-2018-00578 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Keever Marcie OS Open
The following records within 20 business days regarding Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date she took a position within the Department (believed to be in April 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: All records regarding travel undertaken by Katharine MacGregor for her role as Deputy Assistant Secretary, including but not limited to itineraries, expenses, draft speeches, transcripts and photos.

OS-2018-00591 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Rylander Jason OS Open
Any records maintained in any form reflecting communications between the Department and any non-government individuals, organizations, or entities relating to the issuance of Solicitor's Opinion M-37050 The Migratory Bird Treaty Act Does Not Prohibit Incidental Take, issued December 22, 2017 ("Opinion M-37050"). This encompasses communications that took place both before and after issuance of the Opinion; Any records maintained in any form reflecting communications (continued below)

OS-2018-00590 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 April 13, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Completed
Copies of all emails, including attachments, sent or received by the following Interior employees which reference the DOI's Royalty Policy Committee, including ¿ but not limited to: Nominations of individuals received to serve on the Royalty Policy Committee; The scheduling and logistics of meetings of the committee; and Agendas for meetings of the committee. DOI Employees: James Schindler, Designated Federal Officer; and Kim Oliver, Office of Natural Resources Revenue. (time frame below)

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OS-2018-00592 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of correspondence to or from the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Chief of Staff, and Communications Director that mention the phrase "trail warrior" or "trail warriors."

OS-2018-00593 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Incoming-And-Outgoing Email Correspondence Secretary Of The Interior Ryan Zinke & The Office Of Acting Director Of The National Park Service Michael T. Reynolds Regarding The 2018 Government Shutdown. Copies of all correspondence between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and the Office of Acting Director of the National Park Service Michael T. Reynolds between January 15 2018 & January 22, 2018-search should be limited to correspondence that contains the words "shutdown" and/or "shut down".

OS-2018-00584 January 19, 2018 January 23, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
All records mentioning, including, referencing, and/or generated in connection with U.S Fish and Wildlife Service's ("FWS") involvement in the U.S. Air Force ("USAF") Nevada Test and Training Range ("NTTR") expansion into the Desert National Wildlife Refuge ("DNWR"), including but not limited to: 1. Records of communications between Interior, FWS Region 8, FWS Southern Nevada Field Office, and DNWR staff; (continued below)

OS-2018-00597 January 23, 2018 January 23, 2018 Wright Michael OS Open
Copies of the following records: 1. All communications between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, or his staff or representatives, and all divisions of the U.S. Department of Agriculture regarding the quarantine of Yellowstone bison sent or received from March 2, 2017 through the date this request is processed. 2. All communications between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, or his staff or representatives, and Yellowstone National Park regarding the transfer of bison from Yellowstone (continued below)

OS-2018-00605 January 24, 2018 January 24, 2018 Herz Nathaniel OS Open
[A]ll records in possession of the Interior Department that were created in support of the Jan. 22, 2018 "agreement for the exchange of lands" between the United States of American and King Cove Corp.

OS-2018-00606 January 24, 2018 January 24, 2018 Leopold Jason OS Open
[A]ny and all records, which includes but is not limited to emails, memos, reports, mentioning or referring to ObamaCare. The timeframe for this request is May 1, 2017 through the date the search for responsive records is conducted.

OS-2018-00604 January 24, 2018 January 24, 2018 November Rachel OS Open
[A]ny and all email communications by Indur Goklany referencing the name "Gina" (Specifically Gina McCarthy) from July 1st, 2013 to the present.

OS-2018-00600 January 23, 2018 January 24, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
From January 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: A. Any expenses related to the Secretary of the Interior flag, Deputy Secretary flag, or Assistant Secretary flag, including but not limited to design, manufacture, transportation, and storage; B. Any expenses related to the raising and lowering of the flag at the Department of the Interior Main Interior Building (MIB), including but not limited to staffing, construction, and facilities maintenance; (continued below)

OS-2018-00603 January 24, 2018 January 24, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
Any and all correspondence, information, and/or records generated and/or received by the
Department of the Interior,
the Department¿s Office of the Solicitor, or the Bureau of

Land Management, since November 1, 2016, related to the preparation and issuance of
M-37049 and to the Project. [Remainder in Notes]

OS-2018-00601 January 23, 2018 January 24, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
From the date she took this position (believed to be in January 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: All records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at meetings attended by Natalie Davis, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas for the meeting, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants at the meeting, presentations made at the meeting, notes taken during the meeting, and transcripts of what occurred at the meeting.

OS-2018-00602 January 23, 2018 January 24, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
From the date she took this position (believed to be in January 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: a. Ms. Davis¿s application for employment with the Department of Interior in this position, including all attachments, cover letters, essays, references, forms used with the application, publications cited or transmitted in connection with the application, awards cited in connection with the application, Ms. Davis¿s history of employment, resume, (continued below)

OS-2018-00608 January 25, 2018 January 25, 2018 Berman Emily OS Open
Communications, electronic or written, from January 21, 2017 to present, that mention "lynx" to or from the following DOI employees: Todd Willens, Greg Sheehan, Ryan Zinke, Scott Hommell, Gavin Shire, Mike Thabault, and Noreen Walsh
2.
All comments, edits, reviews, or notes on the Species Status Assessment for the Canada lynx that did not come from the scientific experts working on the topic (contd below)

OS-2018-00686 January 25, 2018 January 25, 2018 Bradtke-Litwack Lena OS Open
Copies of all logs of congressional correspondence to or from any officials at the Office of the Secretary and Rep. French Hill between January 1, 2015, and January 25, 2018.

OS-2018-00610 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts, sent or received by any of the officials listed below between and including March 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017, as well as July 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017, that included the names and keywords listed in Appendix A: Secretary Ryan Zinke; Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; Chief of Staff Scott Hommel; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Aurelia Skipwith; (continued below)

OS-2018-00611 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts, between any of the following officials and anyone using an email-domain listed in Appendix A, at any point since January 19, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke; David Bernhardt; Vincent De Vito; James Cason; Kathleen Benedetto; Scott Hommel; Downey Magallanes; Joseph Balash; Katharine MacGregor; Landon "Tucker" Davis; Todd Wynn; Benjamin Cassidy; Timothy Williams; Caroline Boulton; (continued below)

OS-2018-00612 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open

Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from Florida Governor Rick Scott, the immediate Office of Governor Rick Scott, or anyone with an email address ending with @myflorida.com, @state.fl.us, @fl.us, or @dep.state.fl.us, and any of the following officials since March 1, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke; Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; Deputy Assistant Secretary Aurelia Skipwith; USFWS Acting Director Greg Sheehan;(cont below)

OS-2018-00609 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 March 05, 2018 Sobol Ed OS Completed
Any footage used to create the "Sabinoso Wilderness Land Announcement" video available at "https://www.doi.gov/video/sabinoso-wilderness-land-announcement" that relate's to the secretary's horseback ride.

OS-2018-00613 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all Conflict of Interest Waiver Requests for and by Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt and all ethics guidance provided to Bernhardt by the Interior Department Ethics Office or Office of Government Ethics. This should include, but not be limited to: All Conflict of Interest Waiver Requests sought or given to Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt at any point since December 31, 2016; (continued below)

OS-2018-00614 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of submissions from the Department of the Interior (DOI) to the Comptroller General of the United States related to the reporting of vacant executive agency positions at DOI as described in 5 U.S.C. § 3349, as well as any related determinations from the Comptroller General of the United States on vacant executive agency positions, since and including January 20, 2017. This should include, but not be limited to: Notifications of vacancies (continues below)

OS-2018-00615 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts, sent by or to Westmoreland Coal Company, representatives of Westmoreland Coal Company, Westmoreland Coal Company lobbyists Kelly A. Johnson, Nils W. Johnson, Gregory Ossi, Megan Malone, and Patricia Power, and anyone with an email address ending in @westmoreland.com, and any of the following Department of the Interior officials since January 19, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke; (continued below)

OS-2018-00616 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts, sent or received by the following Department of the Interior officials since January 19, 2017 that included the keywords listed in Appendix A: Secretary Ryan Zinke; Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; James Cason; Heather Swift; Downey Magallanes; Scott Hommel; Laura Rigas; Russell Newell; Alex Hinson; Kathy Benedetto; Cally Younger; Brian Steed; Casey Hammond; Landon "Tucker" Davis; (continued below)

OS-2018-00607 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Watkins Page OS Open
1. All schedules, meeting minutes, communications (including electronic) or other documents dated August 15, 2017, through September 20, 2017 for Department of Interior officials/employees involving the following individuals:
1. Ryan
Zinke...

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OS-2018-00618 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Holmer Steve OS Open
Production of any and all records maintained in any form that consist of or reflect or refer to communications between the Department and any non-government individuals, organizations, or entities relating to the issuance of the Solicitor¿s Opinion M-37050 ¿ The Migratory Bird Treaty Act Does Not Prohibit Incidental Take, issued December 22, 2017 ("Opinion M-37050"). This request covers communications both before and after issuance of the Opinion. (continued below)

OS-2018-00617 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Everson Zach OS Open
Copies of receipts submitted for reimbursement of expenses (or other documentation of purchases) at the Trump International Hotel Washington, D.C. (sometimes billed as the Trump Old Post Office) or one of its restaurants, BLT Prime and the Benjamin Bar and Lounge, by Secretary Ryan Zinke (as well as any aides or security accompanying him between March 22 and March 25, 2017 and between Dec. 4 and Dec. 11, 2017.

OS-2018-00620 January 26, 2018 January 26, 2018 Zukoski Edward OS Open
All records concerning or relating to the following: - The Enefit American Oil Company Utility Corridor Project, identified by BLM as DOI-BLM-UT-G010-2014-0007-EIS, for which BLM issued a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on July 1, 2013. - Any and all meetings and/or written or electronic communications between Kate MacGregor, acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, and a representative or representatives of Enefit American (cont. below)

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OS-2018-00621 January 26, 2018 January 27, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
From August 7, 2013 to the date of this search: all records mentioning, including, and/or referencing Cliven Bundy, the Bundy militia, the Bundy standoff, Cliven Bundy's cattle, attempts to remove Cliven Bundy's cattle, status of future removal operations of Cliven Bundy's cattle and/or feral cattle, Cliven Bundy's cattle and/or feral cattle in Gold Butte National Monument, Cliven Bundy's cattle and/or feral cattle in Lake Mead National Recreation Area, (continued below)

OS-2018-00622 January 26, 2018 January 29, 2018 Umekubo Katie OS Open
Any records maintained in any form reflecting communications between the Department and any non-government individuals, organizations, or entities relating to the issuance of Solicitor¿s Opinion M-37050 ¿ The Migratory Bird Treaty Act Does Not Prohibit Incidental Take, issued December 22, 2017 (Opinion M-37050). This encompasses communications that took place both before and after issuance of the Opinion;

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OS-2018-00624 January 28, 2018 January 29, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open

Records detailing a new Department of the Interior environmental analysis regarding DOI's Jan. 22, 2018 decision to reverse its original position reached on Dec. 23, 2013 on construction of a road to King Cove, Alaska within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. Please click on this link for more detail on this decision (https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-approves-initial-plan-build-life-saving-road-alaska-native-village).

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OS-2018-00625 January 29, 2018 January 29, 2018 Kick Russ OS Open
Request all official photographs showing Secretary Ryan Zinke taken in November and December 2017. By official, I mean any of the following: 1) photographs taken by any employee, official, or contractor of any component of DOI as part of their formal or informal duties; 2) photographs taken using DOI equipment; 3) photographs for which DOI funds were spent

OS-2018-00627 January 29, 2018 January 29, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
a. All meetings, notes, briefings (oral or written), contracts, invitations, drafts, studies, research projects, rosters, and/or attendees, regarding any part of the Channel Island group or the Channel Islands National Park. B. All communications from or to the California Rangeland Trust, Ms. Nita Vail, any person surnamed Vail, any person surnamed Woolley, any employee, officer or representative of the Vail & Vickers companies.

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OS-2018-00626 January 29, 2018 January 29, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Records related in any way to the January 28, 2018 op-ed published in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel newspaper entitled, ¿Interior¿s regulatory relief is paying dividends for Colorado,¿ which is reported to have been written and submitted by David Bernhardt, the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior. This op-ed is attached as Exhibit 1 to this FOIA request.

OS-2018-00629 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Loy Joshua OS Open
All emails sent by Secretary Ryan Zinke from March 1st 2017 to June 1st 2017.

OS-2018-00630 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Corley John OS Open
Internal communications of the Office of the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior, including those specifically of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, related to its communications with the National Park Service Advisory Board from March 1, 2017 to January 29, 2018.
If you regard any of these documents as potentially except from the
FOIA¿s disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. (contd below)

OS-2018-00634 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Parr Nathaniel OS Open
Secretary Zinke said in a recent interview that the decision to exempt Florida from the new offshore drilling initiative is due to coastal currents and geology. See: http://www.cnn.com/2018/01/23/politics/zinke-florida-tides/
"The coastal currents are different, the layout of where the geology is." (contd below)

OS-2018-00632 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Koncel Mary OS Open
Request is directed at obtaining an electronic copy generated from the Department of the Interior (DOI) of: All records and correspondence (including emails, letters, faxes, text messages, memoranda, and notes of telephone calls)

related to the "meeting with animal rights advocates" referenced in Secretary Zinke's October 30, 2017 Facebook post (attached) (contd below)

OS-2018-00628 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 Ghio Nicole OS Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, from the date he took this position in May 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: (contd below)

OS-2018-00633 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 April 13, 2018 Foote Donald OS Completed
Resubmission of 8 Nov 2017 request made by Government email. Notified 9 Jan 2018 request must come from my PC.

Initial Request: Request itemized Office of Valuation Services (OVS) cash and time off awards to include dates, dollar amounts and recipients from 1 Oct 2014 - 31 Dec 2017.

OS-2018-00751 January 30, 2018 January 30, 2018 April 27, 2018 Elliott Dan OS Completed
1. The quantity and sales value of coal produced on lands administered directly by the Bureau of Land Management in calendar 2016, excluding Native American lands and excluding lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service and other federal agencies, whether or not the BLM manages the sale of leases on those lands. (contd below)

OS-2018-00642 January 31, 2018 January 31, 2018 March 12, 2018 Dolen Kaylee OS Completed
(1) All documents regarding the status of any pending anthropogenic
activities in the Cook Inlet area for which IHAs
or LoAs have been requested
for takes of Cook Inlet belugas;
(2) All documents regarding the final IHAs or LoAs
issued for anthropogenic
activities in Cook Inlet, including all documents supporting a "negligible"
impact finding
pursuant to the MMPA;
(Continued below...)

OS-2018-00636 January 31, 2018 January 31, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
Documents relating to meetings between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and/or the OS staff with Mr. Efraim (Effie) Eitam. These should include but not be limited to 1) all email communications between Mr. Eitam and Secretary Zinke and/or his staff (including but not limited to Scott Hommel, Downey Magallanes, Caroline Boulton, David Bernhardt , Katharine MacGregor, Leila Getto, and Micah Chambers). (contd below)

OS-2018-00635 January 31, 2018 January 31, 2018 Zach Everson OS Open
Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I am requesting copies of receipts submitted for reimbursement of expenses (or other documentation of purchases) at the Trump International Hotel Washington, D.C. (sometimes billed as the Trump Old Post Office) or one of its restaurants, BLT Prime and the Benjamin Bar and Lounge, by Secretary Ryan Zinke (as well as any aides or security accompanying him on Jan. 30, 2018.

OS-2018-00640 February 01, 2018 February 01, 2018 Leary Alex OS Open

Seeking any documents (emails, letters, etc) related to Secretary Zinke's Jan. 9, 2018, visit to Tallahassee, Florida. A news story about that visit is here: http://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2018/01/09/trump-administration-backs-of-drilling-plan-that-angered-florida-lawmakers/.(contd below)

OS-2018-00638 February 01, 2018 February 01, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date she took a position within the Department (believed to be in April 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request: (contd below)

OS-2018-00641 February 01, 2018 February 01, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
Relating to meetings between Secretary Ryan Zinke and/or any member of the OS staff and any or all of the Wilks brothers (Dan and Farris Wilks) and/or their wives, Staci and Joann and/or any of the Wilks brothers' representatives. These should include, but not be limited to: (contd below)

OS-2018-00647 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Bronstein Scott OS Open
("CNN") requests access to and copies of (in pdf form, where possible) all staff correspondence or internal emails, documents, and communications held by the U.S. Department of the Interior leading up to and discussing the new Draft Proposed Program for offshore oil and gas leasing and drilling announced January 4, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-00651 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 February 28, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
List of "special government employees" (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 2018.
A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202.
Please consider this request a separate
request directed to each bureau under DOI.

OS-2018-00652 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 February 28, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
Records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-00655 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior's visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00656 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 2018.
These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-00644 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of communications, including emails, text messages and post-meeting notes, to and from Laura Mashburn that mention Russell "Rusty" Roddy.

On 2/6/2018, Requester's Clarification: date range Nov. 1, 2017 to Jan. 26, 2018

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OS-2018-00646 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Cama Timothy OS Open
All emails to or from (including cc or bcc) any address with the following domains: safariclub.org, safariclubfoundation.org or firstforwildlife.com. Please limit the search to Ryan Zinke and any custodian within the immediate office of the secretary, for any email sent or received between Nov. 1, 2017, and the date the search for this request is processed.

OS-2018-00643 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Department of Interior¿s discussions, development, and implementation of U.S. Bureau of Land Management (¿BLM¿) Instruction Memorandum 2018-034, issued by BLM on January 31, 2018. The IM available online at: https://www.blm.
gov/policy/im-2018-034.

OS-2018-00660 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Bronstein Scott OS Open
access to and copies of (in pdf form, where possible) all staff correspondence or internal emails, documents, communications, meeting notes, memos and schedules held by the Office of the Secretary related to the following monuments and marine monuments whose designations as national monuments under the Antiquities Act has been recommended to be revised by Secretary of the Interior Ryan K. Zinke:
- Bears Ears
- Cascade Siskiyou
- Gold
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OS-2018-00645 February 02, 2018 February 02, 2018 Meyers Ellen OS Open
Requesting calendar events and schedules, meeting minutes and "lessons learned" reports from the fact-finding mission that Vincent DeVito, the energy counselor to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, went on in Denmark in mid-January 2018. I'm requesting documents that are dated from Jan. 1, 2018 through Jan. 31, 2018 with the following key words:
-Offshore

wind
-Renewable energy and its variations (such as renewables, RE and VRE)

OS-2018-00671 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
Reflecting communications (including emails and telephone logs) between Downey Magellanes and Special Assistant to the President for Infrastructure Policy, David James "DJ" Gribbin. Please restrict this search to June 1, 2017 through September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00676 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
Records reflecting communications (including emails and telephone logs) between Scott Hommell (scott_hommell@ios.doi.gov) and David "DJ" Gribbin. Please restrict this search to Feb 1, 2017 through September 1, 2017.

OS-2018-00677 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Copies of all communications, electronic and otherwise, between FWS Regional Chief Casey Stemler and DOI Deputy Secretary Dave Bernhardt.

OS-2018-00668 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, between Deputy Assistant secretary Katharine MacGregor (katharine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov) and any staff member or associate at the Western Energy Alliance, including western Energy Alliance president Kathleen Sgamma. This request pertains to records produced between January 20, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00657 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Green Miranda OS Open
Email correspondence from the office of Secretary Ryan Zinke and/or his spokesperson Heather Swift with representatives of Safari Club International and/or Paul Babaz and/or representatives of Cross Roads strategies between 12/1/2017 and 2/2/2018.

OS-2018-00670 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Federman Adam OS Open
All correspondence or communication to or from Paul Ross, Senior Public Affairs Specialist at DOI, regarding a January 28 op-ed that appeared in the Daily Sentinel. Search should include any correspondence with Eli Nachmany, Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, and Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt. Date range for the request is January 8 to January 31, 2018.

OS-2018-00667 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all records and all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from the following list of officials since June 5, 2017, relating to DOI processes for employees, appointees, contractors, and/or vendors selected to categorize and/or analyze the public comments received in response to Secretarial Order 3353, posted October 11, 2017. (contd below)

OS-2018-00666 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from anyone on the list of individuals below and any email address ending in @texaspolicy.com or any individual who includes Texas Public Policy Foundation, TPPF or T.P.P.F. in their email signature, from January 19, 2017 to the present: (contd below)

OS-2018-00665 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from anyone on the list of individuals below, since January 19, 2017, that includes any of the words or phrases listed on Appendix A. (contd below)

OS-2018-00664 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and the Office of Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler since January 3, 2011. This should include, but not be limited to, correspondence including Rep. Herrera Beutler and the following members of Rep. Herrera Beutler's staff: (contd below)

OS-2018-00662 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all video shot, recorded or created by or for the Depaiiment of the Interior of any and all meetings and events attended by Deputy Secretaiy David Bernhardt and/or Secretaiy Ryan Zinke during the month of October 2017, including but not limited to all video shot or recorded by Timothy Bergling and Matthew John. This should include all edited videos and unedited "raw" video. (contd below)

OS-2018-00659 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 May 16, 2018 Gitzen Garry OS Completed
Looking for the Secretary DOI meeting schedule for June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct and November for 2012.

OS-2018-00673 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Bronstein Scott OS Open
Access to and copies of (in pdf form, where possible) all staff correspondence or internal emails, documents, communications, meeting notes, memos and schedules held by the Office of the Secretary related to off shore oil drilling in Florida, and the exemption of Florida from the Trump administration¿s newly announced proposal to open the Atlantic coast to oil and gas drilling. (Contd below)

OS-2018-00672 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Abell David OS Open
Communications between Secretary Zinke and state governors that discuss recommendations or modifications to the proposed National OCS Program for 2019- 2024, including the Proposed Program or the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), as well as communications regarding Executive Order 13795 ¿Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy (April 28, 2017) and Secretary¿s Order 3350 ¿America-First Offshore Energy Strategy (May 1, 2017);3 and (Contd. below)

OS-2018-00661 February 05, 2018 February 05, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, between Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes (downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov) and DOI FOIA Program Analyst Justin Davis.

This request pertains to records produced
between July 15, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00678 February 06, 2018 February 06, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
Records from the U.S. Department of the Interior (¿Interior¿) from January 20, 2017 to the date of this search: all

records of communications mentioning, including, and/or referencing Instruction Memorandum (¿IM 2018-034¿), including but not limited to communications between Interior and U.S. Bureau of Management (¿BLM¿) staff and offices, and between Interior and BLM staff and offices and external agencies or entities, (contd below)

OS-2018-00679 February 06, 2018 February 06, 2018 Smith Colin OS Open
Travel Logs/ Itineraries. Copies of all travel logs and itineraries of Secretary Ryan Zinke from February 1, 2018 through February 6, 2018. Records should detail the date and time of travel, the destination, the purpose of travel and meeting, and with whom Secretary Zinke met as available.
Outlook Calendar For Secretary Ryan Zinke: Copies of all
outlook calendars of Secretary Ryan Zinke from February 1, 2018 through February 6, 2018.

OS-2018-00681 February 06, 2018 February 06, 2018 Bronstein Scott OS Open
Copies of (in pdf form, where possible) all staff correspondence or internal emails, documents, communications, meeting notes, memos and schedules held by the Office of the Secretary related to the following monuments and marine monuments whose designations as national monuments under the Antiquities Act has been recommended to be revised by Secretary of the Interior Ryan K. Zinke:
- Northeast Canyons and Seamounts
- Pacific Remote Islands
- Rose Atoll
- Papahā
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OS-2018-00683 February 07, 2018 February 07, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
Records from the U.S. Department of the Interior (¿Interior¿): all memoranda(e) written by former Special Agent Dan Love (¿Mr. Love¿) mentioning, including, and/or referencing the impacts of cattle grazing on desert tortoise, other impacts of Cliven Bundy¿s cattle grazing, and/or potential actions undertaken by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (¿BLM¿) to address Cliven Bundy¿s cattle grazing.

OS-2018-00684 February 07, 2018 February 07, 2018 Elliott Dan OS Open
1. A copy of a Department of Interior document titled "Common Regional Boundaries Frequently Asked Questions," which contains questions and answers about a possible reorganization of DOI regional boundaries. (contd below)

OS-2018-00682 February 07, 2018 February 07, 2018 Rylander Jason OS Open
Any records, including any documents, emails, notes, presentations, briefing materials, or summaries relating to issuance of the Species Status Assessment for the Canada Lynx (Lynx canadensis) Contiguous United States Distinct Population Segment, Version 1.0 - Final, released in October 2017 (¿SSA¿); (contd below)

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OS-2018-00685 February 08, 2018 February 08, 2018 Walsh Matthew OS Open
Emails between staff in the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs and staff of US Representative Rick Nolan from January 2, 2018, to February 7, 2018.

OS-2018-00688 February 08, 2018 February 08, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Communications between David Bernhardt and Vincent DeVito. You may limit your search to communications sent after July 2017.

OS-2018-00705 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Attached report entitled, ¿BLM Report in Response to Secretarial Memorandum on Improving Planning and NEPA Processes and Secretarial Order 3355,¿ which is dated September 27, 2017. Although this report was prepared by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (¿BLM¿), the report indicates that there was coordination with the Department of the Interior¿s Office of the Secretary.

OS-2018-00692 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Colman Zack OS Open
[A]ll communication records regarding a Sept. 14, 2017 meeting between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Effie Eitam or Efraim Eitam. In addition to Zinke and Eitam, please include the following officials in hte search: Heather Swift; Laura Keehner Rigas; Scott Hommel; and Caroline Boulton.

OS-2018-00691 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
1. All emails between Secretary Zinke and/or OS staff members and Steve Hargrave, DOI's Assistant Director of the Interior Complex Security Operations Branch, which contain the words "meeting" and "secretary." All such emails should be from 3.1.2017 to 2.1.2018.
2. All emails between Steve Hargrave, DOI's Assistant Director of the Interior Complex
Security Operations Branch, and any person external to the DOI relating to security clearance for meeting with Secretary Zinke. [Remainder in notes]

OS-2018-00699 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Bayles Donald OS Open
All memoranda, letters, and recorded communications between the Secretary of the Interior and the President of the United States showing reasons for the alteration of boundaries for Bear Ears National Monument.

OS-2018-00700 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Licari Michelle OS Open
All memos, communications, and schedules regarding Douglas Domenech and the expansion of the Office of Insular Affairs powers to include marine offshore areas. I would also like communications regarding the mining or preservation of these areas. I would like the documents to range from March 1 2017 through February 9 2018.

OS-2018-00701 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 Touchton Margaret OS Open
All electronically made communications sent from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke containing the following keywords phrases from March 1, 2017 through the present: "Troy Downing," "Jon Tester," "Montana Senate," "Senate endorsement," "Matt Rosendale," "Matthew Rosendale," "Russell Fagg," "Russ Fagg," "Al Olszewski," "Tim Fox¿; All electronically made communications sent to or from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke from the following email addresses or domains: troy@troydowning.com, (continued below)

OS-2018-00702 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 March 14, 2018 Buccino Sharon OS Completed
Comprehensive FOIA logs concerning FOIA requests received from January 20, 2017 to the present by the DOI Office of the Secretary and all other DOI Bureaus and Offices (including the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Bureau of Reclamation; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; National Park Service; Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Geological Survey; (continued below)

OS-2018-00704 February 09, 2018 February 09, 2018 March 14, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Completed
Comprehensive FOIA logs concerning FOIA requests received from January 20, 2017 to the present by the Office of the Secretary and all other Department of the Interior Bureaus and Offices (including the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; (contd below)

OS-2018-00708 February 12, 2018 February 12, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Records related to a meeting between Department of Interior Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs Todd Wynn and Utah State Representative Ken Ivory. According to Department of Interior's visitor logs, Kenneth Ivory signed into DOI headquarters at 13:40 on November 2, 2017. He named "T. Wynn" as his point of contact. I am requesting copies of the following records related to this meeting: (contd below)

OS-2018-00693 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that Katharine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, had with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any meetings or in communications with the following:

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OS-2018-00694 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior, had with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any meetings or in communications with the following:

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OS-2018-00696 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 July 10, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Completed
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that Natalie Davis, Special Assistant to the Secretary, had with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any meetings or in communications with the following: Randal Luthi on March 20, 2017 and Brandon Middleton on September 7, 2017

OS-2018-00697 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, had

with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any
meetings or in communications with the following:

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OS-2018-00698 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Multiple requests for all meetings and contacts that Downey Magallanes, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, had with the following individual/s, including, but not limited to draft and final agendas, handouts and other materials disseminated to any participants, presentations, notes, transcripts, or other records that in any way discuss or reflect what was discussed at any meetings or in communications with the following: Heath Hansen on August 30, 2017 and Stefan Bailey on August 3, 2017

OS-2018-00709 February 12, 2018 February 12, 2018 Brockhues Annabell OS Open
Communication between the Office of the Secretary and QS Energy Inc. (QSEP) - all communication between the Office of
the Secretary and the Office of Acquisition and Property Management regarding QS Energy Inc. (QSEP) - Secretary of the
Interior Ryan K. Zinke's office schedule since March 1, 2017 - all
other documents regarding QS Energy Inc. (QSEP).

OS-2018-00710 February 12, 2018 February 12, 2018 Sweeney John OS Open
Gifts: I am requesting records of gifts given to Secretary Zinke and from whom they came from March 1, 2017 through the present.

OS-2018-00703 February 09, 2018 February 12, 2018 Zibel Alan OS Open
All calendars or calendar entries for the following individuals from 2017, to the date a search is conducted, including any calendars maintained on behalf of these individuals (e.g., by an administrative assistant): Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, Joseph Balash, Timothy R. Petty, Brenda Burman, Daniel Jorjani (Office of the Solicitor), Scott Angelle (BSEE), Brandon Middleton (SOL), Gary Lakowski, Kathleen Benedetto (Bureau of Land Management), Doug Domenech, James Cason, (continued below)

OS-2018-00712 February 13, 2018 February 13, 2018 Federman Adam OS Open
Any and all correspondence or communication between Andrea Travnicek, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and USGS Acting Deputy Director David Applegate and USGS Acting Director Bill Werkheiser, on December 16 and December 17 2017. (Relevant park, refuge, site or other location: DOI Office of Water and Science.)

OS-2018-00713 February 13, 2018 February 13, 2018 May 25, 2018 Doyle Michael OS Completed
A list of the appointed and invited members of the International Wildlife Conservation Council, along with copies on invitation letters and responses.

OS-2018-00711 February 13, 2018 February 13, 2018 March 14, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Completed
Comprehensive FOIA logs concerning FOIA requests received from January 20, 2017 to the present by the DOI Office of the

Secretary and all other DOI Bureaus and Offices (including the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Bureau of Reclamation; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; National Park Service; Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; (contd below)

OS-2018-00719 February 14, 2018 February 14, 2018 Berwick Ben OS Open
1. All records, including but not limited to emails and memoranda, reflecting or related to any proposals¿including legislative proposals¿to change any policies, practices, rules, standards, regulations, or laws governing the removal of, reassignment of, or other adverse actions taken with respect to federal employees. (contd below)

OS-2018-00718 February 14, 2018 February 14, 2018 May 25, 2018 Dubner Jeffrey OS Completed
On November 8, 2017, the Department of the Interior (DOI or the Department) published a Federal Register notice announcing the creation of the International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC), and calling for nominations for membership, with the nomination period closing November 24, 2017. International Wildlife Conservation Council Establishment; Request for Nominations, 92 Fed. Reg. 51,857 (Nov. 8, 2017). (contd below)

OS-2018-00714 February 13, 2018 February 14, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
1) Regarding communications between Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and PROOF Research from the date he took this position in March 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: a. All communications between the Secretary and PROOF Research, its employees, board members, investors, or other representatives, including but not limited to: emails, phone calls, in person meetings, letters, and text messages; and b. All records of these communications (continued below)

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OS-2018-00716 February 13, 2018 February 14, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
1) Regarding visitor lists, including but not limited to dates, names, titles, agency or business affiliation, and who visitors were meeting with, received by security personnel for the Department of Interior Main Building in Washington DC from the following individuals from January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: A. Gareth Rees, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary's Office; B. Mariagrazia Caminiti, Miscellaneous Administration And Program, (cont. below)

OS-2018-00715 February 13, 2018 February 14, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
1) Regarding access to the Main Interior Building through the garage as well as the 2)Secretary's parking garage at Main Interior Building from January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: a. Any records of persons who are not staff or contractors with the Department of Interior, and who have ongoing passes or approval to use the parking garage for the Main Interior Building (continued below)

OS-2018-00717 February 13, 2018 February 14, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
1) Regarding communications between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Efraim Eitam or Afek Oil and Gas from January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: a. All communications between the Secretary and Afek Oil and Gas, its employees, board members, investors, or other representatives, including but not limited to: emails, phone calls, in person meetings, letters, text messages, notes, draft and final meeting agendas, handouts, presentations, transcripts, (cont. below)

OS-2018-00721 February 15, 2018 February 15, 2018 Elliott Dan OS Open
1. The total number of Interior Department employees in each state and territory and in Washington, D.C.
2. The total
number of U.S. Bureau of Land Management employees in each state and territory and in Washington, D.C.
3. The total
number of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employees in each state and territory and in Washington, D.C.
4. The total
number of U.S. Bureau of Reclamation employees in each state and territory and in Washington, D.C.

OS-2018-00724 February 15, 2018 February 15, 2018 March 07, 2018 Levy Samuel OS Completed
The development of the Office of Personnel and Management Policy (OPM) Regarding Reservist Differential under 5 U.S.C § 5538, revised June 23, 2015, available at https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/payadministration/reservist-differential/policyguidance.pdf; (contd below)

OS-2018-00722 February 15, 2018 February 15, 2018 Everson Zach OS Open
Copies of receipts submitted for reimbursement of expenses (or other documentation of purchases, such as line items on credit card statements) at the Trump International Hotel Washington, D.C. (sometimes billed as the Trump Old Post Office) or one of its restaurants, BLT Prime and the Benjamin Bar and Lounge by Department of the Interior specialist assistant Natalie Davis between Feb. 7 and Feb 14, 2018.

OS-2018-00727 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 Sweeney & Dennis John & Pat OS Open
Internal Email Correspondence Within The Office Of Secretary Zinke Mentioning President Trump: I am requesting copies of internal email correspondence within the Office of Secretary Zinke, limited to correspondence between Secretary Zinke and any immediate staffers of his office as well as correspondence between staffers within this office, that mentions ¿Trump¿ or ¿the president¿ from March 1, 2017 through the present.

OS-2018-00728 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All calendar entries and schedules of events for Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.

OS-2018-00725 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 March 15, 2018 Warren Kim OS Completed
The Organizational Charts for the Head of Information Technology of Office of the Secretary- something that includes the names and titles/departments of the people who report to the Head of Information Technology of Office of the Secretary. (contd below)

OS-2018-00768 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
On September 22, 2017, David Bernhardt met with American Petroleum Institute's CEO Jack Gerard and lobbyist Carrie Domnitch. See this for details: http://documentedinvestigations.org/2018/02/16/david-bernhardt-meets-api-ceo-jack-

gerard-undisclosed-meeting/.

Please provide any meeting agenda, list of participants, email correspondence related
to coordinating this meeting, meeting notes, briefing book details, and any other documents related to this event.

OS-2018-00726 February 16, 2018 February 16, 2018 Kenney Brett OS Open
All meeting requests and meeting-related communications or documentation relating to meetings between any of the following Department of Interior officials or offices and any employee, agent, or representative of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians:
¿ Deputy Secretary of the Interior
¿ Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior
This
request applies to qualifying documents created, sent or received on or after January 20, 2017.

OS-2018-00730 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Records (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes, memoranda, text messages and any other communications) related to the Office of Facilities and Administrative Services' work in the Deputy Secretary's office from July 24 to present. Please include all communications between the Deputy Secretary or members of his staff and the Office of Facilities and Administrative Services.

OS-2018-00738 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Reilly Steve OS Open
Copy of all procurement documentation and invoices for blanket purchase agreement signed on or about 6/5/2017 with MTM RECOGNITION CORPORATION regarding the Secretary¿s Valor & Safety Convocation Ceremony (Procurement Award ID # IND17PB00018; Referenced IDV ID # IND12PA00215), and any records reflecting the modification or amendment of said order.

OS-2018-00740 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
U.S. Department of the Interior (¿Interior¿), Headquarters: all records mentioning, including, and/or referencing the Memorandum of Agreement (¿MOA¿) signed on January 31, 2018. Attachment A (January 31, 2018 Memorandum of Agreement). Note: this FOIA request is only for records within Interior¿s Secretarial Office and the main office of Interior Headquarters. (contd below)

OS-2018-00732 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Records (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes, memoranda, text messages and any other communications), from March 1 to present, between Interior Department staff (including the Office of the Secretary and Office of Facilities and Administrative Services) and the Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

OS-2018-00731 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 D'Angelo Chris OS Open
Records (including but not limited to emails, call sheets, letters, handwritten notes, memoranda, text messages and any other communications), from March 1 to present, between Interior Department staff (including the Office of the Secretary and Office of Facilities and Administrative Services) and the Patuxent Research Refuge.

OS-2018-00734 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
A list of all gifts (including meals) that Interior Department aide Vincent Devito has received since June 1, 2017. Please include the origin of each gift and the estimated monetary value of each gift.

OS-2018-00736 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Access to and copies of any documents, communications or notes concerning the June 29, 2017 meeting between Sec Ryan Zinke, Downey Magallanes, Virginia Johnson, Christine Bauserman and representatives of the Aramark Corporation. This request seek copies of documents brought to the aforementioned meeting, copies of any any documents describing the substance and contents of the meeting, and copies of any docs describing the substance and contents of the meeting,

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OS-2018-00735 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Vincent DeVito's August 3, 2017 speech at the Western Energy Alliance annual meeting in Beaver Creek, Colorado. This request seeks a copy of the aforementioned speech, copies of any documents describing the substance and contents of the Western Energy Alliance's annual meeting, & copies of any emails sent or received by Vincent DeVito and/or Gisella Ojeda-Dodds concerning DeVito's appearance at the meeting. (contd below).

OS-2018-00737 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 Reilly Steve OS Open
Copy of all procurement documentation for delivery/task order signed on or about 4/21/2017 with Vehicle Leasing Associates LLC for services related to the Secretary¿s new vehicle (Procurement Award ID # IND17PD00518; Referenced IDV ID # GS30F021BA), and any records reflecting the modification or amendment of said order.

OS-2018-00739 February 20, 2018 February 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Completed
Communication with politicians - Document DCN: EST-00004228; Thank you letter sent 08/23/2017; recieved 08/24/2017; to David Bernhardt; from Greg Gianforte

OS-2018-00744 February 21, 2018 February 21, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
U.S. Department of the Interior ("Interior") from July 1, 2017 to the date Interior conducts this search: all records, including but not limited to records of communications mentioning, including, and/or referencing the Governor of Nevada, the Governor of Nevada¿s office, the Nevada Department of Wildlife, the Nevada Division of Minerals, and/or any other Nevada state agencies (contd below)

OS-2018-00741 February 21, 2018 February 21, 2018 Blethen Ryan OS Open
Requesting all the records, documents and emails pertaining to discretionary grants and cooperative agreements to a institution of higher education and to non-profit organizations that can legally engage in advocacy (i.e., that is an entity organized under sections 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6)) in Washington state, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska by the Department of the Interior dating from Jan. 1, 2014 to Feb. 1, 2018.

OS-2018-00742 February 21, 2018 February 21, 2018 Blethen Ryan OS Open
Templates and any supporting communications used to list the financial assistance programs, indicating which are non-discretionary and which are discretionary, the Department of Interior¿s bureaus were required to submit to the Office of Acquisition and Property Management (PAM) as directed in the Dec. 28, 2017 memorandum from Scott J. Cameron, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget to DOI¿s Assistant Secretaries and Heads of Bureaus and Offices.

OS-2018-00766 February 22, 2018 February 22, 2018 Hughes Shannon OS Open
1. Records related to the lease modification for federal coal lease COC-62920, approved on December 15, 2017 by Katharine S. MacGregor at the King II coal mine in Hesperus, Colorado. See Exhibit 1.
2. Records related to the coal
lease application submitted by GCC Energy, LLC on January 10, 2018, for federal coal lease COC-078825 at the King II mine in Hesperus, Colorado. See Exhibit 2.

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OS-2018-00752 February 23, 2018 February 23, 2018 Gold Maya OS Open
1. Copies of all communications between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and individuals representing MGM Resorts International from May 12, 2017 to the present, including but not limited to: Gale Norton, Brian Ballard, Sylvester Lukis, Dan McFaul, Rebecca Benn, Elizabeth Gore, Alfred Mottur, Kai Anderson, Jordan Bernstein, Barbara Sutton, Russell Thomasson, Ryan Mulvenon, William Kirk, Ayesha Khanna Molino, and individuals with email addresses ending in "@mgmresorts.com." (cont. below)

OS-2018-00749 February 23, 2018 February 23, 2018 Reilly Steve OS Open
Copy of the Agency Reform Plan submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in approximately September 2017 in accordance with OMB Memorandum M-17-22 (Comprehensive Plan for Reforming the Federal Government and Reducing the Federal Civilian Workforce).

OS-2018-00750 February 23, 2018 February 23, 2018 Ruch Jeff OS Open
RE: Feb. 21st and 22nd, 2018 - Press reports in Mother Jones Magazine and The Washinton Post

1. Records reflecting
all communications between OS and the USGS concerning the referenced request by OS for NPRA information prior to its public release.

2. OS records reflectin gthe basis or purpose of this request.

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OS-2018-00773 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 July 03, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Completed
Any and all documents and written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by Press secretary Heather swift that contain the phrase: "Mission 26", This request seeks documents produced between January 1, 2018 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00761 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 May 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Completed
Access to and copies of Interior's audio and video recordings of Secretary Ryan Zinke's town hall meeting with Interior employees that took place on February 1, 2018, at Interior headquarters, referenced in the attached E&E article. This should include edited videos and unedited ¿raw¿ video of the whole town hall meeting.

OS-2018-00754 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason, Press Secretary Heather Swift, Chief of Staff Scott Hommel, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Downey Magallanes, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Jason Larrabee, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Aurelia Skipwith, (continued below)

OS-2018-00767 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
1. Critical minerals; 2. Executive Order 13817, A Federal Strategy to Ensure Secure and Reliable Supplies of Critical Minerals. See Exec. Order No 13817, Presidential Executive Order on a
Federal Strategy to Ensure Secure and Reliable
Supplies of Critical Minerals, http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=128875 (last visited Feb. 26, 2018);

and/or 3. Secretarial Order 3359, Critical Mineral Independence and Security.

Cont below.

OS-2018-00760 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all calendars, including dates and times of all scheduled meetings, and the calendar logs of all attendees invited and/or who joined in for each meeting, for the following Department of Interior officials during the following time periods: Secretary Ryan Zinke (October 1, 2017 ¿ Present); Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt (October 1, 2017 ¿ Present); Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason (January 20, 2017 ¿ Present); (continued below)

OS-2018-00755 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Regarding Zinke, Laura Rigas, Downey Magallanes, Heather Swift, Tami Heilmann, Rusty Roddy, Wadi Yakhour, and monuments / monument review: Access to and copies of: All expense reports, receipts, invoices, reimbursements, and any other documentation of the Secretary and staff official travel to Utah, California, and Montana between May 4, 2017 and May 14, 2017. This should include but not be limited to: receipts or reimbursements for all flights, helicopter tours, lodging, meals,(continued below)

OS-2018-00774 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents and written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke that contain the phrase "Mission 26". This request seeks documents produced between January 1, 2018 and the date this request is processed

OS-2018-00772 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Sherwood Daniel OS Open
1. Documents exchanged between representatives of Hilcorp and DOI from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017;
2.
Briefing materials, internal memorandums, and talking points prepared or produced for internal DOI purposes from March 1 1 2017 to September 1, 2017;

3. A complete and accurate record of all attendees if it differs from attached calendar.

OS-2018-00757 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from the list of individuals below and Executive Director of the Public Lands Council Ethan Lane (email address elane@beef.org), any other individuals representing the Public Lands Council (email addresses ending in @beef.org), or anyone from the Forest Service (email addresses ending in @fs.fed.us), at any point since May 31, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke, (continued below)

OS-2018-00758 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Donato David OS Open
Approval of a proposed modification of all or of any part of the organization of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) that has been sent from the USGS to or through the office of the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science during the time period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, inclusive. The requested copy should include the requesting letter or memorandum and any attached, enclosed, or accompanying documents. (continued below)

OS-2018-00759 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from Director of Communications Laura Rigas, Press Secretary Heather Swift, Deputy Director of Communications Russell Newell, or Deputy Press Secretary Alex Hinson, at any point since December 1, 2017, that contain any of the following keywords or names: "Bundys","Bundy", "Cliven", "Ammon", "Gloria Navarro","Ryan Payne", "Malheur"

OS-2018-00756 February 23, 2018 February 26, 2018 July 09, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Completed
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Scott Hommel, Downey Magallanes, and Caroline Boulton and any of the below entities, at any point since January 19, 2017: -Stan Summers, Commission Chair of Box Elder County, Utah / -Any email address ending in @boxeldercounty.org

OS-2018-00762 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of the records related to the contract between the Department of Interior and Bulletin Intelligence. This request includes the Department's request for proposal or initial solicitation, Bulletin Intelligence's proposal, the contract between DOI and Bulletin Intelligence from FY 16, FY 17, and FY 18, any contract modifications, subcontractor approvals, performance reviews or assessments, and any other records related to this contract.

OS-2018-00763 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of records related to a meeting between Department of Interior Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes and Utah State Representative Mike Noel. According to DOI visitor logs, on Oct 4, 2017, Noel signed in at 12:55 to meet Magallanes in room 4123. I am requesting the following records related to this meeting:
(1) A copy of the meeting request; (2)
Electronic and physical communications between the Wynn and other DOI Employees regarding the meeting, (3) Materials provided to Wynn (cont. below)

OS-2018-00764 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents and written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, sent or received by Chief of Staff Scott Hommel that contain the phrase "Mission 26". This request seeks documents produced between January 1, 2018

and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00765 February 26, 2018 February 26, 2018 Subbaraman Nidhi OS Open
Access to and copies of ALL direct messages sent and received to and from the Twitter account "@SecretaryZinke." The date range for this request is between Jan. 20, 2017, and Feb 26, 2018. I would like to receive the information in an electronic text format that is searchable, via email or a thumb drive.

OS-2018-00791 February 27, 2018 February 28, 2018 April 27, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Completed
All emails sent or received by Judy Wilson, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, which reference: The nomination, suggested nomination or proposed nomination of Emily Kennedy Hague of the American Petroleum Institute to serve on the Department of the Interior¿s Royalty Policy Committee (RPC); The nomination or appointment of Emily Kennedy Hague to serve on the RPC¿s Planning, Analysis, & Competitiveness Subcommittee or the Studies working group of this subcommittee;

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OS-2018-00781 February 27, 2018 March 01, 2018 Schaezlein Charlie OS Open
I'd like any emails since December 24th that reference the Dec 4, 2017 Outside Online article 'Ryan Zinke Is Trump's Attack Dog on the Environment' (https://www.outsideonline.com/2266216/man-flies-his-own-flag), as well as any subsequent/prior emails from those same threads. I'd also like to include any emails that meet any of "Zinke Profile", "Outside Piece", "Outside Online", or "Outside Magazine"

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OS-2018-00779 February 27, 2018 March 01, 2018 May 21, 2018 Champion Richard OS Completed
would like to obtain production data, separated by product code and volumes, sorted by Operator/ Unit PA/ Product Code for oil and gas production and revenues received for the following Oil and Gas Participating Areas located in the following Federal Units, Uintah County, Utah for the years 2015, 2016, and 2017:

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OS-2018-00782 February 28, 2018 March 01, 2018 July 02, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
This is a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act. It is my understanding that Secretary Zinke planned to give a tour of the Lincoln Monument on July 3, 2017. I am requesting copies photographs, videos, or other recordings taken during the tour or with people on the tour.

OS-2018-00946 March 01, 2018 March 01, 2018 Abshier Carole OS Open
Estate of Glade Sylvia Willis. Copy of records regarding docs in the name of Sharon Ryan.

OS-2018-00787 February 28, 2018 March 01, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
On April 27, 2017, Western Energy Alliance's president Kathleen Sgamma met with Secretary Zinke and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Kate Macgregor. During that meeting a document outlining WEA's recommendations on the methane rule was given to Kate Macgregor. I am requesting this document.

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OS-2018-00790	February 24, 2018	March 01, 2018		Nichols Jeremy	OS	Open
Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, David Bernhardt. For purposes of this request, the term ¿electronic mail addresses¿ means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es)						
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OS-2018-00789	February 24, 2018	March 01, 2018		Nichols Jeremy	OS	Open
Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary, Ryan Zinke. For purposes of this request, the term ¿electronic mail addresses¿ means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior e-mail addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es) maintained by and/or for Secretary Zinke.						
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OS-2018-00788	February 24, 2018	March 01, 2018		Nichols Jeremy	OS	Open
Any and all electronic mail messages sent to and/or from any and all electronic mail addresses maintained by and/or on behalf of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Katharine MacGregor. For purposes of this request, the term ¿electronic mail addresses¿ means any and all official U.S. Department of the Interior email addresses, as well as any and all personal electronic mail address(es)						
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OS-2018-00776	February 24, 2018	March 01, 2018		Exempt Information	OS	Open
Exempt Information						
OS-2018-00799	March 01, 2018	March 01, 2018	April 27, 2018	Haggerty Mark	OS	Completed
ONRR distributions to states and local governments by jurisdiction (payments to each state and local government) by revenue type (royalties, bonus, rents, etc...) and by commodity bucket (oil, gas, coal, etc...) for FY 2017.						

OS-2018-00798	March 02, 2018	March 02, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

Records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication found in your agency's correspondence log that mention one or more of these terms as responsive records to my request. (contd below)

OS-2018-00801	March 02, 2018	March 02, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

Records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. Please include all records that document Bernhardt's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-00797	March 02, 2018	March 02, 2018	July 05, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Completed

List of 'special government employees' (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202. Please consider this request a separate request directed to each bureau under DOI.

OS-2018-00803	March 02, 2018	March 02, 2018	May 04, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Completed

Records of all responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-00804	March 02, 2018	March 02, 2018		Lefebvre Ben	OS	Open

Request access to and copies of all communications, electronic and otherwise, between FWS Regional Chief Casey Stemler and DOI Deputy Secretary Dave Bernhardt.

OS-2018-00794	March 02, 2018	March 02, 2018	June 04, 2018	Considine Tim	OS	Completed

Production volume data for oil, gas, and natural gas liquids as wellhead revenues and revenues collected from lease bonus bids, royalties, and other fees. Interested in data going back to 1990.

OS-2018-00802	March 02, 2018	March 02, 2018	May 18, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Completed

Logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior's headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from Feb. 1 to March 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior's visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-00809	March 05, 2018	March 05, 2018		Justin Glawe	OS	Open

I request documents related to an April 11, 2017 meeting with Secretary Zinke and the following individuals: Forrest Lucas; Ramona Hage Morrison; Dave Duquette; KK Jense; Larry Murphy; John Clements; Brian Kelly. (contd below)

OS-2018-00805	March 05, 2018	March 05, 2018		Dillon Lauren	OS	Open

Emails, to include attachments, between Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Virginia Johnson and Joseph Doss, President of the International Bottled Water Association, from January 20, 2017 to August 30, 2017.

Additionally, I
request emails and attachments sent between Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Virginia Johnson and Alan Mintz and Jonathan Simon of Van Ness Feldman from January 20, 2017 to August 30, 2017, which reference: (contd below)

OS-2018-00806 March 05, 2018 March 05, 2018 Horwitz Jeffrey OS Open
Correspondence which was sent or received by Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt or William Werkheiser and which includes the following keywords: 1. Reserves; 2. Alaska; 3. USGS data
I would like to ask for this data between 11/1/2017 and
2/20/2018 : 4. Petroleum; 5. Oil

OS-2018-00807 March 05, 2018 March 05, 2018 Horwitz Jeff OS Open
Request emails to and from secretary Zinke which include the name "Gentry" or "Vollero" between the dates 1/20/2017 and the date on which a search of Interior emails is conducted.

OS-2018-00811 March 06, 2018 March 06, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
The DOI Deputy Secretary Task list from July 25 to March 6th .

OS-2018-00815 March 06, 2018 March 06, 2018 March 22, 2018 Kwoka Margaret OS Completed
Records reflecting a list or log of FOIA requests received in Fiscal Year 2017. Specifically, I request records that include the following information or fields: 1. The FOIA request identification number; 2. The name of the requester; 3. The organizational affiliation of the requester, if there is one; 4. The date on which the request was made; 5. The subject matter of the request; (contd below)

OS-2018-00813 February 26, 2018 March 06, 2018 March 22, 2018 Touchton Margaret OS Completed
Any correspondence, including electronic, to your agency from or on behalf of Wisconsin State Representative Leah Vukmir (Jan. 2003-Jan. 2010) and any correspondence, including electronic, to your agency from or on behalf of Wisconsin State Senator Leah Vukmir (Jan. 2010-present)

OS-2018-00810 March 06, 2018 March 06, 2018 March 23, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
Request for records under the Freedom of Information Act. I am requesting a copy of EST-00006686.

OS-2018-00818 March 06, 2018 March 07, 2018 Sweeney John OS Open
I am requesting copies of ingoing and outgoing correspondence from the office of Secretary Ryan Zinke mentioning "Chaco Canyon" or "Chaco Culture National Historical Park" from January 1, 2018 through the present.

OS-2018-00816 March 06, 2018 March 07, 2018 Colman Zack OS Open
I request all communication records regarding a Dec. 14, 2017 meeting between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Vincent DeVito, Tami Heilemann and Charif Souki. In addition to the aforementioned people, please include the following federal officials in the search: Heather Swift; Laura Keehner Rigas; Scott Hommel; and Caroline Boulton. Please also include from Tellurian: Joi Lecznar, Amos Hochstein, Meg Gentle or any other email addresses with an @tellurianinc.com domain.

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OS-2018-00817 August 30, 2017 March 07, 2018 March 14, 2018 McCarren Andrea OS Completed
I hereby request the following records: Emails sent on Monday, August 28, 2017 by government employees that include any or all of the following key words: Thrones Dragon Littlefinger ¿White Walker¿

OS-2018-01262 March 06, 2018 March 07, 2018 July 09, 2018 Sweeney John OS Completed
Incoming And Outgoing Correspondence Concerning The National Marine Manufacturers Association Breakfast: I am requesting copies of ingoing and outgoing correspondence from the office of Secretary Ryan Zinke containing the following key words or phrases from February 1, 2018 through the present: "National Marine Manufacturers Association" "NMMA""Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation" "Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation" "RBFF" (continued below)

OS-2018-00828 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
· Emails, including attachments, sent or received by Kathatrine MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management which reference the work of the U.S. Department of the Interior¿s Royalty Policy Committee, to include communications which reference:
o Logistical and operational details of attending RCP meetings, such as travel arrangements, expense reimbursement, or ethics and financial disclosure; (contd below)

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OS-2018-00832 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Singh Gunita OS Open
1. Any emails by and between Ryan Zinke and the National Rifle Association. This request includes the entire email chain in which the NRA is a sender or recipient (including a 'cc' or 'bcc') of one or more emails in the chain. This request also includes any attachments. This request also includes emails sent or received by Zinke or NRA using any alias. This request also includes official communications sent or received by Zinke using any non-DOI email account.

OS-2018-00833 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Baker Sy OS Open
1. Official recommendation made to former President Barack Obama for the Establishment of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (Proclamation 9131 of May 21, 2014) I am looking specifically for the bibliography, reports, data, and correspondence in order to conduct further research into the justification of the designation on the part of the previous administration. (contd below)

OS-2018-00834 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
The owner who lent the Bison and Elk Heads to Secretary Zinke for his office. Nancy Guiden requested the ownership information for the Bison and Elk heads in an email in March, 2017 and she likely knows the owner.

OS-2018-00827 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Stevens Daniel OS Open
ecords reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text
messages, telephone call logs, calendar
invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting
agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or
other materials)
to, from, or between any officials or employees of the Office of the Secretary,
including but not
limited to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, and any persons acting on
behalf of the Office of the Secretary, broadly
regarding:
SEE BELOW FOR REST

OS-2018-00826 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Cama Timothy OS Open
all records of email communications to, from or mentioning (including cc and bcc) any of the following people: Richard ¿Rick¿ Saccone, Robert ¿Bob¿ Branstetter, John Brabender, Hank Hallowell, Conor Lamb, Abby Nassif Murphy. Please restrict

SEE BELOW FOR THE REST AND DATES OF SEARCH

OS-2018-00825 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Cama Timothy OS Open
all records related to Zinke's 2/24/18 trip to East Bethlehem Township, Pa., and any other destination on the same trip away from D.C. includes but is not limited to agendas, invitations, notes, prepared remarks, planning documents, follow-up documents, calendar entries, attendance lists, photographs, videos, audio recordings. search to between 2/10/18 and the date the search for this request is processed. exclude records that are solely news clips without additional commentary or information.

OS-2018-00824 March 06, 2018 March 08, 2018 Ghio Nicole OS Open
January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request:
a. Communications between Department of
Interior Deputy Chief of Staff for
Policy Downey Magallanes and former White House Staff Secretary Rob Porter;
The
documents and records we request include any written or typed, recorded,
graphic, printed, or audio material of any
kind, as well as all other responsive
records as that term is defined by FOIA.

OS-2018-00823 March 06, 2018 March 08, 2018 Ghio Nicole OS Open
All messages, memos, notes or other communications to or from the following individuals related to BLM Nevada State Director John Ruhs departure from the BLM Nevada State Office: Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt and Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior James Cason. The documents and records we request include any written or typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind, as well as all other responsive
records as that term
is defined by FOIA.

OS-2018-00822 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Rony Alexander OS Open
emails between December 27, 2017 and March 7, 2018 mentioning "elephant" or "lion" that were sent to or from any International Wildlife Conservation Council ("Council") committee member (list available at https://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/members.aspx?cid=2636).

OS-2018-00835 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails including attachments sent or received by Greg Gould, Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue or John Mehlhoff, Program Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue which reference the work of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Royalty Policy Committee, to include communications which reference: 1) Logistical and operational details of attending RCP meetings, such as travel arrangements, expense reimbursement, or ethics and financial disclosure [continued in notes]

OS-2018-00829 March 08, 2018 March 08, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Emails, including attachments, sent or received by Richard Cardinale, Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management which reference the work of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Royalty Policy Committee, to include communications which reference:
o Logistical and operational details of attending RCP meetings,
such as travel arrangements, expense reimbursement, or ethics and financial disclosure; (contd below)

OS-2018-00821 March 07, 2018 March 08, 2018 April 05, 2018 Weyer Tyler OS Completed
I would like to know how much the Department of Interior pays Ferry County, WA annually. I would also like to know what specific funds pay the county. Does the county receive Payments in lieu of taxes? If the county does receive payments in lieu of taxes, what land do the payments cover? About half of the county is Indian reservation and a good portion of the county is owned by the USFS. Does PiLT cover the USFS land as well?

OS-2018-00837 March 09, 2018 March 09, 2018 Roth Sammy OS Open
. All emails, letters and other written communications from Interior Department officials (including Bureau of Land Management officials) that mention the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP), from Jan. 20, 2017 through present;
. All emails, letters, other written communications and documents written or prepared by Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, or by Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt¿s office, that mention the DRECP; (contd below)

OS-2018-00838 March 09, 2018 March 09, 2018 Cobb Stephen OS Open
Considering that Zinke has been reported to have just spent nearly $140,000 on new doors, I would like to see all pertinent information on this topic. Please include any personal notes, email correspondence, phone records and other official written documentation. I would be particularly interested in seeing the bids considered for the job, specification sheets for the doors and installation and final bill/invoice.

OS-2018-00831 March 09, 2018 March 09, 2018 Fredericks Thomas OS Open
[A]ccess to all documents relating to oil and gas leasing of the Osage Mineral Estate. Please provide any and all documents below:

1. All data from NIOGEMS related to the Osage Minerals Estate ikn digital tabular format
(spreadsheet or database) and commonly accepted GIS data formats (shapefile and/or geodatabase) if available.

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OS-2018-00846 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Stevens Daniel OS Open
1. All records (including but not limited to records specifically requested below) broadly concerning Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s trip to Fredericktown, Pennsylvania from on, or about, February 23, 2018 to February 24, 2018, purportedly to announce nationwide mine reclamation grants. (contd below)

OS-2018-00847 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Bradtke-Litwack Lena OS Open
Requesting copies of correspondence with the following DCN:
1. EST-00003005 (2017)
2. EST-00002443 (2017)
3. ESO-
00062370 (2015)
4. ESO-00063562 (2015)
5. ESO-00063680 (2015)

OS-2018-00848 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Ebbs Stephanie OS Open
Request seeks formal action plans submitted to Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt and the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget between February 1, 2018 and March 1, 2018 in response to the Interior workplace survey completed in December 2017.

OS-2018-00849 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Ebbs Stephanie OS Open
Request seeks contracts, invoices, and statements of work for any decorating, renovating or construction expenses between January 1, 2017 and March 1, 2018 related to the secretary's office or rooms adjacent to the secretary's office at Interior headquarters.

OS-2018-00840 March 09, 2018 March 12, 2018 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Any and all records related to or concerning Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke¿s deferral
of all of the parcels
scheduled for the New Mexico BLM¿s March 8, 2018 Competitive
Oil and Gas Lease sale.

For purposes of this request,
records include, but are not limited to, communication records (including, but not limited to, recorded voicemails, text messages, chat messages, emails, and printed letters),

continue below....

OS-2018-00841 March 09, 2018 March 12, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents and written or electronic communications, including email attachments, send or received by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt that contain one more more of the following words or phrases: "Noble Energy" and/or "Kate

Faye". This request seeks documents produced from July 25, 2017 to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00843 March 09, 2018 March 12, 2018 Evers Austin OS Open
1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or other materials) regarding offshore drilling generally or the ¿2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program¿ specifically between DOI and any of the following:

continue below....

OS-2018-00845 March 12, 2018 March 12, 2018 Lachlan Markay OS Open
I request a copy of a memorandum provided to the office of the Secretary of the Interior by the White House, titled "Creating a Culture of Compliance." The memorandum's existence was reported by CNN on March 9 (see: https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/09/politics/cabinet-secretaries-ethical-behavior/index.html). I also request copies of all written and digital communications to the office of the secretary accompanying or pertaining to that memorandum.

OS-2018-00839 March 09, 2018 March 12, 2018 Poston Tom OS Open
I would like to request a copy of the RFQ documents (including RFQ attachments, amendments, Q&A and SOW)) for contract # IND11PA40010. In addition, I also request a copy of the incumbent's proposal for the contract.

OS-2018-00855 January 02, 2018 March 13, 2018 Brooks James OS Open
Itemized list of the travel expenses of the last five secretaries of the interior, if possible on an excel spreadsheet with columns for SECRETARY NAME, DATE OF TRAVEL, COST, COST CODE, COST CODE DESCRIPTION, AGENCY/DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE, and DESCRIPTION OF/REASON FOR TRAVEL.

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OS-2018-00854 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Beringer Theodore OS Open
Copy of your detailed observations and conclusions from your review of Bears Ears National Monument that resulted in your decision to reduce its size by 85%. You never made public your reasoning process, other than to say you were guided by the intention to resize the Bear Ears National Monument to the smallest size necessary to preserve its cultural, historical and natural heritage. (contd below)

OS-2018-00850 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from any of the following entities and/or people and any of the Department of the Interior officials since May 31, 2017:
¿ Ryan

Benson, Matt Lumley, Denny Behrens or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @biggameforever.org
¿ Kathleen Sgamma,
Tripp Parks or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @westemenergyalliance.org (contd below)

OS-2018-00851 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from any of the following entities and/or people and any of the Department of the Interior officials since August 18, 2017:
· Ryan
Benson, Matt Lumley, Denny Behrens or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @biggameforever.org
· Kathleen Sgamma,
Tripp Parks or anyone with an e-mail address ending in @westernenergyalliance.org
(contd below)

OS-2018-00852 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
CV or resume and full calendar for Todd Willens, from his start date to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00853 March 13, 2018 March 13, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Records related to 'briefing on FOIAs' meeting that occurred at 11am on November 8th, 2017. Meeting participants include: Daniel Jorjani, Edward Keable, Downey Magallanes, Scott Hommel, Timothy Murphy, Elinor Renner, Ryan Zinke.

OS-2018-00863 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
Records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior') from March 1, 2017 to the date Interior conducts its search: all delegation order(s) issued by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s ('Secretary Zinke') that mention, refer to, include, and/or were generated in connection with any temporary redelegation(s) of authority for vacant non-career Senate-confirmed positions, and any amendments thereto.

OS-2018-00864 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Ruskin Liz OS Open
Access to and copies of emails, letters, memos and other records of communications from Deputy Sec. David Bernhardt, Asst. Sec. Joe Balash and Sec. Ryan Zinke regarding the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

OS-2018-00865 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Majumdar Sumona OS Open
Requesting any documents you may have which contain information related to the National OCS Program Public Meetings held in the following locations: Annapolis, MD (1/16/18); Jackson, MS (1/16/18); Dover, DE (1/18/18); Austin, TX (2/6/18); Salem, OR (2/6/18); Tallahassee, FL (2/8/18); Sacramento, CA (2/8/18); Hartford, CT (2/13/18); Columbia, SC (2/13/18); Trenton, NJ (2/14/18); Albany, NY (2/15/18); Richmond, VA (2/21/18); (contd below)

OS-2018-00856 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Nesbitt Allen OS Open
All communications of any type whatsoever regarding office renovations, furnishings, or office decoration of all agency political appointees requiring Senate confirmation. All documents regarding office renovations and office decorations (including itemized expenses or expense reports) of all agency political appointees requiring Senate confirmation.

OS-2018-00861 March 01, 2018 March 14, 2018 Abshier Carole OS Open
Estate of Glade Sylvia Willis. Copy of records regarding docs filed on and after April 23, 2015 in the name of Joyce

Humphrey, Robin Abshier, and Stan Abshier.

OS-2018-00858 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Emails to and/or from Secretary Zinke that contain one or more of the following words or phrases:
. Door/Doors
.
Installation
. Remodeling
. Conquest Solutions

OS-2018-00859 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Tate Munoz Hudson OS Open
Copies of the following contracts:
140D8018P0023; IND15PD01190; IND15PD01176; IND17PX00064; IND17PX00276;
IND15PD01303; IND15PD01295; IND15PD01298; IND15PD01299; 140D8018P0015; 140D8018P0016; IND17PX00010; 140D8018P0022;
IND17PD00807; IND15PC00262; IND15PC00259; 140D8018D0055; 140D8018P0013.
My request includes copies of the request for
proposal, bid submission, original contract, contract modifications, and approvals for subcontracting.

OS-2018-00860 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Smith Colin OS Open
Incoming-And-Outgoing Correspondence Between The Office Of The Secretary And The Executive Office Of The White House On 'Doors.' I am requesting copies of incoming-and-outgoing email correspondence between the Office of the Secretary and the Executive Office of the White House, to be identified by email addresses ending in the domains listed below, that include the words 'door¿ and/or 'doors' from March 8, 2018 through the present date of this request. (contd below)

OS-2018-00862 March 14, 2018 March 14, 2018 Kilpatrick Ken OS Open
Hello,
Can I please have the most recent "Real Property Efficiency Report" issued by the Department of the Interior?

Thank you,
Ken

OS-2018-00868 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Kaplan Elijah OS Open
All communications in your possession, of any type whatsoever, to and from Ryan Zinke containing the phrase 'Gentry Beach'.

OS-2018-00869 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Kaplan Elijah OS Open
All communications in your possession, of any type whatsoever, to or from Ryan Zinke, Gentry Beach, Trevor Ahlberg, or Ray Washburne between August 1st and September 30, 2017.

OS-2018-00870 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Atwood Amy OS Open
The Center is requesting records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior') from November 13, 2017 to the date Interior commences this search for: all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails, text messages, instant messages, voicemails, and phone logs for any phones utilized by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke (contd below)

OS-2018-00866 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Crossland Bonnie OS Open
I am looking for combination of the Federal Production by Location and Federal Production by Customer reports. Commodity of interest is Oil & Gas, Gas and Oil. Calendar year 2016 and later data. I am interested in the company, the revenue type, commodity, revenue and production volume broken down into state and county. If you had the data at the well level or FMP, that would be best.

OS-2018-00872 March 15, 2018 March 15, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests from Interior from November 13, 2017 to the date Interior commences this search: all correspondence, including but not limited to, all letters, emails, text messages, instant messages, voicemails, and phone logs for any phones utilized by the U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt ('Mr. Bernhardt')
(contd below)

OS-2018-00875 March 16, 2018 March 16, 2018 May 30, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Completed
All records released by DOI responsive to FOIA request OS-2017-01097.

OS-2018-00876 March 16, 2018 March 16, 2018 June 05, 2018 Pearson Jake OS Completed
Seeking the following records be provided to me: All records sought on 3/31/17 in FOIA OS‐2017‐00390 seeking the following information:
a) all correspondence between the Department of Interior and Gentry Beach of
Dallas, TX
b) all correspondence between the Department of Interior and Tommy Hicks, Jr., of Dallas, TX.
(contd below)

OS-2018-00878 March 16, 2018 March 16, 2018 June 12, 2018 Schubiner Brian OS Completed
All records from the OGOR-B reflecting the disposition of production and the volume of the product disposed for all onshore federal oil and gas production, including the federal share, and only the federal share, in the case of mixed agreements. Please provide the data for all disposition codes, aggregated by state, year, and disposition code, for 2006 through 2017.

OS-2018-00894 March 17, 2018 March 17, 2018 Kaplan Elijah OS Open
All docs of any type whatsoever regarding any department spending at any of the following properties:
1. Trump Winery
/ Trump Vineyard Estates
3550 Blenheim Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22902

2. Trump International Hotel & Tower® Chicago

401 N Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60611

3. Mar-a-Lago Club
1100 S Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach, FL 33480

4. Trump Grande
Sunny Isles

18101 Collins Ave, North Miami Beach, FL 33160

Cont below

OS-2018-00895 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 May 29, 2018 B Kat OS Completed
All records of employees hired under Direct Hire Authority from January 20, 2017.

OS-2018-00887 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 June 05, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Completed
Access to and copies of a Department of Interior organizational document showing the current position and title held by Downey Magallanes as of March 16, 2018. To be clear, not requesting any personal or exempted information, just a single document showing Magallanes' current position and title.

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OS-2018-00882 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Horwitz Jeffrey OS Open
Emails to and from the Office of the Secretary which includes the terms Ballard, Sky Boat, MGM, Mosaic, FEB Corp or F.E. B.

OS-2018-00883 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and a copy of the comprehensive briefing paper that Kathleen Sgamma told Vincent DeVito that the Western Energy Alliance would 'work up on the federal nexus and delegation of primacy ideas that Mr. DeVito and Ms. Sgamma had discussed in their September 12, 2017 meeting, as noted in the attached pages.

Cont below

OS-2018-00916 March 19, 2018 March 19, 2018 Wolff Daniel OS Open
Departmental policy statements, interpretations, or other guidance regarding the
Combined Hydrocarbon Leasing Act of
1981 or administration of that law by the department or the department¿s BLM, or more generally regarding the development of federal tar sands
(or oil sands) in Utah. Intra-department correspondence regarding CHLA or

department¿s or BLM¿s administration of it, or more generally regarding the
development of federal tar sands (or oil
sands) in Utah.

OS-2018-00917 March 19, 2018 March 19, 2018 Wolff Daniel OS Open

Studies or reports - including feasibility or valuation studies or reports - regarding federal tar sands (or oil sands) in Utah.

OS-2018-00884 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including letters, texts, emails, faxes, sent by the following DOI officials about any and all records of decision published or proposed by DOI since March 1, 2017. In particular, keyword searches should include 2017-086, 2017-86, reporting of proposed records of decisions and other decisions with nationwide, regional, or statewide impact, record of decision instruction manual,

Cont below.

OS-2018-00918 March 19, 2018 March 19, 2018 Wolff Daniel OS Open
Correspondence (including emails), memos, directives, and meeting minutes or agendas, or any notes of meetings, regarding Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance v. U.S. Dep¿t of the Interior, No. 12-cv-257 (D. Utah) (Judge Kimball), and the identification of all department personnel with responsibility (at any level) for the settlement agreement signed by Jenna Whitlock, BLM Acting Deputy Director, on January 13, 2017, which was subsequently approved by the court by order of May 17, 2017.

OS-2018-00886 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from anyone with an
email address ending in @omb.eop.gov or whose email signature includes Office of Management and Budget or OMB, and any DOI officials listed at any point since Jan 19, 2017: Sec Ryan Zinke, Dep Sec David Bernhardt, James Cason, Todd Willens, Scott Cameron, Steve Howke, Rick Puckett, Amy Holley, Denise Flanagan, Adrianne Moss, Jason Freihage, Thomas Wayson.

Cont below

OS-2018-00888 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access and copies of all correspondence including letters, texts, emails, faxes, to or from DOI officials and any of the individuals and entities listed in Appendix A, since Jan 19, 2017. DOI officials: Sec Ryan Zinke, Dep Sec David Berhardt, James Cason, Vincent DeVito, Joseph Balash, Katharine MacGregor, Downey Magallanes, Scott Hommel, Micah Chambers, John Tanner, Amanda Kaster-Averill, Blake Deeley, James Voyles, Audrey Haskins, Christopher Salotti,

Cont below

OS-2018-00889 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence including letters, texts, emails, faxes, to or from Steve Hargrave, Caroline Boulton, and Russell Roddy that detail all visitors Secretary Ryan Zinke received at Interior Dept since March 1, 2017. This should include copies of all 'unfetted access' lists sent to the Interior Complex Security Operations Branch since March 1, 2017.

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OS-2018-00890 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
All access and copies of all correspondence, including letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from the following Department of Interior officials that include any of the words or phrases in Appendix A, since November 1, 2017: Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Todd Willens, Steven Howke, Downey Magallanes, Andrea Travnicek, Tim Petty, Austin Ewell, Ryan Nichols, Vincent DeVito, Joe Balash, Heather Swift, Laura Rigas, Caroline Boulton,

Cont below.

OS-2018-00892 March 16, 2018 March 19, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
Copy of the ten most recent annual reports of the advocate for competition for the Department.

OS-2018-00896 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 B Kat OS Open
All communications, of any type whatsoever, to and from the following individuals: Yevgeniy Viktorovich Prigozhin, Mikhail Ivanovich Bystrov, Mikhail Leonidovich Burchik, Aleksandra Yuruevna Krylova, Anna Vladislavovna Bogacheva, Sergey Pavlovich Polozov, Maria Anatolyevna Bovda, Robert Sergeyevich Bovda, Dzheykun Nasimi Ogly

OS-2018-00898 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 Shor Matthew OS Open
All communications to and from Donald Trump Jr. All communications including Donald Trump Jr., Don Jr, or any other name representing Donald Trump Jr.

OS-2018-00899 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 Kaplan Elijah OS Open
All documents and communications, of any form whatsoever, regarding any communications between department employees and Andrey Kostin, Dmitry Aleksandrovich Zabello, or other employee or representatives of VTB Bank. Furthermore, any documents relating to VTB or mentioning Andrey Kostin, Dmitry Aleksandrovich Zabello, or other employee or representatives of VTB Bank.

OS-2018-00900 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
request a copy of the document entitled 'Creating a Culture of Compliance,' which describes ethical guidelines and was shared with the Department of the Interior. Please click on this link for more detail on this document (https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/09/politics/cabinet-secretaries-ethical-behavior/index.html).

OS-2018-00904 March 19, 2018 March 19, 2018 Price Asher OS Open
Request the current job title, salary and hire date (at their current position) of Susan Combs and Joy NIcholopoulos.

OS-2018-00901 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
1) All emails between the following OS staff and Taylor Energy employees and/or the company's representatives from 3/1/2017 to 3/1/2018 (all emails should any attachments and those that the OS staff are CC'd): Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secreraty David Bernhardt, James Cason, Katherine MacGregor, Gareth Rees; 2) All documents relating to Taylor Energy produced by or submitted to the OS from 3/1/2017 to 3/1/2018, including but not limited to memos, PowerPoint slides,

Cont below

OS-2018-00902 March 18, 2018 March 19, 2018 Stein Shira OS Open
Copy of any documents between Secretary Ryan Zinke and members of Congress, including, but not limited to, letters, emails, and physical correspondence.

OS-2018-00903 March 18, 2018 March 19, 2018 McCullough Charles OS Open
All correspondence to, from, and mentioning Lolita 'Lola' Zinke from January 1, 2018 to March 18, 2018.

OS-2018-00897 March 17, 2018 March 19, 2018 July 09, 2018 B Kat OS Completed
All communications to and from Richard Pinedo.

OS-2018-00879 January 15, 2016 March 19, 2018 Atwood Amy OS Open
Decision file for the final listing determination for the greater Sage-Grouse under the Endangered Species Act (GrSG Listing Determination) and 2) All internal and external correspondence related to the GrSG Listing Determination whether or not considered to be responsive to Item No. 1.

OS-2018-00880 September 24, 2015 March 19, 2018 Anderson Greta OS Open
Any and all docs before the agency regarding or relating in any way relevant to USFWS Sept 21, 2015, decision that Greater Sage Grouse is not warranted for protection under the Endangered Species Act (aka Project Record), Adminstrative Record, for the period between the last Not Warranted finding March 5, 2010 and Sept 21, 2015's determination.

OS-2018-00881 December 31, 2015 March 19, 2018 Bogert L. Michael OS Open
1)Any and all records including reports, memos, emails, notes, letters, documentation, correspondence and other communication pertaining to the not warranted listing determination by USFWS for the Greater Sage Grouse under the Endangered Species Act or records concerning the agency's planning or other decisions made for consideration by the Service in the not warranted listing decision for the period Jan 1, 2014 to present.

Cont below.

OS-2018-00914 March 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
All travel vouchers, reimbursements, and records related to paying for the Secretary's travel since he took office. This includes airline travel and other forms of transportation. The records I request are similar in content and purpose to GSA's SF-1012 "Travel Voucher," used to record dates, destinations and costs of official business travel. I am also requesting trip summaries, travel routing summaries, travel reports, records of travel authorizations, travel arrangements,

Cont below

OS-2018-00908 March 20, 2018 March 20, 2018 Ruize Michelle OS Open
Requests payout from our funds put in trust for our tribe (50% of the interest earned on the account). I request to know the total amount in the trust and the total amt. of interest in the trust fund or the interest earned on the trust fund even if it is in another account. In RE: Trust Fund Act. #JA9303692 known as the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund.

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
Subject						
OS-2018-00905	March 19, 2018	March 20, 2018		Price Asher	OS	Open
Copies of any correspondence (including emails and texts) since March 12, 2018 between DOI employees Heather Swift and/or Susan Combs and/or Ryan Zinke related to a request emailed by Asher Price for information about Susan Combs' title and salary. (The request for Susan Combs' title and salary was emailed by Asher Price to the DOI media relations address on March 12, 2018.)						
OS-2018-00906	March 19, 2018	March 20, 2018		Ravnitzky Michael	OS	Open
Copy of the meeting minutes for the Trust Management Improvement Steering Committee. Limit this request to meeting minutes during the time period January 1, 2010 to the present.						
OS-2018-00909	March 20, 2018	March 20, 2018		Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open
All reports produced by Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. for the Department of the Interior since January 1, 2012.						
OS-2018-00910	March 20, 2018	March 20, 2018		Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open
All available calendars, daily itineraries, and schedules of activities for Timothy Williams, Deputy Director in the Office of External Affairs. From May 1, 2017 through the date this request is processed.						
OS-2018-00911	March 20, 2018	March 20, 2018		Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open
Access to and copies of any and all communications from Vincent DeVito to Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and-or Secretary Ryan Zinke since September 2017 to the date thi srequest is processed.						
OS-2018-00912	March 20, 2018	March 20, 2018		Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open
Access to and copies of any and all communications, including email attachments, from Press Secretary Heather Swift to Chief of Staff Scott Hommel and-or Secretary Ryan Zinke since September 2017 to the date this request is processed.						
OS-2018-00915	March 21, 2018	March 21, 2018		Elliott Dan	OS	Open
Copies of all emails and memoranda sent by Secretary Ryan Zinke to Susan Combs (nominated by President Trump to be assistant secretary for policy, management and budget), and sent by Susan Combs to Ryan Zinke, between Feb. 1, 2017, and March 17, 2018, which mention the secretary¿s proposed reorganization of the department into 13 consolidated regions.						

OS-2018-00919 March 21, 2018 March 22, 2018 Fischer Rebecca OS Open
Any and all records related to or concerning the BLM deferral and partial deferral of 28 parcels from the Montana BLM Competitive Oil and Gas Lease sale scheduled for March 13, 2018.

OS-2018-00927 March 23, 2018 March 23, 2018 Hughes Shannon OS Open
Any and all records related in any way to the Environmental Assessment for Signal
Peak Energy, LLC¿s (¿Signal Peak¿)
proposed Bull Mountains Mine No. 1,
Amendment 3 mining plan modification for Federal Coal Lease MTM-97988,
released
March 13, 2018, available at:
https://www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/bullMountainsMine.shtm.

OS-2018-00929 March 15, 2018 March 23, 2018 Fisher Kevin OS Open
Information on the evaluation and selection process for the U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of the Special
Trustee Trust Funds Accounting System (TFAS) 140D7018C0001 (contract number). TFAS procurement - D17PS00789

OS-2018-00920 March 23, 2018 March 23, 2018 Warren Kim OS Open
The Organizational Charts for the Head of Information Technology of Office of the Special Trustee- something that includes the names and titles/departments of the people who report to the Head of Information Technology of Office of the Special Trustee.

This includes Organizational Charts containing the direct reports of the people reporting to
the Head of Information Technology. Also, the contact information of people listed in the organizational charts
including: (Continued below...)

OS-2018-00923 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
I request copies of all emails (including attachments) sent or received by the following Department of Interior staff from December 4, 2017 to December 6, 2017.

Department of Interior staff:

¿ Any individual who has held the
position of White House Liaison from December 4, 2017 to December 6, 2017, including ¿ but not limited to ¿ Lori Mashburn

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OS-2018-00924 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 June 18, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Completed
Request the following records: All DI-2000 forms filed by Gisella Ojeda-Dodds.

OS-2018-00925 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Request the following records:

All emails with attachments that contain the words "West Virginia Coal Association" "WVCA" "Ramaco" or "crayfish." Please search your records from May 1, 2017 to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-00926 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Request access to and copies of all correspondence sent to or received by any of the following individuals that includes any keyword listed in Appendix A between March 6, 2018 and March 13, 2018:

· Secretary Ryan Zinke

· Chief of Staff Scott Hommel
· Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Downey Magallanes
· Acting Director
of the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs Micah Chambers
· Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
Scott Cameron

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OS-2018-00938 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Bastasch Michael OS Open
All communications sent to and from the email address of Joel Clement, former head of the Office of Policy Analysis, sent between November 8, 2016 to October 4, 2017. These communications should contain the keywords or phrases 'Trump,' 'Zinke' and 'whistle-blower.'

OS-2018-00941 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Greshko Michael OS Open
1. January 20, 2017, to Present: Documents related to the creation and implementation of M-37050, the December 22, 2017, memorandum stating that the Migratory Bird Treaty Act does not cover incidental take. Responsive records should include emails, attachments, notations of conversation, as well as correspondence to or from (but not necessarily limited to): (contd below)

OS-2018-00930 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Moseman Kevin OS Open
All undisclosed information on all leases (any Confidential and all) pertaining to Kevin Richard Moseman

OS-2018-00931 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Funk LeAnne OS Open
Current list of all Office of the Special Trustee employees, in electronic format, sent via email address to lfunk@fedemplben.org , and include the following fields in a Comma separated format (CSV) or Excel format: Employee Full Name Agency Name and Location Employee Work Email Address Job Title Salary

OS-2018-00936 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Bass Daniel OS Open
The contract and any addendums, modifications, statements of work, task orders, and subcontract documents for IND13PC00061, which was awarded to CNI Technical Services. Additionally, please provide information as to the location (s) where the awardee is performing work for this contract.

OS-2018-00932 March 23, 2018 March 26, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Request the following records: Any and all written or electronic communications, including email attachments, sent or

received by Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Senior Advisor Kathleen Benedetto, Deputy Assistant Secretary Katherine MacGregor and/or their executive assistants that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: " Hecla Mining", "Phillips Baker" and/or "Luke Russell".

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OS-2018-00933 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Request emails to include attachments sent or received by Vincent DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, which reference DOI¿s October 24, 2017 report entitled ¿Final Report: Review of the Department of the Interior Actions that Potentially Burden Domestic Energy.¿ The time frame of my request is May 1, 2017 to October 31, 2017.

OS-2018-00934 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 Stevens Daniel OS Open
Requests DOI produce the following: All records regarding a March 2018 meeting between Tim Williams, Deputy Director of the Office of External Affairs, and representatives of the Montana Farm Bureau
Federation (MFBF). This request
includes all communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or other

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OS-2018-00928 March 25, 2018 March 26, 2018 April 13, 2018 Brownell Kenneth OS Completed
Request footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017, between on or about 9 am and noon.

OS-2018-00937 March 26, 2018 March 26, 2018 April 13, 2018 Sundown Tom OS Completed
Footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017 between on or about 9 am and noon.

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
Subject						
OS-2018-00935	March 23, 2018	March 26, 2018		Vardi Itai	OS	Open
Request any authorization under 5 C.F.R § 2635.502(d) provided to Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, from April 1. 2017 to March 1. 2018.						
OS-2018-00939	March 26, 2018	March 26, 2018	July 09, 2018	Bastasch Michael	OS	Completed

All communications sent to and from the email address of Joel Clement and Katherine Atkinson (katherine@wilkenfeldlaw.com) sent between November 8, 2016 to October 4, 2017.

OS-2018-00945 March 27, 2018 March 27, 2018 Evers Austin OS Open
American Oversight requests that DOI produce the following within twenty business days and seeks expedited review of this request for the reasons identified below:
1. All records reflecting communications (including but not limited to
emails, email attachments, text messages, chat or Slack messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, (contd below)

OS-2018-00943 March 27, 2018 March 27, 2018 Evers Austin OS Open
American Oversight requests that DOI produce the following within twenty business days and seeks expedited review of this request for the reasons identified below:
All records reflecting communications (including but not limited to
emails, email attachments, text messages, chat or Slack messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, (contd below)

OS-2018-00944 March 27, 2018 March 27, 2018 Steven Goldstein OS Open
Defenders asks that the Agencies provide:
Records of all communications between the U.S. and Canada relating the U.S.'s interpretation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 703-12.
Communications between the U.S. and Canada
regarding the Convention Between the United States and Great Britain for the Protection of Migratory Birds, proclamation, Aug. 2 16, 1916, 39 Stat. 1702, and its subsequent modification, (contd below)

OS-2018-00940 March 26, 2018 March 27, 2018 Greshko Michael OS Open
January 20, 2017, to Present All documents, correspondences, transcripts of conversations, or memoranda to or from Sec. Ryan Zinke or his assistants that contain any of the following words:
Diversity
Diverse
Minority
Minorities
Race

Racial

OS-2018-00942 March 27, 2018 March 27, 2018 Price Asher OS Open
Copy of the mission statements of the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance in 2016 and 2017. (My understanding is that the office adopted a new mission statement in October 2017. I would like a copy of that mission statement and the previous mission statement.)

OS-2018-00957 December 31, 2015 March 28, 2018 Bogert L. Michael OS Open
1)Any and all records, including but not limited to, reports, memoranda, emails, notes,
letters, documentation,
correspondence and other communication pertaining to the not

warranted listing determination by the United States Fish
& Wildlife Service for the Greater Sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act, see 80 Federal Register 59,858 (Oct. 2, 2015), or

cont below

OS-2018-00947 March 28, 2018 March 28, 2018 King Pamela OS Open
All emails, memos and other correspondence (to exclude email attachments, as long as those attachments are noted in the released documents) concerning or related to the Royalty Policy Committee's recommendation to cut royalty rates on deepwater leases from 18.75 percent to 12.5 percent. I am requesting documents dated from Oct. 4, 2017 to March 28, 2018.

OS-2018-00948 March 28, 2018 March 28, 2018 April 13, 2018 Smith Anna OS Completed
Footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017 between, on or about 9 am and noon.

OS-2018-00950 March 28, 2018 March 28, 2018 April 13, 2018 Rogers Rosemary OS Completed
Footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017 between 9:00 am and noon.

OS-2018-00955 January 15, 2016 March 28, 2018 Atwood Amy OS Open
1. The Decision File for the final listing determination for the greater sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act (GrSG Listing Determination).
2. All internal and external correspondence related to the GrSG Listing Determination,
whether or not considered to be responsive to Item no. 1.

OS-2018-00956 September 24, 2015 March 28, 2018 Anderson Greta OS Open
Any and all documents before the agency regarding, relating or in any way relevant to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's September 21, 2015 decision that Greater sage-grouse is Not Warranted for protection under the Endangered Species Act, a.k.a. the Project Record, or Administrative Record, for the period between the last Not Warranted finding, March 5, 2010, and September 21, 2015's determination.

OS-2018-00952 March 29, 2018 March 29, 2018 May 02, 2018 Haggerty Mark OS Completed
Request for federal mineral royalty statistics including: 1. Total sales volume (production) by commodity, rolled up to the state level for federal onshore and federal offshore for FY 2016 and FY 2017; 2. Total sales value by commodity rolled up to the state level for federal onshore and offshore for FY 2016 and FY 2017; 3. Total revenue by revenue type, mineral lease type, and commodity rolled up to the state level for federal onshore and offshore for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

OS-2018-00953 March 29, 2018 March 29, 2018 Creighton Sara OS Open
American Oversight requests that your agency produce the following within twenty business days:
All communications by
political appointees containing any of the following terms:1) Holdover(s); 2) Turncoat(s); 3) Leak*;4) Troublemaker(s); 5) 'Deep state';6) Embed*;7) Burrow*;8) 'Clean* house';9) Cleans*; (contd below)

OS-2018-00954 March 29, 2018 March 30, 2018 Stevens Daniel OS Open
1)Access to and copies of all correspondence since November 8, 2016, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, attachments, and faxes, between any of the following list of Interior officials: Former Deputy Chief of Staff Downey Magallanes; Communications Director Laura Rigas; Press Secretary Heather Swift; Former Director of Scheduling and Advance Rusty Roddy; Former Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior Wadi Yakhour;

Cont below

OS-2018-00964 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence about the 'Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Delay and Suspension of Certain Requirements' rule published by BLM December 8, 2017, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between the following Department of Interior officials and any representative of a Native American tribe or tribal government since January 19, 2017. (contd below)

OS-2018-00965 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, instant messages, and faxes, to or from the following Department of Interior officials, at any point since January 19, 2017, that mention branding, public relations, marketing, creative or professional image consultants or vendors contracted or subcontracted by the office of the Secretary of Department of Interior. (contd below)

OS-2018-00966 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all contracts or subcontracts commissioned by the Interior Department that relate to the branding of Secretary Zinke's professional and/or personal image. This should include, but not be limited to, copies of all contracts with all brand consultants, branding consultants, creative consultants, marketing consultants, brands strategists, public relations consultants, public relations agencies, brand agencies, branding agencies, marketing agencies, or creative agencies.

OS-2018-00967 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, since January 19, 2017, between all official '@ios.doi.gov' Department of Interior email addresses and any email address ending in '@ryanzinke.com' since March 1, 2017.
'All correspondence'
should include, but not be limited to, copies of digital and hardcopy information sent by, sent to, carbon copying ('CC'), or blind carbon copying ('BCC') any of these accounts during this time period.

OS-2018-00968 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence since January 19, 2017, between all official '@ios.doi.gov' Department of Interior email addresses and all email addresses used by Secretary Ryan Zinke, excluding his official '@ios.doi.gov' Department of the Interior email. This should include, but not be limited to, all communications with the following email addresses: (contd below)

OS-2018-00969 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 July 10, 2018 George Marty OS Completed

A copy of correspondence from Congressman Michael Grimm. Please search for documents from January 3, 2013 ¿January 5, 2015. I believe the correspondence are most likely to be held by your Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Legislative Affairs, or the office of the Executive Secretariat and likely tracked within a correspondence management system. (contd below)

OS-2018-00959 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Darby Marta OS Open
Specifically, we seek the following records created on and between January 20, 2017, and the date of Interior¿s search for records:
1. All records reflecting any communication, written or verbal, to any Chief FOIA Officer, Department FOIA Policy Staff, FOIA and Privacy Act Appeals Officer, Bureau FOIA Officer, FOIA Officer, Action Office, Office of the Secretary FOIA Officer, Electronic FOIA tracking system user, FOIA Public Liaison, Records Management Officer, or employee (contd below)

OS-2018-00970 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Farris Jeremy OS Open
Communications and documents issued or received by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board or its members or staff since January 1, 2012 regarding: a. Jawad Tawfiq Khalaf; b. Sheda Khalaf; Nader Khalaf; d. N ashat Khalaf; e. Joseph Khalaf; f. Joe Khalaf; g. Zaher Mostafa; h. Arafat H. Nimer; i. Mohammad Manasra J. Nael Ali; k. Christina Bowen (contd below)

OS-2018-01016 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Valvo James OS Open
I . All records regarding Department of the Interior policies on the retention, management, and/or administration of electronic (i.e., instant) messages, including but not limited to protocols such as SMS, MMS, Skype, Windows Messenger Service, XMPP, iMessage, Signal, BBM, etc. (contd below)

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
Subject						

OS-2018-00960 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from Deputy Director of the Office of External Affairs Tim Williams and the following people and entities between February 1, 2018 and March 28, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-00961 April 02, 2018 April 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all text messages between Secretary Ryan Zinke and Rep. Mark Amodei since March 1, 2017. This should include, but not be limited to all SMS, MMS, and any other texts via a cellular network between the work or personal phone of Secretary Zinke and Rep. Amodei during this time period. (contd below)

OS-2018-00974 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
Since March 31, 2017, all correspondence referring to, relating to, or from/to the Department of the Interior and

Gentry Beach, a resident of Dallas, TX. This includes written and electronic correspondence. Please redact personal email addresses and phone numbers if necessary, but for emails, leave the name of the sender visible.

OS-2018-00976 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Allen Greg OS Open
Communications, solicitations, and documentation relating to the commissioning of an official portrait painting of Secretary ZInke or other DOI officials since 1/20/2017. image(s) of official portrait painting(s) for same.

OS-2018-00977 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of all communications, including emails and text messages, to/from 1) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Kate MacGregor and 2) Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy Vincent DeVitor and the following people: Chris Guith, Lori LeBlanc, Frank Maisano, Randall Luthi or Nicolette Nye. You may limit your search to communications sent or received between March 1, 2018, and March 31, 2018.

OS-2018-00978 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Keatinge Jennifer OS Open
Records generated, obtained or received by the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior Department) related to planning, exploration, leasing and development of oil and gas resources on the Coastal Plain (Section 1002 Area) of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge since November 15, 2017. The requested records include, but are not limited to: (contd below)

OS-2018-00975 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
1) Since September 23, 2017, all calendar entries or travel schedules at the DOI that reflect meetings with or refer to Gentry Beach, a resident of Dallas, TX . This includes written and electronic calendars or travel schedules and should not be limited to the Secretary's calendar. Please redact personal email addresses and phone numbers if necessary, but for emails, leave the name of the sender visible.

OS-2018-00972 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 April 13, 2018 Garcia Heather OS Completed
Footage of the Indian Affairs FOIA Officer, Jessica Rogers and Bryan Rice, Bureau of Indian Affairs Director on the 4th floor north and south hallway in the main Interior building on December 6, 2017 between on or about 9 am and noon.

OS-2018-00971 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Miller Kristen OS Open
Documents related to the development of an oil and gas program on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge pursuant to Title II of Public Law 115-97, including policies, plans, technical or scientific documents, regulations or regulatory documents, National Environmental Policy Act documents, assessments, and any documents related to the subject matter of the law. (contd below)

OS-2018-00973 April 03, 2018 April 03, 2018 Marsco Delaney OS Open
CLC requests the following records: 1. Any record of a communication relating to guidance provided under 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502 to Lori K. Mashburn; 2. Any record of any authorization issued to Lori K. Mashburn under 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502 (d); or; 3. Any communication between Lori K. Mashburn and any other Interior employee that includes the word 'Heritage.' (contd below)

OS-2018-00982 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
· Emails sent or received by Secretary Ryan Zinke which reference the withdrawal of 26 parcels from a March 2018 South

Central Montana BLM oil and gas lease sale. The withdrawal of these parcels was announced by Secretary Zinke on Twitter on March 1, 2018 and was further announced by BLM in a press release dated March 5, 2018. The timeframe of my request is January 1, 2018 to March 30, 2018.

OS-2018-00983 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Request from the Department of the Interior the following records:
. All emails sent between Russell Roddy, Director
of Scheduling and Advance, and Glenn LeMunyon of the LeMunyon Group (glenn@lemunyongroup.com), from April 1, 2017 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-00984 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior') from December 19, 2017 to the date Interior conducts this search:
1. All communications that direct, authorize, and/or instruct the proposal of removing the
'Blanket Section 4(D) Rule' pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531-1544 ('ESA'). Attachment A (Revision of the Regulations for Prohibitions to Threatened Wildlife and Plants); and (contd below)

OS-2018-00980 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
Request for records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 and its implementing regulations seeking the following records generated, received, obtained, or considered by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) since November 15, 2017: (contd below)

OS-2018-00981 April 05, 2018 April 05, 2018 Nickas George OS Open
Requests the following information concerning livestock grazing and wilderness administration on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered lands. We request all of the following: 1. A letter sent from Congressman Raul Labrador and Senator Mike Crapo to Interior Secretary Zinke, which we believed to be dated March 7, 2018 and was referenced by Rep. Labrador at the March 15, 2018 hearing before the House Committee on Natural Resources. (contd below)

OS-2018-00986 April 06, 2018 April 06, 2018 GREWAL GURBIR OS Open
1. All records reflecting any consultations, meetings, or other communications between Secretary Zinke and Governor Scott, or any agents, consultants, or employees of their respective offices, relating to the Secretary¿s decision to remove Florida from the OCS Leasing Program.
2. All records regarding any consultations, meetings, or other
communications pertaining to the scheduling of the January 9, 2018 meeting between Secretary Zinke and Governor Scott. (contd below)

OS-2018-00987 April 06, 2018 April 06, 2018 O'Regan Sylvia OS Open
I am seeking copies of digital correspondence to and from Secretary Zinke, his Chief of Staff and other senior Department staff under the Freedom of Information Act.
Specifically, I am seeking digital correspondence to and from
Secretary Zinke, his Chief of Staff and other senior Department staff between November 1, 2017 and the commencement of this request containing the one or more of the words 'Goguen,' 'Amyntor,' "Proof Research,' 'Andrew Anglin,' 'Richard Spencer,' and 'Tanya Gersh.'

OS-2018-00985 April 06, 2018 April 06, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
Former Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Richard Cardinale's detailed hour-by-hour calendar for November 9th, 2017.

OS-2018-01017 April 06, 2018 April 06, 2018 Silver Robin OS Open
1.Complete copies of all correspondence and all accompanying documents to and/or from the BLM and/or any or all BLM representatives and The Nature Conservancy and Walden Family Foundation representatives Peter Culp and/or Scott Deeny and/or any other Walden Family Foundation and/or The Nature Conservancy representatives from June 13, 2017 to date (April 6, 2018) regarding a water settlement based upon the Cochise County 'solution' and/or the Cochise County Recharge Network;

OS-2018-01010 April 09, 2018 April 09, 2018 Repanshek Kurt OS Open
Copies of all 2017 correspondence, including emails, written letters, phone records, and pertinent internal documents from the Interior Department and National Park Service regarding sources of funding, including and specifically any funds redirected from elsewhere in the National Park System, to secure $227 million to pay for needed repairs to the Arlington Memorial Bridge along the George Washington Memorial Parkway. (contd below)

OS-2018-01011 April 09, 2018 April 09, 2018 Schreiber Benjamin OS Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding communications contracts in effect at any point between January 20, 2017 and the day the records search is made for this request: (contd below)

OS-2018-00999 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 May 15, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Completed
Access to and copies of all video shot, recorded or created by or for the Department of the Interior in the making of the Happy Holidays from the Zinke family! video published on the Interior Department's website on December 20, 2017. This should include all edited videos and unedited raw video that went into the making of the holiday video published on Department of the Interior's website

OS-2018-00991 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 May 29, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
List of special government employees (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01012 April 09, 2018 April 09, 2018 May 25, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Completed
Copies of all nominations or invitations for membership to the Federal Advisory Committee known as the International Wildlife Conservation Council. 2) Any conflict of interest disclosures submitted by members of this council.

OS-2018-00993 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s schedule from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

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FOIA Number Request Date Receipt Date Completion Date Requester Name Bureau Status

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OS-2018-00994	April 06, 2018	April 09, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open
All records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt¿s schedule from March 1 to April 1, 2018.					
OS-2018-00995	April 06, 2018	April 09, 2018	Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior¿s headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from March 1 to April 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior¿s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.					
OS-2018-01002	April 06, 2018	April 09, 2018	Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence from or to the following Department of Interior officials, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, memos, and faxes, that include the following keywords, sent between March 29, 2017 and December 8, 2017: DOI Officials - Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Katharine MacGregor and Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Joe Balash Cont below					
OS-2018-01001	April 06, 2018	April 09, 2018	Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence between the following Department of Interior officials and any individuals with email addresses hosted by the following domains, sent or received between May 3, 2017 and May 17, 2017. Department of Interior officials: Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, James Cason, Scott Hommel, Vincent DeVito, Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, Timothy Williams, Katherine (Kate) MacGregor and Megan Bloomgren Cont below					
OS-2018-01000	April 06, 2018	April 09, 2018	Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence sent or received on May 10th and 11th, 2017 by any of the following Department of the Interior officials, that includes any of the following keywords: Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, James Cason, Scott Hommel, Vincent DeVito, Downey Magallanes, Micah Chambers, Katherine (Kate) MacGregor, Laura Riggs, Heather Swift, Megan Bloomgren, Lori Mashburn and keywords: Methane, CRA, Congressional Review Act, McCain, Graham, Collins					
OS-2018-00997	April 06, 2018	April 09, 2018	Saeger Chris	OS	Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence since December 31, 2017, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between any of the following Department of the Interior officials and any outside entities and individuals: Secretary Ryan Zinke, Scott Hommel, Downey Magallanes, Lori Mashburn, Caroline Boulton, Micah Chambers, Doug Domenech, Laura Rigas, Heather Swift and David Bernhardt					

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OS-2018-01005 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Smith Kellan OS Open
Any and all documents, from January 1, 2017 to present, regarding the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation Recovery and Storage Project, that contain the communications of the following individuals and entities:
(A) Department of the
Interior Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt; (B) Senior Advisor to the President Jared Kushner; (C) investment firm Apollo Global Management; (D) Apollo founder Joshua Harris;
(E) Cadiz, Inc.; and (F) CEO of Cadiz, Inc. Scott Slater;

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OS-2018-00996 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 May 25, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
Records of all responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01013 April 09, 2018 April 09, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
Copies of all nominations or invitations for membership to the Federal Advisory Committee known as the Royalty Policy Committee. 2) Any conflict of interest disclosures submitted by members of this council.

OS-2018-00992 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 June 04, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
All communications records concerning communications that mention Trump, Ivanka, Kushner and/or Observer in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from March 1 to April 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01003 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Smith Colin OS Open
All Correspondence with Secretary Zinke on The Nomination and Appointment Process Of The Recreational Advisory Committee from November 2017 Through March 2018. I am requesting copies of all correspondence involving Secretary Zinke related to the nomination and appointment process of the Residential Advisory Committee from November 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. Correspondence should include emails, memos, and/or mail to or from Secretary Zinke.

OS-2018-01004 April 06, 2018 April 09, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests from the U.S. Department of Interior (¿Interior¿) from December 19, 2017 to the date Interior
conducts this search: All communications between Interior and the Pacific Legal Foundation (¿PLF¿), including but not
limited to all communications with the email extension ¿@pacificlegal.org.¿

For this request, the term ¿all
records¿ refers to, but is not limited to, any and all documents,

continue below

OS-2018-01006 April 08, 2018 April 09, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
I request a copy of each email in the email system of Interior Dept employee Daniel Fisher (hired 2/21/17) (for example: TO, FROM, CC) during these dates: June 22, 2017 to June 30, 2017 and these dates: March 20, 2018 to April 8, 2018: AND that contains ANY of these words:

Ethics
Complaint
Complaints
Citizen
Waiver
Justice
Problem

Situation
Issue
White
Administration

OS-2018-01007 April 08, 2018 April 09, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
I request a copy of each email in the email system of Interior Dept employee David Bernhardt, Deputy Secretary of the Interior, (for example: TO, FROM, CC) during these dates: June 22, 2017 to June 30, 2017 and these dates: March 20, 2018 to April 8, 2018: AND that contains ANY of these words:

Ethics
Complaint
Complaints
Citizen
Waiver

Justice
Problem
Situation
Issue
White
Administration

OS-2018-01009 April 08, 2018 April 09, 2018 Torres Anthony OS Open
Sierra Club requests the following records in the possession, custody, or control of The Department of Interior (DOI) for the period January 20, 2017 up through and including the date of your search for records:All emails, texts, and other written communications received or sent by Secretary of Interior Ryan

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OS-2018-01019 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Any directories, spreadsheets, e-mail lists, phone number lists, indexes, contact lists, or any other materials used to track or contact employees in the White House that are in the possession of the Department of the Interior. If applicable, I ask that these records include all information about issues or other tasks handled by each White House employee. (contd below)

OS-2018-01020 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Copies of all policies, opinions, memoranda, directives or other written guidance issued by the White House Counsel, the Executive Office of the President, or any other White House agency or office pertaining to the following: The processing of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests generally; The exemption of records from FOIA under the Presidential Records Act; (contd below)

OS-2018-01014 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Hefling Kimberly OS Open
Correspondence between the Education Department and Interior Department pertaining to oversight of the Bureau of Indian Education during the Trump administration. The correspondence should include letters from or to officials at the Interior Department, such as (contd below)

OS-2018-01015 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests the following records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior'): All final memoranda, guidance documents, guidelines, and/or other final records issued from January 1, 2017 to the date this search is conducted, setting forth Interior¿s policy or position signed by an individual acting as, or exercising the authority of: (contd below)

OS-2018-01018 April 10, 2018 April 10, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
I request copies of all public records requests submitted by POLITICO or any representative of POLITICO which resulted in the release of documents as detailed in a POLITICO article published on March 27, 2018. (Please see the referenced POLITICO article for more information: https://www.politico.com/states/florida/story/2018/03/26/records-zinkes-office-refute-scott-framing-of-impromptu-oil-drilling-reversal-330060.) (contd below)

OS-2018-01029 February 05, 2016 April 10, 2018 June 14, 2018 Davis Jr Ralph OS Completed
Investigation that was closed and request a copy of the investigation for case file number is N0800367T

OS-2018-01030 March 14, 2016 April 10, 2018 June 14, 2018 Shin Kent OS Completed
Copies of the documentation that deals with the criminal investigation of the late Congressman John Murtha conducted by DCIS from 2007 until 2014. Specifically would like to request documents associated with me, Kent U.M Shin and.the Murtha investigation. Also I would also like to request documentation about the investigation into the death of Charles Riechers a former-Air Force senior civilian and also associated with me, Kent U:M. Shin, and the Murtha investigation

OS-2018-01024 April 11, 2018 April 11, 2018 Dalrymple Jim OS Open
I request disclosure of emails sent and received by Heather Swift and Russell Newell that mention or refer to the following: Juliet Eilperin; Dino Grandoni; Eric Lipton; Jim Dalrymple II; Keith Schneider; Nidhi Subbaraman; Zahra Hirji; Rene Marsh; Chris D'Angelo; Clare Foran; Jason Leopold; Miranda Green; The Washington Post; The New York Times; The Huffington Post; CNN; BuzzFeed News; BuzzFeed.

OS-2018-01021 April 11, 2018 April 11, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Request for copies of records under the Freedom of Information Act. I am requesting copies of James Cason's daily schedule and calendar from January to the date that Department begins its search for responsive records.

OS-2018-01022 April 11, 2018 April 11, 2018 Mierjeski Alex OS Open
* all calendars dated between March 19, 2017, and the present (up to and including the day this request is processed)
for Scott C. Hommel, who joined the department in May 2017 as Chief of Staff to the Secretary.

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OS-2018-01023 April 11, 2018 April 11, 2018 Bomber Marie OS Open
As a student research worker of Computer Science at Oregon State University, I am interested in studying the research from DARPA and IARPA research programs related to artificial intelligence and big data. Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act, I request the number for all contract numbers issued by this offce for the below listed projects, from project inception to present. The records will not be used for any business or commercial purpose, but solely to support academic research.

OS-2018-01025 April 12, 2018 April 12, 2018 Leopold Jason OS Open
Request disclosure from the Department of the Interior Office of Public Affairs the following records:
1. All emails
from Press Secretary Heather Swift mentioning the following words: 'fucking' and 'idiot' and 'stupid' and 'dumb.'
Please include the full email chain when locating responsive records and the email metadata.

OS-2018-01027 April 12, 2018 April 12, 2018 June 25, 2018 Galdieri Louis OS Completed
2017 work calendar for Katharine (Kate) MacGregor, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior.
2017 work calendar for Gareth Rees, Executive Assistant at US Department of the Interior.

OS-2018-01026 April 12, 2018 April 12, 2018 Massie Christopher OS Open
1.) Any and all records related to the internal review of Christine Bauserman following the inquiry by CNN into her comments cited in this story (https://www.cnn.com/2018/02/28/politics/kfile-top-aide-to-ryan-zinke/index.html), between the dates 2/27/2018 through 3/1/2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-01033 April 12, 2018 April 12, 2018 April 27, 2018 Ferguson Alan OS Completed
Seeking info regarding a payment Athens County, Ohio received in November 2017. Received $87,787.85 from the Ohio Dept of Natural Resources that funds passed through DOI for National Forest Acquired Lands for ONRR receipts from March 2007 through Sept 2017.

OS-2018-01031 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Katzenmeyer Kacey OS Open
1) All correspondence with Timothy Williams, Deputy Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs which includes Daniel C. Cardenas of Shasta Advisors from June 1, 2017- February 1, 2018;
2) All correspondence with
Timothy Williams, Deputy Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs which includes the term "National Tribal Energy Association" from June 1, 2017- February 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01037 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
Mr. Clement requests copies of all records related to reassignments of members of the Senior Executive Service between January 1, 2018, through the date of your response to this request.

OS-2018-01032 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Bivins Mike OS Open
Copies of all of Secretary Zinke's incoming and outgoing emails, from all of his Dept. of the Interior email accounts, containing any of the following three words: 'Oregon,' 'wolf,' 'wolves.'

OS-2018-01041 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Irfan Umair OS Open
Request all travel records for Lolita Hand/Lola Zinke including trip books, itineraries, expense reports, flight bookings, lodging arrangements, security arrangements, and names of accompanying staff from February 1, 2017 until the date of this filing

OS-2018-01042 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes to or from Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason, Downey Magallanes, Scott Hommel, Micah Chambers, Vincent De Vito, Todd Willens, Laura Rigas, Heather Swift, Russell Newell, Alex Hinson, or Caroline Boulton, since January 19, 2017, that include any of the following keywords: (contd below)

OS-2018-01043 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all agendas, meeting minutes, briefing reports, notes taken, and other documents from Downey Magallanes and Vincent De Vito's July 17, 2017 meeting involving Energy Fuels Inc. and its lobbyists. To clarify, this is a meeting described in the Washington Post.1 Additionally, I request access to and copies of all correspondence between Magallanes & De Vito and the following meeting participants sent or received between July 10 and July 21, 2017. (contd below)

OS-2018-01035 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 King Pamela OS Open
During testimony before the House Natural Resources Committee on March 15, 2018, Secretary Zinke suggested that he possessed data to support a proposed budget decrease for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's renewables program for fiscal year 2019. In response to a line of questioning from Maryland Rep. Anthony Brown (D), Secretary Zinke said 'I'll show you the data' to support the proposed budget reduction. I would like to request a copy of those data.

OS-2018-01039 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Federman Adam OS Open
Request for any and all correspondence or communication between Indur Goklany and Doug Domenech between November 9, 2016 and the present.

OS-2018-01038 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 Federman Adam OS Open
Request for any and all correspondence or communication between Indur Goklany and James Cason between November 9, 2016 and the present. Requester's Communication Preferences: Electronic communication via email.

OS-2018-01040 April 13, 2018 April 13, 2018 July 09, 2018 Irfan Umair OS Completed
Request all employment records for Lolita Hand/Lola Zinke including hiring dates, pay stubs, salary, job descriptions, office assignments, office addresses, security clearances, and names of reporting staff including secretaries, planners, and assistants, from February 1, 2017 until the date of this filing.

OS-2018-01049 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between Michael 'Mike' Catanzaro and the following Department of Interior officials, at any point since January 19, 2017:
¿
David Bernhardt
¿ Gareth Rees
¿ Catherine Gulac
¿ Elinor Renner
¿ Leila Getto

OS-2018-01055 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
1. Copy of the Order with CURRENT SOW/PWS; WE DO NOT SEEK PRICING.

OS-2018-01050 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Cama Timothy OS Open
Copy of the department's video recording of Secretary Ryan Zinke's June 26, 2017, speech at the Las Vegas Golden Knights development camp in Las Vegas, Nev. If that does not exist, I request any other records of the speech, such as audio, transcription, prepared remarks or notes.

OS-2018-01034 April 14, 2018 April 16, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
Seeking information on a contract for telecommunications that SAMHSA has through the Department of Interior. The contract is IND16PD01062 (under ALLIANT GS06F0645Z. They was a copy of the contract including CURRENT SOW/PWS.

OS-2018-01044 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, since January 19, 2017, between the following Department of Interior officials and any email address ending in the domain name @ogahpah.com or Quapaw Tribe Chairman John Berrey (including his jberrey@ogahpah.com address). (contd below)

OS-2018-01045 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to all agendas, meeting minutes, and any notes taken during or as a result of Deputy Secretary' David Bernhardt's 'weekly politicals' meetings from July 24, 2017 to present. These meetings are noted in Deputy Secretary's calendars for August 2017 through November 2017, as posted on Interior's OS FOIA Library.

OS-2018-01046 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of all agendas, meeting minutes, meeting summaries, briefing papers, meeting notes, and any other

records given to or created by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, related to the 'Sage Grouse Task Force Meeting' that took place at the Western Governor's Association on October 23, 2017.

OS-2018-01048 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Access to and copies of Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt's prepared remarks to the National Mining Association at the Trump International Hotel in Washington, DC on October 4, 2017, as well as copies of all video shot, recorded, or created by or for the Interior Department of Bernhardt's speech. (contd below)

OS-2018-01051 April 16, 2018 April 16, 2018 Hardee Alex OS Open
Request concerns federal reserved water rights associated with the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA), for which the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has asserted claims in the ongoing Gila River Adjudication. See In Re: The General Adjudication of All Rights to Use Water in the Gila River System and Source, Civil Nos. W-1, W-2, W-3, and W-4 (Consolidated). (contd below)

OS-2018-01053 April 17, 2018 April 17, 2018 Cook Alastair OS Open
I would like to request details of all scientific research projects DOI currently fund. Can you send me a database, in excel, with details of all funded projects please. Full details are being requested please.

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OS-2018-01052 April 17, 2018 April 17, 2018 Ladue Henry OS Open
Records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 et seq., as amended. The purpose of this request is to supplement, and in some instances recreate, our historical records to assist TISA and its Board of Directors (Board) understand the fiduciary relationship between TISA, the federal government and its agencies, as well as the associated trust responsibilities. (contd below)

OS-2018-01054 April 17, 2018 April 17, 2018 Segerstrom Carl OS Open
Requesting any correspondence, since January 2018, from the Office of Policy, Management and Budget to each of the following bureaus: The National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and Fish and Wildlife --- that includes the terms 'spend plan', 'operating plan', 'FY 2018' and/or 'omnibus 2018'. I am also requesting any reports or 'Memorandum' issued by the Office of Policy, Management and Budget in 2018 that include the terms 'Budget', 'Appropriations' or 'FY 2018'.

OS-2018-01059 April 18, 2018 April 18, 2018 Leven Rachel OS Open
Communication records related to the reassignment of Amy Lueders from her position as New Mexico State Director for the Bureau of Land Management to her position as Southwest Regional Director at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, including but not limited to all communication records related to any decisions to reassign Lueders. Please start ¿ but don¿t

limit your search to ¿ (contd below)

OS-2018-01057 April 18, 2018 April 18, 2018 Solomon Robert OS Open
Copy of electronic files containing records of the Department of Interior¿s purchases through its procurement card program for April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018. I request separate files for transactions, level III details, and cardholders, respectively, in the following format. Understanding that DoI¿s procurement program is administered by JPMC, I believe that this format will be simplest for DoI to provide, and not require DoI to generate new records: (contd below)

OS-2018-01056 April 18, 2018 April 18, 2018 Feinberg Ashley OS Open
Request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:
Any and all email
correspondence between March 1, 2017 and April 17, 2018, between current United States Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, who uses the email address thirdwave2@speakergingrich.com.

OS-2018-01058 April 18, 2018 April 18, 2018 Feinbberg Ashley OS Open
Email records sent by current United States Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke from March 1, 2017 to Present Day that contain the non-case sensitive keyword 'SEAL' or 'SEALs.'

OS-2018-01060 April 19, 2018 April 19, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by DOI Energy Counselor Vincent DeVito that contains one or more of the following· words or phrases: 'Texas hornshell', 'TX horns hell', 'hornshell listing', and/or 'hornshell'. This request seeks records produced between July 11 1 2017 and August 18, 2017.

OS-2018-01062 April 20, 2018 April 20, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
1. Copy of the DOI¿s application submission to OMB¿s Technology Modernization Board.
Note: as a reference please see
the attached OMB Initial Project Template ¿ APPENDIX, the suggested guideline for submissions, limited to only 2 pages.

OS-2018-01067 April 20, 2018 April 20, 2018 McLean Danielle OS Open
The contract and all bid documents related to the following: The $54,802 contract between the Department of the Interior and Acoustical Solutions, Llc (DUNS number 625386024) for the rendering of services described as "SOUND ABSORPTION FOR OCIO'S 7100 HALL OFFICE SPACES." https://www.usaspending.gov/#/award/24439769

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OS-2018-01068 April 22, 2018 April 23, 2018 Ravnitzky Michael OS Open
A copy of each Dept of Interior Office of Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Management EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DAILY SITUATION REPORT, during the time period August 30, 2017 through October 30, 2017.

OS-2018-01069 April 23, 2018 April 23, 2018 Santos Ros OS Open
Request a copy of the following documents identified to clearly releasable INPC8298100007 (RFP N8298100007) for

Archeological and other Historic Preservation Services for the NPS Pacific Island Network.

Copy of the contract
sections A-C and any attachment with labor category information and/or labor rate information - clearly releasable.

OS-2018-01070 April 23, 2018 April 23, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Request access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from any of the following Department of Interior officials that includes any of the following keywords since January 19, 2017.

Department of Interior Officials
· Secretary Ryan Zinke
· Scott Hommel
· Downey
Magallanes
· Laura Keehner Rigas
· Vincent DeVito
· Heather Swift

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OS-2018-01066 April 19, 2018 April 23, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Request communication records sent to and from the Department of the Interior¿s ethics staff regarding late or missing OGE Form 278 public financial disclosure reports sent to and from DOI¿s political appointees ¿ either classified as Schedule C, Non-career Senior Executive Service, Presidential Appointment without Senate Confirmation or Presidential Appointment with Senate Confirmation

Continue below

OS-2018-01071 April 23, 2018 April 23, 2018 Charboneau Liz OS Open
Requesting copies of all 'REPORT OF PAYMENTS ACCEPTED FROM NON-FEDERAL SOURCES' (DI-2000) submitted by or on behalf of Secretary Ryan Zinke from March 1, 2017 to April 23, 2018.

OS-2018-01072 April 23, 2018 April 23, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
Complete itinerary for Secretary Ryan Zinke's trip that included a stop in Dallas for Earth Day, Texas in April 2018. Please include his schedule, names of people he met with, locations of meetings, topic of meetings, where he stayed. Please provide this information for the whole trip, i.e., if Sec. Zinke stopped in other locations in addition to the Dallas area before returning to Washington DC.

OS-2018-01078 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Spatz Charlie OS Open
All electronic records, including emails and attachments, exchanged between Douglas Domenech, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas, and any of the following entities· Bridge Investment Group Prime Policy Group. Please constrain the search between January 20th 2017 and the processing date of this request.

OS-2018-01079 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Bhojani Fatima OS Open
Copies of the records identified and described below ¿ or of records containing the information identified and described below: Any and all recusal determinations made or issued, ethics waivers, advisory opinions about conflict of interest and impartiality determination requests in your custody or under your control from January 1, 2017 through the date you search for records.

OS-2018-01073 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Doyle Michael OS Open
Anti-harassment 'action plans' prepared by each bureau in 2018 in response to directive from the Secretary and/or Deputy Secretary.

OS-2018-01074 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Emails, with attachments, sent to or from Heather Swift, that contain any of the following terms: Fucking; Fucked; Fuck; Idiot; Fake news; Asshole; Retard; Commie; Marx. Please confine your search to January 20, 2017 to the current date.

OS-2018-01076 March 07, 2018 April 24, 2018 Mechelen Dan OS Open
In Babbit v. Youpee (117 U.S. 727, (1997) the United States Supreme Court found the application of Section 207 of the Indian Land consolidation Act (25 USC 2206) to be unconstitutional. On February 19, 1999, the Secretary of the Interior issued a Secretarial Order which officially ordered re-opening the probate of all estates (contd below)

OS-2018-01080 April 24, 2018 April 24, 2018 Glawe Justin OS Open
All records produced in response to the following requests filed with and fulfilled by
both the BOR and the Office of
the Secretary: (contd below)

OS-2018-01077 April 23, 2018 April 24, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Email correspondence, including attachments, between DOI Press secretary Heather Swift and Energy Counselor Vincent Devito between April 11, 2018 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01082 April 25, 2018 April 25, 2018 May 25, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Completed
Copies of records under the Freedom of Information Act. I am requesting: (1) A copy of the DOI's directive or memorandum or other record containing the Department's policy on the use and retention of personal email for agency business; (2) A copy of all records of Secretary Zinke's first and recurring training on compliance with the Federal Records Act, including those made or kept by David Alspach. It is my understanding that Mr. Alspach has met with Mr. Zinke about the FRA.

OS-2018-01081 April 25, 2018 April 25, 2018 Stall Douglas OS Open
ELECTRONIC COPIES of the following documents pertaining to the above referenced case number and NOV number, and the Rock Island Mine in Cameron, Oklahoma, in accordance with the Freedom of information Act/Open Records Request laws: 1. All communications whether written or electronic between representatives of Farrell-Cooper Mining Company and representatives of the Department of Interior, which pertain in any way to the above referenced matter.

OS-2018-01084 April 24, 2018 April 26, 2018 Maragos Michael OS Open
A dataset or multiple datasets containing the reported sales volumes, sales values, and revenues generated from onshore, federally-owned oil and natural gas resources aggregated by commodity, product, state, and county by sales year for calendar years 2007-2017.

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OS-2018-01087 April 26, 2018 April 26, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All calendars for Timothy Williams - Deputy Director, Office of External Affairs from 5/26/2017 to the current date.

OS-2018-01086 April 26, 2018 April 26, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
Copies of all e-mails (including attachments) sent or received by the following Department of Interior staff on March 8, 2018. Department of Interior staff:
. Ryan Zinke, Secretary
. Any individual who served in the position of Chief
of Staff on March 15, 2018, including ¿ but not limited to Scott Hommel.

OS-2018-01091 April 27, 2018 April 27, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all receipts for charges made by the following Department of Interior purchase cardholders, as denoted by the Office of Acquisition and Property Management's online record of 'Purchase Business Line Cardholder Contact Information.'[1] This should include, but not be limited to, all charged made that were reimbursed. (contd below)

OS-2018-01093 April 27, 2018 April 27, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all materials prepared in advance of, or as a result of Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt's October 18, 2017 meeting with Curtis Gannon, Rosemary Hart, and Principal Deputy Solicitor, as listed on his public calendar (https: //www.doi.gov/foia/os/secretarial-calendars): (contd below)

OS-2018-01094 April 27, 2018 April 27, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all phone call logs for Secretary Ryan Zinke's from March 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. This should include phone logs for all landline and cell phone lines used by Ryan Zinke maintained by Department of the Interior.

OS-2018-01090 April 27, 2018 April 27, 2018 Bogado Aura OS Open
Reporter with the Center for Investigative Reporting (henceforth 'CIR') seeking information regarding emails authored or received by Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. More specifically, I hereby request the following records for the period January 1, 2018, to February 2, 2018: (contd below)

OS-2018-01101 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 McLean Danielle OS Open
All emails and memorandum to and from Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke between March 1, 2017 and March 22, 2018 containing the words 'soundproofing', 'soundproof', 'noise', and/ or 'Acoustical Solutions'.

OS-2018-01095 April 27, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to texts, emails, google chats, or any other form of internal communication, sent by any of the following Department of Interior officials that include any keyword listed Appendix A, since January 19, 2017: (contd below)

OS-2018-01096 April 27, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to texts, emails, google chats, or any other form of internal communication, sent by any of the following Department of Interior officials that include any keyword listed Appendix A, since January 19, 2017: (contd below)

OS-2018-01092 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all emails sent to or sent by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Gareth Rees, Catherine Gulac, Elinor Renner, and Leilo Getto, related to the following meetings listed on Deputy Secretary Bernhart's public calendar (https://www.doi.gov/foia/os/secretarial-calendars): (contd below)

OS-2018-01097 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to texts, emails, google chats, or any other form of internal communication, sent by any of the following Department of Interior officials that include any keyword listed Appendix A, since January 19, 2017: (contd below)

OS-2018-01098 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of all materials prepared in advance of, or as a result of the following meetings held by Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, as listed on his public calendar (https://www.doi.gov/foia/os/secretarial-calendars): (contd below)

OS-2018-01099 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Harball Elizabeth OS Open
Records, including emails, presentations, and reports, associated with the 'schedule to effectuate the lawful review and development of a revised Integrated Activity Plan for the NPR-A,' as ordered by Secretarial Order No. 3352, Section 4, subsection a (1).

OS-2018-01100 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Ghio Nicole OS Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding Secretary Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, and Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason from January 20, 2017 to the day the records search is made for this request: (contd below)

OS-2018-01102 April 30, 2018 April 30, 2018 Barber Gerald OS Open
All correspondence relating to Cat Island-Mississippi in/from The Office of Valuation Services --Denver. I am especially wanting all emails, text and any correspondence from Sandra St. Arnauld, review appraiser, to her co workers and supervisors and anyone outside the agency that relate to Cat Island and Gerald Barber or Barber and Mann Inc. The years are 2016 and 2017.

OS-2018-01103 May 01, 2018 May 01, 2018 Bough Brian OS Open
Requesting a digital copy of all photographs taken by the Official Photographer on June 1, 2015. I am interested in all photographs of persons attending the signing ceremony with Sec. Jewell and Sec. Duncan as well as those taken during the ceremony itself.

OS-2018-01104 May 01, 2018 May 01, 2018 Grandoni Dino OS Open
Copy of an already-completed FOIA request. Its number is OS-2017-00659.

OS-2018-01105 May 01, 2018 May 01, 2018 Moss Bradley OS Open
Government phones, as well as any non-U.S. Government phones on which Secretary Zinke conducted U.S. Government business. Interior should ensure that its search for responsive records encompasses Government civilian employees, detailees, political appointees, Constitutional officers, and contract staff. (contd below)

OS-2018-01106 May 01, 2018 May 01, 2018 Dillon Lauren OS Open
All text messages sent or received by Rusty Roddy, former advance staffer to Secretary Ryan Zinke, between January 3, 2018 and January 10, 2018.

OS-2018-01112 May 02, 2018 May 02, 2018 McLean Danielle OS Open
All emails, including attachments, to or from Department of the Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technology, Information and Business Services Elena Gonzalez; Office of Facilities and Administrative Services Director Joe Nassar; and Chief Information Officer Sylvia Burns between January 1, 2017 and the date your office processes this request, which contain the following phrases or subject matters in their body or subject line: (contd below)

OS-2018-01108 May 02, 2018 May 02, 2018 Green Miranda OS Open
Communications to and from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke that includes the search terms 'trophy' and/or 'trophies' and/or 'elephant' and/or 'elephants' between January 1, 2018 and May 1, 2018. I'm seeking all correspondence regardless of format, to include but not be limited to email, phone records, text messages and videos. (contd below)

OS-2018-01109 May 02, 2018 May 02, 2018 Green Miranda OS Open
Seeking logs and or calendars detailing Secretary Ryan Zinke's visits to the Lincoln Memorial basement and all attendees. I'm seeking all correspondence regardless of format, to include but not be limited to email, phone records, text messages and videos. The public has an urgent need for information about the correspondence because it may she light on how agency policy is shaped and decisions are made at the agency. (contd below)

OS-2018-01110 May 02, 2018 May 02, 2018 Novak Patrick OS Open
List of the ten congressional districts that have the largest percentage of their area administered by the Department of the Interior. Put differently, I would like to know which U.S. Representatives have the most amounts of national parks, national forests, et cetera in their legislative jurisdictions. I am an individual seeking this information for my own personal use.

OS-2018-01113 May 02, 2018 May 02, 2018 McLean Danielle OS Open

All correspondence and documents related to the $101,500 contract between the Department of the Interior and Industries for the Blind, Inc. (DUNS number 006096200 and award ID IND17PX00096), including but not limited the physical contract, all bid documents, and receipts. https://www.usaspending.gov/#/award/24439497

OS-2018-01111 May 02, 2018 May 02, 2018 Rosenberg Chelsea OS Open
Access to and copies of all logs of correspondence to or from any officials at Office of the Secretary and Versar, Inc. between December 2004 and May 1, 2018, complaints against Versar, Inc., and investigations into Versar, Inc. According to USASpending.gov, the Department of the Interior has had many contracts with Versar, Inc.

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OS-2018-01114 May 03, 2018 May 03, 2018 White Michelle OS Open
Records in the possession or control of the Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary (DOI) regarding the administrative recognition of Revised Statute (R.S.) 2477 rights of way using non-binding determinations, recordable disclaimers of interest, or any other framework or mechanism. SUWA requests all records created, modified, or acquired from January 20, 2017 to the date the DOI commences its search for records responsive to this FOIA request.

OS-2018-01115 May 03, 2018 May 03, 2018 June 04, 2018 Emerson Sarah OS Completed
All records generated in connection to the following video shared by Secretary Zinke on Twitter, and to the tweet itself: https://twitter.com/SecretaryZinke/status/992121285932126209

OS-2018-01117 May 04, 2018 May 04, 2018 Blackman Jeremy OS Open
All correspondence of Secretary Ryan Zinke related to unmanned aerial vehicles, aka drones. I would like all communications from his hiring date until the fulfillment of this request begins. By relevant documents, I mean any correspondence which contains any of the following terms: (contd below)

OS-2018-01133 May 07, 2018 May 07, 2018 Townsend Margaret OS Open
The Center requests the following records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior') from May 1, 2017 to the date Interior conducts this search: the records of communication by Interior¿s Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy, Vincent DeVito, mentioning, including, and/or referencing the following terms and/or phrases: (contd below)

OS-2018-01130 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all documents related to the Department of the Interior (DOI) employees' ethics waivers in resolving financial conflicts of interest from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01127 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open

I request all communications records concerning communications that mention "Trump," "Ivanka," "Kushner" and/or "Observer" in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

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OS-2018-01123 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
On September 15, 2017, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke issued Secretarial Order 3356, Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories. Section 4(e) of Secretarial Order 3356 requires bureaus and offices to submit to the Deputy Secretary (referred to in Section 5)

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OS-2018-01122 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
I request access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, sent between the following Department of the Interior officials and the following non-governmental individuals and entities, since June 1, 2017:

Department of the Interior Officials: Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt, Russell Newell, Gareth Rees, Leila Getto, Catherine Gulac

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OS-2018-01121 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
On March 2, 2017, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke issued Secretarial Order 3347, Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation. Section 4(c) ordered that the Department of the Interior shall (1) Identify specific actions to expand access significantly for recreational hunting and fishing on public lands as may be appropriate;

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OS-2018-01120 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning all logs of correspondence that record letters from members of Congress to the Department of the Interior (DOI) from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01119 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 June 05, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Completed
I request a list of ¿special government employees¿ (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01165 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concern logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interiors headquarters, the Stewart Lee

Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from April 1 to May 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interiors visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-01166 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Request records of all responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from April 1 to May 1, 2018. These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-01135 May 07, 2018 May 07, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All Calendars for Susan Combs from March 1, 2018 to the date this request is processed. Susan Comb's CV or resume.

OS-2018-01132 May 07, 2018 May 07, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Request for copies of records under the Freedom of Information Act. Recent news accounts reported that Secretary Zinke hired Chuck Laudner for a position with the National Park Service. This request is for records in the possession of the Department of Interior, Office of Secretary related to the Secretary's decision to appoint Laudner to this role.

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OS-2018-01125 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

Please include all records that document Bernhardt¿s schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01126 May 04, 2018 May 07, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's schedule from April 1 to May 1, 2018.

Please include all records that document Zinke¿s schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01131 May 07, 2018 May 07, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
I request access to and copies of cancelled check that Oregon Rep. Greg Walden or his campaign gave to Interior in payment of Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s appearance at a fundraiser in July 2017. The check was said to be dated December 6, 2017.

OS-2018-01134 May 08, 2018 May 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All Instruction Memoranda issued by the secretary's office from January 1, 2018, to present .

OS-2018-01139 May 08, 2018 May 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open

All emails including attachments that contain '@nes-dc.com' in the possession of Vincent Devito. Please search your records from March 2017 to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01140 May 08, 2018 May 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Calendars for Vincent DeVito from January 1 2018 to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01136 May 08, 2018 May 08, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All documents, including emails and attachments, in the possession of Vincent DeVito, to, from, or containing the following email addresses: Audra@saveoursound.org; dbaur@perkinscole.com

OS-2018-01156 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Michael Anderson, executive assistant to Katharine MacGregor, that contain one or more of the following words or phrases. 'mining', 'mountain top removal', 'mountaintop removal', 'MTR', 'health impacts', 'health risks',
'surface mining', 'National Academies'
and/or 'National Academy' . This request seeks documents produced between June 1, 2017 and October 31, 2017.

OS-2018-01157 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Deputy Assistant Secretary Aurelia Skipwith, or her executive assistant, that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: (contd below)

OS-2018-01146 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
All communications and correspondence, including attachments, sent to or from the following government employees on List A and any employees or representatives of the entities on List B. Please see both lists below: (contd below)

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OS-2018-01158 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Acting Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Susan combs, or her executive assistant, that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: (contd below)

OS-2018-01147 May 09, 2018 May 09, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All communications to or from the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (@asrc.com), or anyone representing them, including but not limited to Alan Mintz (timm@asrc.com) or any email address ending in @vnf.com, and the following people: Vincent DeVito; Kate Macgregor; David Bernhardt; Kathleen Benedetto.

OS-2018-01141	May 09, 2018	May 09, 2018		Coleman Jesse	OS	Open

All communications, including email with attachments, to, from , or containing 'Rich Lindsay' (rlindsay@wyoming.com) or '@perc.org' in the possession of Todd Wynn. Please search your records from October 7, 2017, to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01143	May 09, 2018	May 09, 2018		Coleman Jesse	OS	Open

All memos sent by Secretary Zinke or Secretary Zinke's office from March 1 to April 17th, 2018.

OS-2018-01144	May 09, 2018	May 09, 2018		Annatoyn Travis	OS	Open

1. All communications and correspondence, including attachments, sent to or from the following government employees on
List A and any employees or representatives of the entities on List B. Please see both lists below: (contd below)

OS-2018-01145	May 09, 2018	May 09, 2018		Annatoyn Travis	OS	Open

1. All communications and correspondence, including attachments, sent to or from the following government employees on
List A and any employees or representatives of the entities on List B. Please see both lists below: (contd below)

OS-2018-01152	May 10, 2018	May 10, 2018	July 03, 2018	Spatz Charlie	OS	Completed

Provide the calendar for Assistant Director James Patrick Gallagher from January 1st, 2018 through the processing date of this request.

OS-2018-01150	May 10, 2018	May 10, 2018	July 02, 2018	Levine Natalie	OS	Completed

Copies of public records in the custody of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), as identified below.
NPCA is a
national non-profit working to protect and enhance America¿s National Park System for present and future generations. (contd below)

OS-2018-01151	May 10, 2018	May 10, 2018		Annatoyn Travis	OS	Open

All communications and correspondence, including attachments, sent to or from the following government employees on
List A and any employees or representatives of the entities on List B. Please see both lists below: (contd below)

OS-2018-01149	May 10, 2018	May 10, 2018		Phippen Weston	OS	Open

Documents, emails, correspondence from the past year (May 2017 to May 2018) that includes references to Outside magazine or freelance journalists working on its behalf. Especially correspondence referring to any emails addressed @outsidemag.com or in reference to a freelance writer named Elliot Woods.

OS-2018-01153 May 10, 2018 May 10, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All ethics pledges signed by Douglas Domenech since January 1, 2017. I am a reporter for Pacific Standard magazine.

OS-2018-01154 May 10, 2018 May 10, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All documents and correspondence, including attachments, related to the March 10 , 2017 meeting that Douglas Domenech, Daniel Jorjani and Lori Mashburn held with "Property Rights Groups". see Mr. Domenech's calendar ,.or more details: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/domenech_-_march-october_2017_17-01281ca_redacted.pdf

OS-2018-01155 May 10, 2018 May 10, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All documents and written and electronic communications, including attachments, that relate co the April 6, 2017 meeting between Assistant Secretary Douglas Domenech and Rob Henneke of the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

OS-2018-01163 May 11, 2018 May 11, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Douglas Domenech and/or his executive assistant(s) that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: 'red river', 'red river case', 'property rights', 'Henneke', 'Texas Public Policy Foundation', and/or 'TPPF'. This request pertains to records produced between March 1, 2017 and November 30, 2017.

OS-2018-01164 May 11, 2018 May 11, 2018 France Elizabeth OS Open
Records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications,..
(contd below)

OS-2018-01159 May 11, 2018 May 11, 2018 May 29, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Completed
Details of the OS FOIA office's 'Awareness Check' or 'Awareness Review' for the release of FOIA Any documents on the implementation of the "awareness review" or 'awareness check' policy, including a description of the steps of the review, and any documents sent to OS FOIA staff regarding the review. (contd below)

OS-2018-01161 May 11, 2018 May 11, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all ethics waivers that Assistant Secretary Douglas Domenech has requested and/or obtained from the DOI ethics office since January 20, 2017.

OS-2018-01196 May 11, 2018 May 14, 2018 Hughes Shannon OS Open
1. All records related in any way to the mining plan approval for federal coal lease WYW-2727 at the Jim Bridger Coal Mine in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, approved on 3/27/2018 by Joseph R. Balash, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management. For purposes of this request, reference information can be found on OSM¿s website (link below)2. All records related in any way to the mining plan approval for federal coal lease COC-62920 at the King II Coal Mine in Hesperus, Colorado... (cont. below)

OS-2018-01198 May 11, 2018 May 14, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Records pertaining to former DOI employee James "Jim" Cason from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2009. Specifically, we

seek: All correspondence, internal hiring materials, salary and benefits infonnation, memos authored, complaints, and any performance reviews or reprimands involving Mr. Cason from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2009. This should include, but is not limited to: a) Any documents, analyses or other materials concerning the hiring and promotion processes (cont. below)

OS-2018-01205 May 15, 2018 May 15, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All emails, with attachments, with the term 'American Burying Beetle' in the possession of Vincent DeVito.

OS-2018-01197 March 16, 2018 May 15, 2018 June 04, 2018 Ward Jordan Tanya OS Completed
A. The name of each agency the EEOC has ever granted permission to do a "Pilot Project" as provided for under EEOC's guidelines allowing for variances from the federal complaint processing procedures prescribed in 29 C.F.R. Part 1614./ B. The names of each agency, presently under a "Pilot Project", as referenced under paragraph A above./ C. Any correspondence that describes the features of the approved pilot agency¿s complaint handling process that variates from established federal(cont. below)

OS-2018-01168 April 14, 2018 May 15, 2018 June 04, 2018 Scaggs Jim OS Completed
BLM and ONRR receives royalty payments from underground lead mining operations primarily in Iron and Reynolds county in Missouri. The mining operator pays royalty payments to the Federal Government (BLM). ONRR receives these payments and distributes part of the royalty payments back to the State of Missouri. Then once per year the Office of Administration and State of Missouri, distributes payment to the counties.

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OS-2018-01170 May 16, 2018 May 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Documents titled '/84 Presentation/1.1 Bay State Wind Update_Schindler.pdf' and '/84. Presentation/4 1 Bay State Wind Update_Schindler.pdf' sent by Nicole Cooper (nicole.cooper@boem.gov) to Gisella Ojeda-dodds (gisella_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi gov) an Friday, August 25th The email containing the documents as attachment has the Subject line 'Presentation.'

OS-2018-01169 May 16, 2018 May 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All binders and briefing books prepared for Vincent DeVito.

OS-2018-01171 May 16, 2018 May 16, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All communications between Vincent DeVito (vincent_devito@ios.doi.gov) and any Senior Executive in the Office of Natural Resources Revenue.

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OS-2018-01172 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all documents (including correspondence, travel itineraries, as well as hotel, airfare and meal receipts) related to DOI appointee Katharine MacGregor's trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming to attend the National Ocean Industries Association's annual meeting on October 3 through October 6, 2017.

OS-2018-01174 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by DOI appointee Katharine MacGregor and/or her immediate executive staff, including Michael Anderson, that include one or more of the following words or phrases 'Mountain Valley Pipeline', 'Mountain Valley' and/or 'MVP'. This request seeks documents produced between May 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01191 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Munoz Hudson Tate OS Open
[A] copy of Scott Hommel's daily schedule from August 2017.

OS-2018-01193 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Munoz Hudson Tate OS Open
[C]opies of record related to Scott Hommel's trip to Montana in August 2017. This includes the trip itinerary, schedule of events and meetings, correspondence about the trip, records of trip expenses including reimbursements, briefing materials, materials provided to Hommel, and records of meeting taken during the trip.

OS-2018-01206 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All Memorandum from Katherine S. MacGregor.

OS-2018-01173 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any and all written or electronic correspondence, including attachments, between DOI appointee Katharine MacGregor (or her executive assistant Michael Anderson) and any outside email address that contains the the following: @bkstrategies.com. This request seeks documents produced between May 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01199 May 17, 2018 May 17, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
A copy of DOI appointee Katharine MacGregor's November 2017 speech to the Grand Junction Petroleum and Mining Club.

OS-2018-01186 May 18, 2018 May 18, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All Memorandum from David Bernhardt or James Cason.

OS-2018-01185 May 17, 2018 May 21, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
a copy of an email released in response to 17-00413: Other Records > Email Communications with Secretary Zinke Through November 2017 > Part 2 > page 159

OS-2018-01176 May 14, 2018 May 21, 2018 Ketcher Bradley OS Open
1. For purposes of this FOIA request, the term "documents" means any document(s) in the custody, possession, or control of your department or agency ¿including emails, voicemails, text messages, writings, images, sound recordings, and other data or data compilations.

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OS-2018-01194 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachment, sent or received by Vincent Devito concerning the following FOIA requests: OS-2018-00413, OS-2018-00409, and/or OS-2018-00734.

OS-2018-01181 May 18, 2018 May 21, 2018 Green Miranda OS Open
Seeking all communications from the Office of the Secretary including from Ryan Zinke and Heather Swift including the words "border," "apprehension," "arrest," "Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument" and/or "Amistad National Recreation Area" between May 1, 2018 and May 18, 2018.

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OS-2018-01182 May 18, 2018 May 21, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
All email communications between David Bernhardt from his Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck account ("dbernhardt@bhfs.com") and the following DOI officials: 1) Scott Hommel, 2) Katherine MacGregor,3) James Cason, 4) Downey Magallanes, 5) Doug Domenech, and 6) Natalie Davis, between January 1. 2017 to June 1. 2017. All such emails should include any attachments and emails where the aforementioned officials are CC'd and BCC'd.

OS-2018-01183 May 18, 2018 May 21, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
Request a copy of the following documents identified to IND15PA00048 (see below):1. Current contract value including base and option years. 2. Current level of effort 3. Current contract with all modifications and all task orders and/or delivery orders.

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OS-2018-01188 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Perez Jerome OS Open
I am seeking any and all information from my 2017 EPAP rating and award recommendation as a Senior Executive Service employee with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as State Director for California. I have requested my final 2017 EPAP as finalized by the Executive Review Board (ERB) to no avail with both my Acting Capital Human Resources Officer (CHRO) and DOI¿s Acting CHRO.

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OS-2018-01195 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Ruch Jeff OS Open
The following records generated on or after December 28, 2017: 1. Any communications describing the criteria DOI has directed its agencies to employ in evaluating grant applications and/or grant funding; 2. Any communications that DOI sent to grant applicants describing an new screening criteria for grant funding; 3. Records reflecting the suspension or cancellation of a grant awarded prior to 2018; 4. Records relating to the reasons behind or supporting those suspension or (continued below)

OS-2018-01208 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Brossy Katie OS Open
1. All agency records, including but not limited to, documents, memoranda, emails, letters, notes, reports, maps, discussion, audits, account statements, work papers, or other communications between Peabody Energy Corporation (also known as Peabody Western Coal Company) and the Department of the Interior, ...(contd below)

OS-2018-01177 May 16, 2018 May 21, 2018 Exempt Information OS Open
Exempt Information

OS-2018-01209 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Sewell Bryant OS Open
All communication and documents exchanged between DOI's Todd Willens and Alex Herrgott, CEQ Associate Director for Infrastructure, between July 15, 2017 and August 15, 2017.

OS-2018-01175 May 14, 2018 May 21, 2018 Chio Nicole OS Open
Friends of the Earth requests that the Office of the Secretary produce the following records within 20 business days regarding Joseph Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, from the date he took this position (believed to be in December 2017) to the day the records search is made for this request:

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OS-2018-01179 May 17, 2018 May 21, 2018 Singh Gunita OS Open
The records sought are: The resumes and position descriptions2 for the following individuals: 1. Nancy A. Guiden, Special Assistant to the Secretary, 2. Christine Bauserman, Special Assistant to the Secretary
3. James E. Cason,
Special Assistant to the Secretary, 4. Marshall T. Critchfield, Special Assistant to the Secretary, 5. Megan B. Bloomgren, Special Assistant to the Secretary

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OS-2018-01178 May 16, 2018 May 21, 2018 Brown Dylan OS Open
I request all documents, correspondence and records from Nov. 9, 2016, to Feb. 2, 2018, concerning the nomination of J. Steven Gardner as director of the Office of Surface Mining or his employment at the Department of the Interior.

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OS-2018-01187 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Ruch Jeff OS Open
Requests information about how this screening process has been implemented. Specifically, we request the following records generated on or after December 28, 2017:

Any communications describing the criteria DOI has directed its
agencies to employ in evaluating grant applications and/or grant funding;

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OS-2018-01180 May 18, 2018 May 21, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Request access to and copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to texts, emails, google chats, or any other form of internal communication, sent by any of the following Department of Interior officials that include any of the following Keywords, from April 22 to April 27, 2018:

Department of Interior Officials

Heather Swift, Russell
Newell, Laura Rigas, Eli Nachmany, Alex Hinson, - Keywords: John Oliver, Last Week Tonight.

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OS-2018-01210 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Cheadle Samuel OS Open
All payroll records for U.S. EPA Region 9 employee Patricia Hudnall from January 1, 2008 to the present.

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OS-2018-01189 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Katharine MacGregor concerning the following FOIA requests: OS-2018-00150, OS-2018-00668, and/or OS-2018-00932.

OS-2018-01190 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by Douglas Domenech concerning the following FOIA requests: OS-2017-01281.

OS-2018-01201 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
Any & all written or electronic communications, including attachments, sent or received by press secretary Heather Swift that contain one or more of the following words or phrases: "Matthew Allen" and/or "Allen". This requests seeks any and all documents or communications in Heather Swift's possession that refer to the Bureau of Land Management's former communications director Matthew Allen. This requests seeks documents produced between September 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01202 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Horneffer Lauren OS Open
All emails, letters, and correspondence dated January 1, 2017 to January 17, 2018 that are between the following names and anyone using an email address with the domain @wilmerhale.com, @dorsey.com, or @twin-metals.com. David Bernhardt; Daniel Jorjani; Jack Haugrud; Karen Hawbecker; In other words, this request would include emails between Daniel Jorjani and tomsmith@dorsey.com; letters between David Bernhardt and ¿Tom Smith¿, who uses an email that has the domain @dorsey.

com; and (cont. below)

OS-2018-01204 May 21, 2018 May 21, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
1. All communications, including attachments, providing direction or guidance to any Department of the Interior subdivision or subdivisions concerning the processing of or response to particular FOIA requests or to categories thereof, including but not limited to any such communications to or from Clarice Julka or Heather Swift. 2. All communications, including attachments, requesting that one or more Department of the Interior subdivisions (cont. below)

OS-2018-01214 May 22, 2018 May 22, 2018 Mandel Kyla OS Open
I request access to and copies of the Department of Interior (DOI) D.C. headquarters visitor log from January 1, 2018 to date of processing.

OS-2018-01212 May 22, 2018 May 22, 2018 May 30, 2018 Ebbini Ramzi OS Completed
. Any Freedom of Information Act requests and the responsive materials thereof filed January 1, 2017 to present regarding Michael 'Mike' Kent Braun of Indiana (DOB: 3/24/54).
. Any Freedom of Information Act requests and the
responsive materials thereof filed January 1, 2017 to present regarding Meyer Distributing, Inc., Meyer Logistics, Inc., Maple Land Co LLC, Braun Family Properties LLC.

OS-2018-01225 May 23, 2018 May 23, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
1)All communications including attachments providing direction or guidance to any DOI subdivision concerning the processing of or response to particular FOIA requests or to categories thereof, including but not limited to any such communications to or from Clarice Julka or Heather Swift.
2)All communications, including attachments, requesting that
one or more Department of the Interior subdivisions transfer custodianship of particular documents or categories thereof to

Cont below

OS-2018-01216 May 23, 2018 May 23, 2018 Schick Tony OS Open
Copies of records of any emails, text messages, memos or meeting notes involving the following parties:
* Rick Dice,
rick@patrickfire.com
* Mike Wheelock, mike@graybackforestry.com

I request these records from the following parties
within the Department of Interior:
* Ryan Zinke
* Leila Getto
* Christine Bauserman
* Downey Magallanes
* Tami
Heilemann
* Bryan Rice
* David Mihalic

OS-2018-01217	May 23, 2018	May 23, 2018	Schick Tony	OS	Open

* Copies of any records of memos, internal studies, audits or regarding the total amount of money spent on hotel lodging during wildfire season
* Copies of all hotel expenditures related to wildland fire operations for the past five years.

OS-2018-01211	May 22, 2018	May 23, 2018	Chatal Sham	OS	Open

Any and all information showing ownership of Big Sleep Mine and all partners owner has had in our records and the dates they acquired ownership.

OS-2018-01219	May 24, 2018	May 24, 2018	Cleaver Emanuel	OS	Open

The Congressman is requesting copies of letter(s) Secretary Zinke has issued regarding the National World War I Memorial in Washington, D.C. We have requested via the congressional liaison copies of these letters to no avail. We are aware of one letter written by Secretary Zinke to other agency heads in late March or early April regarding relocating the National WWI Memorial from Pershing Park to the mall. (contd below)

OS-2018-01220	May 24, 2018	May 24, 2018	Mendoza-Wilson Ina	OS	Open

I'd like to know the process on how qualified applicants for evaluated for the Property Management Specialist position that closed on 3/6/2018, announcement number OS-6020-18-KN-053(MP). I was referred to the hiring official because I qualify but was never contacted for an interview and I'd like to know why. Was an internal candidate hired, if an external candidate was hired how were they ranked hired then I was?

OS-2018-01218	May 24, 2018	May 24, 2018	Munoz Hudson	OS	Open

Copies of records under the Freedom of Information Act. I am requesting copies of Secretary Zinke's travel expenses from August 2017 to the date the Department begins its search for responsive records. This request includes travel authorizations, reimbursements, payments, itineraries, manifests, reservations (including class of travel), and similar records.

OS-2018-01221	May 25, 2018	May 25, 2018	Vardi Itai	OS	Open

All emails to, from, and amongst Katharine MacGregor, Scott Cameron, Downey Magallaness, Andrea Travnicek, and James Cason with the combined term and word 'climate change' and 'language,' from 1.1.2017 to 5.1.2018.

OS-2018-01222	May 25, 2018	May 25, 2018	Vardi Itai	OS	Open

All emails to and from Drue Pearce (email: 'dpearce@hollandhart.com') and Kyle Parker (email: 'kwparker@hollandhart.com), both of Holland and Hart LLP, and 1) Katharine MacGregor and 2) James Cason, from 1.1.2017 to 12.31.2017.

OS-2018-01223	May 25, 2018	May 25, 2018	Saeger Chris	OS	Open

Access to and copies of all Attachment C-1 Financial Assistance Review forms submitted by any of Department of Interior bureaus or offices to the Office of Policy Management and Budget or directly to OPMB official Steve Howke. For your reference, a completed Financial Assistance Review forms is attached to this request.

OS-2018-01224	May 25, 2018	May 25, 2018	Singh Gunita	OS	Open

1. All emails and other correspondence to and from DOI¿s Office of Financial Management mentioning or referring to Trump properties. (See definition below).
2. All emails and other correspondence to and from DOI¿s Office of Financial Management mentioning or referring to any Trump business. (See definition below).
(contd below)

OS-2018-01226 May 29, 2018 May 29, 2018 Bauer Nick OS Open
· All records of any actual funds expended or projected expenditures for renovations (including furnishing, remodeling, redecorating, purchasing furniture, changes to furniture or other objects in office suites or common areas, or making improvements) of any part of the office of the Secretary. (contd below)

OS-2018-01227 May 29, 2018 May 29, 2018 Bauer Nick OS Open
· All records of any actual funds expended or projected expenditures for renovations (including furnishing, remodeling, redecorating, purchasing furniture, changes to furniture or other objects in office suites or common areas, or making improvements) of any part of the office of the Secretary. (contd below)

OS-2018-01228 May 29, 2018 May 29, 2018 Best Emma OS Open
Copies of all emails containing the terms 'MuckRock', 'Muck Rock' or 'MuckRock.com', excluding emails sent to or from a MuckRock.com email address. Please include the complete email exchange for each email, including any emails that are being replied to as well as any subsequent replies.

OS-2018-01229 May 29, 2018 May 29, 2018 Brown Ann OS Open
Requests the following records from the U.S. Department of the Interior ('Interior'): The guidelines, guidance, frameworks, instructions, manuals, and/or other memoranda used to help inform the development of the Species Status Assessment ('SSA') program and species-specific SSAs. (contd below)

OS-2018-01232 May 30, 2018 May 30, 2018 STANLEY ROBERT OS Open
I am submitting a FOIA request in regards to USA Job Announcement OS-6020-18-KN-053 (MP). I would like a list of selected candidates and their resumes.

OS-2018-01265 May 30, 2018 May 30, 2018 Long Susan OS Open
Under OS-2018-00545 you furnished us raw data files containing FOIA request-by-request information covering the entire Department of Interior similar to those required to be made publicly available by the 2016 FOIA Improvement Act using software routines the agency has recently perfected. Now that this initial "test" production was successfully produced, we would like to request the same type of information covering the earlier period, October 1, 2012 ¿ September 30, 2016. (Continued below)

OS-2018-01234 May 30, 2018 May 30, 2018 Setshwaelo Sara OS Open
1. Dated on or after November 8, 2016, correspondence from, or documents submitted by or on behalf of, the group identifying itself as the 'Agua Caliente Tribe of Cupeno Indians· and/or the Agua Caliente Tribe of Cupeno Indians of the Pala Reservation: (contd below)

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OS-2018-01230	May 30, 2018	May 30, 2018	June 04, 2018	Lee Brandy	OS	Completed
1. Any and all documents related in any way to any and all projects, consultations, designs or reviews done for the Curry Water Authority. 2. All documents including correspondence that you have exchanged with the Defendant, its board members, and/or any of the lawyers, paralegals, or assistants who represent the Defendant in this action. 3. All documents and materials that you have received in this action from Defendant, its board members, and/or Defendant¿s counsel. (contd below)						
OS-2018-01261	May 19, 2018	May 31, 2018		Kekahbah Mary	OS	Open
Documents which may be contained in the holdings at the American Indian Records Repository in Lenexa Kansas						
OS-2018-01231	May 31, 2018	May 31, 2018		Munoz Hudson	OS	Open
On May 8, 2018, E&E News reported that the Department of Interior would be deploying 22 law enforcement officers to public lands along the U.S.-Mexico border in Arizona and Texas for three-week stints beginning May 13. In a May 28, 2018 radio interview with Breitbart, Zinke suggested that DOI had already doubled the number of officers sent to the border beyond the initial 22 officer deployment. (contd below)						
OS-2018-01236	May 31, 2018	May 31, 2018		Shilton AC	OS	Open
I am requesting any and all records, documents, directives, and emails responsive to the terms naturalization, naturalization ceremony, citizenship, and diversity, from the time period between 1/1/2016 to 5/31/2018.						
OS-2018-01235	May 31, 2018	May 31, 2018		Smith Colin	OS	Open
The following request is being made in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). I am requesting copies of the following documents. Email Correspondence Between Senior Deputy Director Ben Cassidy And The NRA From October 2017 Through Present. (contd below)						
OS-2018-01247	June 01, 2018	June 01, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior¿s headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from May 1 to June 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior¿s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.						
OS-2018-01248	June 01, 2018	June 01, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

I request records of all responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from May 1 to June 1, 2018.
These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-01243 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request a list of 'special government employees' (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from May 1 to June 1, 2018.
A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202.

OS-2018-01244 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
Records concerning communications that mention Trump, Ivanka, Kushner and/or Observer in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from May 1 to June 1, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-01245 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke¿s schedule from May 1 to June 1, 2018.
Please include
all records that document Zinke¿s schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01246 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
I request all records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt's schedule from May 1 to June 1, 2018.

Please include all records that document Bernhardt's schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01239 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All communications, including email and attachments, in the possession of Vincent Devito, between Mr. DeVito and the following entities: any domain ending in@Massiepartners.com; The company Eversource; The company DONG. We request you search your records from January 20, 2017 to the current date

OS-2018-01249 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Atkinson Katherine OS Open
1. All records regarding proposals to reassign Mr. Wenk to a new position, from February 1, 2017, through the date of DOI¿s production of responsive records. (contd below)

OS-2018-01237 June 01, 2018 June 01, 2018 Amarel Taylor OS Open
All emails sent to, from, or copied to: Ryan Zinke, from January 1, 2016 to Present Day containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-string 'liberals', 'kushner', 'Giuliani', 'Mastroianni', 'Elliott Broidy', Mark Siffin', EB-5', 'George Nader', 'Erik Prince', 'alias', "FOIA', 'Israel' or 'whistleblower'. After conducting a search to determine how many email records exist, (contd below)

OS-2018-01250 June 04, 2018 June 04, 2018 Hanna Autumn OS Open

Names, employers, and affiliations of any and all individuals who have participated in Royalty Policy Committees Subcommittees and or Working Groups
Criteria used in selecting additional individuals after the October 4, 2017 meeting to participate in RPC
Subcommittee and Working Group presentations, meeting notes, agendas, meeting minutes.

The names, employers, and affiliations of individuals who have presented to the RPC, including presentations and any materials

OS-2018-01251 June 04, 2018 June 04, 2018 Nichols Jeremy OS Open
Any and all records related in any way to the U.S. Department of the Interior¿s June 6, 2018 Royalty Policy Committee meeting scheduled to take place in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Notice of this meeting was published on May 17, 2018. See 83 Fed. Reg. 22,989 (May 17, 2018).

OS-2018-01253 June 04, 2018 June 04, 2018 Brossy Katie OS Open
1. All agency records, including but not limited to, documents, memoranda, emails, research, phone calls, phone logs, meeting attendance logs, letters, notes, reports, maps, discussion, audits, account statements, work papers, or other communications and correspondence related to ...(contd below)

OS-2018-01252 June 05, 2018 June 05, 2018 Schechter Michael OS Open
Copy of the log that lists appraisals of Alaska Native Allotments for whatever purpose (probate, advertised sale, negotiated sale, etc). They are not interested in any particular property or owner, but just seeing the normal course and volume of business showing the appraisal of native allotments at fair market value and for what purpose the appraisals were completed. (contd below)

OS-2018-01264 June 06, 2018 June 06, 2018 Barron Mark OS Open
Communication related to audit CIM 16-00221.02; Documents and working materials

OS-2018-01255 June 06, 2018 June 06, 2018 Annatoyn Travis OS Open
1. All "plans for program execution" (as that phrase is used in the Memorandum) sent or received by Steven Howke, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget.. 2. All forms Attachment C-1 and Attachment C-2 (referred to in the Memorandum) that have been submitted to Mr. Howke for review. 3. All documents constituting, analysis, denials or approvals of grants and cooperative agreements by Mr. Howke or his staff, (continued below)

OS-2018-01258 June 06, 2018 June 06, 2018 Lefebvre Ben OS Open
Access to and copies of communications to/from the Office of Insular Affairs that refer to John Canegata. You may limit your search to communications sent between March 2017 and the present.

OS-2018-01256 June 06, 2018 June 06, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
All documents produced since January 20, 2017, related to the Department of the Interior¿s plans to review or revoke mineral withdrawals, including lists of specific mineral withdrawals considered for review or revocation. ¿ All documents produced since January 20, 2017, related to the Department of the Interior¿s plans to review or cancel segregation orders or ongoing studies of proposed mineral withdrawals (with accompanying NEPA analysis), including

lists of specific (continued below)

OS-2018-01269 June 07, 2018 June 07, 2018 Brown Ann OS Open
From March 1, 2017 to the date the Interior conducts this search: all records, including but not limited to internal communications, external communications with other entities, meeting notes, and draft records, which mention, include, reference, and/or were generated in connection with the Southern Nevada Water Authority (¿SNWA¿) groundwater development and pipeline project.

OS-2018-01270 June 07, 2018 June 07, 2018 Green Miranda OS Open
All correspondence and call logs between the office of the Secretary Ryan Zinke and his immediate staff--including Heather Swift, Alex Hinson and Laura Rigas--and "John Canegata" from February 22, 2017 and June 7, 2018. I'm seeking all correspondence regardless of format including but not limited to, emails, letters, texts, call transcripts/voicemails. The public has an urgent need for information about the correspondence. It may shed light on how agency policy is shaped and decisions are made.

OS-2018-01267 June 07, 2018 June 07, 2018 Hilzenrath David OS Open
Copies of the following records: 1. Any and all records created since Nov. 1, 2017, referencing David Hilzenrath and/or The Project On Government Oversight (POGO). 2. Any and all records created since Nov. 1, 2017, related to inquiries from David Hilzenrath. 3. Any and all records related to POGO¿s Feb. 22, 2018, news report, "Drilling Down: Big Oil's Bidding. For decades, there has been a virtual giveaway of offshore drilling rights. And the Trump Administration is planning to (cont. below)

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OS-2018-01266 June 07, 2018 June 07, 2018 McCabe Neil OS Open
Any and all emails between Heather Swift, Alex Hinson, Laura Rigas and any email address ending in "@who.eop.gov" from May 1 through May 3.

OS-2018-01271 June 08, 2018 June 08, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
Any and all emails between Michael (also known as Laurence) Bogert (email address "mbogert@parsonsbehle.com") and the following OS employees: David Bernhardt, Jim Cason, Katherine MacGregor, and Downey Magallanes, from 1.1.2017 to 6.1.2018. All such emails should include any attachments and emails where the above mentioned OS employees are CC'd and BCC'd.

OS-2018-01272 June 08, 2018 June 08, 2018 Wright Michael OS Open
1. All electronic communication between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and Yellowstone National Park

Superintendent Dan Wenk between the dates of December 1, 2018, and June 8, 2018. 2. All electronic communication between Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and Yellowstone National Park bison program coordinator Tim Reid between the dates of December 1, 2018, and June 8, 2018. 3. Any notes, memos or other record of a meeting that took February 28, 2018, regarding bison quarantine.

OS-2018-01273 June 08, 2018 June 08, 2018 Wright Michael OS Open
1. All electronic communication between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke or his staff and officials at Yellowstone National Park regarding bison between the dates of March 1, 2017 and June 8, 2018. 2. Any memos or policy statements regarding reducing the number of bison in Yellowstone National Park issued between the dates of March 1, 2017 and June 8, 2018.

OS-2018-01274 June 08, 2018 June 11, 2018 McLean Danielle OS Open
All correspondence and documents related to the $33,952 contract between the Department of the Interior and Industries for the Blind, Inc. (DUNS number 006096200 and award ID 140D0418P0062), including but not limited the physical contract, all bid documents, and receipts. https://www.usaspending.gov/#/award/66492072

OS-2018-01275 June 11, 2018 June 11, 2018 June 11, 2018 Peterson Laura OS Completed
Copies of previously released records related to FOIA case OS-2018-01081, requested by Douglas Stahl. The request should include all exhibits and other records associated with the case Farrell-Cooper Mining Company V. Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement and/or Farrell-Cooper Mining Company V. United States DOI.

OS-2018-01283 June 12, 2018 June 12, 2018 Morrissey Matthew OS Open
On September 15, 2017, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke issued Secretarial Order 3356, 'Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories.' Section 4(d)(5) required agencies and bureaus within the Department of the Interior (DOI) to 'within 180 days, ... (contd below)

OS-2018-01278 November 02, 2017 June 12, 2018 June 28, 2018 Lam Sylvia OS Completed
Reporting periods for this information are 'October 1 through March 31 and April 1 through September 30 of each fiscal year.' Id. As per § 301-70.907, a report is due to GSA no later than 30 calendar days after the close of each reporting period and must contain the following information: (contd below)

OS-2018-01282 June 12, 2018 June 12, 2018 Lara Joe OS Open
ONRR-18-MP-10105321JT
Provide name of Selectee, name of Selecting Official, name of Panelist, Best Qualified List, Ranking List by Panelist and notes, List forwarded from Office of Personnel Management including ranking determination, all documents on file that support the selectee including documents submitted per the announcement, hand written or typed notes or letters, letters written to self or notes to self from Selecting Official and/or Panelist, ...(contd from below)

OS-2018-01279 June 12, 2018 June 12, 2018 Munoz Hudson OS Open
Request for records under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, I am requesting Office of Natural Resources Revenue data on oil and gas sales values for accounting years 2015 and 2016. This data used to be available online at http://statistics.onrr.gov/.

OS-2018-01277 June 12, 2018 June 12, 2018 O'Connor Robert OS Open
Letter of October 3rd, you responded to a FOIA request but there are several omissions, which I believe to be clerical errors. All of these omissions are attachments, which were not included in the response. (contd below)
The omissions
are as follows:
1. Even numbered pages for a large portion of the records produced were not included.

OS-2018-01276 June 12, 2018 June 12, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
1. Lexis Contract for Legal Research Contract Start Date: 5/1/2018. 5 Year Contract. RFQ: Legal Research (RFQ1279560). (contd below)

OS-2018-01281 June 12, 2018 June 12, 2018 lara joe OS Open
ONRR-18-MP-100080623MB:
Provide name of Selectee, name of Selecting Official, name of Panelist, Best Qualified List,
Ranking List by Panelist and notes, List forwarded from Office of Personnel Management including ranking determination, all documents on file that support the selectee including documents submitted per the announcement, hand written or typed notes or letters, letters written to self or notes to self from Selecting Official and/or Panelist,..(contd below)

OS-2018-01287 June 13, 2018 June 13, 2018 Hulac Benjamin OS Open
All correspondence between officials of the U.S. Department of the Interior and representatives of the Las Vegas Golden Knights, a professional hockey team in the National Hockey League system. The time frame for my request is Jan. 1, 2017, until this request is completed.

OS-2018-01284 June 13, 2018 June 13, 2018 Santos Rose OS Open
1. Bidders list, or list of companies that submitted a proposal for this opportunity

2. Title page, of each
contractor proposal submitted for this opportunity (Note, only the title page)

OS-2018-01285 June 13, 2018 June 13, 2018 Brennan Moss OS Open
Request access to and copies of any emails sent or received by Ryan Zinke, David Bernhardt, and Steve Howke since 2017 with the keywords 'Freedom of Information Act', 'FOIA', 'Public Record', 'Records' or 'Destroyed'.

OS-2018-01280 June 13, 2018 June 13, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
All communications (emails, attachments, text messages) and all details about the following meetings (participants, calendar information, notes, minutes) involving or including Ryan Zinke: Chris Cox Meeting: April 5th, 2017; Chris Cox, Gentry Beach Meeting: April 5th, 2017, and Gentry Beach Meeting: April 5th, 2017. (Identical requested records to OS-2017-00650, different requester.)

OS-2018-01289 June 13, 2018 June 13, 2018 Lara Joe OS Open
ONRR-18-MP-10105321JT: All documents on file related to the selection and hiring of the individual who was offered the position and those that made the list but were not offered the position. Selecting Official Rankings and Panelist

Ranking List, notes, letters, emails, resumes, panelist interview notes, selecting officials reference check notes, interview notes from selecting official and panelist.

OS-2018-01290 June 13, 2018 June 13, 2018 Krupp Chris OS Open
All records created, sent or received after January 20, 2017 as part of or as a result of Interior¿s communications or meetings with any representative of the American Lands Council ('ALC'). Guardians also requests all records concerning any communications or meetings with Montana State Senator Jennifer Fielder. (contd below)

OS-2018-01296 June 14, 2018 June 14, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, between Jason Funes in the Office of External Affairs and any agent, representative or employee of the Property and Environment Research center. This requests includes any and all communications between Funes and any email address that ends in '@perc.org' This request seeks records pr educed between September l. 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01292 June 14, 2018 June 14, 2018 Evers Austin OS Open
American Oversight requests that your agency produce the following within twenty business days:
All email
communications between 1) all schedulers and advance team personnel for Secretary Ryan Zinke, or other personnel with such scheduling and advance responsibilities, and 2) any external entities or individuals (those with email addresses ending in .com/.net/.org/.edu/.mail) and any Montana state officials (mt.gov). (contd below)

OS-2018-01293 June 14, 2018 June 14, 2018 Schoenhut Karimah OS Open
Pursuant to FOIA and DOI's implementing regulations for it, the Sierra Club requests: 1. Records generated from 2015 to the present describing, discussing, tabulating, logging, tracking, or otherwise indicating the number of passes issued via the Every Kid in the Park website, www.everykidinapark.gov. This request includes a request for logged data generated through the website interface that could be used to tally the
total number of printable passes issued each
school year. (contd below)

OS-2018-01355 June 14, 2018 June 14, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, between Todd Wynn, the Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, and any agent, representative or employee of the State Policy Network This requests includes any and all communications between Wynn and any email address that ends in '@spn.org'. This request seeks records produced between September 1. 2017 and the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01294 June 14, 2018 June 14, 2018 June 28, 2018 Christ Maggie OS Completed
Request is for all Senior Federal Travel Reports submitted to the General Services Administration in calendar year 2017 pursuant to 41 C.F.R. § 301-70.907.

OS-2018-01298 June 14, 2018 June 14, 2018 Tobias Jimmy OS Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, between Jason Funes in the Office of External Affairs and any agent, representative or employee of the state Policy Network. This requests includes any and all communications between Funes and any email address that ends in '@spn.org'. This request seeks records produced between September 1, 2017 and the date this request is processed.

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OS-2018-01291	June 14, 2018	June 14, 2018		Tobias Jimmy	OS	Open
All written or electronic communications, including attachments, between Todd Wynn, the Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, and any agent, representative or employee of the Property and Environment Research Center. This requests includes any and all communications between Wynn and any email address that ends in '@perc.org'. This request seeks records produced between September 1. 2017 and the date this request is processed.						
OS-2018-01295	June 15, 2018	June 15, 2018		Corey Jamie	OS	Open
All email and other correspondence in the possession of DOI custodian Todd Wynn that include one of more of the following keywords: 1. 'RAGA'; 2. 'Republican Attorneys General Association'; 3. 'RLDF'; 4. 'Rule of Law Defense Fund'. A search may be limited to records created or otherwise transmitted since October 1, 2017.						
OS-2018-01299	June 15, 2018	June 15, 2018		Peterson-Withorn Chase	OS	Open
Most recent form 278 public financial disclosure report filed by Ryan Zinke, any Form 278-T transaction report forms filed by Ryan Zinke since he became the Secretary of the Interior, and any other covered records listed in Part III of the OGE Form 201 filed by Ryan Zinke since he became Secretary of the Interior.						
OS-2018-01318	June 18, 2018	June 18, 2018		Coleman Jesse	OS	Open
Full calendar for James Voyles, and all communications, including attachments, between James Voyles and the Western Energy Alliance (all email addresses ending in @westernenergyalliance.org). Please search your records from 1/8/2018 to the current date.						
OS-2018-01303	June 18, 2018	June 18, 2018	July 09, 2018	Carlucci Chris	OS	Completed
A copy of the request and response to the following FOIA request as per 2017 DOI FOIA Log: FOIA Number: OS-2017-00228, Request Date: January 26, 2017, Receipt Date: January 26, 2017, Completion Date: March 02, 2017, Requestor Name: Warren Mark						
OS-2018-01300	June 15, 2018	June 18, 2018		McMillan Abigail	OS	Open
Copy of the following documents identified to IND13PD01125: 1)All task order documents including but not limited to task order, all modifications & SOW/PWS.						
OS-2018-01302	June 18, 2018	June 18, 2018		Exempt Information	OS	Open
Exempt Information						

OS-2018-01304 June 18, 2018 June 18, 2018 Vardi Itai OS Open
Any and all emails between Marc Himmelstein (email ending in "nes-dc.com") and/or Byron Kent Burton (email ending in "new-dc.com") and OS employees 1) James Cason and 2) Aurelia Skipwith, from 1.1.2017 to 6.1.2018. All such emails should include any attachments and emails where Mr. Cason and Mrs. Skipwith are CC'd and BCC'd.

OS-2018-01305 June 18, 2018 June 18, 2018 Best Emma OS Open
Lists, indices or other records that describe or enumerate any historical studies produced or commissioned by the agency's historical staff or various offices/subdivisions. These documents will be used, among other things, to identify individual histories that are of interest to the public, which will then be requested in a separate FOIA request.

OS-2018-01306 June 18, 2018 June 18, 2018 Best Emma OS Open
Copies of all drafted, submitted or received SF-311 forms (https://www.archives.gov/files/isoo/security-forms/sf311.pdf) produced in the year prior to the receipt of this FOIA request. SF-311 forms may also be identified as Agency Security Classification Management Program Data.

OS-2018-01307 June 18, 2018 June 18, 2018 Gelman Jeremy OS Open
Records or logs relating to technical drafting assistance (TA) provided by the Department of the Interior to Congress for bills introduced in Congress from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2017. Specifically, I seek which bills received TA from Interior and which members of Congress (or committee, if applicable) requested the TA.

OS-2018-01316 June 19, 2018 June 19, 2018 July 11, 2018 Schubiner Brian OS Completed
Records in the possession of ONRR, OES, and Committee Management Program related to the membership and activities of the DOI Royalty Policy Committees first formed in 1994 and subsequently renewed. A full list of all individuals who were members or participants of each of the Royalty Policy Committees from 1994 until the current Royalty Policy Committee, including the duration of their membership and or participation in the Royalty Policy Committee,

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below

OS-2018-01310 June 19, 2018 June 19, 2018 Collinsworth Joslyn OS Open
Confirmation of Base Roll for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and all information on PBC Roll Number 1197

OS-2018-01311 June 19, 2018 June 19, 2018 Morgan Tonya OS Open
All information regarding my name as listed on the Base Roll for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians at Federal Acknowledgement. Tonya Lynn Walker with Roll number assigned. Confirmation requested.

OS-2018-01320 June 19, 2018 June 19, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
All calendar entries for Todd Wynn from December 30, 2017, to the date this request is processed.

OS-2018-01308 June 19, 2018 June 19, 2018 Segal Cecilia OS Open

Records in DOI's possession, custody, or control, dated from November 8, 2016 onward, that relate to the selection and appointment of members to the Royalty Policy Committee.

OS-2018-01313 June 19, 2018 June 19, 2018 Hulac Benjamin OS Open
Copies of all Strategic Sustainability Performance Plans (SSPPs) written for the Department of the Interior (DOI) since Jan. 1, 2017. Copies of all records created since Jan. 1, 2017, in relation to SSPPs written for DOI.

OS-2018-01309 June 19, 2018 June 19, 2018 Ambrose Sue OS Open
1) All records in the possession of the DOI related to individuals who were recommended for appointment to the Council. By this I mean any emails or letters from people within the DOI, or outside it, referring or relating to suggestions about who DOI officials should consider for nomination to the Council. I am NOT asking in this request for the formal nomination letters from Sec. Zinke to members. I already have these.

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OS-2018-01319 June 20, 2018 June 20, 2018 Dodd Kelly OS Open
All correspondence outlined in detail below: . Any Freedom of Information Act requests and the responsive materials thereof regarding Senator Elizabeth Warren or the staff or representatives of Senator Elizabeth Warren in both her capacity as a United States Senator and as a private citizen.

OS-2018-01317 June 20, 2018 June 20, 2018 Geist Darrell OS Open
All records from the Office of the Secretary concerning the following subject matter: 1. Bison management in Yellowstone National Park and the state of Montana. 2. The Interagency Bison Management Plan. 3. Reintroducing bison from Yellowstone National Park to American Indian reservations or elsewhere. The time period for the requested records is March 1, 2017 to June 20, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-01312 June 19, 2018 June 20, 2018 Storrow Benjamin OS Open
Any documents released as part of the FOIA cases OS-2018-00321 and OS-2018-00281. Any communication by Department of Interior employees (external and internal) concerning Navajo Generating Station for calendar year 2018. Possible search terms should include NGS, Navajo Generating Station, Peabody, Kayenta, Zinke, Middle River Power, Salt River Project, SRP, Navajo, Hopi

OS-2018-01315 June 20, 2018 June 20, 2018 Snow Carolyn OS Open
All information about me listed as Carolyn Ann Henderson as I am listed on the Base Roll for the Poarch band of Creek Indians as a Corporate Shareholder at Federal Acknowledgment including my Roll Number.

OS-2018-01314 June 20, 2018 June 20, 2018 Vaughn Skinner Evelyn OS Open
Confirmation and all information of my name and roll number on the Poarch band of Creek Indian/CNEM Federal Acknowledged Base Roll and Corporate Entity Roll.

OS-2018-01321 June 21, 2018 June 21, 2018 burke Jill OS Open
All correspondence, notes, reports, emails and texts from Jan. 1, 2017 to present day (as of this writing, June 21, 2018) regarding the '1002 Area Oil Exploration Readiness Project in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge' (the language used

by the interior department in a June 2018 press release to describe a financial award to the service. (contd below)

OS-2018-01335 June 21, 2018 June 21, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Casey Hammond's Calendar, 1/20/2017 to the current date.

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OS-2018-01322 June 21, 2018 June 21, 2018 Smith Casey OS Open
Billing records from June 1, 2017 through June 1, 2018 for Department of Interior issued cell phone(s) used by Secretary Ryan Zinke. Billing records should include ingoing and outgoing call/usage summaries and details for each billing period.

OS-2018-01324 June 21, 2018 June 21, 2018 Smith Casey OS Open
All calendars, meeting schedules or calendar entries for Scott Cameron, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior and Susan Combs, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, from December 1, 2017 through June 20, 2018. (contd below)

OS-2018-01323 June 21, 2018 June 21, 2018 Smith Casey OS Open
Billing records from June 1, 2017 through June 1, 2018 for Department of Interior issued credit card(s) used by Secretary Ryan Zinke. Billing records should include spending amounts, locations and dates for each transaction in each billing period.

OS-2018-01391 June 22, 2018 June 22, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
All correspondence sent since May 1, 2017 ,including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, sent or received by Senior Advisor for Alaska Affairs Steve Wackowski that include any following keyword: SAExploration, S.A. Exploration, S.A.Exploration, SA Exploration, Knukpik, Olgoonik, Fairweather, Area l002, Section 1002, ANWR-1002, AMWR 1002.

OS-2018-01325 June 22, 2018 June 22, 2018 Kim Soo Rin OS Open
Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), I request access to and copies of salary information of all Department of Interior political appointees under Secretary Ryan Zinke. More specifically, I would like copies of all Request for Personnel Action records (Standard Form 52) and Notification of Personnel Action records (Standard Form 50) for all Interior Department political appointees from January 2017 to present,... (contd below)

OS-2018-01326 June 18, 2018 June 22, 2018 Cameron Allan OS Open
IBLA case number IBLA 2015-266. (The "CEMEX" contract cancellation appeals cases). This case is the appeal by CEMEX

USA of the BLM cancellation of two old contracts for the extraction of sand and gravel minerals from a site in Northern Los Angeles County.

OS-2018-01329 June 22, 2018 June 22, 2018 Takahashi Taiga OS Open
Request the following federal records dated from January 1, 2016 to the present related to the Newland Project located in: ¿ Any and all communications between any employee of the Office of the Secretary, including but not limited to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and Newland Real Estate Group, LLC, Rita Brandin, including phone records, ... (contd below)

OS-2018-01337 June 22, 2018 June 25, 2018 Hummel Joseph OS Open
1)Any and all communications, correspondence, notes, memoranda, records, and other documentation by, between, and among officials, employees, representatives, and agents of the ONRR related to the Denial Letter, including any and all documentation that supports or refuses the Denial Letter, whether in full or in part. Any and all documentation created by or otherwise in the possession of Mr. Hans Meingast or the Appeals Group of the ONRR that refer to relate to the Denial Letter.

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OS-2018-01339 June 22, 2018 June 25, 2018 Hummel Joseph OS Open
1)Any and all communications, correspondence, notes, memoranda, records, and other documentation by, between, and among officials, employees, representatives, and agents of the ONRR related to the Denial Letter, including any and all documentation that supports or refuses the Denial Letter, whether in full or in part. Any and all documentation created by or otherwise in the possession of Mr. Hans Meingast or the Appeals Group of the ONRR that refer to relate to the Denial Letter.

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OS-2018-01340 June 22, 2018 June 25, 2018 Hummel Joseph OS Open
1)Any and all communications, correspondence, notes, memoranda, records, and other documentation by, between, and among officials, employees, representatives, and agents of the ONRR related to the Denial Letter, including any and all documentation that supports or refuses the Denial Letter, whether in full or in part. Any and all documentation created by or otherwise in the possession of Mr. Hans Meingast or the Appeals Group of the ONRR that refer to relate to the Denial Letter.

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OS-2018-01341 June 22, 2018 June 25, 2018 Hummel Joseph OS Open
1)Any and all communications, correspondence, notes, memoranda, records, and other documentation by, between, and among officials, employees, representatives, and agents of the ONRR related to the Denial Letter, including any and all documentation that supports or refuses the Denial Letter, whether in full or in part. Any and all documentation created by or otherwise in the possession of Mr. Hans Meingast or the Appeals Group of the ONRR that refer to relate to the Denial Letter.

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OS-2018-01342 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Best Emma OS Open
Copies of all drafted, submitted or received SF-716 forms (https://www.archives.gov/files/isoo/security-forms/sf716.pdf) produced from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2017. SF-716 forms are filed annually and may also be identified as Agency Security Classification Costs Estimates.

OS-2018-01338 June 21, 2018 June 25, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Request the following documents held by Tim Williams, Deputy Director in the office of External Affairs.
All emails
with attachments sent as part of Tim William's email lists to outside parties. Tim Williams regularly sends emails containing press releases and other information to a list of people outside of the DOI. All emails and responses sent on any such list.

OS-2018-01343 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Grubb Charlotte OS Open
All correspondence, including email and attachments, in possession of Timothy Petty and his staff exchanged between Peabody Energy Corporation.
The time limit for this request is April 30, 2018- June 8, 2018.

OS-2018-01348 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Tucci Todd OS Open
Copies of all agency records and other documents of any kind and in any format generated, received, or related to the BLM Canyon Country District¿s March 2018 Competive Oil and Gas Lease Sale, including, but not limited to, any and all records relating to Environmental
Assessment DOI-BLM-UT-Y010-2017-0240-EA.

Continue below

OS-2018-01331 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
All correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between Secretary Ryan Zinke and Caroline Boulton and the following individuals:
¿ JohnLesar
¿ Katie Lesar
¿ David Lesar
¿ Sheryl Lesar
¿ Bruce
Boody
¿ Casey Malmquist
¿ Tim Grattan (contd below)

OS-2018-01350 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Spinelli Dan OS Open
An index of all FOIA requests made to the Department of the Interior between Jan. 20, 2017 and June 1, 2018 that includes, at minimum, the file number for each request, the date it was received, the name of the person or organization making the request, a description of the information sought, the date a response was issued, and the type of response sent (granted, denied, or partial release).

OS-2018-01332 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
All correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, to or from the following Department

of Interior employees from February 13, 2018 to March 30, 2018, that include any mention of the following keywords. I also request access to and copies of all correspondence to or from the following Department of Interior employees mentioning the...(contd below)

OS-2018-01333 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copy of any document or documents showing all individuals hired at the Department of Interior and all of its bureaus since July 1, 2017. This should include, but not be limited to, all career civil service, political appointees, special government employees, temporary employees, seasonal employees, and intermittent employees hired since July 1, 2017, and should include but not be limited to the name, date of hiring, and position/title of the new hire. (contd below)

OS-2018-01334 June 25, 2018 June 25, 2018 Berman Emily OS Open
Access to and copies of all communications or documents to, from, or in the custody of Ryan Zinke, Scott Cameron, Heather Swift, David Bernhardt, James Cason, or Scott Hommel that mention 'landscape conservation cooperative' or 'LCC' from November 1, 2017 to May 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01336 June 22, 2018 June 26, 2018 Hummel Joseph OS Open
1)Any and all communications, correspondence, notes, memoranda, records, and other documentation by, between, and among officials, employees, representatives, and agents of the ONRR related to the Denial Letter, including any and all documentation that supports or refuses the Denial Letter, whether in full or in part. Any and all documentation created by or otherwise in the possession of Mr. Hans Meingast or the Appeals Group of the ONRR that refer to relate to the Denial Letter.

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OS-2018-01352 June 25, 2018 June 26, 2018 Federman Adam OS Open
Any and all correspondence or communication including notes and memos to/from Indur Goklany and the Heartland Institute between November 9, 2016 to the date of this request.

OS-2018-01349 June 18, 2018 June 26, 2018 Hawkley Millie OS Open
1)All IBLA records concerning the Dismissal of Appeal of Russell N. Adams Allotment.;2)IBLA record of hte 1988 allotment relocation protests, including but not limited to: a)all documents related to the November 25, 1988 protest filed by the State of Alaska;b)all documents related to the December 5, 1988 protest filed by AIDEA;c)all documents related to the December 6, 1988 protest filed by the National Park Service;d)a)all documents related to the December 7, 1988 protest filed by NANA.

OS-2018-01353 June 20, 2018 June 28, 2018 Mickelson James OS Open
Requesting info on Trottier Estate, Probate no #P000122668 JP.

OS-2018-01357 June 25, 2018 June 28, 2018 Eagle Caleb OS Open
1. All records and communications, including but not limited to, notes, drafts or final letters and correspondence, emails and/or phone records mentioning, including, and/or referencing M-37044, "Opinion Regarding the Status of Mineral Ownership Underlying the Missouri River within the Boundaries of the Fort
Berthold Reservation," from January 20, 2017
to June 25, 2018. M-37044, dated January 18, 2017, may also be referred to as Solicitor Opinion or M-Opinion.

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FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
			Subject			
OS-2018-01358	June 28, 2018	June 28, 2018		O'Sullivan James	OS	Open
Burden that the following leases (or portions thereof) carry with respect to the US Government: New Mexico 071032339A NMLC032339A and New Mexico 071032339B NMLC032339B						
OS-2018-01366	June 28, 2018	June 29, 2018		Mattison Timothy	OS	Open
Relevant park, refuge, site or other location: Request Description: I noticed that in 2017 the number of ¿closed¿ or resolved allegations of Scientific Integrity violations was only 2 when in previous years they ranged from 6 to 12. Two questions¿1) what was the ratio of allegations of scientific integrity violations to closed cases by year from 2011 to 2017? 2) what explains this drop in closed cases in 2017 relative to previous years						
OS-2018-01365	June 28, 2018	June 29, 2018		Smith Ashley	OS	Open
Relevant park, refuge, site or other location: E Struble Ave Terre Haute, IN 47802 Request Description: 1. Contaminates in the landfill 2. Specifications of the closure of the landfill 3. Groundwater data						
OS-2018-01364	June 29, 2018	June 29, 2018		Coleman Jesse	OS	Open
Casey Hammond's Calendar, 1/20/2017 to the current date						
OS-2018-01362	June 28, 2018	June 29, 2018		Sexton John	OS	Open
I am requesting all of the DOI¿s ¿Project Documentation¿ which is required of all Service First projects, regardless of whether or not they involve exchange of funds, for DOI¿s use of the USDA Forest Service¿s QPL with respect to wildland fire chemcials. At a minimum, please provide: - Documentation between DOI and the USDA Forest Service describing the general purpose of the project; (Continue Below)						
OS-2018-01367	June 29, 2018	June 29, 2018		Glawe Justin	OS	Open
From January 1, 2017 to present, I request: electronic copies of all communications between employees of the Department						

of the Interior and members, officials or representatives of the National Rifle Association and associated entities. To aid in the Department¿s search for such records, I¿ve compiled a list of

OS-2018-01368 July 02, 2018 July 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
All correspondence sent to or sent by Heather Swift, Faith Vander Voort, and Laura Keehner Rigas since May 1, 2017, that includes any of the following keywords: Lesar; Halliburton; Haliburton; Boody; Malmquist; Grattan; Peace Park; 95 Karrow

OS-2018-01392 July 02, 2018 July 02, 2018 Solomon Christopher OS Open
The complete appointment calendar for each of the Department of Interior employees listed below, including all people and groups met with; work trips taken; and the names of people and groups schedule to meet with on those outings: David Bernhardt, Deputy Secretary of the Interior, Joseph 'Joe' Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, (contd below)

OS-2018-01370 July 02, 2018 July 02, 2018 Smith Joshua OS Open
Records of the following type in the possession, custody, or control of the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) for the time period starting from January 20, 2017 up through and including the date that you conduct your search for documents: All emails, text messages, faxes, voice mails, and other forms of communications from, or to the following individuals in the Office of the Secretary (hereinafter DOI Personnel) with any person outside of DOI: (contd below)

OS-2018-01371 July 02, 2018 July 02, 2018 Solomon Christopher OS Open
1. Communications between employees of the Department of Interior or the Bureau of Land Management; and also with other people or organizations, discussing the Integrated Activity Plan for the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, including the possible revision of said plan. Participants in said communications could include, but are not limited to, ConocoPhillips and its representatives; the office of U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski; and the state of Alaska and its employees,..(contd below)

OS-2018-01369 July 02, 2018 July 02, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
Copies of correspondence sent since May 26, 2017, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, sent or received by Deputy Director of External Affairs Tim Williams or by Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs Todd Wynn that include any of the following keywords:
¿ Jennifer Fielder; American Lands Council;
Ken Ivory; Davillier; John Howard; Sean Reyes; Transfer AND federal land; Transfer AND public land; enabling act

OS-2018-01372 July 04, 2018 July 04, 2018 Amarel Taylor OS Open
I would like to obtain that last 200 pages of emails sent to, from, or copied to DOIExecSec@ios.doi.gov.

OS-2018-01376 July 05, 2018 July 05, 2018 Coleman Jesse OS Open
Full CV and calendar for Benjamin Cassidy, Senior Deputy Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs. Please search your records from 10/7/2017 to the current date.

OS-2018-01373 July 05, 2018 July 05, 2018 Miller Michael OS Open
All records for purchase card holders, except National Park Service. I have them already. Your website does not provide

enough information. Request the following dat fields: a. Agency: DOI; b. Department ; c. Street Address; d. City; e. State ; f. Zip Code; g. Employee Name; h. Phone Number; i. Extension ; J. Email Address.
This information was provided
by BOI/NPS. VA, GSA and SBA have provided this information at no cost.

OS-2018-01374 July 05, 2018 July 05, 2018 Berman Emily OS Open
Copies of all communications or documents to, from, or in the custody of Ryan Zinke, Scott Hommel, David Bernhardt, James Cason, or Heather Swift that mention 'Hitzman' or 'Meinert' or 'Alaska' from November 1, 2017 to March 1, 2018.

OS-2018-01375 July 05, 2018 July 05, 2018 Brugato Thomas OS Open
All records, regardless of the form or format of such records, constituting, documenting, or memorializing any communications with the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut (Mohegan Tribe) and/or the Mashantucket Pequot Indian Tribe (Mashantucket Tribe) that relate or refer in any way to any of the following topics: (contd below)

OS-2018-01377 July 06, 2018 July 06, 2018 RICHARDSON BLAIR OS Open
A document or documents stating the total number of Department of the Interior employees who were furloughed for any period of time during the brief government shutdown on February 9, 2018.

OS-2018-01378 July 06, 2018 July 06, 2018 Berman Emily OS Open
Copies of all communications or documents to, from, or in the custody of Scott Cameron, from January 20, 2017 through May 1, 2018, that mention 'budget' 'climate' and 'science center.' This request is only for documents that mention all three of the aforementioned terms; I do not request all documents that mention only 'budget' 'climate' and 'science center.'

OS-2018-01379 July 09, 2018 July 09, 2018 Vu Virginia OS Open
Requests from the U.S. Department of Interior (Interior) from March 1, 2017 to the date the Interior conducts this search: all records, including but not limited to internal communications, external communications with other entities, meeting notes, and draft records, which mention, include, reference, and/or were generated in connection with the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) groundwater development and pipeline project.

OS-2018-01390 July 09, 2018 July 09, 2018 Smith Colin OS Open
Main Interior Building Visitor Log For July 4, 2018: I am requesting copies of the visitor log for the Main Interior Building (AKA Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building) for July 4, 2018. List Of Invited Guests For July 4, 2018 Fireworks Display: I am requesting copies of any records that list all individuals invited to watch the July 4th, 2018 fireworks display from the balcony of Secretary Zinke¿s office.

OS-2018-01380 July 09, 2018 July 09, 2018 Saeger Chris OS Open
All correspondence since January 19, 2017, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, between any employee, lobbyist, or representative of Glacier Lake Resources Inc. and any of the following Department of Interior officials. This should include, but not be limited to, all email correspondence between the following officials and any email account at the domains @glacierlake.ca or @glacierlake.com. (contd below)

OS-2018-01381 July 09, 2018 July 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open

All records concerning all logs of correspondence that record letters from members of Congress to the Department of the Interior (DOI) from June 1 to July 1, 2018. The logs should detail the correspondence¿s control number, the date it was received, what congressional office sent it and its subject. Please redact constituents¿ names and other personal information detailed in these logs in order to expedite this request. (contd below)

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
OS-2018-01382	July 09, 2018	July 09, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

All documents related to the Department of the Interior (DOI) employees' ethics waivers in resolving financial conflicts of interest from June 1 to July 1, 2018.
These documents are maintained by federal agencies and are
released to the public upon request under 18 U.S.C. 208.
Please consider this request a separate request directed to
each bureau under DOI.

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
OS-2018-01383	July 09, 2018	July 09, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

All records concerning FOIA request logs maintained by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from June 1 to July 1, 2018. The logs should detail the request¿s control number, the date it was received, who made the request, what company or organization they were from and the request¿s subject. Please consider this request a separate request directed to each bureau under DOI.

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
OS-2018-01384	July 09, 2018	July 09, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

List of 'special government employees' (SGEs) employed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) from June 1 to July 1, 2018. A SGE is an agency employee that performs temporary duties, with or without compensation, for not more than 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, as defined in 18 U.S.C § 202. Please consider this request a separate request directed to each bureau under DOI.

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
OS-2018-01385	July 09, 2018	July 09, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

All communications records concerning communications that mention 'Trump,' 'Ivanka,' 'Kushner' and/or 'Observer' in the to/from field of your agency's correspondence log from June 1 to July 1, 2018. Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication found in your agency's correspondence log that mention one or more of these terms as responsive records to my request. (contd below)

FOIA Number	Request Date	Receipt Date	Completion Date	Requester Name	Bureau	Status
OS-2018-01386	July 09, 2018	July 09, 2018		Bogardus Kevin	OS	Open

All records concerning Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt schedule from June 1 to July 1, 2018. Please include all records that document Bernhardt schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01387 July 09, 2018 July 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke schedule from June 1 to July 1, 2018. Please include all records that document Zinke schedule, including but not limited to agenda sheets, appointments, day calendars, itineraries, Google calendars, Outlook calendars, programs and timetables.

OS-2018-01388 July 09, 2018 July 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All records concerning logs documenting who has visited the Department of the Interior¿s headquarters, the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 from June 1 to July 1, 2018. Please include all records that document the Department of the Interior¿s visitors, including but not limited to database queries, online registration forms, sign-in sheets, visitor badges, lapel stickers and passes.

OS-2018-01389 July 09, 2018 July 09, 2018 Bogardus Kevin OS Open
All responses to Questions for the Record provided to Congress from the Department of the Interior (DOI) from June 1 to July 1, 2018. These records are responses to formal questions posed by lawmakers in association with witness testimony at congressional committee hearings.

OS-2018-01393 July 11, 2018 July 11, 2018 Spies Mike OS Open
A transcript, notes, audio, or video of a Q&A conducted by Secretary Zinke on 9/22/17, between 9:45am and 10:30am, during the NRA Women's Leadership Forum Executive Committee meeting at Four Seasons Dallas at Las Colinas; A transcript, notes, audio, or video of remarks delivered by Secretary Zinke on 9/22/17, between 11:30am and 12:45pm, during the NRA Luncheon at the Old Parkland Hospital, in Dallas, Texas;

Cont below

OS-2018-01396 July 11, 2018 July 11, 2018 Spies Mike OS Open
All correspondence between Benjamin Cassidy, who is the Senior Deputy Director for Intergovernmental and External Affairs, and any of the following individuals: Wayne LaPierre, Chris Cox, Josh Powell, Jason Ouimet, David Lehman, John Commerford, and Scott Christman. The correspondence should include emails (plus their attachments), text messages, Twitter DMs, Facebook messages, and notes from meetings. The correspondence should fall within the following timeframe: October 10, 2017-July 10, 2018.

From:	Miller, Jason
To:	Morse, John
Cc:	Miller, Kayla; Parks Gilbert
Subject:	Re: Urgent Turn Around: DOJ Testimony Review
Date:	Tuesday, May 16, 2017 9:18:23 PM
Attachments:	RD61 DOJ OT on ENRD HJC 5-23-17.docx

John,
If possible, can you please review the 2nd full paragraph on page 4 of the attached? If you can do so and have a comment by 10:00 am Wednesday, please send it directly to Kayla.

Kayla,
If you do not receive anything from John, you may assume that DER has no comment to add to Park's below, or that we were unable to comment by CLA's deadline.

Thanks,
Jason

On Tue, May 16, 2017 at 5:35 PM, Gilbert, Parks <parks_gilbert@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hey Kayla, I think they got the gist of the allegations. I don't know if it's worth mentioning that FWS is named as to the ESA claim and BLM and Interior are as to one of the NEPA claims. These suits are not only against State.
>
> Parks Gilbert
> ESA Litigation Specialist
> Branch of Listing Policy and Support, Ecological Services
> 703/358-1758
>
> On Tue, May 16, 2017 at 4:47 PM, Miller, Kayla <kayla_miller@fws.gov> wrote:
>
> > Hi Jason and Parks,
> >
> > Alyssa Hausman wanted us to take a look at b5-DP [redacted]
> >
> > Is this testimony accurate? Please get back to me by 10 am tomorrow (sorry for short turnaround, literally just got this).
> >
> > -Kayla
> > Knauss Fellow 2017-2018
> > Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Director, Ecological Services
> > 703-358-1898

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